

Spring Creek Coalition Board Meeting
Minutes - September 14, 2023

Present were members Beth Rooney, Bill Chambers, Chris Beckwith, David Martinez, and Karen Harris. Absent were Angela Brazeal, Karen White, Mike Appel, and Sandy Whitekiller. Travis Fite has taken a leave of absence from the board.

Meeting began at 6:03

1. Lawsuit Update - B. Chambers
 - A. No changes from Matt
 - B. Hearing Date October 13 1:30pm.
2. Beth moved to approve the August minutes with David's corrections to be sent to K. White. Motion was seconded and approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/OLD BUSINESS

3. Treasurer's Report - B. Rooney submitted via email and was accepted.

Beth moved to pay the next level for MailChimp (\$11.50/month; currently free) in order to send more than two newsletters per month to members. Motion was seconded and approved.
4. K. Harris reported on the Blue Thumb event with Oaks students and faculty at Twin Bridges, sponsored by SCC and hosted by the Drurys. She noted that Blue Thumb did a great job using various activities to change the students from skeptical and bored-looking to engaged and inspired active participants.
5. Beth reported that SCC water quality data has been sent to ODEQ for potential inclusion in their 2024 Integrated Report.
6. Progress on 2023 goals was discussed.
 - A. Marijuana Seminar was canceled. B. Chambers suggested possibly including it in the annual meeting.
 - B. B. Chambers is continuing to work on renewing contact with Oklahoma Conservation Commission (Brad Rogers) and to reserve the Peggs Community Center for the second Saturday in January in preparation for the 2024 Annual Meeting.
 - C. B. Rooney has started a committee to address a press release or other methods of community engagement about Spring Creek water quality.
 - D. B. Chambers will continue to explore water usage by Peggs Water Company PWC). As a start, he plans to contact PWC to find out when they schedule water withdrawals.
 - E. Plans are to take bacteria samples at King's Curve on September 28. It has been reported that Smoky Valley Campground is using outhouses placed directly on the ground near the creek.
 - F. M. Appel and B. Rooney will look into a date for Adopt-A-Road cleanup in 2023. It was suggested that another one be scheduled for January.

NEW BUSINESS

1. B. Rooney reported that we have received media attention from Investigate Midwest (IM). She met September 11 with Ben Felder from IM and two SCC couples, Beth and Clayton Williams and Tim and Barbara Dozhier. Mr. Felder is doing a story about Oklahoma's CAFO permitting process for poultry farms and interviewed the couples to investigate the impact of the poultry operations on their quality of life. Publication of the story is expected sometime in

October. C. Beckwith researched IM's website and noted they are being funded by the Kirkpatrick Foundation

2. C. Beckwith reported that ODWC recently did a fish survey (fish diversity being one measure of the health of a stream) on his property on Snake Creek. Chris will follow up on the results.
3. B. Rooney announced the STIR annual meeting on Saturday September 16. Beth is to receive one of their awards at the meeting.
4. D. Martinez reported that the OWRB and GRDA effort to complete the study of the Grand River Basin, which includes Spring Creek, had been put on hold. If and when it resumes, David recommended that SCC monitor the progress to ensure that there are good environmental provisions.
5. B. Rooney moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:36. Motion was seconded and passed.

Minutes prepared by K. Harris for K. White, SCC Secretary