**Wakulla Springs Alliance**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

Friday, September 22, 2023

9:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Location: Wakulla County Community Center

318 Shadeville Rd. Crawfordville, 32327

No Zoom; in Person Only (No recording was made)

**9:05   Meeting called to order** by Albert Gregory

**Welcome and introductions** – Albert

     **Agenda review** – Albert

**NOTE: A majority of the Board was never present during the meeting, so a quorum was not established.**

**9:10   Financial report**- Jim Davis (Appendix C)

Recent efforts by WSA have brought in $1,400 of membership dues and donations

Cal Jamison **moved to accept the report**; seconded by Chad Hanson and **passed without opposition.**

**9:12   Minutes of August 25, 2023 meeting**-  Brian Lupiani

Chad **moved to accept the minutes**; seconded by Brian and **passed without opposition.**

**9:15 Presentation on Lake Munson Drawdown –** Anna Padilla, Leon County Stormwater Management Coordinator(See Appendix D)

**9:50 Q&A**

**10:00  Update Wakulla County Board of County Commission Actions since**

**08/07 Mtg** - Albert

* At the Oct 9 Planning Commission meeting, Chad will propose that gas stations require special consideration and a separate vote for approval beyond typical commercial zone uses.
* No word on any action taken by Wakulla County to arrange the Water Protection Ordinance Workshops. Chad suggests following up on WSA’s letter to the BoCC about the workshops.

**10:10  WSA State Acquisition of property Workgroup Report** - Albert

 See Appendix E

**10:25 Legislation (SB106) that links SUN (Shared-Use Nonmotorized) Trails and Wildlife Corridors especially as it relates to Wakulla Springs** - Dale Allen Pres. Florida Greenways & Trails Foundation

Proposed paved Trail connection from the Tallahassee--St. Marks Rail Trail to Wakulla Springs State Park.

**10:45   Spring shed and river update -**Cal

* Streams and swallets are still flowing providing tannic water
* A big plug of tannic water is expected to reach the Spring soon, though it might not be very visible.
* Thursday’s Secchi visibilty was 41 feet
* Last week we had the highest chlorophyll ever recorded at the Spring
* Apple Snail eggs are plentiful but we haven’t seen many adult snails
* We’re now seeing manatees year-round, including a number of calves
* There are 100s of mullets.
* Collecting water samples for UF and FAMU
* PFAFs have been detected in the Spring
* Spring Creek in flux with reversals. Some saltwater gets to Wakulla Springs.
* The fish count has come up with bass and pan fish.
* Eel Grass and Sagittaria are coming back, where we planted it and everywhere, with the critters coming back - the whole ecosystem seems to be coming back
* Spring water is consistently green, even when it’s “clear.” Nutrient levels are high

**10:55 Other Topics:**

**1. Report on WC Charter Review Commission** - Chad

* Chad thinks the Review Commission is hesitant to put anything on the ballot
* Our proposal to expand the SPA was rejected for inclusion in the charter amendment
* We may want to ask for a Wakulla Springs plan
* We could propose a right to clean water statement in the charter
* Clean water polls positively

 **2. WSA becoming a member of the Wakulla County Economic**

**Development Council** – Anthony

Postponed until next meeting

**3. Sea & Shoreline research FDEP permit for invasive removal and**

**SAV Restoration on the Wakulla River** – Bob Deyle

**4. WSA Mtg style for October 27 & December 1:** Zoom, Hybrid, In-person?

* It is nice to do hybrid meetings with zoom recordings for the secretary
* It is nice to be together in person. Have these periodically in Wakulla County
* (Someone) won’t use zoom for security reasons
* Do it at Wakulla Springs for a swim or boat ride
* Give Chad Hanson program suggestions

**5. Watch for opening ceremony of the Debbie Lightsey Nature Park**.

It is part of the Wakulla Springs Basin and there are water quality, bike/hike trails and habitat corridor benefits.

**Upcoming meetings and events**– 4th Friday of the month

* Currently, reservations have been made for use of the conference room at the Renaissance Center for the following dates in 2023 from 8:45 - 12:30:
* October 27, December 1 (conference room not available Nov 17,TBD)

**11:15 Adjourn** moved by Brian, seconded by Cal, no opposition

Appendix A

Agenda, Wakulla Springs Alliance September Board Meeting, 09/22/2023**[See Attached Doc]** 

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Board of Directors Meeting

**9:00    Opening**

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∙       **Agenda review** – Albert Gregory

**9:10 Financial report**- Jim Davis **[attached] 5 min**

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**9.15 Minutes of August 25, 2023 WSA Board meeting**- Brian Lupiani **[attached] 5 min**

**9:20 Presentation Lake Munson Drawdown – Anna Padilla Leon County Stormwater Management Co-Ordinator 20 Min (See Attached)**

**9:40 Q&A 10 Min\**

**9:50 Update Wakulla County Board of County Commission Actions since 8/7 Mtg.** Albert Gregory **20 Min**

Special Considerations for Gas Stations in Commercial Zoning

 Springs protection and Drinking Water Ordinance Workshops

**10:10  WSA State Acquisition of property Workgroup Report** Albert Gregory

**10 Min**

**10:20**  **Legislation (SB106) that links SUN Trails and Wildlife Corridors especially as it relates to Wakulla Springs.**Dale Allen Pres. Florida Greenways & Trails Foundation Proposed paved Trail connection from the Tallahassee--St. Marks Rail Trail to Wakulla Springs State Park.

**10 min**

**10:30   Spring shed and river update -**Cal Jamison **10 Min**

**10:40 Other Topics: 15 Min**

1. WSA becoming a member of the Wakulla County Economic Development Council – A Gaudio For next meeting
2. Report WC Charter Review Commission \_ Chad Hansen
3. Sea & Shoreline research FDEP permit for invasive removal and SAV Restoration on the Wakulla River – Bob Deyle
4. WSA Mtg style for October 27 & December 1Zoom, Hybrid, In-person?

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September 22 in person only location

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October 27 TBD, December 1 TBD (conference room not available November 17th TBD)

**10:55 Adjourn**

Appendix B

**09-22-23 WAKULLA SPRINGS ALLIANCE Board Meeting Participants**

In-person-only meeting

Officers

Brian Lupiani, Secretary

Directors

Albert Gregory

Chad Hanson

Cal Jamison

Debbie Lightsey
Tom Taylor

Members and Guests

Dale Allen

Dave Coffee

Marty Coffee

Gil Damon

WestiJo DeHaven-Smith

Chloe Dougherty

Chuck Hess

Anna Padilla, Leon County

Wayne Toothman, Leon County

Sophie Wacongne-Spear

Edgar Wade, Leon County

Wyatt Hendricks, Friends of Lake Munson vice chair

Ann Hendricks, Friends of Lake Munson

Directors Not In Attendance: Anthony Gaudio, Michael Keys, Jim Davis, Bob Deyle

Gail Fishman, Rob Gelhardt, Howard Kessler, Lindsay Stevens

Appendix C

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| **WAKULLA SPRINGS ALLIANCE** |  |  |
| **FINANCIAL REPORT** |  |  |
| **FOR THE 8 MONTHS ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023** |  |  |
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| **INCOME** |  |  |
| **Donations** | $ - |  |
| Memberships | 1,400.00 |  |
|  | 1,400.00 |  |
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| **EXPENSES** |  |  |
| Awards | - |  |
| Printing | 17.24 |  |
| Florida Corporate Annual Report | 61.25 |  |
| Big Bend Environmental Forum | - |  |
| PayPal Fees | 35.58 |  |
| Earl Bacon Agency - Insurance | 1,132.78 |  |
|  | 1,246.85 |  |
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| **SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)** | 153.15 |  |
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| **BANK BALANCE - 12/31/2022** | 9,299.81 |  |
| **PAYPAL BALANCE - 12/31/2022** | 643.61 |  |
| **TOTAL - 12/31/2022** | 9,943.42 |  |
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| **BANK BALANCE -8/31/2023** | 9,677.07 |  |
| **PAYPAL BALANCE-8/31/2023** | 419.50 |  |
| **TOTAL 8/31/2023** | **$ 10,096.57** |  |

Appendix D



Appendix E

Grant Gelhardt’s Meeting Notes

