

Environmental Task Force Of Jasper And Newton Counties (ETF)
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2009
Empire District Electric Co. Board Room

Members Present: Dan Pekarek-Joplin Health Dept., Bob Kulp-Newton County HD, Jan Tupper, Bob Nichols, Bob Williams-Carthage Water and Electric, Chuck Surface- City of Webb City, Matt Barnhart-MOAM

Members Absent: Tony Moehr-Jasper County HD., Mike Palmer-Empire Dist. Elec., Jan Blasé-City of Neosho, Bob Steere, Gary Roark, Jerry Carter-Newton County Comm., Dr. Harold Haskin

Guest: John Carter-Doe Run, Wally Kennedy-Joplin Globe

Bob Nichols opened the meeting and introductions were made.

Minutes of the July 15, 2009 meeting were approved. Jan Tupper motion, Bob Kulp second. Unanimous.

Doe Run Report:

John Carter gave a report on Doe Run Co. clean up activities in area. Doe Run is a PRP identified by EPA for the area. Doe Run has 3 properties totaling approx. 240 acres in Jasper County. The first draft of the work plan has been sent to EPA and they have received comments. The plan is to consolidate and cover waste or put it into shafts. They will be starting work this spring. Doe Run has a consent decree signed by EPA, also have one for work in Cherokee Cty. KS. Work will take about two years, will be using local contractors.

Lower Shoal Creek Watershed:

Bob Kulp reported that the board had a meeting on Sept. 16th. They are still waiting on DNR approval for the WRAS. Harry S. Truman Coordinating Council looking for grants to do a 9 element watershed plan.

Spring River Watershed:

Bob Nichols reported that the group is moving forward on a watershed management plan without TMDL'S. DNR is required to do the TMDL's but hasn't got to them.

Air Quality :

Dan reported that he had not been able to attend the last few meetings in Springfield as they conflict with a local meeting.

Grant Applications:

No report.

Conservation Opportunity Area:

Bob Kulp reported the group hosted a Stream Team Summit on Sept. 23rd. Had good attendance. May look at doing annually.

Environmental Conference:

The conference is set for March 26, 2010. Bob Nichols asked that ideas for conference items be sent to him.

Other Environmental Concerns:

No report.

Watershed Video:

Bob Nichols reported that he thought that we should look at doing a video. Craig Jones with the City of Neosho has agreed to look into this. Bob Kulp agreed to help. Dan P. suggested that Judy Stiles at MSSU might be helpful with this.

Nominating Committee Report:

Chuck Surface reported that the following individuals were contacted and have agreed to serve as officers next year:

President- Bob Nichols

Vice President-Bob Kulp

Secretary-Dan Pekarek

The motion was made by Jan Tupper and seconded by Matt Barnhardt to approve. All in favor.

Advisory Council:

Bob Nichols discussed that we haven't formulated yet. Supposed to be made up of cities, where they can bring up issues for consideration. The By-Laws don't discuss in detail role, etc. Bob Nichols will draft a white paper for discussion at next meeting.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Bob Kulp brought up the prescription drug recycling program in Cherokee County KS. Bob Nichols suggested we might want Carl Hayes to come and present the program at future meeting.

Date of next meeting will be January 20th.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Pekarek

