

Minutes of the January 10, 2006
Environmental Task Force Meeting

Attendees: Richard McMullen, Mike Weldon, Mike Sweet, Jody Gonzales, Jan Thompson, Mike Nowels, Amanda Gross

The meeting began around 7:15 without a quorum there was general discussion about what could be done and what needed to be done to get a quorum. After some phone calls it was determined we would have a quorum given a little more time.

Discussion initiated regarding who wanted to serve as chair or vice-chair for the next year, by Rich McMullen asking if there were any volunteers to serve. Jody Gonzales nominated Mike Nowels for chair. Mike Nowels said he would be willing to do the job. Amanda Gross mentioned that although not yet at the meeting Mike Weldon had said he was willing to serve as vice-chair if there were no other volunteers. Mike Sweet agreed he would be a good candidate since he had done a good job with getting speakers and could continue to work on that.

There was a discussion as to whether the people who were not in attendance would want to serve as chair or vice chair. Amanda said that neither Sara, Darlene, nor Mary had mentioned wanting to serve in either position. It was also concluded that a decision needed to be made since there are only 3 meetings left in 2006 and then we will have another opportunity for new officers at the January 2007 meeting.

At 8:00pm a quorum was established. Jody Gonzalez made a motion for Mike Nowels for 2006 ETF Chair. Motion was seconded by Mike Sweet. Mike Sweet nominated Mike Weldon for 2006 ETF Vice-Chair. Motioned was seconded by Rich McMullen. After the nominations were approved Rich McMullen was thanked for his service as chair for both the 2004 and 2005 terms. Rich then handed over the meeting to Mike Nowels who took up item III b with a discussion of speakers for the upcoming year.

Suggested speakers and topics were as follows:

- Air Quality – Chris Klaus (NCTCOG)
- Gas Wells and the environmental impact and current regulations
- Regional Transportation mainly I-35 expansion and DCTA
- Landfills – Lewisville and Denton (what happens as the landfill releases gas)

Another goal for the upcoming year was to publicize the meetings more through the community calendars and local media outlets Request that Cynthia White draft some public service announcements to be sent out prior to the meetings.

Jody Gonzalez wants to host one of the meetings at the new Emergency Services building on FM 2181 which was met with great applause especially from those members of the committee who come from south of the lake.

Amanda suggested that on the website we have biographies of each of the members next to their name so that people visiting the website have a better understanding of who makes up the ETF. Mike Nowels suggested that Amanda send out a questionnaire for everyone to answer that would allow the biographies to be written.

Under the topic of Red Bud Days Mike Sweet said that he would have a table and allow ETF to share the space if any members wanted to come by and work the booth for a couple of hours. It was decided that a brochure could be made that would list the upcoming meetings and topics in time for the festival. Amanda said she would send out the brochure for committee approval in the 2nd part of February along with a request for volunteers to work 1-2 hours at the booth answering questions and relieving Mike Sweet. Mike Sweet asked if the county had any giveaways that could be put out. Amanda said she would check and see if there was anymore Denton Recycles paraphernalia.

The minutes of the October meeting were approved.

The different topics that had been listed earlier in the meeting were each assigned to a meeting date so that the speakers could be lined up and the information included in the brochure.

The meeting schedule for 2006 was set as follows:

April 11th – Air Quality – Chris Klaus

July 11th – I-35 Expansion & DCTA

October 10th – Gas Wells & Landfills

Rich McMullen was thanked for his service as Chair.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

Next Meeting April 11, 2006