



June 2020 Meeting Minutes

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President's Corner

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Dear MMTU members,
The Mid-Mo TU Chapter had its June meeting on Zoom and the minutes are below.

Stream Team

MO Stream Team has come out with guidelines for monitoring stream sites during the coronavirus:
<http://www.mostreamteam.org/assets/covid.pdf> .

I think we can follow their lead and get back to the Little Piney soon. We need to contact the land owner at our present site because he put up No Trespassing signs and wouldn't let us on last fall. If not, Sam Potter has said he will check with some land owners near our site to see if we can get access.

**Sincerely,
John Wenzlick**

Notes:

At our last in person meeting Nathan McLeod volunteered to take over the Secretary role. You may know him as Shags on Classic Rock, FM 96.7, KCMQ. He is a great communicator and a board member of the Conservation Federation.

John is our president and has been writing our newsletter along with the Capital City Flyfishers newsletter. Jeff Holzem, who is also the our council Climate Change Coordinator, offered to do the newsletter and Jeff Bridges provided the Constant Contact access. Dean Rapp asked that someone replace him as Web Master and offered to train a replacement.

We met in May on Zoom with limited participation. Jeff Holzem presented slides on TU's support for a carbon fee and dividend, the [Energy Innovation Act H. R. 763](#) and asked our chapter to endorse the bill. Since so few chapter members were in the meeting, we decided to allow more time for questions and discussion. We discussed sponsoring the bill again at our June meeting on Zoom. Below are the minutes.

Mid-Missouri Trout Unlimited

June 2020 Meeting

June 2, 2020. 7pm. Zoom.

Attendees:

Doug Grove, Nathan McLeod, John Wenzlick, Curt Morgret, Lynn Kleopfner, Jeff Holzem,
Jack Meinzenbach (Guest Speaker)
Orders of Business
Introductions
Guest Speaker: Jack Meinzenbach

- Talked about the Conservation Federation's resolution to reduce carbon emissions to protect fish, wildlife and those who pursue them. The resolution supports the carbon fee and dividend that TU national backs and our chapter can too.
- HR 763
- [Carbon Pricing Bills in Congress](#)
- [Missouri State Energy Profile Last Updated: May 21, 2020](#)
- Requested actions for Trout Unlimited
- Missouri Power Plants
- Interactive calculator of carbon taxes on various fuel **prices**

Future Action Steps

John Wenzlick, our president, made a motion to submit a chapter resolution to support reducing carbon emissions. Curt Morgret, our council chair, seconded the motion. Jeff Holzem agreed to draft the resolution. Doug Grove, our vice president, asked if it would be acceptable to vote by email. No objections were offered, so we are asking chapter members to vote by email on the resolution. For the first item our chapter would write a statement supporting H.R. 763. Below are TU statements.

TU CEO, Chris Wood wrote: [The Time For Band-aids Has Passed.](#)

TU national's stated: "Just as we learned in the 1990s that we had to move from the stream to the watershed scale to recover trout and salmon, we must reduce carbon emissions to slow climate change. For this reason, Trout Unlimited is supporting passage of common sense legislation such as the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act. The time for band-aids is past. Nothing less than the future of trout and salmon; the future of fishing-the future for our children is at stake."

The other three items in the resolution are strictly voluntary and encourage chapter members to support serious actions to reduce

carbon emissions in order to protect coldwater fisheries.

Please vote yes or no on each of the four points and reply to this email by June 15th.

Feel free to offer suggestions or ask questions.

Mid-Mo Trout Unlimited Chapter Resolution

1. Endorse the [Energy Innovation Act, H. R. 763](#)
2. Request chapter members ask their Missouri Congressional Representatives to support and/or co-sponsor H.R.763, and join the [House Climate Solutions Caucus](#).
3. Request chapter members ask their Missouri Senators to join the [Senate Climate Solutions Caucus](#).
4. Request chapter members ask their Missouri Senators and House Representatives to implement a process to support the Conservation Federation plan for Missouri to accelerate transition from fossil fuels to renewable energy to achieve net-zero greenhouse-gas emissions by 2050. See the full plan [CFM Resolution](#).

Closings

Adjournment: 8pm

A question came up about conservation legislation passed recently in MO. Our speaker, Jack M. checked and found only House Bill 1711 that allows shelf stable packaged foods (including venison) to be donated to and distributed by charitable organizations.

[Share the Harvest](#) .

Jack also offered to share information on remote trout water in the Wyoming Wind River area.

Check out the [Montana Fish and Wildlife video](#) on the impact of climate change on trout fishing.

Send your **pictures and stories for the newsletter** by replying to this email.

Stay safe and enjoy your time on the water,
Jeff Holzem

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Meeting Place: Mid-Missouri Trout Unlimited meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm, except for July and August. The current meeting place is Upstairs Meeting Room at Hy-Vee off Conley, Columbia, MO. In June the meeting is held at Stephens Lake Park, Collins Shelter, at 5:30 pm.

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