

Environmental Task Force of Jasper and Newton Counties (ETF)  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
July 20, 2016  
Joplin City Hall 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Meeting Room

Members Present:

John Harrington, City of Neosho  
Bob Hockman, Newton County Citizen  
Tony Moehr, Jasper County Health Dept.  
Eric Ferrell, La Russell Stream Team  
Charla Geller, Newton County EMD

Jim Jackson, Newton County Commission  
Clayton Cristy, Jasper County Citizen  
Dan Pekarek, Joplin Health Dept.  
Jeff Burkett, Empire District

Guests Present:

Rosita Davis, Joplin Health Dept.

John Harrington opened the meeting and introductions were made.

The minutes of the January 20, 2016 and April 20, 2016 meetings were unanimously approved with a motion by Eric Ferrell, Jim Jackson second.

Financial Report

The finances for the quarter were reviewed. The account had one debit of \$240.00 for domain and website maintenance. The balance is \$17125.06. Dan has an upcoming meeting with attorney, Phil Richardson, to prepare the Missouri Non-Profit Annual Report that is due in August. There will be a minimal fee of about \$12.

New/Vacant Director Positions

The newest members, Clayton Cristy and Charla Geller were introduced. John will reconnect with Chuck Bryant and Cassandra Ludwig regarding their membership. John mentioned Bob Kulp will most likely hold off on joining the ETF. Dan will review his emails with Christen Lee and make contact again.

Website Update

John gave an overview of the new website changes. The site was cleaned up with outdated links removed. It was suggested to hyperlink the pictures to their respective sub groups. John suggested members visit the website before the next meeting and email John with any suggestions on improvement.

Four State Clean Air Alliance-Dan Pekarek

The Path Forward document was submitted to the EPA last week for review. JATSO has approached the FSCAA regarding funding that may be available for air quality. Dan and Suzan Morang met with Taylor Cunningham last week to go over projects they may be able to fund.

E-Mail Votes

Three different topics were voted on via email since the last meeting. The Path Forward document approval and the vote to discontinue the ETF's pursuit into Kansas were unanimously approved. The email vote was accepted into the minutes with a motion by Eric Ferrell, seconded by Tony Moehr.

The vote to pay Ramsey Media for website hosting and maintenance was unanimously approved. The email vote was accepted into the minutes with a motion by John Harrington, seconded by Tony Moehr.

EPA Update

Mark Doolan gave an update on the EPA clean up in the area. He estimates about 3000 acres have been completed. About 1000 acres around Waco and Schifferdecker remain. Two PRP's, Blue T and Goldfields have declared bankruptcy. They were to be responsible for several areas of cleanup. This could delay come cleanup. After the land clean-up is

finished they will begin the Stream clean-up. Webb City is beginning the process of opening a composting facility for sludge, it could be open by the end of the summer. The sludge will be used in ongoing remediation projects. Sewage sludge will be mixed with sawdust and cow manure. Mark and Dan gave a brief update on tornado related cleanup in Joplin. That project is winding down, should be done by end of year.

#### Spring River Watershed

Tony gave an update on the grant funded program to rebuild or replace septic systems along the watershed. To date 45 septic tanks have been pumped at a cost of \$11,040 and 25 have been repaired or replaced at a cost of \$118,095. The rain barrel demonstration project continues with rain gardens at both Kellogg Lake and Fair Acres. One hundred and fifty kids went through the rain garden at Kellogg Lake during kids fishing day. Still looking at a stream bank stabilization project. Having discussions with the Harry S. Truman Coordinating Council about working together with some funds they have for projects.

Next Meeting: October 19, 2016

Meeting unanimously adjourned at 3:10pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel Pekarek, Secretary

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_