

**Spring Creek Coalition Board Meeting
August 12, 2021 Minutes**

SCC President, Beth Rooney, called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm, August 12, 2021.

Members present: Jessica Spencer, George Kamp, Bill Chambers, Travis Fite, Jennifer Donnelly, and Beth Rooney. A quorum was present.

Absent: Karen Harris, Angela Brazeal, David Martinez, Jim McCoy (sabbatical)

A discussion about the lawsuit was held. Plans are to get a motion on file in September regarding our case and to send discovery requests to the farmers/growers of the nine poultry operations we are specifically contesting.

Motion: Bill Chambers made a motion to accept the Minutes from July's meeting with a revision of annual meeting date. George Kamp seconded the motion, motion passed.

1. Discussion of letter from SCC Members Jennifer Owen, Neal Russell, and Robin Perona notifying the board of proposed changes to SCC policy for discussion at SCC Annual Meeting. Committee will be formed to review suggested policy changes, current and original bylaws, and nonprofit Best Practices.

2. Treasurer's Report

Account Summary 7/1/2021 Beginning Balance \$22,994.20
1 credit this period \$97.50
3 Debits this period \$1076.60
7/31/2021 Ending Balance \$22,015.10

Expenses

Waterkeeper Alliance: \$150
Water Monitoring:\$922

Discussed and Beth Rooney accepted report for filing

3. Annual meeting discussion

Neil Russell providing T-shirts
Emily Oakley – Providing handouts on water monitoring

Discussion of Annual Meeting date-Covid 19 and most of Oklahoma in Red Zone with limited hospital capacity- unanimous decision made to postpone meeting and look at future dates/ locations perhaps outdoors where we can conduct a meaningful meeting in a safe fashion for all SCC members

4. Fundraising

-For Our Children Campaign \$5000 match given by 2 donors
\$3,500 raised so far. After this fundraiser is completed we will have raised \$42,000 of \$50,000 legal fee goal.

- Swim at Creek Fundraiser on property of Jessica Spencer. Dates and fee discussed, Sep 11, 10-5 pm preliminary date and time

5. Status of Filing Protest against DP

Update from Bill Chambers –after discussion with other attorneys, overall felt body of work did not justify bill. Next steps discussed to remediate overcharge.

6. Field Day at the Creek-

educational outreach. We have not yet heard back from the school. Covid likely affecting field trips in schools this year.

7. Gravel Mining Update

Gayle Ross will represent SCC in OKC, Aug 24, 10 am and Beth will attend as well as potentially Travis Fite at Protest hearing.

8. Water Monitoring Update

We have worked out the level of exceedance standards for our Baseline Results (example: 0.01 for phosphorous). Emily Oakley is working on a visual presentation of the 12-month baseline data showing which sites meet or exceed standards. We will be sending our data to the OK DEQ for inclusion in their 2022 Integrated Water Quality Report.

9. Updates, Other

-Newsletter

-Discussed illegal fish harvesting, on Facebook and shared multiple times (should increase awareness).

-Marijuana houses –concern with water usage and contamination

-Update on Stream bank- Oklahoma Conservation Commission coming up with better method and may give up to \$50,000 for bank protection method that is better but more expensive to prevent erosion in specific location on Spring Creek.

10. Goals

Reviewed last yrs goals and making good progress on all goals

- Newsletter, Facebook outreach, outings and events-Goals achieved
- Fundraising- membership and others have been fully supportive at helping us reach our goals, specifically legal fees this year.
- Watershed Assessment Plan-model in progress that will be presented at upcoming meeting

- Education- Covid has made it difficult but continue with school outreach
 - Water Quality- now 1 year of data completed, time to look at details of areas that continue to have high bacterial loads
 - Board Culture- Beth plans to survey each board member
 - Strengthen Relationships with like minded groups- successful
 - Review of Bylaws- Committee formed to evaluate best practices (New Goal)
 - Determine position on Scenic Rivers Designation (New Goal)
- * Meeting Adjourned at 7:30 pm, Motion by Bill Chambers, adjourned by Beth Rooney