

Environmental Task Force of Jasper and Newton Counties (ETF)  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
October 18, 2017  
Joplin City Hall 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Meeting Room

**Members Present:**

Bob Hockman, Newton County Citizen  
Tony Moehr, Jasper County Health Dept.  
Daniel Pekarek, Joplin Health Dept.  
Jeff Burkett, Empire District

John Harrington, Newton County City  
Heidi Scheffler, Harry S. Truman Coordinating Council  
Charla Geller, Newton County EMD

**Guests Present:**

Rosita Davis, Joplin Health Dept.  
Todd Campbell, EPA

Lori Harris, MO DHSS

John Harrington opened the meeting and introductions were made.

The minutes of the July 19, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved with a motion by Dan Pekarek, Tony Moehr second.

**Financial Report**

The finances for the quarter were reviewed. The beginning balance was \$19030.61. Expenses included \$20.17 for summerair.com domain renewal, \$240.00 to Ramsey Media for web hosting fee, and \$11.25 for Annual MO Non-Profit registration. The current balance is \$18,759.19. Tony told the group that Jasper County will not be needing the 319 Grant match that was previously budgeted for. Current budget unanimously approved with a motion by Charla Geller, Tony Moehr second.

**New/Vacant Director Positions**

The Jasper County Commission approved the addition of Craig Kreman to the ETF board on October 3, 2017. Dan is continuing to try and make contact with Matt Barnhart regarding his status. Dan suggested redoing the board terms once all vacant seats are filled.

**College Scholarship Program**

Bob discussed eligibility requirements for the scholarship. John agreed to put the application on the website. We will take applications January 1<sup>st</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> and awarding one scholarship to a resident from each county by April 1, 2018. It was suggested to reach out to all school districts and the Home School Association for interest in the scholarship. Dan proposed sending final criteria and guidelines to the County Commissioners for final approval.

**Annual Reports/ Registrations**

Dan Pekarek stated the Annual MO Non-Profit Registration has been completed, along with the Annual IRS Report.

**Funding Request**

Dan and Lynn are meeting this week to devise a media campaign for 2018 Ozone Season. After a campaign is decided, Dan will be approaching the ETF to request funding.

**New Business**

**Officer Election-Nominating Committee**

Election of officers will take place at the next meeting, January 17, 2018. Jeff Burkett suggested leaving the current officers for another term: Bob Hockman –Vice Chairman, John Harrington- Chairman, Dan Pekarek- Secretary/ Treasurer, all officers agreed to extend their term. If anyone else is interested or wishes to nominate someone please email one of the current officers.

2018 Annual Budget Request

Jasper County asked for a written request for the annual \$1500 paid by the county. Dan will reach out to Jim Jackson asking if Newton County also needs a written request.

New Board Member

Dan reported that Heidi Scheffler, of the Harry S. Truman Coordinating Council has be suggested by Jill Cornett to join the board as a Jasper County Resident. She frequently attends the meetings with or in place of Jill Cornett, a Newton County resident. It was discussed that both Jill and Heidi both work for the HSTCC so we would need to be aware of this for any possible conflict of interest. It was unanimously approved with a motion by Dan and seconded by Bob Hockman to send a letter to the Jasper County Commission recommending Heidi Scheffler to the board.

EPA Update

Todd Chapman has temporarily replaced Mark Doolan on the project. Todd let the group know the Fiscal Year 2017 ended in September with over 1.6 million cubic yards in Jasper County, 771,000 cubic yards in Newton County. A second contract in the Granby area of Newton County is still in process.

FSCAA

The FSCAA continues to update the Path Forward document with new data, statistics, charts, graphs, and projects. There is in odor issue in Joplin that is being addressed.

MO Clean Waters Initiative

The current Clean Waters Initiative has been eliminated. They are still waiting on an extension of their 319 Grant, hoping to get a larger area to work with if extended.

Spring River Watershed

The 319 Grant ended August 31, 2017. Tony is working on finalizing the report in which DNR spent \$240,000 with \$193,000 match from the county on rain gardens, rain barrel program, septic system pump repair, and creek stabilization.

Next Meeting: January 17, 2018

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel Pekarek, Secretary

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

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