

**Ash Creek Water Control District
Board of Directors
REGULAR MEETING**

Thursday, August 4, 2022

1. Call to order. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 am via videoconference by Chair Dan Farnworth.

2. Roll Call:

Board Present: Dan, Andrea, Madeline, Ed, Roger, Donna

Board Absent: Tom (excused), Mancil (excused)

Others Present: Karin Johnson, Todd Whitaker, Anne Scheck

3. Approval of previous meeting minutes. Roger noted his last name was misspelled. Madeline moved to approve July 7, 2022 minutes as corrected; Ed seconded. Motion passed by all present.

4. Audience Comments. None.

5. Director Comments:

A. Madeline: 0.14" precipitation in July, up from 0.00 last July. Received news from the agency holding her easement, that they are interested in an ivy pull in Oct/Nov. It would be a good opportunity to look for the emerald ash borer. She will invite Bryan Dutton's group.

B. Andrea: displayed poster created by her granddaughter for Farmapalooza at her property; all are invited. It will be on Saturday, August 13th, from 6-9 pm.

C. Ed: there were 8-9 deer running around. "Tripod", the three-legged deer, is still around.

D. Roger: yesterday went walking on the new F St bridge. The garbage can was overflowing with trash, looks like the lid lifted up. Donna suggested he contact city maintenance department. Karin also suggested Indy Works.

E. Donna: seeing fawns

F. Dan: The Emerald Ash Borer has appeared in Oregon, up in Forest Grove. It is very destructive; kills ash trees in 1-4 years. This is concerning to our district, as ash trees provide needed shade along the creek. There is no successful campaign to eliminate the insect as of yet. Wondering what ACWCD can do; we need to start thinking about this, with the loss of trees, we will get bloom of vegetation along the creek. Madeline noted that seeing an increase of woodpeckers is an indicator of the insect. Insects leave D-shaped holes in the trunks. Dan reported you can find photos online of the bug, damage. Andrea asked if they go for other trees; Dan is not sure; there is devastation the east coast. Madeline suggested planting alternate trees. Todd hasn't heard of solutions as of yet. Dan noted the state is beginning to investigate with several groups. He is worried about the loss of ash trees; perhaps stay on top of plantings. Madeline noted articles in the Statesman and Capital Press.

6. Reports

A. Finance. Andrea asked Dan and Karin – she received an email from Gloria about getting out sharefiles emails monthly. Karin would like to get them; Dan already gets them and would like to continue to do so.

Andrea summarized the monthly report (Attachment #1):

- a. Cash in Bank: LGIP - \$361,710.05; PTB - \$2,808.50.
- b. She reviewed the checks issued: #2238-2243.

B. Phone. No report.

C. Nutria. Ed summarized the nutria report for July (Attachment #2); 2 caught, 55 traps out.

D. Engineer's Report. Todd reported:

- stopped by Riverview Park to look at restoration; the willow stakes are doing well, surprised at survival rate, 90% so far.
- spraying done a few weeks ago; went well.

E. Subcommittee Report: Outreach. Andrea reported on the activity at Farmers Market. Mancil has list of persons that stopped by. It was enjoyable, but had several lulls. Able to give out information about the District. Bryan Dutton was there in the morning. A woman who was a retired biologist from OSU was looking for persons interested in learning about riparian areas; he introduced her to Bryan. Some of the board noted they didn't get the second postcard mailing. Ed noted we could have a banner for the booth; he volunteered to get it made. Dan asked – we are getting information out about the district - now what? Discussion. Donna said there is not much enthusiasm for doing this again in August; we are looking for a younger demographic. Andrea said there was not much potential for board recruitment. Dan asked if we should go up to Dallas; he would like to have board representation from the west. Discussion of how to handle blackberry and other vegetation concerns - should we be tracking, how to access information, use of website. Outreach committee will look at next steps.

7. Unfinished Business

A. School grants. Andrea noted now that teachers are back in the buildings, she will send information to previous recipients. So far, we have just the one applicant.

B. Properties within District. Dan – do we have a list of properties that are adjacent to creek? Todd – yes.

8. New Business. None.

9. Miscellaneous Business/Information Items

A. Roger went to Indy Works website

B. Ed – banner size: 2' X 8'? Consensus. He will double check cost prior to ordering.

C. Correspondence. No action needed from correspondence. SDAO member update was submitted; it is due by Aug 15th.

D. Task Log. Laptop continuing.

E. Donna – organized the subcommittee; wants to be sure what it is tallying. Dan – who are, where property is, etc. Brief discussion. Once determined what problem is, decide how to handle, with database of information. She will try to pull a subcommittee meeting together on the 20th.

10. Adjourn. With no further business, Ed moved to adjourn; Roger seconded. Motion passed by all present.

Meeting adjourned 7:55 am

Next meeting: September 1st.

Karin Johnson, Clerk

Minutes approved with grammar correction: 09-01-2022