

Environmental Task Force of Jasper and Newton Counties (ETF)  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
April 17, 2013  
Joplin City Hall 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Meeting Room

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

Members Absent: Jerry Carter, Linda Swaim, Jim Honey-Jasper County Comm., Dick Ruestman, Bob Williams-Carthage Water and Electric, Gary Roark-Newton County Emer. Management, Bob Hockman-TAMKO

Guest: Brianna McDonald and Harry Rogers-HSTCC, Ryan Talken-Joplin Health Dept.

Bob Kulp opened the meeting and introductions were made.

Minutes of the January 16, 2013 meeting were unanimously approved, Eric Ferrell motioned, Tony Moehr second.

Ozone/Air Quality:

Dan P. passed out the current draft list of potential individuals that have been contacted to serve on the Tri-State Clean Air Alliance (TSCAA) governing board (attached). Waiting to hear from some individuals contacted by Bob Nichols if they will serve. Jim Jackson indicated he will serve as representative from Newton County Comm.

Jeff Burkett announced the Mo. Air Conservation Commission will be holding their next mtg. in Joplin on April 25. Dan P. announced he was asked by Bob. Nichols to present at the meeting a brief overview of the Env. Task Force. Jeff also has heard that we should expect a new ozone standard from EPA in Dec. of 2013.

Stream Team:

Eric reported that Linda Swaim hosted a SWOST Conference recently with area stream teams but then announced that the group was dissolving as she was moving out of area.

EPA:

No EPA reps. were present. Tony reported that cleanup work continues near I-249, some work is occurring at Wildwood Ranch. Jim Jackson indicated that there is still supposed to be a repository located near Granby for all material cleaned in Newton County.

#### 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.

#### Spring River Watershed Plan:

Tony reported the K State project will look at the watershed as a whole, identify any hot spots, and do more in depth work in those areas. Will end up with a 9 element plan to feed into a Watershed Management Plan. Started doing some septic tank repairs. 4 total, 3 hookups to city sewer in Carthage. A press release was sent out yesterday about program. Working with Eric and City of Carthage to do rain garden demo., maybe at Kellogg Lake. Have funding for 2. Working on storm water stenciling project in Carthage. Developing brochure about project. No work on agriculture BMP's yet.

#### Joplin Source Water Protection Plan-MOAM:

Johnny reported no date has been set yet for Shoal Crk. cleanup.

#### Blood lead Threshold Lowering:

Tony reported no change in guidance yet.

#### Springfield Plateau Regional Restoration Grant:

Bob K. indicated USF&W had conducted a mtg. in Joplin recently to talk with Dept. Conservation and others about project, perhaps buying properties.

#### Environmental Master Plan:

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

#### Watershed Video:

General discussion, it is starting to be used and is well accepted.

#### Grand Lake watershed Council:

Eric reported is still meeting quarterly. Good forum for discussion.

#### Old Business:

Question was raised whether SB 13 (solid waste district issue) had done anything in legislature. Harry Rogers indicated is still on calendar but not moving yet.

Bob Kulp indicated Dick Ruestman had officially resigned. Question whether we will need to replace him. Will look into by next mtg.

New Business:

Bob/Harry discussed Spring River Watershed Summit May 29,30,31. Asked whether the ETF should be a sponsor for \$400. We would have a booth. Eric motioned, Tony second. All in favor.

Eric asked if group should support Jasper County Nuisance Ord. Decided we should wait to see what it says.

Next mtg. July 17<sup>th</sup>.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

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Dan Pekarek