

Environmental Task Force of Jasper and Newton Counties (ETF)
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
July 18, 2012
Joplin City Hall 5th Floor Meeting Room

Members Present: Ryan Talken-Joplin Health Dept., Bob Nichols, Tony Moehr-Jasper County HD., Linda Swaim-Stream Team, Bob Kulp-Newton County HD, Bob Hockman-TAMKO, Jeff Burkett-Empire District,

Members Absent: Jan Tupper, Bob Williams, Chuck Surface, Daniel Pekarek, Dr. Harold Haskin, Gary Roark-Newton County Emer. Management , Bob Williams-Carthage Water and Electric, Jerry Carter, Matt Barnhart

Guest: Mark Doolan – EPA, Valerie Robinson – MO DNR

Bob Nichols opened the meeting and introductions were made.

Minutes of the April 18, 2012 meeting were approved without objection

Stream Team:

Linda Swaim reported the new brochure is available and copies were provided. Anticipate use of this brochure at expos and events. A booth will be manned at the Water Festival with a focus on riparian areas. A shoal creek clean up is planned for August 25th to which they are partnering with Kansas to be able to clean the Kansas portion of the river. Future clean ups will probably focus on Spring River.

Ozone:

An organizational committee has been formed and a MOU with the MPO has been drafted. A motion was made by Bob Nichols to share the results of the meeting with the Metro Planning Committee. Seconded by Tony Moehr all in favor.

EPA Update:

Mark Doolan gave the EPA report. Mark reported that EPA funding was stressed Nationally and that negotiations were in place to discuss priorities.

Lower Shoal Creek Watershed:

Bob Kulp reported that the watershed planning application was submitted to Drew Holt on June 30th. He is still waiting to hear a reply.

Spring River Watershed:

Tony Moehr reported. 319 grant has been signed by the commission and submitted. Grant requires matching funds and they are currently working on securing these. The scope of the project includes non

point source pollution including septic, agricultural and urban issues. It is anticipated that a modeling contractor and a field agent will be hired. EPA is working on a project that will require some modeling be done of the Spring River Basin and the possibility of sharing some of the data to help control cost is being explored.

Joplin Source Water Protection Plan:

No report.

CDC Proposal to Lower Lead Threshold:

Tony reported that the CDC has lowered the level of concern for blood lead level in children from 10mcg/dl to 5mcg/dl. No guidance has been provided from CDC, EPA or Mo DHSS on this matter. This could possibly lead to an increase in children with elevated lead levels and stress case loads.

Draft Springfield Plateau Regional Restoration

Bob Nichols reported that the plan has been published in Federal Register. Seeking project ideas to hopefully keep the money here in this area.

Develop a Watershed Video

Bob Hockman reported that the final release date for the video is August 31. The intended audience for the video is for schools and could also be used in booth settings. Scripts of video will be sent to members and unless there is objections the video will be released.

Grand Lake Watershed Council

Recently met in Miami with 5 of the 8 tribes in attendance.

Drug Take Back (drop box) Program:

Reportd that MOAM gave alliance money to go towards the purchase of an incinerator.

Strategic Plan:

Linda Swaim provided a document for the group to review. The intended use of the document is to outline core goals and track accomplishments. Document is intended to be used as an active document and update as needed. The idea of a newsletter was discussed but it was determined that the best use of resources would be to provide a end of year report which could be provided to news media and posted on the website. The group is to review the document provided and provide any input.

Reception Neosho/Carthage:

Bob Nichols reported that booth space has been secured for both the Joplin and Webb City EXPOS. A suggestion was made to contact the Environmental Health Club at MSSU.

249 Redevelopment:

No report.

Newsletter:

No report.

Advisory Council:

No report.

New Business

Motion Made by Bob Nichols to appropriate \$4,500 each as a match to the 319 watershed grants for both Jasper and Newton counties. Motion was seconded by Jeff Burkett. Unanimous

Linda Swaim announced her resignation from the board due to residency requirements. She will continue to help and participate when she can.

Next meeting: No date set.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Ryan Talken