

Environmental Task Force of Jasper and Newton Counties (ETF)
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
October 17, 2012
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, Matt Barnhart-MOAM, Eric Ferrell,

Members Absent: Jan Tupper, Dr. Harold Haskin, Jerry Carter, Bob Hockman-TAMKO, Linda Swaim

Guest: Dan Lurette-Sen. Blunt Office

Bob Nichols opened the meeting and introductions were made.

Minutes of the July 18, 2012 meeting were unanimously approved, Matt B motioned, Bob K. second.

Ozone:

Bob Nichols reviewed latest draft (attached) of MOU with JATSO. JATSO has approved. Matt B. motioned, Bob K. seconded, to approve MOU, unanimously approved. Bob Nichols suggested we now go ahead and set up informational meetings in Jasper and Newton counties, perhaps in January. He will check with DNR.

Rhonda Headland MDC grant application:

MDC had requested a letter of support for their grant application to the National Wild Turkey Foundation for tree planting equipment. Bob had provided.

By-Laws:

Bob Nichols discussed request to amend By-Laws to create a Director Emeritus position as well as a new clause dealing with meeting attendance. After discussion it was decided to only do the Director Emeritus change at this time. The approved change is:

Director Emeritus. The Board of Directors may elect one or more Director Emeritus. The Director Emeritus shall have all rights and privileges of a Director but shall not have the right to vote. This will be added to section 3.03 Board of Directors Term of Office.

Bob Kulp motioned to approve, second Matt B., all approved.

Tony Moehr then motioned to approve Linda Swaim as Director Emeritus, Jeff Burkett second, all approved.

Nominating Committee:

Tony suggested that all current officers might be willing to serve again.

Bob Nichols-President, Bob Kulp-Vice President, Dan Pekarek-Secretary.

Motioned and seconded, all approved.

Stream Team:

Eric reported that the SWOST group has been involved with the Carthage Spring River 319 Project. They are also looking at a March 9th Stream Team Conference.

EPA Update:

No report.

Lower Shoal Creek Watershed:

Bob Kulp reported that they haven't heard anything on their grant application yet. Still looking for match opportunities.

NW Newton County Conservation Opportunity Area:

No report.

Spring River Watershed:

Tony Moehr reported. DNR has entered into a contract with K-State to help with modeling for local rivers for watershed management plans. They have hired the 319 grant Field Agent

Joplin Source Water Protection Plan:

Matt B. reported they are continuing to work with local stream teams. They have plugged 2 wells since last meeting.

CDC Proposal to Lower Lead Threshold:

Tony reported that we are still waiting to see how this lowering of threshold will impact local programs.

Draft Springfield Plateau Regional Restoration

Dan reported City of Joplin submitted a project.

Env. Master Plan:

No report.

Develop a Watershed Video

Bob N. reported filming is finished. Getting reviewed at Tamko.

Grand Lake Watershed Council

Bon N. reported met 3 weeks ago.

Webb City Chamber Expo:

Bob N. reported our booth went ok. Joplin Expo will take some volunteers.
May want to do a Neosho Chamber event.

Brochures;

First Printing is done. Bob N. passed around to review

249 Redevelopment:

No report.

Newsletter:

No report.

Advisory Council:

No report.

Next meeting: No date set.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Dan Pekarek