

**Minutes of the Ellis County Wellhead Protection Committee Meeting
March 16, 2011**

Members Present: John Heinrichs, Jude Scheck, Allen Roth, Bill Wilson

Non-Voting members: Tyler Saryerwinnie- WHP intern, Karen Purvis- Recording Secretary

Guests- There were no guests present

John Heinrichs, Chairman, **called the meeting to order** at 7:02.

Minutes- It was moved by Jude Scheck and seconded by Allen Roth to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Treasurer-s Report- The starting balance was \$638.92. There was an expense of \$44.00 for the Barbie and the stuffed dog for the Home and Garden show drawings. The ending balance is \$594.92.

Old Business-

a) Events- Wrap-up of Home and garden show- The members that worked the home and garden show gave a report. Things went pretty good. Jude stated that Saturday evening from 4-6 was really slow. There were 31 pledges, and 21 quizzes that were filled out. Karen was given the winning tickets for the prizes. She will contact the winners to pick up the prizes.

Upcoming water festival- The water festival is April 11th. If Tyler has time he is going to volunteer to show the water model to the different classes. He is to contact Stacie Minson, to see if she needs help.

b) Education- *Trails Grant Report-* James was unable to attend the meeting. John reported that the burn was scheduled for Friday the 18th, depending on weather. James will report the updates at the April Meeting.

c) Legislative- Stormwater fee was discussed

d) Membership- John will write a letter to the City of Hays, and Ellis County to reappoint- Bill Wilson and Ken Richmeier- respectfully. Their terms have either expired or will expire shortly.

e. Research- *Focus areas for pet waste efforts*- Some of the worst places for pet waste the committee come up with was the dike at FHSU, and the fitness trail and the hospital. Those places are good places to start.

Tyler talked to Bill Heiman about the contamination plume. Bill Heiman will talk to John about it.

f) Other- There was no other old business

New Business-

- a) World Water Monitoring Day Planning- The water monitoring kits run \$13.00 per kit or \$50.00 for a classroom kit. We should write a grant from Midwest energy grant to fund kits for the project. Midwest energy grants are due September 1st and September 1st. John will make a draft letter for the grant and bring it to the next meeting. Another avenue would be talking to Stacie Monson or James to see if they have any educational grant money for this project. John will talk to them about this.
- b) Other- The committee talked about water retention ponds. This would slow the water down to help recharge the aquifer. It was mentioned that we talk to Stephanie Royer at the Rush County NRCS.

Date for Next Meeting- The next meeting will be held on April 20, 2011.

It was moved by Allen and seconded by Jude to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:34.

Submitted by Karen Purvis
Recording Secretary