



Keep Cass County Beautiful

Minutes – September 2, 2015

6:00 p.m. at Plattsmouth Public Library

Attending: Ex. Dir. L. Behrns, President Baroni, Sec'y Yoder, Treasurer Pearrow, Members: R. Behrns, T. Lorensen

OLD BUSINESS

1. Approve August Minutes
 - a. **Motion** by R. Behrns to approve minutes, seconded by Pearrow; motion **passed**.
2. Treasurer's Report
 - a. **Motion** by R. Behrns to approve report, seconded by Lorensen; motion **passed**.
3. Final Plans for Environmental Fair
 - a. September 23. 9-11; noon-2

NEW BUSINESS

1. KAB National Conference: Feb. 1-3; Orlando; Registration now open
 - a. Board member Yoder indicates interest in attending.
2. Serve Nebraska Award - \$750 – presentation Sept. 10 @ 4:00 p.m. (Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission)
 - a. At Louisville City Park
3. Electronics Recycling Event
4. Executive Director's report

FUTURE MEETINGS- 2015

Oct. 7, Nov. 4, Dec. 2

PROGRAMS, INITIATIVES, & DEADLINES

- *Waste in Place*: Youth Programs – Fall Kick-off
- Paint Elmwood City Hall bldg. – Sept. 5 (KNB Sherwin Williams Grant)
- KAB National Planting Day – Sept. 7
- Youth Litter Prevention Program – Plattsmouth 4-H Group – Sept. 8

- Serve Nebraska presentation award – Sept. 10
- International Coastal Cleanup Day – Sept. 20
- KCCB Environmental Fair for Cass County 5th graders – Sept. 23
- KNB Sherwin Williams Paint Grant Report Due – Sept. 30
- KAB National Award Applications due – Oct. 1
- 3rd Qrt. DEQ Grant Report Due – Oct. 30
- America Recycles Day – Nov. 15
- KAB National Conference – Feb. 1-3, 2016; Orlando

Director's Report for September 2, 2015

- Distributed educational materials at Cass County Fair booth Aug. 5 - 8
- Collected 660 pounds of recyclables during the fair
- Raffle winners: Kevin Faris – string trimmer; John Baroni- leaf blower
- Attended BUILD meeting – Meghan Sittler, Coordinator of Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance (LPRCA), was guest speaker.
- Tallied materials collected at 3 Cass County Household Hazardous Waste collections – 30% increase in participants compared to last year
- Attended Keep Nebraska Beautiful 2 day Conference – “How Great Leaders Inspire Action” theme based on book – *Leaders Eat Last* by Simon Sinek
Summary: walking tour of downtown Lincoln; viewed how DLA (Downtown Lincoln Assoc.) promotes litter prevention, waste reduction, recycling & beautification with sidewalk sweeper, locally designed cigarette receptacles & trash bins that work, bioswales, and landscaping. Lots of session sharing by affiliates of what we do, how we do it and why we do it. Information was shared about grants, educational activities, funding, KAB's new vision and core values, and on-line tools to help nonprofits. KCCB received a gold affiliate award plaque for completing all 13 KNB requirements.
- Loaned 10 recycling bins & 2 cigarette receptacles to Manley community celebration – diverted 200 pounds of recyclables
- Preparing KCCB Youth Environmental Fair – 22 booths confirmed; 6 schools with 268 fifth grade students and 15 teachers will be attending
- Securing volunteers for enviro. fair and making final preparations
- Attended Waste Cap Roundtable Mtg. & toured Habitat for Humanity Restore in Omaha
- Conference call collaboration with Chris Funk, Waste Cap, & Kate Bailey, Eco-Cycle, Boulder, CO; planning next steps for Zero Waste planning for city of Louisville. KCCB will provide in-kind educational communication and letter of support.
- Conversation with Dale Gubbels, Firstar CEO, exploring partnership with Dow for additional recycling of hard-to-recycle plastics for energy recovery