

EMG Ex Com 6-8-2021 minutes

Present:

Ken Schechtman
Robert Roberson
Tim Elwell
Stephanie Todd
Ashton Kuehnel
John Feldman
Glenn May

Review of minutes. No edits.

Action Opportunity. Ashton speaks about upcoming Labadie action to hold Ameren accountable for groundwater contamination and illness. Community Meeting on June 16 via Zoom. Committee members have a great opportunity to engage by giving testimony, written public comment and making calls to get people to turn out. Please talk to Ashton about how you can help! This is a great opportunity for EMG leadership to engage.

Treasurers' Report. Robert reported after paying for the newsletter printing and postage the CNB checking balance was \$40,223. The First Community Credit Union CD matures 08-12-21. Roberson recommended redeeming the CD and depositing the proceeds in the CNB account. The ECB said no resolution was required.

Newsletter committee report - Tim and Caitlin working on the upcoming monthly e-newsletter; send your content for June by next Monday. Caitlin will get a quote from the printer about doing the print newsletter in all-color. Two new potential members to join the newsletter committee for the next printed issue.

Planning for in-person monthly meetings. Discussion of some possible topics.

- September 23 - Environmental Racism Report - Leah, Ashton, Andy to talk about this regional report that they put together and the impacts of environmental racism on the region. Environmentalracismstl.com
- August 26 - Olympia dinner; John will reserve the room
- TBD Ozark Ntl Scenic Riverways Roads and Trails management plan -have a virtual call with some folks who are local to the Ozark area. This topic will only work if the ONSR plan does come out in June as expected. We can schedule this topic later if the plan comes out later.
- TBD Biden Infrastructure EV - when the legislation passes.

Mosquito Fogging Proposal. Stephanie presents her proposal on an anti-fogging campaign. Jean Ponzi at Earthways has reviewed it and endorsed it. To help get the word out about anti-fogging, Stephanie will work on a press release to share with local media. Caitlin motions to endorse the proposal. Tim seconds. Proposal endorsement passes unanimously. Stephanie will work on a Press Release and Ashton will help her with media contacts to send it to.

Nurdle Patrol. Community Science Project on Nurdles (little plastic pellets used in raw plastics which are washing up on our shores, detrimental to aquatic life). Volunteers spend 10 minutes a month walking a shoreline (MI river, etc) and counting how many nurdle pellets found and then report it on the website. University of Texas is organizing this initiative. Tim will follow up with

the UT staff member who contacted us. He will try it and find out more and report back to us. <https://nurdlepatrol.org/Forms/Home/>

Outings and Trails. Memorials for Bob Gestel and Doug Mehlville happened. Ed Schott park manager of Hawn is moving to manage Castlewood, Don Robinson, Rte 66, Robertsville. Possible new trail at Hawn State Park 5 - 7 miles long, hope to approve later this year.

Conservation Report. Caroline on another call but we have already covered anti-fogging. Also, you can now sign up for Dark Sky Conference registration available: <https://darkskymissouri.org/conference>

Next meeting will be on July 20. Caitlin to send out an invitation/reminder.