

**Minutes of the August 10, 2013
Ichetucknee Springs Alliance
Board Meeting**

The meeting was held at Rum 138. Present were: Lu Merritt, Cathy Street, John Jopling, Bob Knight, Jacqui Sulek, Terri Skiles, and Megan Olson.

Treasurer's Report: We currently have \$410.00 in the bank and \$ 57.65 in the PayPal account.

Staff Report: Web page has been updated.

Agriculture and Consumer Services has approved our ability to collect money from others beyond our membership. The designation is not dependent on confirmation of our status as a non-profit.

It is important that we develop bullet points of the goals of the Alliance to place on website to inform the membership about what we plan to accomplish over the next year.

Idea of creating working teams adopted.

Old Business:

The next springs monitoring training will be held on Thursday, August 22, at 9:00 a.m. The equipment will be stored in locked shed. A key will be hidden nearby. It was agreed that a press release addressing the monitoring would be a good idea.

Erosion control at Ichetucknee State Park: The sand used to control erosion in the park has washed away because of unforeseen rain amounts. The park has a plan to improve the problem but cannot implement it until the tubing season is over. The Board will invite the Park Manager to attend next regular Board meeting to discuss plans to correct problem.

The TREPO meeting held last Thursday was well attended. The people at the meeting appeared to be more concerned about the potential loss of their homes, which will not happen. Attempts were made to educate the attendees that the greater concern was the potential impact of the pipeline upon the river and springs.

The board will invite representative from Sabal Trail and/or Florida Power and Light to speak to the board at a time that is mutually convenient.

If the meeting does not occur or is unsatisfactory, the board should begin a letter writing campaign expressing opposition to the pipeline crossing the Ichetucknee.

Bob will attend SOS MFL meeting that is currently scheduled.

New business:

The board is interested in working with Earth Jurisprudence but would like to know more about the group and how the organizations can successfully come together. This year is too soon for our group to sponsor an event with them but next year is a possibility.

John and Jacqui will attend the Springs Institute conference to be held at Prairie Creek Lodge. Charles or Cathy will go if John or Jacqui are not able to go or if Jacqui goes as a representative for Audubon.

Planning:

Tasks for the Board to tackle this year:

- 1: Public event to introduce group to public
- 2: Take stand on MFL's
- 3: Pipeline advocacy. The board will consider combining the introduction of the Alliance with a push for pipeline advocacy.
4. Effective presentations

Suggested Committees/members:

Membership/Outreach

Science:

A. MFLs

B. Pipeline

Work on MFL's:

Jacqui and Bob

Springs monitoring: Terri Skiles

Pipeline advocacy/membership

John, Lu, Jacqui

Communications

Cathy Street

Public advocacy

John

The next meeting will be held at Rum 138 on September 10th at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.