

Spring Creek Coalition
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
April 4, 2016

The meeting of the Board of Directors of Spring Creek Coalition (“SCC”) was held on April 4, 2016 at the Schusterman Library in Tulsa. The following board members were present: Beth Rooney, Donna and Charles Drury, Molly Grigsby, Jennifer Owens, Jessica Spencer, Casey Ferguson. Guests, Martin Rooney and David Martinez, were also present. The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m.

Approval of February Board Minutes: Approved after motion and second.

Treasurer’s Report: Beth reported a balance of \$4,162.10 as of 04/07.
(\$25 dues, two lifetime memberships: Cisper, Sundvahl, and two calendars purchased)

Goal #2: Science, GIS Mapping Project with TCC: David Martinez reported that he intends to contact the new biology instructor at NSU, Michael Shaughnessy, to see if he wants to be involved with this project.

Goal #3, Education:

- a. Educational Meeting: The board has agreed to pay \$100 dollars plus expenses to Russell Dutnell who will present stream dynamics at Peggs Community Center April 16 at 10 AM. The board talked about providing extra folding chairs, video-taping the meeting (canceled since no one has a video camera), and bringing t-shirts. The creekside demonstration will be held at Cave Springs. The board approved the idea of having Ed Brocksmith of Save the Illinois River (STIR) give a short presentation on State Question 777, Right to Farm bill.
- b. Facebook: The board reviewed the latest postings on Facebook. Jessica posted an advertisement for the educational meeting on April 16. She also posted a link to one of Brandon Brown's fish videos.
- c. Bus Tour: The board is considering hosting a community bus tour. Jennifer has agreed to be the main organizer for this event. She suggests we hold it in 2017 and start planning for it this September.
- d. Brochure: The board reviewed and approved a brochure on the value of Spring Creek and SCC. Beth will add to the brochure that Spring Creek is privately owned. Jennifer will be producing an additional brochure for SCC members on Best Management Practices.
- e. Outreach to local schools: Beth and Cheryl stopped at Peggs, Lowery, and Oaks Mission schools to offer educational outings. This will most likely take place in the fall.
- f. Ensure Conservation Districts on mailing list: Cheryl reviewed our mailing list and corrected one address for Conservation Districts.

Goal #4, Protect Creek Flows, Continue to Gather Facts:

- a. GRDA open records: The board reviewed the records from GRDA. The amount of water Peggs Water Company (PWC) takes from Spring Creek went up 82% between

2001 and 2011, but has gone down in the five years since. The board would have to ask PWC for the reasons for sudden increases and drops that have occurred.

- b. Lunch meeting with GRDA: Beth reviewed with the board her notes from her lunch meeting with Ellen Edwards, GRDA general counsel, and Dr. Darrell Townsend, Assistant General Manager. Beth has asked GRDA to respond to the poll questions regarding GRDA.

Goal #6: Watershed signs: Beth reviewed the work that has been done on metal signs since last fall. Per a suggestion from Ed Fite she contacted GRDA and they agreed to partially, perhaps fully, fund the signs. Beth showed the board the prototype metal sign designed by GRDA. The board held a vote and has decided to not put up metal signs. Some reasons were that metal signs make the creek feel like a public stream and that wood is more in keeping with the nature of Spring Creek. The work the board and GRDA have done together regarding these signs will be canceled. Wooden signs will be put up, but the locations are unknown.

Goal #7: Find ways to reduce trash: The board discussed possible ways to contribute to trash clean up at different locations on and by the creek. Training people to clean up, putting up trash barrels, hosting cleanups after major events and meeting with different groups of landowners to discuss how to help each area were all discussed.

Goal #9: Use Media in ways that help Spring Creek: The board discussed how to further use Facebook to help preserve Spring Creek. Molly suggested asking questions over Facebook to help more people get involved and help online. David's drone was also brought up; however, the board is unsure of a need for this.

Other:

- a. The board briefly discussed State Question 777 (Right to Farm/Right to Harm).
- b. The board will sponsor a \$50 snack break for the Mussels Conservation Group meeting on May 18 & 19 in Tahlequah.
- c. Jessica provided minutes from the PWC annual meeting in January.
- d. Jessica will print out the names of people who are friends of our Facebook page so that the board can get a feel for what population our page is reaching

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m. Our next meeting will be Thursday, May 12 at 6:15 p.m. at the Schusterman Library.

Respectfully submitted by C. Ferguson, Secretary.