

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

Members Present:

John Harrington, Newton County City  
Tony Moehr, Jasper County Health Dept.  
Dan Pekarek, Joplin Health Dept.  
Jim Jackson, Newton County Commission

Jeff Burkett, Empire District  
Jim Honey, Jasper County  
Eric Ferrell, La Russell Stream Team

Guests Present:

Rosita Davis, Joplin Health Dept.

John Harrington opened the meeting and introductions were made.

The minutes of the December 2, 2015 meeting were unanimously approved with a motion by Eric Ferrell, Jim Jackson second.

Financial Report

The finances for the quarter were reviewed. The account had 2 debits; \$3200 for FSCAA PSA and \$750 for officers insurance. The balance is \$15,105.09

Conflict of Interest Policy

Jim Honey signed the policy as he agreed to stay on the board until his replacement is found. All other members except Matt Barnhart have signed the agreement.

Natural Resources Damage Restoration Project

The letter was sent to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources regarding the Damage Restoration Project. There has not been a response as of yet.

Officers Insurance

An officer's insurance policy has been purchased at the cost of \$750.00 effective January 1, 2016.

Director Positions

Matt Barnhart chose to remain on the ETF. Jerry Carter and Jim Honey are resigning. John Harrington will send letters of invitation to potential members; Cassandra Ludwig, Charla Geller, Bob Kulp, and Christen Lee along with a draft letter potential members can use to request their membership with their respective counties.  
Dan agreed to reach out to Jill Cornett with the Harry S. Truman Coordinating Council regarding vacant positions.

Website

Linda Swaim suggested she be replaced by someone on the board, she sent all domain and host information to Dan. John Harrington volunteered to update the website.

2016 Budget

Dan made available a handout showing the proposed 2016 budget. This budget was unanimously approved with a motion by Jim Jackson, Eric Ferrell second.

ETF participation in Grand Lake Watershed Council and Spring River WRAPS

Eric Ferrell read a history on both the Grand Lake Watershed Council and Spring River WRAPS. He presented the question if it was in the ETF's interest to continue attending those meetings and being part of those groups since the ETF

voted not to extend past Jasper and Newton Counties. A unanimous yes answer was discussed as it is still an open line of communication into neighboring counties.

### Reports

#### Four State Clean Air Alliance-Dan Pekarek

The subgroups are continuing work of the first draft of updating the Clean Air Action Plan into the Path Forward Document. It is due in September, but they have a goal of April. The solvent PSA has been completed. Dan is preparing for taping with MSSU and the City of Joplin for the Ozone Season. Leggett and Platt has an upcoming Earth Day event the group is planning on an information booth at the event.

#### Spring River Watershed- Tony Moehr

The Fair Acres rain garden is completed. The rain barrel program is continuing. Stream based stabilization is beginning on Jenkins Creek.

### Kiosk

John Harrington found a Kiosk unit that runs off an ipad for about \$1,000.00. He passed the brochure around.

Next Meeting: April 20, 2016

Meeting unanimously adjourned at 3:20 pm with a motion by Jim Jackson and seconded by Eric Ferrell.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel Pekarek, Secretary

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

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