

Spring Creek Coalition
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
March 8, 2017

The meeting of the Board of Directors of Spring Creek Coalition (“SCC”) was held on Wednesday, March 8 at the Schusterman Library in Tulsa. The following board members were present: Beth Rooney, Jennifer Owen, Donna & Charles Drury, Jessica Spencer, and Becky Bell. Science Advisory Committee Chairman David Martinez was also present, as well as guest Martin Rooney. The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m.

The Board worked together to prepare the Spring newsletters for mailing. President Beth Rooney then went on to the next agenda item. The minutes from the February meeting had been previously emailed, and Jessica made a motion to approve the minutes. Jennifer seconded the motion, and the meeting minutes were approved. The Treasurer’s report was given, and the bank account balance, as of 3/5/17 was \$5,509.

Regarding one of SCC’s goals of Education, there will be two upcoming meetings with Jay Pruett, The Nature Conservancy (TNC), regarding Conservation Easements. The meetings will be on Thursday, March 23rd, 7-8 pm, at Tulsa’s Hardesty Library and Saturday, March 25, 10-11 am at Peggs Community Center. It is important that there will be board representation at these meetings. Beth will be at the both meetings and Jennifer volunteered to be at the Peggs meeting.

There will be another Educational Opportunity on Isopods on Saturday, April 22, 10am-noon, at Peggs Community Center. Following the Peggs indoor presentation, attendees will visit a creek-side location. Three possible sites were mentioned for this visit: 1) the Drury residence, 2) Cave Springs/Littlefield’s, and 3) Jennifer Owen’s residence. We need a site that has a spring and also space for parking. Beth will bring Alex Hess to the creek to determine the best site.

Jessica recently attended the Peggs Water Company (PWC) meeting. At the meeting, it was reported that there were 23 new customers, with a loss of 9 customers, so the clients are slowly growing. Also, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) standards have been 100% satisfied as to water quality. There were concerns from attendees about the lack of water when the power is out and the need for a backup generator. PWC discussed the progress for the new water plant that will sell water wholesale to PWC and four other water companies, the Tenkiller Utilities Authority (TUA). Beth asked Jessica to find out the estimated timeline for plant completion.

David Martinez reported on Katie Easter (NSU student and SCC Intern) and her contributions to SCC. She will contribute approximately 20 hours of service. She has contributed 5 hours so far for an upcoming newsletter article. The remaining 15 hours of service will most likely be spent on small mammal research in the Spring Creek watershed.

David presented the Spring Creek Watershed mapping project- Geographic Information Systems (GIS) demo for the Board. This was what the Tulsa Community College (TCC) GIS class did for their Fall project. The data was viewed utilizing a program ARC GIS, by ESRI. Since SCC is a non-profit organization, it should be possible to get a license from ESRI at a reduced rate in the future to view the data. This tool would allow us to manage data and save it. Also, we could monitor and analyze

nitrate levels or other items over time. Current data is loaded into the program, such as locations of poultry operations. This could help in future data analysis as well.

Other: In the last meeting, it was mentioned that there was an application for trout stocking in the area. Beth updated the board that the ODWC had received an application request for trout stocking in Spavinaw Creek. It was the board's consensus that this didn't really impact the Spring Creek area. However, it would be interesting to know if the application was from an individual or a commercial entity. Beth will follow up.

Donna mentioned that there is a concerned citizen keeping an eye on illegal dumping of trash in the vicinity of King's Curve. Tony Morris has been monitoring dumping activities and posting results of addresses he finds in the trash on Facebook. At least one offender returned and cleaned up what he had dumped.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. Our next meeting will be Thursday, April 13, 6:15-7:45 PM, Schusterman Library, Tulsa.

Respectfully submitted by B. Bell, board director