



ENVIRONMENTAL FEDERATION OF OKLAHOMA

EFO First Steps

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The advent of a new decade, the 90s, found Oklahoma's business and industry on a recovery trend from the ugliness of the 80s. So too were rumblings of major changes in environmental regulation brought on by the maturation of federal regulations along with a growing desire by Oklahoma's legislative leadership for consolidation of State Agency programs tasked with managing environmental issues. The, now private citizen, Jim Barnett, through conversations with Bob Gaspar, decided to move ahead with plans to form an Oklahoma organization similar to, but somewhat different than the Arkansas Environmental Federation.

On October 18, 1990 the State of Oklahoma issued a Certificate of Incorporation to the **Environmental Federation of Oklahoma Industries and Agriculture Operations, Inc.**, a not for profit entity. This inauspicious title was subsequently modified and amended on September 3, 1991 to become the **Environmental Federation of Oklahoma, Inc.** (EFO).

The initial Board of Directors meeting for the new organization was held in the summer of 1991 at the Oklahoma City offices of Kerr Irvine Rhodes & Ables. The purpose of this meeting was to establish the goals and purposes of the organization, draft bylaws, and nominate officers of the Board. The original Board members of the EFO were:

- Chairman, Michael Hughes, OGE Corp.
- Secretary, Gary McCuiston, U.S Pollution Control
- Wayne Plummer, Weyerhaeuser
- Reau Graves, Sequoyah Fuels Corporation
- Gill Luton, Green Bay Paper Company
- Lew Meibergen, Johnston Enterprises
- Ron Jarman, ENSR Consulting

Established in that Board meeting were the stated purposes of the EFO which are similar, but somewhat different than today's purposes:

- To provide information on environmental laws, standards, and technology;
- To promote the development of sound environmental policies by the legislative, executive and judicial branches of government;
- To educate and inform the members and the citizenry at large of relevant environmental issues;
- To address the common environmental concerns of the membership; and
- For other such lawful purposes that are consistent with its non-profit status as may be authorized by Oklahoma's General Corporation Act

For an interesting look at how EFO has matured, take a look at the current purposes found on the homepage of the EFO website to see how little they have changed.