

Environmental Task Force of Jasper and Newton Counties (ETF)  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
April 15, 2015  
Joplin City Hall 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Meeting Room

Members Present:

Eric Ferrell, La Russell Stream Team

Gary Roark, Newton County Emergency Mgmt.

Robert Nichols, Jasper County Resident

Dan Pekarek, Joplin Health Dept.

John Harrington, Newton County City

Tony Moehr, Jasper County Health Dept.

Guest:

Carl Hayes, Cherokee County Health Dept.

Jill Cornett, Harry S. Truman Coordinating Council

Rosita Davis, Joplin Health Dept.

Bob Nichols opened the meeting and introductions were made.

The minutes of the January 21, 2015 meeting were unanimously approved with a motion by Eric Ferrell, Dan Pekarek second.

Missouri Water Initiative-Spring River

Jill Cornett with the HSTCC informed the group the final draft of the Springriver Watershed Plan link is available on the HSTCC webpage. The draft is open for public comments until at least May 1, 2015.

EPA Activities

The area off of 7<sup>th</sup> street is continuing to be cleaned up. Now that the Newton County clean-up is being managed by the Corp of Engineers the group may look for a representative to attend ETF meetings.

Four State Clean Air Alliance

This is the best time for community education due to Ozone Season running April-October. Dan taped a radio show this week along with a lunch presentation. FSCAA will have a booth at the Audubon Center's tree giveaway scheduled for this weekend, April 18, 2015.

Dan has had conference calls with EPA Region 6, Region 7, and the Ozark Clean Air Alliance out of Springfield regarding the altering of their Path Forward document that previously included Jasper and Newton Counties then we will be available to apply on our own. They were also given permission to go past our NPO boundaries and include Cherokee County. Suzan is working on the draft letter, seeking approval at the next FSCAA meeting.

A motion to fund the FSCAA PSA#4 at a cost of \$3200 was unanimously approved with a motion by Eric Ferrell, second by Tony Moehr.

Resolution of Service

Dan volunteered to look into a Resolution of Service for Bob Kulp and Bob Williams.

Expanding service to include Cherokee County, KS

Bob Nichols suggested including Cherokee County as a board member on the ETF. Dan questioned the 501c3 crossing state lines and researching the by-laws for legality. A motion was made by Gary Roark and seconded by John Harrington to allow Carl Hayes with the Cherokee County Health Dept. to approach the Cherokee Commission about receiving permission to join the ETF. Vote was approved with 3 yes votes, 1 no vote, and 1 abstaining from voting.

Regional Conference Hosting

The group discussed the possibility of hosting a regional conference in the future. Dan suggested contacting DNR and the Dept. of Conservation to see if another agency has a meeting coming up we could co-host. Jill noted it might be best to have a presence at another event rather than running our own. Jill will check into the upcoming LEAF conference held in Rogers, Arkansas.

### Prescription Drug Take Back

Eric noted we may be able to partner with the Alliance of Southwest Missouri for advertising. Advertise on our website and Facebook pages.

### Essay Contest

Bob Nichols moved forward with the essay contest for Webb City High School Environmental Science class. The essays are due by April 17<sup>th</sup>. John and Carl will be the judges with the winner receiving a \$500 educational scholarship funded by Bob Nichols.

### Environmental Clubs

Dan agreed to contact Mike Fletcher with MSSU about environmental clubs. Eric will make contact with Crowder College regarding their clubs. Possibly offer one student an intern position to assist on projects.

### 319 Grant Project

The 319 Grant has been expanded to include agricultural projects in priority 1 and priority 2 areas in Jasper County. This now includes eight 12-digit HUUS.

### New Business

The ETF did not renew the membership with the Joplin Chamber of Commerce, this decision was due to deciding to no longer participate in the Joplin Business Expo.

Wildcat Glades has filed for an educational grant with the EPA. They will be hosting a Shoal Creek Watershed festival on August 8<sup>th</sup>.

Next Meeting: July 15, 2015

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.