

Minutes of the May 11, 2013  
Ichetucknee Springs Alliance  
Board Meeting

The meeting was held at Rum 138. Present were: Lu Merritt, Cathy Street, Charles Maxwell, John Jopling, Bob Knight, Loye Barnard, Jacqui Sulek, Beth Zavovyski, Dan Rountree, Terri Skiles, Kathy Koepfel, and Megan Olson. The meeting began at 10: 00 a.m.

The minutes of the April 16, 2013, meeting were approved as written.

Organizational Issues:

Paper copies of documents needed for the board meetings will be kept to a minimum by emailing the documents to members in advance when appropriate.

The Alliance will open a post office box for six months. Lu Merritt will cover the payment of the fee until our checking account is open and she can be reimbursed.

The paperwork for designation as a nonprofit will be filed after the new Articles of Incorporation have been filed.

The state has not recognized us as a nonprofit yet. The bank will wait to open our account until it receives our nonprofit designation.

The board voted and unanimously agreed to have Stewart Thomas develop our website and agreed to recognize his contribution on the site.

The board considered creating an honorary board of artists and scientists who contribute their time and services to environmental causes.

Meeting schedule: For now we will continue to meet every two weeks. The meetings will be held on Mondays if possible. Doodle polls will be sent out to set the dates.

## Spring Watch:

The Alliance will participate in the Ichetucknee Springs Watch.

We can use John Jopling's Three Rivers residence as the launch point. We should have access to Ichetucknee Park and the equipment necessary to conduct the required tests.

Two people with kayaks or canoes will be needed to conduct the tests at the designated locations on a monthly basis.

A training date will be set in June for Bob Knight to train the volunteers how to use the equipment and the resulting analysis. We will meet at Bob's office on May 29, 2013 at 11:00 for preliminary training.

Ginger Morgan said that she hoped to conduct testing at Devil's Eye.

## Biosolids:

The issues related to the placement of biosolids in karst areas where they can permeate the aquifer. Permits for the application biosolids are issued by both DEP and Lake City. John will try to speak with Dale Williams about the issue. The easiest solution to the problem is to relocate the biosolids to impermeable areas.

## Flow Report:

Flow has officially disbanded. The money designated for Flow may now become available to other organizations and projects so we should move quickly to see if we can benefit from this potential funding resource.

It was noted that support from Lake City is crucial to the success of our organization.

It was also suggested that a people's BMAP would be helpful.

New Business:

A combined effort with Lake and Columbia Cities to hold an Ichetucknee day at the park was suggested as a way to draw attention to the springs. The focus should be on both the economy and the environment and how they work together.

Cathy Street suggested having a destroy the Ichetucknee River day as a way to get people's attention.

It was noted that education is not the focus of the organization.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 3, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. at Rum 138.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.