

Environmental Task Force of Jasper and Newton Counties (ETF)
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
January 18, 2017
Joplin City Hall 5th Floor Meeting Room

Members Present:

Bob Hockman, Newton County Citizen
Charla Geller, Newton County EMD
Jeff Burkett, Empire District
Clayton Cristy, Jasper County Citizen

Jim Jackson, Newton County Commission
Jill Cornett, Harry S. Truman Coordinating Council
Daniel Pekarek, Joplin Health Dept.

Guests Present:

Rosita Davis, Joplin Health Dept.
Mark Doolan, EPA

Lori Harris, MO DHSS
Jim Triplett, Grand Lake Watershed Alliance Foundation

Bob Hockman opened the meeting and introductions were made.

The minutes of the October 19, 2016 meeting were unanimously approved with a motion by Jim Jackson, Charla Geller second.

Financial Report

The finances for the quarter were reviewed. There have been no expenses since the last statement. The balance remains at \$17293.84

New/Vacant Director Positions

Jasper County currently has 3 vacant director positions, while Newton County has 1. Bob suggested Craig Kremen. Dann will check residency requirements to see if he would qualify.

Annual Financial Report

The annual financial report was emailed out to all members on November 29th. No responses or questions were received by Dan.

College Scholarship Program

Members discussed moving forward with the college scholarship program. Bob volunteered to look at other scholarship applications to compare. It was suggested a points system that favors Jasper or Newton County residents receiving the scholarship. It was unanimously approved to amend the 2017 budget to include \$500 each for MSSU and Crowder College for scholarships with a motion from Jill Cornett, Jim Jackson second. The sub group will bring back their recommendations to the April meeting.

New Business

Dan passed out the annual conflict of interest statement for members to sign. Dan produced the invoice from Insurancenter for the annual renewal of the director's insurance with a cost of \$750. It was unanimously approved to pay the invoice with a motion by Jill Cornett, Jeff Burkett second.

FSCAA

Dan gave an update on the possible JATSO funding opportunities that were previously discussed. Funds would only be available if used in direct response to transportation. Jill Cornett offered to look into funding options from the Region M grant. Ambient air monitoring resumes in March of 2017.

EPA Report

Mark Doolan gave an update on EPA clean up in the area. The Granby area will be completed in February, then moving on to Spring City and Spurgeon. He reminded the members this area will always be a superfund site with mining waste

that will need to be monitored anytime large areas of soil are moved. He also discussed the Missouri and Kansas watershed into Empire Lake, in Cherokee County Kansas. There is 4 million cubic yards of contaminated sediment in Empire Lake. They are still 1-2 years away from a decision on how to clean it up.

Spring River Watershed

Jill announced the Missouri Watershed plan project is at a standstill for the time being.

Earth Day

Bob will reach out to MSSU regarding our sponsorship of their Earth Day events. Five hundred dollars has been budgeted.

Next Meeting: April 19, 2017

Meeting unanimously adjourned at 3:15pm with motion by Jim Jackson, Jill Cornett second.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel Pekarek, Secretary

Approved: _____

Date: _____