

Environmental Task Force of Jasper and Newton Counties (ETF)
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
July 18, 2018
Joplin City Hall 5th Floor Council Chambers

Members Present:

Bob Hockman, Newton County Citizen	Craig Kreman, Newton County
Heidi Scheffler, Harry S. Truman Coordinating Council	John Harrington, City of Neosho
Daniel Pekarek, Joplin Health Dept.	Jim Jackson, Newton County Commission
Jeff Burkett, Empire District	Jill Cornett, Newton County Citizen
Charla Geller, Newton County EMD	

Guests Present:

Lori Harris, Mo. Dept. of Health and Senior Services, John Nichols, Mo.DNR, Todd Campbell, EPA, Steve Kemp-EPA

John Harrington opened the meeting and introductions were made.

The minutes of the April 18, 2018 meeting were unanimously approved with one correction, change Craig Kreman's representation from Quapaw Tribe to Newton County Citizen. Motion by Jill Cornett, Charla Geller second.

Financial Report

The finances for the quarter were reviewed. The beginning balance was \$20,509.19, 1 expense of \$20.17 to reimburse Dan for Go Daddy Domain, no revenues leaving a balance of \$20,489.02.

Dan reminded the group of the e-mail vote on 6-26-18 to approve paying the annual web hosting fee \$240 for the Four State Clean Air Alliance web site, and the June Ramsey Media bills for the FSCAA social media campaign of \$250 and the \$250 Google AdWorks bill. These were approved via e-mail vote.

Dan requested bill approvals for \$11.25 for Annual Mo. non-profit registration fee.

He also requested permission to pre-approve paying Ramsey Media bills for months of July, August, September, and October so we don't have to conduct e-mail votes each month to approve those bills. This would be for a not-to-exceed amount of \$3000 as approved in the 2018 budget.

One vote to approve all bill approvals was taken with a motion made by Jill Cornett and second by Jeff Burkett. It was unanimously approved.

Old Business

New/Vacant Director Positions

With Craig's move from Jasper to Newton County, there are currently no vacancies in Newton County and two in Jasper County. Discussed possible ideas of new appointees from a school district or an environmental group.

College Scholarship Program

Dan reported that he and Bob had amended the application to open it up to current college students per instructions from last meeting. That new information was sent out to MSSU and PSU admissions departments. Dan has had 2 contacts from college students indicating interest in applying. Application period for fall open until July 31.

New Business

Dan reported that the annual IRS Form 990 had been filed.

Reports

EPA Report

Steve Kemp gave an update on EPA clean-up activities. Showed map of clean -up areas. Will send PDF to Dan for posting on web site. In Jasper County much of work still occurring northwest of Joplin, near Webb City, etc. Repositories are being used at snowball and at the Farmland Trust site. They are looking into starting to use the old repository east of Webb City.

He reviewed the new Newton County Fact Sheet.

At snowball site, working with Liberty to move some power poles to complete that clean-up on west side of Shifferdecker. East side still about 2 years off. Some material is being put back into shafts as well as at a repository on-site that will be capped in place. Steve discussed a property on Belle Center Rd. where they are having difficulties cleaning as it has many old trailer homes and other debris on property.

Steve discussed the issue of old mine shaft data that is now available on the Jasper County Beacon website. The 2018 Inventory of Mine Occurrences and Prospects (IMOP) is a compilation of old mine data available from the MDNR . It shows possible locations of old mine activity, and where new development is occurring near these sites. There was discussion of how this data might continue to be made available to developers, public, etc. John Harrington said this data was also available on the City of Neosho web site for Newton County in the Integrity system.

Steve reported that MDNR thru the Mo. Geological Survey is looking at allowing wells to be drilled into the shallow aquifer without the new well drilling restrictions put in place in 2001. These restrictions were due to the data showing the number of wells contaminated with lead and cadmium in the area. John Nichols added that this was part of a regulation review ordered by former Gov. Greitens. According to Steve Kemp, the proposed new regulations would also do away with the required well driller, new well testing requirements. John Nichols indicated the new regulations will be published in the state register and there will be a public comment period from August 1- Sept. 12. Steve indicated EPA will submit a letter against the action. The group decided to wait until the proposed regs are published, and we can sit down and review them to decide how to respond. We may need to call a special meeting for this.

Steve reported that work continues on use of Webb City biosolids for revegetation of remediated areas. WC has received funding to upgrade WWTP to allow for better sludge extraction.

Steve reported that Mark Doolan is now the RPM for the Pools Prairie TCE Site in Newton County.

He reported that they are looking at some stream stabilization projects where they have cleaned up near streams.

FSCAA Update

Dan reported that the social media campaign is continuing over summer. He has taped the city public media show and is taping the MSSU show with Judy Stiles next week. No violations of ozone level at Alba monitor as of last week.

319 Grant

Heidi stated the progress with the 319 Grant has been focused in Barton County in areas around Lamar Lake. Things are going slow.

Next Meeting: October 17, 2018

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel Pekarek, Secretary

Approved: _____

Date: _____