

Minutes of the April 27, 2004
Environmental Task Force Meeting

Attendees: Jody Gonzalez, Sarah Hartpence, Richard McMullen, Lockadee Newland, Mike Nowels, Mike Sweet, Mary Thomas, Mike Weldon, Cynthia White.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chairman Richard McMullen. Richard opened the discussion regarding possible links to the ETF Website. Suggestions included: Don't Mess With Texas, EPA, Region 6, Railroad Commission, North Central Texas Council of Governments, TCEQ, TxDOT (Report Smoking Cars), Keep Texas Beautiful, Texas Parks and Wildlife and any government environmental site. Mary Thomas made a motion to vote on the listing. The motion was seconded by Sarah Hartpence and approved unanimously. A suggestion was made to include a calendar of environmental events on the website along with standards for including the events on the calendar.

Chairman McMullen asked Mike Weldon to be responsible for getting speakers for future ETF Meetings. Richard will collect ideas for the website. Mike Nowels will search out a contact for the Clean Air Act. Mary Thomas will be responsible for getting speakers for environmental issues and wildlife.

Jody Gonzalez and Mike Sweet will research and clarify the responsibilities that fall under county, city or state. Sarah Hartpence will contact other counties to see if they have an environmental task force, and the environmental issues they are addressing.

Commissioner White suggested that ETF members prepare presentations on environmental issues in each particular town or area to present to clubs, chambers or schools.

A discussion of issues/information being put on the ETF Website without a vote from the members ended with Chairman Richard McMullen stating that he would prefer an emergency vote on email or phone, but would leave that to the discretion of Commissioner White.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

