

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

Members Present:

Dan Pekarek, Joplin Health Dept.	Tony Moehr, Jasper County Health Dept.
Gary Roark, Newton County Emergency Mgmt.	John Harrington, Newton County City
Bob Hockman, Newton County Resident	Jim Jackson, Newton County Commission
Jeff Burkett, Empire District	Eric Ferrell, La Russell Stream Team
Johnny Sheperd, MAWC	

Guest:

Rosita Davis, Joplin Health Dept.	
Jill Cornett, Harry S. Truman Coordinating Council	Dora Eastin, Newton County City
Michael Swan, Harry S. Truman Coordinating Council	

Dan Pekarek opened the meeting and introductions were made.

Moment of Silence in recognition of Bob Nichols

The minutes of the April 15, 2015 meeting were unanimously approved with a motion by John Harrington, Eric Ferrell second.

Filling Vacant Officer Positions

Dan reviewed the By-Laws requirements for filling vacant officer positions. According to By-Laws vacant positions can be filled at any meeting by a majority vote of members. These filled positions would remain until the next elections to take place at the end of the year. Based on that, Dan asked for a volunteers for the vacant President and Vice-President positions. Bob Hockman volunteered as vice president. No nominations were received for the President position. Bob Hockman's service as Vice-President was unanimously approved with motion by Eric Ferrell, John Harrington second. Dan explained that according to By-Laws, Bob would now serve in President capacity as long as the President position was still vacant.

Attorney Phillip Richardson has sent Dan a packet of information that needs attention since Bob Nichols passing. Dan and Bob Hockman will be meeting to review the packet. All approved to add Bob Hockman to the bank account and have two signatures on all checks with a motion by Eric Ferrell, second by Jim Jackson.

John Harrington and Gary Roark volunteered to be the nominating committee for 2016 vacant officer positions. They will report on names for positions by 30 days before October meeting for vote at October meeting.

Future of the Organization

The group agreed it was in the best interest of the task force for all members to check with their organizations to get a confirmation for continuation with the group. Everyone will email either Dan Pekarek or Bob Hockman by August 1, 2015 with their answer. There was a brief discussion regarding the need to fill vacant Director positions. Current By-Laws call for 14 Directors; 8 from Jasper County and 6 from Newton. There are 2 Jasper County vacancies and 1 Newton. It was decided to hold off filling vacant positions until more discussion occurs on future of group (do we expand number of Director's, include some from new area in Cherokee County, KS, etc.).

Fiancial Report

Dan gave report from info. provided by Phillip Richardson. As of the end of May there is \$ \$18,782.85 in the account; with commitments of \$3200 to the Four State Clean Air Alliance and \$1500 to match the Carthage Spring River 319 Watershed Grant. Harry S. Truman Coordintaing Council has been receiving bank statements from Community Bank and

Trust for an old ETF account. Jill Cornett and Dan Pekarek will investigate this account to see if it was tied to a grant and how we can spend the balance.

Next Meeting: October 21, 2015

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel Pekarek, Secretary