

Environmental Task Force of Jasper and Newton Counties (ETF)  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
January 21, 2015  
Joplin City Hall 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Meeting Room

Members Present:

Bob Hockman-Newton County Citizen Representative	Bob Williams, Carthage Water & Electric
Eric Ferrell, La Russell Stream Team	Dan Pekarek, Joplin Health Dept.
Jim Honey, Jasper County Commission	Gary Roark, Newton County Emergency Mgmt.
Robert Nichols, Jasper County Resident	Tony Moehr, Jasper County Health Dept.
Jim Jackson, Newton County Commission	John Shepard ,for Matt Barnhart, Mo-Am Water

Guest:

Wally Kennedy, Joplin Globe	Rosita Davis, Joplin Health Dept.
Lori Harris, MO Dept. Health & Senior Services	

Bob Nichols opened the meeting and introductions were made.

The minutes of the October 15, 2014 meeting were unanimously approved with a motion by Dan Pekarek, Jim Jackson second.

Bob Kulp's Service

Bob Nichols announced Bob Kulp has resigned from the ETF board. Bob is interested in replacing him with Robin McAlester from Empire. Bob will explore where she lives with the possibility of adding her as a community member since Empire is already represented on the ETF board.

Bob Williams Retirement

Bob Williams stated this will be his last ETF meeting as he is slowing down for his retirement in April 2015. He believes his interim replacement, Chuck Bryant, would be a good fit should the board consider him.

Spring River Watershed

The Spring River Watershed plan is still under review. Review meetings are to be held January 26, 2015 in Mt. Vernon and January 27, 2015 in Carthage at Carthage Water & Electric. Hope to have approval by June.

EPA Activities in Jasper County

Clean up is continuing in Neck City, Oronogo, 249 Hwy & Zora, and along Blackcat Road.

EPA Activities in Newton County

Mark Doolan notified Bob Nichols that the Newton County clean-up has been taken over by the Corp of Engineers. Jim Jackson, Newton County Commissioner will get their contact information for the board.

Four State Clean Air Alliance

Dan attended the JATSO meeting last week and got approval to add Craig Kremen from the Quapaw Tribe and Carl Hayes from Cherokee County to the FSCAA board and to move forward with the Ozone Advance Program. Dan made a motion for the ETF to also approve all three of these motions, Jim

Jackson second, all were unanimously approved. Dan and Bob Nichols made a clean air presentation to the Grand Lake Watershed Council in Miami, OK last week. Dan completed two taped interviews, one for Judy Stiles, and one for Lynn Onstot. Judy Stiles mentioned maybe taping some short spots that could be used to fill time when a live event ends earlier than scheduled. Bob Nichols will look into linking these interviews to the website. The ETF and FSCAA had a joint table at the Joplin Business Expo January 20-21<sup>st</sup>. Eric Keller mentioned the tri-fold brochure was very easy to talk from. Those that worked the booth agreed it was effective.

#### Review of By-Laws

Bob Nichols reviewed the by-laws noting \$4500 is committed to the 319 grant. The director term by-laws state they are 2 or 4 years. Bob had the board members present draw numbers. Those drawing 2 year terms are; Bob Nichols, Eric Ferrell, Jim Honey, and Gary Roark. Members drawing 4 year terms were; Dan Pekarek, Tony Moehr, Matt Barnhart, Jim Jackson, and Bob Kulp. Bob Nichols will distribute remaining terms to non-present members.

#### Storm Water discussion

The board discussed the role of the ETF in storm water issues. Bob Nichols debated over expanding service areas to include Cherokee County, Ottawa County, McDonald County, Barton County, Lawrence, and Berry County. Dan brought up expanding past Jasper and Newton counties may be too much representation. Tony agreed saying Air Quality is a federal regulation and easier to work between counties as all have the same standard, while water has different regulations between counties and states. Dan suggested maybe including more water testing results on the website.

#### Community Education

Bob Nichols would like to team up with the Alliance of Southwest Missouri on the prescription drug take back program to make sure each city has a drop off box. Advertise more and provide more education on this program. Bob is also considering doing a scholarship essay contest. He would first like to do a pilot high school, Webb City, as he has a contact with the environmental science teacher there. Bob offered to fund the \$500 scholarship himself. Bob Hockman volunteered to help Bob with the judging and reading of the essays. It was discussed to maybe get a MSSU student on the board to increase relationship with the college.

#### Funding FSCAA PSA

Bob led the discussion on funding a PSA for the Clean Air Alliance. Maybe do a portion of a PSA and partner with another group. Dan said he would check with FSCAA and report back on current funding needs.

Next Meeting: April 15, 2015

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.