
Keep Cass County Beautiful Minutes from March 5, 2014

Members Present: Linda Behrns, Roger Behrns, Mindy Chipman, Janet McCartney, Mitch Pearrow, Rick Yoder and John Baroni; a quorum was present. Guests Mike Gilligan from JEO and Mike Jensen from Cass County Zoning

Mindy Chipman called the business meeting to order at 6:40 pm.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Approve January Minutes
Motion by Mitch Pearrow, seconded by John Baroni to approve the minutes of the January 29, 2014 meeting with the correction to item 6.b. noting that the KAB National Conference was held February 4, 5, 6.
Motion passed.

Note: There was no meeting scheduled in February.

2. Treasurer's Report
Mitch Pearrow provided the treasurer's report. The previous balance was \$1,069.18. Current balance is \$36,875.85. Total expenses for the month were \$4,039.33. Total deposits for the month were \$39,846, which included \$240 in memberships and \$39,606 from the KAB grant.
3. Memberships: Calendar vs. Anniversary renewal
This item was tabled to the March meeting.
4. NDEQ Grant 2014 status
Keep Cass County Beautiful received the grant from NDEQ in the amount of \$39,606.
5. Non-profit application – update
A specific examiner has been assigned to KCCB 501c3 request. Mindy Chipman reported that she was told that the approval would be back-dated to 2013, so that all membership donations would be tax deductible for the 2013 calendar year.
6. Liability Insurance
Some discussion was held on the need for Liability Insurance. Roger Behrns reported that Jim Petersen is looking into a policy and Roger will also check with another agent. John Baroni will also do some checking. This item was tabled until the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Dave Potter & Mike Jensen, JEO Consulting – Cass County
Mike Gilligan, stepping in for Dave Potter from JEO and Mike Jensen were allowed to present their information at the beginning of the meeting. Mr. Gilligan explained that during this phase of the updating on the Cass County Comprehensive Plan they were holding Focus Groups and KCCB was selected as one of the groups to meet with. After Mr. Gilligan's presentation the group was given the opportunity to discuss their concerns and ideas for the County to focus on.
2. Cass County Stewardship Council
Linda Behrns reported that Nancy Josoff from the Cass County Stewardship Council asked if they could have a tab on the KCCB website to post their information. Linda is to find out what they have for a web site and what they would want posted on our site and report back to the KCCB Board. The Stewardship Council has also requested that KCCB help with their Education Component. More information will be coming.

3. Plant Fundraiser
Discussion was held on holding a fundraiser selling plants from the Plantman Nursery. KCCB could profit about 40% of the sales. Discussion was held on possible locations. Suggestions from the group are to be to Linda Behrns as soon as possible.
4. 2012 & 2013 NDEQ Revised Reports
Roger Behrns reported that all of the quarterly reports from 2012 and 2013 have to be revised and sent to KAB by March 21. Roger plans to send to Jane Polson for review.
5. Executive Director's report
 - a. KAB Conference
Linda Behrns reported that the annual conference was excellent and that she was able to attend many of the sessions that will help her in her position as Executive Director. Linda also reported that the Keep Cass County Beautiful received the President's Circle Award.

Linda noted that she had taught two "Waste in Place" classes to Louisville sixth graders and more classes are planned. Linda provided a list of activities that she had worked on during the past month.
 - b. Membership drive update
Three new members have joined Keep Cass County Beautiful

The following dates have been set for 2014:

April 2, May 7, June 4, July 2, August 6, September 3, October 1, November 5, December 3

PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES

Waste in Place: Youth Programs & Litter Free Schools Program – anytime

Great American Cleanup – March 1 – June 30, 2014

Keep Schools Beautiful Day (NE pilot program last year) – April 22 (Earth Day)

Grow Big Red (KNB grow red flower project)

National Planting Day – Sept. 8 – Nov. 30

America Recycles Day – November 15, 2014

Cass County Ecology Day for 4th Graders – Fall 2014?

Start a Litter Hotline in Cass County

Motion by Mitch Pearrow and seconded by Roger Behrns to adjourn at 9:15 p.m.

Meetings are held at the County Extension Meeting Room located at 8400 84th St., Weeping Water, NE. Meetings begin at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet M. McCartney, Secretary