

MINUTES

Friends of the Wells

July 16, 2024, 6 PM

Hall of Waters Conference Room

Present: Dennis Hartman, Sabrina Grant, Melinda Mehaffy, Sonya Morgan, Reggie St. John.
Dennis called the meeting to order.

Sonya moved to approve the minutes from the June 18 meeting, Reggie seconded. Motion carried. There was discussion of needing a new secretary. Sabrina volunteered to take the minutes. Sonya will take the minutes for the July meeting and Sabrina will resume the secretary position in August.

Old Business

There was a follow-up discussion on Waterfest. The \$5 donation for rubber ducks made \$149.20. Melinda may have some additional donations for ducks to come in. In addition to the money that was donated, the Waterfest booth (including the little ducks) was a great way to be visible in the community and let people know that there is a group of individuals interested in bringing back our mineral water. The fundraising will continue for the testing of either the soda well behind the Hall of Waters or the lithia well next to Willow Spring Mercantile.

Dennis reported that the Excelsior Springs Job Corps Jamie Simmons' carpentry students will be helping make repairs to the Crystal Lithia Pavilion. They had taken measurements. His painting class will repaint the pavilion when repairs have been made. Dennis also spoke with David at Owen Lumber Company about getting the materials needed.

Dennis has been in contact with Richard Turner, retired from the Health Department. He did not feel that DNR would have any input on the well waters. Kathy Duncan is looking at the museum to see if the old records that he donated are in their archives. Dennis shared a report on the last testing of the Park well dated January 3, 1995. The calcium water was still being bottled at that time. He also found the Ameren report on their cleanup of the Ruey Anna housing site, but did not feel it impacted the wells we are interested in. He also found a water analysis report on the Elms Salt Sulfur water.

Keith was not present for an update on the well testing.

New Business

Dennis has updated the Wells Map and it is now on the FOTW website.

Dennis is working on a video walking tour of the well sites. It was thought that a shorter version might be available at the Hall of Waters in the museum and on the website, then make the longer video available for purchase. Dennis will look for the video that was made at the Hall of Waters that he participated in to

add to the website content. Sonya is working on a new website design. She went over notes from Sam and Jessica over potential changes/updates to the site.

****Next Meeting will be held Tuesday, September 17th at the Hall of Waters' Conference Room