

Environmental Task Force of Jasper and Newton Counties (ETF)  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
January 17, 2018  
Joplin City Hall 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Council Chambers

**Members Present:**

Bob Hockman, Newton County Citizen  
Tony Moehr, Jasper County Health Dept.  
Daniel Pekarek, Joplin Health Dept.  
Jeff Burkett, Empire District  
Charla Geller, Newton County EMD  
Clayton Cristy, Jasper County Citizen

John Harrington, Newton County City  
Heidi Scheffler, Harry S. Truman Coordinating Council  
Charla Geller, Newton County EMD  
Jim Jackson, Newton County Commission  
Jill Cornett, Newton County Citizen

**Guests Present:**

Rosita Davis, Joplin Health Dept.  
Todd Campbell, EPA  
Jodie Burns, Cattails Environmental

Steve Kemp, EPA  
Kyle Anderson, MO DNR  
Elizabeth Hagenmaier, EPA

John Harrington opened the meeting and introductions were made.

The minutes of the October 18, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved after a date correction and correction of Todd Campbell's last name with a motion by Dan Pekarek, Heidi Scheffler second.

**Financial Report**

The finances for the quarter were reviewed. The beginning balance was \$18,759.19. Expenses for the quarter included \$750.00 for Officers Insurance, which passed via an email vote on December 7, 2017 with 11 members voting, all in favor. The current balance is now \$18,009.19

**New/Vacant Director Positions**

The Jasper County Commission approved the addition of Heidi Scheffler to the ETF board on November 7, 2017. Each county currently has one director position open.

**Officer Elections**

Officer nominations from the October 2017 meeting included John Harrington- Chair, Bob Hockman- Vice Chair, and Dan Pekarek- Secretary/Treasurer. All officers were elected unanimously with a motion by Jill Cornett, seconded by Jim Jackson.

**College Scholarship Program**

Dan and Bob submitted final draft of the scholarship requirements, application, and selection criteria. Craig Kreman, Jim Jackson, Bob Hockman, and Tony Moehr volunteered to be the selection and review committee. John Harrington offered to place a fillable PDF of the application on the website. Bob Hockman suggested naming the scholarship after Bob Nichols. Tony Moehr volunteered to speak to Bob Nichol's daughter, Eileen, for her approval.

**Annual Reports**

Dan presented the 2017 Annual Financial Report and the proposed 2018 budget per the ETF by-laws. The 2018 proposed budget was approved unanimously with a motion by John Harrington, seconded by Tony Moehr.

**New Business**

FSCAA Update, Budget Approval

The FSCAA has finished their 2017 Path Forward document update. The ETF approved the update unanimously with a motion by Charla, seconded by Heidi. Dan will ask JATSO for their approval at the March meeting. The proposed media campaign discussed at the October meeting now has a budget request. The FSCAA is requesting \$3,000 for a 2 month TV and Radio ad campaign targeted for the beginning and middle of Ozone Season. This was approved and amended in the 2018 budget with a motion by Tony Moehr, seconded by John Harrington.

#### Annual Conflict of Interest

Dan Pekarek passed out the Annual Conflict of Interest policy for all board members to sign.

#### US Fish and Wildlife Springfield Plateau Regional Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessment Amendment Meeting

Tony Moehr and Dan attended the meeting last month at MSSU. The US Fish and Wildlife and DNR are the trustees. 6.5 out of the 21 million has been promised to current projects.

#### EPA Update

Steve Kemp gave the EPA update for Jasper County. The remediation of mine waste in Jasper County is ahead of schedule. The EPA is working on a Record of Decision (ROD) on the Spring River Basin by September 2020. The City of Webb City is working on a compost facility. The compost will serve to support vegetation on the topsoil left after remediation to grow grass and prevent erosion on top of the repositories. The current plan is to use a 12" layer of sludge, wood chips, and manure. They are still working on the Snowball area West of Schifferdecker, and building a repository on adjacent private property. The East side of Schifferdecker is still under litigation with former owners. Elizabeth Hagenmeier gave the EPA update for Newton County. The Granby contract was completed in November with over 100 acres remediated. They are requesting a 2<sup>nd</sup> contract, estimated to be completed by the end of 2018 to finish up the Granby property before they move on to Spring City/ Spurgeon, then Wentworth, Diamond, and Stark City. Several board members asked for access to maps of the clean up areas. Elizabeth offered to email Newton County, while Steve Kemp offered to email the Jasper County maps.

#### Remove from future agendas

Heidi and Tony both asked the Missouri Clean Waters Initiative and the Spring River Watershed be removed from future agendas. Both projects have ended.

Next Meeting: April 18, 2018

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel Pekarek, Secretary

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_