

Spring Creek Coalition Board Meeting December 9, 2021 Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Beth Rooney at 6:02pm on Thursday, December 09. Present were Board Members Bill Chambers, Jessica Spencer, Karen Harris, Beth Rooney, George Kamp, David Martinez, Travis Fite, and Angela Brazeal and Board Member Nominees Mike Appel, Chris Beckwith, Russell Hays, and Sandy Whitekiller.
Absent: Jennifer Donnelly

We welcomed in-coming board members, Sandy Whitekiller, Mike Appel, Chris Beckwith, and Russell Hays.

Lawsuit Update - We reviewed the following excerpts from Matt Alison, our lawyer with Indian & Environmental Law Group (I&E Law Group):

- I&E has submitted various records requests to ODAFF and have received and reviewed most of the responsive records.
- These records, along w/ the records received from the individual farmers, support our positions in the litigation. Namely, ODAFF is approving CAFOs within the Spring Creek watershed without notice, despite opposition, and without necessary environmental considerations.
- Further, in I&E's current work regarding OWRB's similar failures in authorizing water use for chicken CAFOs in Delaware County, we have finally set a hearing of January 25th during which time I&E will present three separate cases. We are confident in our respective positions in those three cases - the common defense from the OWRB is that ODAFF is responsible to address plaintiffs' environmental and water-quality concerns.
- We believe very strongly this will pair very nicely with ODAFF's defense to SCC's concerns -- namely that the OWRB is solely responsible for SCC's environmental and water-quality concerns.
- We are quite excited about the shape this is taking...
- Additional note from President Rooney: We have two new SCC members, families who are directly impacted by poultry houses, Tim (and Barbara) Dozhier and Beth (and Clayton) Williams.

Motion: Bill Chambers made a motion, seconded by Jessica Spencer, to **accept November minutes**. Passed.

The **treasurer's report** was reviewed and accepted for filing. We have a balance of \$43,059.59 as of 11/30/2021.

Fundraising - We received the following donations during November. **We have met our \$50,000 "Fund the Lawsuit" Goal!**

- a. \$3,000 from L.E.A.D mini-grant for our ongoing water monitoring
- b. \$1,000 from L.E.A.D "to strengthen your office capacity, as a supplemental award"
- c. \$4,000 to meet our \$50,000 goal from Martin Rooney

We recognized Maddie Spencer for her excellent \$50,000 Goal Poster. Mom Jessica is going to look into a way to preserve it.

Annual Meeting: The annual meeting will be held at the Peggs Community Center on January 8 at 1-2:30 pm. We reviewed the tasks each person will be doing and the tentative agenda.

Our four new Board Nominees will be voted on along with David Martinez, Angela Brazeal, and Travis Fite who are up for a second term and Beth Rooney who is up for a 5TH term.

The annual creek clean-up at Cooper's Bridge/King's Curve was a great community success with 33 SCC members and 17 Cedar Crest neighbors participating, 22 bags of aluminum cans and 3 mega-tires retrieved, and a large dumpster provided by Mayes County Commissioner Darrell Yoder.

Bill Chambers reported that the protest against David Page could possibly be settled in a small claims court. DP is still unresponsive to our inquiries.

George Kamp reported that the revised bylaws, carefully and thoroughly reviewed and updated by the Bylaws Committee, are now posted online and should serve our community as a guide for a long time.

President Rooney reported that she has set up a Google docs location for key SCC documents that all Board Members will have access to. We will review this at a future board meeting.

A warm and heartfelt tribute to our beloved departing members Jessica Spencer and George Kamp ended this last Board Meeting of 2021. Thank you both for your service to the board, to our community, and to Spring Creek.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.
Minutes were prepared by SCC secretary Angela Brazeal