Ash Creek Water Control District

Board of Directors

REGULAR MEETING

**Thursday, July 7, 2022**

**Minutes**

1. Call to order. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 a.m. by Chair Dan Farnworth via teleconferencing.

2. Roll Call. Board present: Dan Farnworth, Madeline Hall, Mancil Russell, Andrea Melendy, Ed Matteo, Donna Schuyler, Roger Weber, Tom Wilson

Others present: Karin Johnson, Anne Scheck

3. Approval of previous meeting minutes: June 2, 2022. Ed moved to approve the minutes as submitted; Mancil seconded. Approved by all board members present.

4. Audience Comments. None.

5. Director Comments.

A. Andrea. Seeing some fawns now.

B. Madeline reported: Precipitation for June, 2.9”; last June, 2.1”. Seeing the usual summer birds; also saw a coyote.

C. Mancil. Sharing deer with Andrea.

D. Donna. Ditto re: fawns.

F. Dan. Deer also; doe w/fawns and a deer w/half rack. He reported that SDAO sent notice that the state of Oregon has imposed new smoke rules that employ people outside. Heat illness prevention rules also imposed. We don’t have employees, but emailed SDAO about that question, and they replied that the rule is required for contractors. We have workers compensation for board members – required to follow rules in place for them. The district is not subject to employee rules, but if we hire someone, we would have to put rules in place. Same for heat exposure rules. He also reported that the vegetation study should be underway; he sent Brian the contract, Andrea sent check to WOU.

6. Reports

    A. Finance: Andrea summarized the Monthly Report (Attachment #1) – there was lots of activity: Check numbers 2232 through 2237 issued for a total of $6,583.74.

Cash in bank: LGIP: $365,951.79; PTB: $5,858.71

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Madeline asked about cost for willow stakes. Andrea thought it might be included with Todd’s invoice.

B. Phone. Mancil reported it was quiet this last month.

    C. Nutria. Ed summarized the report (Attachment #2) - 2 were caught, 55 traps are out. He caught 2 in the orchard last night. Andrea said they have seen one in and out of the pond. They have a trap out, but not catching it. Andrea asked Madeline if she sees nutria; she has not in the last 10 years or so.

    D. Engineer's Report. None.

E. Subcommittee Report:

a. Outreach. Donna checked on the Dallas locations, no contact yet.

- Saturday Market, July 16 or 23. Tom reported that Independence is available. Follow up with another mailer? Services creekside to discuss; was told Todd has a list of properties on the creek and properties within the district. Do another mailer? Do another outreach at market? Discussion. Consensus to do market on the 23rd; Donna thought another mailer sounded like a good idea. Discussion; consensus. Dan would also like to get people interested in joining the Board.

Mancil moved to authorize Tom to spend up to $2000 on a general mailer for the July 23rd market; Ed seconded. Motion passed by all present. Donna will reach out to the market organizer to let her know when we will be there.

-Madeline suggested sending a mailer to teachers; Donna and Andrea noted that contact is difficult in summer. Discussion; Madeline will send information to Bryan Dutton. Donna suggested sending it to anyone that might have an interest. Tom suggested having more flyers; Karin will get a supply to Mancil.

b. Polk County Fair (choose one day only, Aug 10-13). Donna reported that we can’t choose just one day, we must commit to all four.

c. Reach out to Master Gardeners re: sponsoring bench or gazebo overlooking the creek. Tom suggested this – the F Street bridge is open. Our garbage can has been moved to the bridge and installed there. There are a few benches that could be upgraded, and there is a nice gazebo there. Discussion. Tom feels this would help to get information out about the district. Will make contact with Master Gardeners and the city about costs, etc., and report at next meeting.

7. Unfinished Business

A. Andrea reported we only received one grant application, from Michelle Haney at Talmadge (a previous recipient). Hopes to get more. Although the deadline was June 30th, they would accept a late submission. Discussion of getting information out.

8. New Business

A. Discussion re: properties within the district and services provided (creekside). Karin noted she included information in the packet from a board member request; she hasn’t been able to look for more. Discussion of scope of services as in current charter, laws, etc., to provide not just to properties next to creek but within the district. Discussion of services we are currently providing; Dan suggested maintaining a list. Discussion. Make list of prior work, projects to show what has been done and could give ideas for future. Ed suggested photos to go along with the list; he will put them together for information at the booth.

9. Miscellaneous Business/Information Items

    A. Correspondence. Correspondence requiring action: SDAO membership update, due August 15th. Packet from Dallas re: South Dallas Urban Renewal; Dan would like to review the information.

    B. Task Log. Reviewed.

10. Adjourn. With no further business, Mancil moved to adjourn; Ed seconded. Motion passed by all present. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 a.m.

Next regular meeting: August 4th

Karin Johnson, Clerk

Minutes approved 08/04/2022