



**GILLS CREEK WATERSHED
ASSOCIATION**

**GCWA Board Meeting Minutes
June 14, 2018, 4-5:30 p.m.
Owens Field Airport**

Attendees

Madilyn Fletcher, Valerie Marcil, Ann Yancey, Carol Kososki, Judy Timmons, Mary McIntosh, Lewis Kirk, Gregory Sprouse, John Hart

Welcome

The meeting was called to order at approximately 4:09 PM.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

The agenda was distributed to the board prior to the meeting for board members to review.

- ACTION: JUDY TIMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. VALERIE MARCIL SECONDED AND THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The minutes from the previous board meeting held on May 10, 2018 were distributed prior to the meeting for board members to review.

- ACTION: VALERIE MARCIL MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS DISTRIBUTED. ANN YANCEY SECONDED AND THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Treasurer's Update

Mary McIntosh provided an update on the budget. As of May 31, 2018 the checking account balance was \$30, 161.20, the savings account balance was \$80, 409.98, the wetlands fund balance was \$105,071.88, and the organization earned \$72.84 in interest. We are still waiting on the Midlands Gives check and payment from Richland County Stormwater. Mary and Fran have been working on the FY 2018-19 budget which will be presented to the board for approval at the July 3, 2018 meeting.

Executive Directors Report

The Executive Director's report was distributed to the board prior to the meeting. Madilyn Fletcher presented highlights of the report. Carol Kososki provided an update on the Gills Creek Greenway. The board discussed the need for reengaging the lake associations and the need for

directing project ideas, proposals, and public information requests through the Executive Director.

Old Business

No old business was discussed

New Business

A. Strengthening Relationships with Sister Organizations

The board discussed the need to strengthen relationship with local organizations that share common goals such as the Columbia Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) which is an advocate for greenway development. The board also discussed flood plain preservation as an emerging issue that the organization will need to focus on and build relationships around. Madilyn asked the board to think about other organization GCWA should be cultivating relationships with and asked that any ideas be forwarded to her and Fran.

Committee Briefs

A. Elections Committee – Judy Timmons

Judy Timmons listed the board members currently rolling off and asked everyone to start thinking about potential nominees for consideration by the nomination committee. The board discussed some potential candidates and brainstormed about needed areas of expertise. Madilyn asked the board to send any names to Judy Timmons.

B. Education Committee

Ann Yancey stated the committee was finished with education activities for this fiscal year and would begin again this coming fall.

C. Stewardship Committee

The stewardship committee met on May 30, 2018 and discussed the strategic plan and a path forward for the committee. Sam Agee talked with Edens about presenting the watershed wonder award and they agreed to make the presentation at the fall membership meeting. The committee plans to meet again in July.

D. Technical Committee

The technical committee met on June 6, 2018. Topics of discussion included the blue ribbon commission, the Richland Penny Transportation Advisory Committee (TPAC), and the City of Columbia stream clean up/debris removal program. The City of Columbia also announced they have hired a consultant to manage their stormwater capital improvement projects.

Adjourn

The board meeting adjourned at approximately 5:23 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next board meeting is scheduled for July 12, 2018.