

Environmental Task Force of Jasper and Newton Counties (ETF)
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
July 28, 2010
Joplin City Hall 5th Floor Meeting Room

Members Present: Dan Pekarek-Joplin Health Dept., Bob Kulp-Newton County HD, Jan Tupper, Bob Nichols, Chuck Surface- City of Webb City, Tony Moehr-Jasper County HD., Gary Roark-Newton County Emer. Management, Harry Rogers-HSTCC, Bob Williams-Carthage Water and Electric, Linda Swaim-Southwest Ozarks Stream Teams

Members Absent: Bob Steere, Jerry Carter-Newton County Comm., Dr. Harold Haskin, Matt Barnhart-MOAM, Mike Palmer-Empire Dist. Elec.

Guest: Michelle Hartman, Jonathan Garoutte-DHSS, Mark Doolan-USEPA, Wally Kennedy-Joplin Globe

Bob Nichols opened the meeting and introductions were made.

Minutes of the January 20, 2010 meeting were approved. Unanimous.

Stream Team Activities:

Linda Swaim was introduced as new member of committee replacing Jan Blasé. She provided an overview of the Missouri Stream Team program. It is a coop. program of MDC and MDNR. Does litter collections, education, a major focus is stream water quality monitoring. Training is provided for volunteers. If level 2 or 3 trained, water monitoring results can be considered same as MDC. MDNR does water monitoring data quality. State web site is www.mostreamteams.org. All data is available there. Local team is sponsored by the Audubon Center. Recently formed a local association of stream teams, has 11 teams. Southwest Ozarks Stream Team (www.swost.org).

EPA Update:

Mark Doolan provided an update on activities. Approx. 1,000 acres of mind land remediation has been completed, mostly by WC and Carterville. Will soon be moving south of Highway 171, also in Duenweg area. Have completed Consent Decrees with Doe Run and Blue T Corps. Newton County site-ROD signed, Remedial Design to start soon. About 260 acres scattered all around county, largest area by Granby. Small sites will be removed and hauled to Granby for disposal. Newton County public water project with MOAM almost done. Will total approx. 110 miles of line. Appropriations for cleanup activities approx. 10 mil/year. Using some ASARCO settlement money right now.

Doe Run Report: No report.

Brownfield Activities:

Jonathan Garoutte and Michelle Hartman gave presentation on DHSS project. Working on a project where they are looking at mined land impacted locations in Mo. and trying to see what assistance can be provided to counties where Superfund isn't an option. Brownfield program may be an option. They may also be seeking "best practices" that we have dealt with that they can promote elsewhere.

Lower Shoal Creek Watershed:

Bob Kulp reported that they no longer have a PO Box. If have any brochures with old PO get them to him so they can be changed. Otherwise, haven't met since last meeting.

Lower Shoal Creek Conservation Opportunity Area:

Bob reported that the stream team association has become a reality. Robin continues to look for grant money for projects but she is very busy at Audubon. Bob provided a request for \$500 funding from group for a storm drain stenciling project in Joplin R-VIII schools. Was suggested that Robin put together a brief proposal for the funds, and that we would approach City of Joplin first (through storm water program) to see if they would fund. If not then Task Force could fund.

Spring River Watershed:

Tony Moehr reported group hasn't met since last meeting. Should be getting final approval of watershed plan soon.

Jasper County Environmental Testing Ordinance:

Tony reported that the county commission had recently approved a change to ordinance. The amendment changes the Cd soil action level from 25ppm to 40 ppm. This matches EPA's level. This was approved by this committee several months back.

Air Quality :

Dan reported that the Ozarks Clean Air Alliance had updated their Clean Air Action Plan recently. Dan sent out to Bob, Tony, and Bob. It is available on their web site. Dan also reported that he had checked the 2 Ozone monitoring sites in the area (Alba and Eldorado Springs) as of 5-31-10 nether site had exceeded .075 ppm in 2010. Looks like Carthage site has been discontinued. No new info on possible changes to Ozone action levels proposed by EPA.

Grant Applications:

Harry reported that MOAM awarded the grant for stream testing in Jasper and Newton counties. The health departments continue to do

Environmental Conference:

Bob N. reported that the conference is set for Nov 18-19 in Springfield. Sponsored by Tri-State Water Resources Board and Missouri State Univ.

Strategic Plan:

The draft of the plan was reviewed and a few changes were suggested. Due to time limitations changes will be incorporated into another draft and this will be discussed at next meeting.

Other Environmental Concerns:

- 249 Redevelopment-No report
- Update EMP- Tony reported that the county GIS staff is looking at updating data in plan.

- Newsletter- no report.

Watershed Video:

Tony indicated no action had occurred yet.

Advisory Council:

Will discuss at next meeting.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Date of next meeting will be (no date set).

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Pekarek