



South Fayette Conservation Group

Minutes of Meeting March 11, 2010 S Fayette Twp Community Room 7:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order – by President Dave Pope at 7:05p.m.

Attendance

In attendance were Dave Pope, David Myron, Dave Boehmer, Cindy Cox, Harry Myer, Steve Frank, and Amy Myers

II. Minutes

Approval of the minutes from the January Meeting motioned by Dave Myron and seconded by Dave Boehmer. Approval of February minutes motioned by Dave Boehmer, and seconded by Harry Meyer.

III. Approval of Expenses

Dave Pope - \$32.10 for chain link expenses

Treasurer's Report – Dave Myron

Current Operating checking account Balance as of February 2010 is \$15,005.53
Wetlands Escrow Account balance as of February 2010 is \$4,485.05. There was discussion on how to spend the remainder of the education component balance of \$514.57, it was agreed that it would remain in the wetland account and perhaps used for future educational events, or supplies for Little Lions' Academy
Expenses and treasurer's report was motioned by Dave Boehmer and seconded by Harry Myer

IV. Old/Unfinished Business

- a. **Gladden Discharge:** Dave Pope reported that the letter stating the SFCG's interest in pursuing the feasibility of the project to Range Resources, was sent one week ago and there has not been any correspondence with Range. Steve Frank agreed that he would follow-up with a phone call to Range to make sure letter was received and update the board on the status. Dave Pope reported that some of the SFCG board met with the DEP and their attorneys at our attorney's office last month and updated the board on the status of those discussions
- b. **Wetland Project:** Dave Boehmer spoke with Bob Beran about repairs; Beran is to contact the contractor. Beran has been paid for monitoring.

- c. **Paid Staff:** Dave Pope and Cindy Cox presented job descriptions and there was discussion on when or if we should proceed with the description and identifying individuals who may want the position. It was decided that we would proceed with the description, but hold off on identifying individuals until we are sure we are moving forward with the Range project. Any other position such as an Executive Director position will be determined in the future as we proceed through the Capacity Building. Dave P. and Cindy will continue to develop a Project Manager job description. Steve Frank was asked to list possible duties this person would need to be responsible for.
- d. **Capacity Building:** Dave Boehmer and Cindy Cox gave an update on the meeting with Scott Leff from the Bayer Center for Nonprofit Management held on Friday March 5. Scott has requested that he meet the rest of the SFCG board at the next scheduled meeting to be held on Thursday April 8, 2010, and will be moved up to 6:00 PM. Dave Pope will contact Matt Cochran, and Nick Jarina to inform them of this time and date. Business meeting will be held first, but will be very brief.
- e. **Traffic Islands:** Dave Pope will be cutting down the grasses as soon as the weather permits. Volunteers will not be needed for weeding and planting until mid-May. Dave has some plants donated by Bedners last year, and they are interested in donating more this year
- f. **Visual Watershed Assessment:** Dave Pope reported that all data collected to date has been entered, and we can resume assessment as soon as weather permits which is estimated to be mid-April. It is the goal to finish Coal, Robinson, and Millers Run by the end of spring of this year, and resume assessment on identified tributaries in the fall of this year.

V New Business
None

VI Open Discussion

- a. The SFCG received an email through the website about groundwater infiltration due to future drilling activities, and asked if the group was taking a position on the subject. It was agreed that she should be advised to contact the DEP for this information
- b. Harry Myer informed the group that he could get some trees cheaply to plant in the wetland. It was agreed to hold off on planting anything with the earthmoving that is taking place above the wetland, and when a good location for planting can be determined
- c. Cindy Cox asked that we start taking photos to be sent to Amy Smith so that she can update the website
- d. Dave Myron reminded the group that Allegheny Land Trust would be having their grand opening in June, date TBD. He informed the group that the facility is taking out about 300 lbs of iron a day

VII Adjournment - Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. Motioned by Harry Myer and seconded by Dave Myron.