

**Spring Creek Coalition Board Meeting
April 14, 2022 Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by President Beth Rooney at 6:00pm on Thursday, April 14, 2022. Present were Board Members Jennifer Donnelly, David Martinez, Michael Appel, Sandy Whitekiller, Beth Rooney, Karen Harris, Travis Fite and Angela Brazeal.
Absent: Chris Beckwith, Bill Chambers

Lawsuit Update:

- Our attorneys contacted Jennifer Owen's lawyers about her open records requests for SCC documents, asking that she be more specific in what she wants; they have heard nothing back from her lawyers.
- Our attorneys changed SCC's registered agent from Ms. Owen to their firm, Indian & Environmental Law Group.
- SCC has received a civil investigation demand from the Oklahoma Attorney General requesting records relating to our fundraising from 2019 to present.

A MOTION was made by Travis Fite and seconded by Jennifer Donnelly to approve the March board minutes.

PASSED

The **treasury report** was accepted for filing. We currently have \$56,235.21 in the bank.

Fundraising. President Rooney noted that our funds are holding steady; we have not had to do any fundraising yet this year.

Goal #1e Improve community relations, headed by Mike Appel; The following people reported on feedback from the community regarding our February Annual Members Meeting:

- Mike Appel reached out to Jennifer Owen regarding her feelings about SCC. She has asked to meet in June when she has time.
- Charles Drury apologized for misspeaking at the annual meeting. He said he feels he DID vote against the 2011 bylaw changes, but he believes in majority rule and accepted the decision to amend the bylaws.
- Sandy Whitekiller talked with Debbie Whitfill and Rick Hollingsworth of Cedar Crest. They were surprised by the discord at the annual meeting.
- Beth Rooney reported that John Beckwith (Chris' father) felt that the community speakers turned what should have been an uplifting meeting into a negative. Tip Jennings of Cedar Crest believes that now that Jennifer Owen is getting lawyers involved, we should go through our lawyers if we want to offer any negotiation on the bylaws. He also suggested we attend a Cedar Crest board meeting to discuss how best to align our common goals.

Next steps: A committee was formed to review bylaw suggestions presented at the annual meeting. Mike Appel, lead, Harris and Rooney.

Jennifer Donnelly reported on recommendations from the Committee formed to address Goal #3 – Resolve issues with DP and Lithochimeia bills (Donnelly, Chambers, Harris, Rooney). Based on committee proposals, two motions were made by Jennifer Donnelly, both seconded by Travis Fite:

Motion #1: Motion to a) decline the final bill from Environmental Energy and Natural Resources Advocates dated 2/15/21 for failure to provide work product and communication failure and to b) remove the bill from the books.

PASSED

Motion #2: Motion to place stop order on check to Lithochimeia for \$3,958 and decline and remove final bill from books for failure to cash check, communicate on contested charges, or provide work product.
PASSED

President Rooney will see that these motions are implemented.

Water Quality – Chambers. In Bill's absence, President Rooney reviewed the latest report on **phosphorous and nitrogen results** collected by the water monitoring committee. She noted concerns regarding the high levels of both nutrients; Rooney also reviewed **DNA source tracking results of E. coli** from Jonah Ventures labs. Results do not point to any consistent source.

Earth Day, Friday, April 22. Travis Fite will represent SCC for Earth Day with a table and tent at Guthrie Green on Saturday, April 23. Angela volunteered to help.

A new committee has been set up for **Goal 10c, Develop the SCC Boards's position on Spring Creek becoming a Scenic River**, David Martinez, lead, and Travis Fite.

Ideas for the next newsletter (Goal 1a) were discussed one of which was to include Kelly Bostian's article on the recent win on OWRB temporary water permits by our legal counsel. President Rooney will put out the newsletter.

Karen Harris reported that we have received **a grant from the Oklahoma Conservation Commission (OCC) to make a tri-fold leaflet on concerns specific to the Spring Creek watershed** such as bank erosion and lack of riparian habitat and strategies to repair the damage (Goal 4c). Someone at OCC is preparing the pamphlet; SCC will receive \$300 once it is done to help with printing costs.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm
Minutes were prepared by SCC Secretary Angela Brazeal