

Environmental Task Force of Jasper and Newton Counties (ETF)
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
July 20, 2011
Joplin City Hall 5th Floor Meeting Room

Members Present: Dan Pekarek-Joplin Health Dept., Bob Nichols, Tony Moehr-Jasper County HD., Tim Wilson-Empire Dist. Elec., Chuck Surface-City of Webb City, Bob Williams-Carthage Water and Electric,

Members Absent: Linda Swaim-Stream Team, Matt Barnhart- MOAM, Jan Tupper, Harry Rogers-HSTCC, Jerry Carter-Newton County Comm., Dr. Harold Haskin, Bob Kulp-Newton County HD, Gary Roark-Newton County Emer. Management ,

Guest: George Thullesen-Empire Dist. Elec., Ryan Talken-Joplin Health Dept., Steve McIntosh-Sen. Roy Blunt

Bob Nichols opened the meeting and introductions were made.

Bob reminded group we will need to come up with a new Jasper County representative for commissioners to consider (for Bob Steere). Bob Williams mentioned perhaps a rep. from Leggett and Plat might be a good fit. He will contact possible individuals.

Minutes of the April 20, 2011 meeting were approved.

Alliance Drug Take Back Program:

Linda Swaim submitted a written report in her absence (attached). Bob N. also reported that we had previously voted to support the purchase of 2 boxes but it was determined that 4 boxes could be purchased for same price.

Stream Team Activities:

Linda Swaim submitted a written report in her absence (attached).

Air Quality:

George Thullesen reported that EPA is close to releasing the new ozone air quality standards, probably the end of July. MDNR will be having informational meetings around state to discuss new standard. By Dec. of this year Gov. Nixon has to designate areas out of attainment. By July 31, 2012 EPA has to approve. MO then has 2 years to develop a state implementation plan (SIP). SIP would include things like idling regs, new industries might have to buy "offsets" from existing industries, stage one recovery, community education, etc. Any areas out of attainment would stay that way until 3 years of good data. There is discussion that the new Joplin MSA might include some of SE KS and NE OK. This could make any ozone reduction plan hard to enforce. There is an effort underway in MO and elsewhere to prevent EPA from making the new ozone recommendations as low as predicted as many feel the new level is unrealistic to attain. A form letter is being developed for local cities/counties to sign for Governor to see. Bob N. suggested that he meet later with George, Dan and Tony to come up with any possible recommendation from this group.

Doe Run: no report

EPA Update: no report

Lower Shoal Creek Watershed Partnership:

No report.

NW Newton County Conservation Opportunity Area:

Linda Swaim submitted a written report in her absence (attached).

Spring River Watershed:

Tony Moehr reported. DNR 319 application submitted. One year funding cycle. Basically has activities that lead to other larger projects, e.g. education, watershed festival, stream modeling. This group earlier committed to \$4500 match, Tony will only need \$1500.

Grant Applications:

No report.

Env. Master Plan:

Tony reported work is largely complete.

Watershed Video:

Linda Swaim submitted a written report in her absence (attached).

Strategic Plan:

Plan reviewed, need to update with new dates. Bob will work on.

Grand Lake Watershed Council:

Group has met.

Next meeting Oct. 19, 2011.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Pekarek