

Environmental Task Force of Jasper and Newton Counties (ETF)
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
December 2, 2015
Joplin City Hall 5th Floor Meeting Room

Members Present:

John Harrington, Newton County City
Jeff Burkett, Empire District
Dan Pekarek, Joplin Health Dept.
Jim Jackson, Newton County Commission

Bob Hockman, Newton County Resident
Tony Moehr, Jasper County Health Dept.
Eric Ferrell, La Russell Stream Team

Guests Present:

Rosita Davis, Joplin Health Dept.

Mark Doolan, EPA

John Harrington opened the meeting and introductions were made.

The minutes of the October 21, 2015 meeting were unanimously approved with a motion by Dan Pekarek, Jeff Burkett second.

Financial Report

The finances for the quarter were reviewed. The account had no debits and a credit of \$332.01 transferred from the now closed Community Bank and Trust account. The current balance is \$19055.09

Vote to Approve 2016 Officers

It was unanimously approved to accept 2016 Officers as; President-John Harrington, Vice President- Bob Hockman, and Secretary- Dan Pekarek with a motion by Eric Ferrell, seconded by Jim Jackson.

Conflict of Interest Policy

It was discovered the Conflict of Interest Policy discussed at the last meeting was accepted in 2005. Motion to continue this policy with all members signing the policy annually was unanimously approved with a motion by Bob Hockman, seconded by Tony Moehr. Members in attendance signed and turned those in to the Secretary, Dan Pekarek.

Natural Resources Damage Restoration Project

A draft letter was passed out during the meeting to send to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources concerning the Damages Program allotment of funds. The motion to accept this letter and allow John Harrington to sign it and send it was made by Tony Moehr, seconded by Jim Jackson, and unanimously approved.

Officers Insurance Bid

Dan submitted an officer's insurance quote from The Insurancenter for review. The annual premium is \$750.00 with a \$1000.00 deductible. Questions arose as to what exactly is or isn't covered and would this include FSCAA since they are a sub-group of the ETF. The expenditure was unanimously approved with a motion by Bob Hockman, seconded by John Harrington with request that those questions are answered. Dan will talk to Insurancenter to get questions answered and forward that information out. John Harrington also asked that when a policy is received, that it be sent out to all members along with a copy of By-Laws and any policies.

Vacant Director Positions

There are currently 4 vacant director positions, 2 from each county. Some members had replacement suggestions, it was agreed they would contact them to gauge their interest. Interested parties should submit a short bio or resume for review. Possible names to contact included:

Newton County. New EMS Director-Jim Jackson will contact, Craig Kreman-Bob Hockman will contact, Danny Snow-John Harrington will contact, Bob Kulp-John Harrington will contact, Christina Lea-Eric Ferrell will contact.

Jasper County. Brent Wilkerson-Jeff Burkett will contact, Chuck Bryant- Eric Ferrell will contact.

There are three current members who have not been attending. From Newton County, Jerry Carter-Jim Jackson will contact. From Jasper County, Matt Barnhardt - Dan Pekarek will contact, and Jim Honey. Tony Moehr will contact. They will be asked each agreed to reach out to one of them asking if they wished to continue, or resign.

Cherokee County

The vote to expand the task force into Cherokee County KS. that occurred in April was discussed. It was discussed that it was in violation of ther By-Laws. Additionall the group felt we should first re-organize and deal with the issues in our original area of service. Dan Pekarek made the motion to rescie~~nd~~ the April 2015 vote to extend into Cherokee County, due to the violation of the ETF bylaws with a second by John Harrington. The vote passed with 6 yes votes; Jim Jackson, John Harrington, Bob Hockman, Tony Moehr, and Dan Pekarek and one no vote; Eric Ferrell.

EPA Update- Mark Doolan

Work in Newton County, specifically the Granby area has begun. Work in Jasper County off Malang Road continues.

FSCAA Update- Dan Pekarek

The fee for the Solvent PSA has been paid to Ramsey Media. Workgroups are continuing to meet to work on the Path Forward document, the goal is to have the document completed by Spring 2016.

Spring River Watershed- Tony Moehr

Tony reminded the group the 319 Grant has been extended through September 2016. The rain garden at the Fair Acres Park has begun. They continue to offer 60% cost reimbursement for rain barrels to citizens.

There being no further business the meeting was unanimously adjourned with motion by Dan Pekarek and seconded by John Harrington.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel Pekarek, Secretary

Approved: _____

Date: _____