Ash Creek Water Control District

Board Meeting – November 7, 2024, 7 PM, in person at Independence City Hall, downstairs, in “Riverview C” room with Zoom option at:

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82158510794

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes – October 3, 2024 (minutes attached)
4. Audience Comments
5. Director Comments
6. Reports
7. Finance: Monthly Report (reports attached)
8. Phone: Monthly Report
9. Nutria: Monthly Report
10. Engineer’s Report
11. Unfinished Business
12. Appoint Molly to board position
13. Follow-up on acknowledgement of Karin Johnsons’ service to ACWCD Board
14. Follow-up on creek clearance, esp. obstructions on bridge railings/old trestle
15. Report on progress of cleanup
16. Acknowledgement of assistance in cleanup process
17. New Business
18. SDIS Cyber Coverage (attached, from email)
19. Workers Comp Premium Rates (attached, from email)
20. Public Meetings Law training available (attached, from email)
21. FEMA Bi-Op FACM FAQ (attached, from email)
22. Miscellaneous Business/Information Items
23. Correspondence
24. SDAO latest weekly update may be viewed at https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#inbox/FMfcgzQXJsvTjhGvcFkhSPblNMkpxjnH
25. Task Log

10. Adjournment

**Ash Creek Water Control District Board Meeting Minutes of October 3, 2024, 7 PM**

**(an in-person meeting at Independence City Hall, downstairs)**

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Mancil Russell called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM
2. **Roll Call:** In person, Mancil Russell, Madeline Fisher, Andrea Melendy, Emmanuel Goicochea. On Zoom, Tom Wilson, Suzanne Teller, Ed Matteo, Todd Whitaker. Staff: Marilyn Morton.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Madeline moved to approve the September minutes, Emmanuel 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.
4. **Audience Comments:** None
5. **Director Comments:**

**Andrea**: brought new signs for ACWCD. She has visited local trophy shops and has samples re. Karin Johnson thank you gift. Other options were discussed, including Maganda Glass. Andrea will follow up. Discussion continued. Ed moved to give Karin a $100 gift certificate to Brew Coffee & Tap House, Emmanuel 2nd, motion passed unanimously.

**Madeline**, Precipitation Report: 0.86” for September, 2.84” in Sept. 2023, 0.47” in September 2022, and 2.62” in September 2021. She has met with a group from WOU about the Emerald Ash Borer; a grant proposal will be put together for securing traps, tagging specific trees and captures. She is encouraged by the make-up of the group and its expertise, and will stay in touch with them. She is working on rewilding a field and seeking sources for appropriate vegetation.

**Emmanuel** – the flyers look good. He will be the administrator on the Facebook page.

**Mancil**, Phone Report: no significant phone calls.

**Ed**, Nutria Report: 1 was seen at Green Acres. The report is posted on the website. Nutria situation is much improved.

**Todd**, Engineer’s Report: The letter from the DEQ is not a concern at this time. No requirements for implementation yet, perhaps in the future. Regarding the obstruction, the railroad is not interested in participating but we would need a permit to work in their right of way. Todd will look into getting the permit. There was discussion about who would be doing the work, if there is a need for liability insurance. ACWCD needs to be clear with the railroad on the condition(s) of obstructions, which may require additional conversations. The city may also have some complicity.

1. **Unfinished Business**
2. **Board Vacancies & Appointments.** Tom moved to preliminarily approve Molly Barbano as a board member, subject to administering the oath of office. Ed 2nd the motion, it passed unanimously. Confirmation has been obtained that she owns property in the district. Administering the oath of office will occur at a future meeting. Molly will become Director #4, leading to this adjusted roster:

Director #1 – Tom

Director #2 – Emmanuel

Director #3 – Madeline

Director #4 – Molly

Director #5 – not assigned

Director #6 – Ed

Director #7 – Mancil

Director #8 – not assigned

Director #9 - Andrea

1. **Clean-up project in Pioneer Park.** Suzanne reported that clean-up is scheduled for October 8 from 10 AM to 2 PM, with an auxiliary date of October 15, same hours, if weather interferes with the first date. 8 people have signed up to help, including 3 LWSC staff. Suzanne will bring an assortment of snacks and asked for a budget. This is a line-item expenditure. Mancil moved to approve up to $750 for this project, Tom 2nd, motion passed unanimously. Suzanne proposes $650 for compensation and $50-100 for snacks/appreciation items. Discussion on details about snacks and appreciation continued.
2. **Ash Creek Restoration Project:** Suzanne gave an update on this project – it’s on track and within goals. Native plants have been ordered for the Monmouth Public Works site. She will provide more information at the next meeting.
3. **New Business:** None
4. **Miscellaneous Business/Information Items**
5. **Correspondence:** The TMDL letter and bills have been received. Letter of support for the Polk Co Soil & Water Conservation District was discussed. Suzanne explained the scope of activity and grant details; the process will be recorded; this is a large multi-county cooperative event. Letters of support based upon the PCSWCD were provided. Mancil signed the 2 copies; Marilyn will send letters to Tom for his signatures and include an envelope for forwarding the signed documents to PCSWCD.
6. **Task Log:** no information at this time
7. **Adjourn:** Andrea moved to adjourn, Madeline 2nd. Meeting ended at 7:49 PM.

**Next Meeting: Thursday, November 7, 2024, 7 PM, at Independence City Hall, with zoom available:** <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82158510794>

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