

Environmental Task Force of Jasper and Newton Counties (ETF)
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
January 16, 2013
Joplin City Hall 5th Floor Meeting Room

Members Present: Bob Nichols, Tony Moehr-Jasper County HD., Bob Kulp-Newton County HD, Jeff Burkett-Empire District, , Bob Williams-Carthage Water and Electric, Daniel Pekarek-Joplin Health Dept., Gary Roark-Newton County Emer. Management, Eric Ferrell, Bob Hockman-TAMKO,

Members Absent: Jerry Carter, Linda Swaim, Matt Barnhart-MOAM, Jim Honey-Jasper County Comm., Dick Ruestman,

Guest: Dan Luciette-Sen. Blunt Office, Jim Jackson-Newton County Comm., George Thullesen

Bob Nichols opened the meeting and introductions were made.

Minutes of the October 17, 2012 meeting were unanimously approved, Bob Kulp motioned, Eric Ferrell second.

Report on Clean Air Conference:

Dan P. indicated conference went well. Around 50 in attendance. Per the MOU with JATSO next order of business is to have ETF appoint members of the Tri-State Clean Air Alliance (TSCAA) governing board. Dan suggested we look first at names of individuals attending the conference and any that expressed an interest in helping to see if they met the criteria for TSCAA board. Discussion occurred for the following board positions:

- JATSO (1) Dan will contact David Hertzberg for representative.
- ETF (1) Dan Pekarek
- Counties (2) Initially just Jasper and Joplin. Bob will contact commissioners for rep. or designee.

- State Agencies (2) Bob will contact MDNR and MoDOT for rep.
- Industry (2) Jasper- Bob Hockman, Newton-Will contact Bob Honeywell @ Mercy Joplin

- Public Member (2) Bob will ask Commissioners from each county to appoint.
- City Each County (2) Jasper-Kevin Emory (CWE), Newton-Dan to call Neosho Mayor.
- HSTCC (1) Bob will call Harry Rogers.
- Inter-Tribal Council (1) Bob N. will contact.
- Environmental Group Rep. (1) Dan ask Robin McAllister from Audubon for idea.

This totals 15 people for the initial governing board. We will try to firm these names up in next couple weeks and get final names out for all to see. Will approve at next mtg.?

Stream Team:

Eric reported that all stream teams in area are being surveyed to see if someone wants to step up and take on responsibilities of keeping SWOST active as Linda Swaim is no longer in the area.

EPA:

Bob N. reported for M. Doolan. Newton County sites no longer Mark's responsibility, these fall to Steve Auchterlonie. Bob N. provided Globe article on Newton County Superfund activities. King Jack Park mine pit is being used for Jasper County cleanup activities.

SB 13:

Bob N. passed out a copy of SB 13. Group discussed whether we should oppose this. Eric motioned to oppose, Tony second, unanimous with abstentions from Bob Hockman and Jeff Burkett.

Lower Shoal Creek Watershed:

Bob K. reported they still haven't heard anything official from DNR on their Watershed Management Plan grant. He believes that DNR is concentrating on Spring River watershed in our area as part of the "Our Missouri Waters" initiative. Shoal Crk. could be included in that project.

NW Newton County Conservation Opportunity Area:

Bob K. reported nothing happening with this so suggested take off agenda.

Spring River Watershed Plan:

Tony reported the group is working on various educational brochures, pamphlets etc. DNR is contracting with K State to do 7 of the 9 elements of the plan. They may contract with HSTCC to do 2 other that involve public input.

Springfield Plateau Regional Restoration Grant:

Dan indicated he thought Joplin had submitted a grant. Bob K. indicated Dave Moseby with USFWS is thinking of setting up a local meeting soon to discuss status of grant, where to go from here.

Watershed Video:

Bob Hockman indicated video is done. A master will be kept at Tamko and one provided to ETF. Designed to be used in schools 5th and 6th grades but has good info. for adults as well. Discussed how many copies he needs to make to pass out in area. Group discussed all schools in Jasper/Newton Counties, Audubon (also ask them who might need one), put on websites-ETF-health dept's, University Extension, MSTV-Judy Stiles,. Bob Nichols will start list.

Joplin Expo:

Bob reiterated we could still use some help manning booth. Would be good to have at least 2 people at each time slot. He will send out current list.

Next mtg. April 17th.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Dan Pekarek