Tyler Creek Watershed Coalition
Board Meeting Minutes
October 17, 2012

In attendance: Char Carlsen, Carl Missele, Karen Miller, Rich Hirschberg, Rick Poulton, Kyla Jacobsen, Holly Hudson, Roland Hopson

I. Review agenda - added 501(c)3 update under old business

II. New member and/or guest introductions - Ron Skonning, Bill Bradley and Jody Schmeck were guests from Valley Creek

III. Review of the Minutes from the September 19, 2012 were unanimously approved on a motion by Carl and seconded by Rich

IV. Treasurer's Report - $2683.69, no change in the status

V. Old Business

a. Stabilization Projects update
   i. Eagle Heights - had the walk through. Homeowners know not to mow, fertilize, don't dump stuff into the creek. Will be some spring planting
   ii. Judson University - utilities were moved (Nicor and ComEd). Ready and waiting for Rob and crew. Will be a couple weeks before getting started
   iii. Spring Cove - haven't heard anything about a walk through. Roland will contact Rob about scheduling it.
   iv. Wing Park - have no clue what status is

b. Sandy Creek/Tyler Creek Monitoring Results - nothing remarkable

c. Water Sampling - next event is 11/19/2012

d. Ferson Creek Update - Ferson/Otter completed their plan about a year ago. They have a meeting next week. They may talk about sampling program. Elgin applied for a grant through the Local Technical Grant from CMAP for ordinance review. Hopefully Tyler Creek Watershed Coalition will be involved/shared that information

e. Jelkes Creek Meeting - Rick will be at the local meeting tonight to give an update on what we are doing.

f. Old Town Neighborhood (Gilberts) Project - George is working hard to get work done before winter freeze. Tollway will be puttingnupba sound barrier fence along Windmill Meadows. Char passed out a Q&A on stream cleaning do's and don'ts

g. PR

i. Storm Water drain labeling, Saturday October 27 - 3 organizations will be assisting with project. We have the equipment from the city. We will look at the maps and determine where we will meet on the 27th (Meet at 9 am at the Tyler Creek Plaza)

ii. Informational magnets - Kyla got some quotes, Rick has not heard from his contacts, Rich will call Andersen's in Elgin. 4x6 magnets with "who to call" when spills are detected, etc.

h. Identification/Discussion of new projects for SSRP Funding - no discussion

i. City of Elgin - Izaak Walton efforts - have had no communication

j. Tyler Creek beaver dams - West of N. Lyle in Elgin - guests came to address the beaver dams. There were 5 dams in the area. Issue with no agencies having funds and therefore not wanting to take responsibility. Need to relocate the beavers. The Valley Creek HOA called critter getters. They gave prices for trapping and removal which were expensive. Now there are 3 dams. Two dams are on city property and one is west of Lyle, private property. Kyla will check with city. The ordinance says that the adjacent property owner is responsible. Then the next step may be going before the city council. Kyla will follow-up with Jody (copying Rick)

k. 501(c)3 status - we need to agree to a conflict of interest policy. Carl distributed a draft policy for review. Carl has made a list of things that need to be addressed in the application: what types of donations would we accept (and what would we do with it) – we determined that we would liquidate any donation. Also we need to state other affiliations. Carl will send a list to board members for additions/corrections.

VI. New Business

a. Future Project thoughts/ideas - would we get better attendance if we move the time of the meeting? Let's discuss. Think about it.

b. Other Items - nothing

VII. Next Meeting – November 21, 2012 (November 22 is Thanksgiving) - yes we will meet on this date!

Adjourned at 5:43.