

Spring Creek Coalition Board Meeting
Minutes November 16,2023

Present were members Beth Rooney, Bill Chambers, Chris Beckwith, David Martinez, Mike Appel and Karen Harris. Absent were Angela Brazeal, Karen White, and Sandy Whitekiller. Meeting began at 6:05pm

1. David moved and it was seconded and approved to defer approval of the minutes until corrections were made

COMMITTEE REPORTS/OLD BUSINESS

2. Treasurer's Report - B. Rooney submitted via email and it was accepted.
3. Annual meeting update - David reached out to Brad Rogers about being the keynote speaker but has not heard back from him. Karen suggested, as a possible backup, someone from the Illinois River Watershed Partnership to speak about riparian remediation/protection strategies.
4. Bill reported that Matt Alison suggested that the Cherokee County lawsuit be dismissed. Karen moved and it was seconded to dismiss the lawsuit. Motion passed. Bill also relayed Matt's responses to questions concerning the lawsuit. Matt expected a judgement in two weeks.
5. Mike reported on the Adopt-A-Road Cleanup. He said seventeen volunteers picked up approximately 90% of the trash along our 2 mile stretch of Highway 82A and trucked it to his farm. Cherokee County workers hauled it away from there.
6. Beth showed data from the Water Quality Task Force

NEW BUSINESS

7. Board members were asked to consider whether or not they were willing to serve next year. No terms are up in 2024.
8. Karen Harris has agreed to chair the nominations committee and reported that we have three candidates, Meredith Frailey, Katie Henshaw, and Ron Moss. Karen will ask board members if they plan to continue serving on the board and if they are willing to serve on the nominating committee. She will also request further information from the candidates.
9. There was a brief discussion about who owns the chicken litter, integrators or growers.
10. David suggested that the board have a special meeting with Matt on the first Thursday after the judgement. Bill said he would contact Matt about it.
11. David reported that Waterkeepers would pay for the GIS license and suggested that the Water Quality Data Task Force might make good use of the GIS system. Beth said the Task Force has determined that Phosphorus and E coli are both increasing. Their primary goals are to get chicken litter trucked out of the watershed and make the Oklahoma Conservation Commission and the Cherokee Nation aware of the problems. Emily Oakley is seeking data on where the litter is spread and will work to get it into the GIS. Pam Kingfisher is responsible for messages about their findings posted to the Spring Creek Facebook page. There was further discussion of details about registering the license for new users for Tier I GIS. David will follow up. Beth will meet with the Task Force about their possible use of the system

12. Karen moved to adjourn the meeting 7:01. The motion was seconded and passed.