

Minutes of the January 11, 2005
Environmental Task Force Meeting

Attendees: Sarah Hartpence, Darlene Munger, Richard McMullen, Mike Weldon, Mike Sweet, Mary Thomas, Jody Gonzales, Cynthia White, Amanda Gross

The meeting was called to order by Richard McMullen at 7:10pm.

Darlene Munger made the motion to accept the minutes from the October 19, 2004 meeting. Motioned was seconded by Mike Weldon and approved with a unanimous vote with Jody Gonzalez abstaining since he was not at the October meeting.

There was a discussion regarding the request to allow some form of proxy voting for meetings of the Environmental Task Force. One of the reasons mentioned was severe weather prohibiting members to attend a scheduled meeting. Amanda pointed out that the by-laws do allow the ETF to call meetings outside of the regularly scheduled meetings if needed. The discussion moved to the subject of what kind of criteria would be established to determine the use of proxy voting authority. Cynthia White expressed her thoughts; it is already difficult to get a quorum of the members. Instituting this policy would only exacerbate this problem. There was more discussion and then Darlene Munger made the motion to request that the Commissioner's Court change the by-laws for the ETF to allow proxy voting of issues posted on the agenda providing each member have only one proxy vote per meeting per year. Mike Weldon seconded the motion. After more discussion a vote was taken and the motion failed 6-2. It was requested that members notify the chairperson and Amanda as soon as they know they will not be able to attend a meeting so that it can be determined whether or not to change a meeting date to ensure a forum.

Amanda requested that the chairman skip to item d and finish the items that needed to be voted on. Mary moved to nominate Richard McMullen serve as chair person of the committee. Sarah seconded the nomination. Jody Gonzales made the motion to cease nominations. Motion passed and the vote was taken to have Richard McMullen as chairperson for another year. Richard was elected unanimously. Sarah Hartpence and Mary Thomas were both nominated as vice-chairperson. They left the room as the vote was taken. Sarah Hartpence was elected as vice-chairperson for 2005.

Amanda presented the design for the ETF website as developed by Amanda and Mike Sweet. Discussion about website lead to discussion about City of Denton Environmental website and the progress of the county stormwater program.

Mike Sweet introduced the "bike-bot" to the ETF members with a history of the project and a demonstration of the abilities of the bike-bot. Mr. Sweet ended by inviting members of the ETF to join him at the "Redbud Festival" on April 9th. Amanda will work on a pamphlet or flier to be distributed at the Redbud Festival letting people know about the ETF.

Under future business and speakers Cynthia mentioned wanting to bring a presentation to a future meeting about the adopt a county road project she is working on. Amanda agreed to send the website link to members for comment. When a pamphlet or flier is ready she will also send it to the members for comment.

Richard McMullen adjourned the meeting at 8:38pm.

Next Meeting is April 12, 2005