

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

Members Present: Bob Nichols, Tony Moehr-Jasper County HD., Jeff Burkett-Empire District, Daniel Pekarek-Joplin Health Dept., Eric Ferrell, Johnny Shepard proxy for Matt Barnhart-MOAM, Bob Hockman-Newton County Citizen Representative,

Members Absent: Jerry Carter, Linda Swaim, Jim Honey-Jasper County Comm., Bob Williams-Carthage Water and Electric, Gary Roark-Newton County Emer. Management, Bob Kulp-Newton County HD, Jim Jackson-Newton County Comm.

Guest: Mark Doolan-EPA

Bob Nichols opened the meeting and introductions were made.

Minutes of the April 17, 2013 (no July meeting) meeting were unanimously approved, Eric Ferrell motioned, Tony Moehr second.

Ozone/Air Quality:

Dan P. passed out the current list of the Tri-State Clean Air Alliance (TSCAA) governing board (attached). The TSCAA Board has requested that Jeff Burkett be added serving dual purposes-serving as a rep. from Empire District and also as a Jasper County industry rep. Also requested that Bob Hockman's position be changed from Jasper County industry rep. to Newton County citizen rep. We are still waiting on a possible rep. from the Inter-Tribal Council and the Audubon center. Eric Ferrell motioned and Tony Moehr seconded, all in favor.

Dan reported that the TSCAA Board had elected the following:

Dan Pekarek-Chair, Mike Kennedy-Vice Chair

Dan reported the TSCAA Board has met several times and is working hard on developing a draft Clean Air Action Plan.

Stream Team:

Eric reported that the SWOST group has dissolved. Eric reported he has continued to attempt contact with area stream teams.

EPA:

Mark Doolan reported approx.. 1,800 acres have been cleaned up by EPA. Still working around Carterville, Oronogo, Webb City areas and along I-249. PRP's continuing work as well. Working in the Tanyard Hollow/Wildwood area in northern Newton County. Newton County work has been bid out. Will be starting in the Granby/Spring City area.

The Record of Decision for the local cleanup was recently amended mostly to reflect new estimates of volume of chat/mine waste to be cleaned up (as well as increased cost). The amendment included other smaller changes including the cleanup in the EDR area in Joplin subsequent to the 2011 tornado.

Lower Shoal Creek Watershed: No report.

Spring River 319 Watershed Plan:

Tony reported project continuing with around 25-30 septic system repairs/replacements and around 40 septic tank pumps so far. Staff participated in the Kids Fishing Day in Carthage with educational info. on watersheds, etc. Demonstration rain barrels are being placed in Carthage, one in place in Kellogg Lake Park. Storm drain placards are to be placed in Carthage. Kansas State watershed modeling is done. Will be doing some public availability sessions, HSTCC to do this work. K State work will meet 7 of 9 elements required for the watershed plan. The HSTCC public input sessions should meet the other 2.

Will help to focus on agriculture BMP's in future but DNR wanting to wait until modeling project done. Will possibly use a dinner to roll out to public.

Watershed brochure went out with Carthage Press and link to Spring River Watershed Partnership is on county website.

Joplin Source Water Protection Plan-MOAM: No report.

Blood lead Threshold Lowering: No report.

Springfield Plateau Regional Restoration Grant:

Bob Nichols tried to reach USFWS officials for update but was unable to reach anyone.

Environmental Master Plan:

Info. has been updated, data just not on server yet.

Watershed Video:

Bob Hockman reported over 118 copies have been distributed, mostly to schools. Also on ETF website.

Grand Lake watershed Council:

Bob N. reported group met in Sept. Includes any group that has an interest in Grand Lake. Next mtg. to be held at the GRDA research facility at the dam site at on Dec. 18th.

Old Business:

New Business:

Bob Hockman will attend the Joplin Chamber Business Expo breakfast next week for ETF.

Briefly discussed the MSSU proposal from Mike Kennedy that MSSU interns operate some ozone testing equipment in Joplin area, perhaps as an educational tool for students and school. It was discussed that MDNR indicated the data would not be official data and from that standpoint would not have any bearing on official ozone activities in the area.

Nominating Committee:

Bob Hockman reported that the current list of officers have agreed to remain:

Chair-Bob Nichols

Vice-Chair-Bob Kulp

Secretary-Dan Pekarek

Motion by Tony Moehr, second by Eric Ferrel to approve. All in favor.

Next mtg. January 15, 2014

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Dan Pekarek