

Spring Creek Coalition Board Meeting  
Minutes – October 19, 2023

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

Meeting began at 6:01 pm

1. A motion was made by David to approve August minutes. It was seconded and the motion passed.

**Committee Reports/Old Business**

2. Treasurer's Report – B. Rooney:
  - a. Beginning balance \$38,469.93
  - b. Ending balance \$37,787.05
  - c. Credits: \$130 (100 life membership, \$30 calendar sales)
  - d. Debits: \$823.88 (\$150 Waterkeepers, Tulsa connect \$6, mail chimp \$13, newsletters \$56.98, Stamps \$66, water monitoring \$531.90)
  - e. The treasurer's Report was accepted for filing.
3. Annual fall clean-up
  - a. Scheduled for 11/4/23 from 10-noon.
  - b. Several board members will be unable to attend
  - c. Discussion whether we should postpone or cancel
4. Water Quality Data Task Force
  - a. Members: Beth, Karen, Mike, Emily Oakley, Pam Kingfisher, Kelly Foster, Grant Hall, Katie West-Henshaw
  - b. Aim is to decrease litter spread in the watershed
  - c. Discussions of getting the word out with the aim for a public meeting to raise awareness
5. Discussion of testing on Corps land downstream from Drury's
  - a. Only testing for E. coli; no intention of adding this site to quarterly overall water-monitoring
  - b. Site is downstream from recreational area with either no restrooms or questionable outhouses, both of which have potential for E. Coli contamination.
  - c. Will repeat E. coli testing in June
6. Review of Court Hearing on 10/13
  - a. 20+ SCC members attended
  - b. Beth reported that our attorney Matt Allison made a good argument, arguing that all PFOs with > 125,000 birds should be categorized as CAFOs and asked that we have due process even if the judge doesn't rule the farms as CAFOs.
  - c. Members mentioned the opposing trial revisited the standing of the SCC to bring this case to court, but Chris reminded the board that the judge issued a written ruling on this issue.
  - d. The opposing lawyer also presented several falsehoods which were not opposed (i.e. that integrators own the litter, litter isn't spread in the watershed, and that sites are evaluated)
  - e. David asked whether ODAFF evaluates site for suitability.

- f. Bill offered to send a letter to Matt to summarize our concerns if Matt is able to clarify some of these issues with the judge.
- g. Chris also mentioned that if ODAFF doesn't protect the waters as mandated by the EPA, we could take it up with the EPA administratively.

### **New Business**

1. Review board member status
  - a. Travis has taken leave d/t health issues
  - b. Beth asked Bill to contact all members to determine if they plan to return in 2024
  - c. Board members were asked about persons we might invite to join the board
2. 2024 calendars are here and cost \$15
3. Cherokee County lawsuit
  - a. Matt filed a lawsuit in Cherokee county at the same time as the one we filed in Delaware county. He asked if it should be dropped d/t redundancy
  - b. A discussion was held regarding pursuing vs. dropping.
  - c. Bill will ask Matt about cost, if we drop can we pursue at a later date and other things to help the board make a decision.
4. Need to secure a speaker for the annual meeting. The Peggs Community Center has been reserved for Saturday, January 13, 2024. David will verify if the OK Conservation Commission can commit to be our speaker.
10. Mike Appel motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 pm. Motion was seconded and passed.

Minutes prepared by Karen White, SCC Secretary