



Keep Cass County Beautiful

Minutes – November 4, 2015

6:00 p.m. at Plattsmouth Public Library

Attending: Ex. Dir. L. Behrns, President Baroni, Vice-President Rush-Chipman, Sec’y Yoder, Treasurer Pearrow, Members: R. Behrns & Lorensen Meeting called to order at 6:10 P.M.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Approve October Minutes
 - a. **Motion** by Pearrow to approve minutes, seconded by R. Behrns; motion **passed**.
2. Treasurer’s Report
 - a. **Motion** by Lorensen to approve report, seconded by Rush-Chipman; motion **passed**.
3. NCEA Forum for EV (Electric Vehicle) opportunities
 - a. Anne McCollister, consultant to NCEA (Nebraska Community Energy Alliance) will give presentation about organization followed by Q & A
 - b. Present opportunity of how Cass Co. communities could benefit from EV (elec. vehicles)
 - c. Invitations to public, co. commissioners, chambers, councils, & KCCB members
 - d. Held at Louisville Sr. Center on Dec. 2 from 5:00 – 6:30; KCCB mtg. to follow

NEW BUSINESS

1. Executive Director’s report
2. 2015 Nebraska Conservation Summit – Dec. 7
3. Set 2016 KCCB Meeting Dates:
 - a. Jan. 6, Feb (no mtg. Nat’l Convention), Mar. 2, Apr. 6, May 4, June 1, July 6, Aug. 3 (at Cass Co. Fair), Sept. 7. Oct. 5, Nov. 2, Dec. 7
 - b. Approval pending - Plattsmouth Public Library
4. Membership Drive – start kickoff at Dec. forum meeting & include in Dec. newsletter
5. Volunteer/Member Appreciation Event – nothing definite decided

FUTURE MEETINGS- 2015

Dec. 2

PROGRAMS, INITIATIVES, & DEADLINES

- *Waste in Place:* Youth Programs – Fall Programs
- Electronics Recycling Collection: Louisville – Nov. 7
- America Recycles Day – Nov. 15
- KAB National Conference – Feb. 1-3, 2016; Orlando

DIRECTOR'S REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 4, 2015

- Participated in live conference call for KAB small affiliates – discussed difficulty of recycling in rural areas. Some use hub & spoke regional collections; some find local advocates & use them to bring other groups on board. Remind folks – any waste handling has cost. Better to reduce, reuse & then recycle. Educate what goes in the recycle bin; avoid contamination, use accurate labeling. Affiliates shared activities/events for America Recycles Day
- Completed and submitted DEQ Qrt. 3 Report – Requesting \$11,249.33 reimbursement
- Paid IRS Form 941 Qrt. 3 Payroll Tax
- Paid Workman's Comp Insurance premium
- Participated in KAB webinar – “Putting New Life into Volunteer Programs” Key Points: be respectful of volunteers' time, have a recruitment process to ask for volunteers, put volunteer application on website, communicate needs & how to get involved, retain & recognize efforts
- Pre/post survey sampling from Enviro. Fair yielded a 106% gain of student learning
- Lou Allgayer was not selected as a finalist for ServeNebraska volunteer awards
- Ordered 9 No-Litter Hotline signs & installation with Nebraska Dept. of Roads
- Received 10 Red Oak trees for Louisville City Park from ReTree Nebraska Grant
- Helped plant 10 trees in Louisville Park
- Village of Manley received 10 mixed varieties of trees from ReTree NE for park
- Participated in “Keep Your Caps On” webinar by APR (Assoc. of Postconsumer Plastic Recyclers) Presenters stressed the importance of keeping caps on containers so they make it to the recycler. At the reclaimer, all plastics are ground into flakes & rinsed; cap material flakes float & other plastic flakes sink allowing easy separation. Tremendous markets for the caps.
- Designed & ordered 500 oxo-biodegradable litter bags
- Progress of Lowe's Grant at Cedar Creek
- Promoted KCCB Electronics Recycling Event in print & social media – Nov. 7
- Ordered America Recycles Day banner and ARD stickers
- Applied for a \$500 grant from KAB to create a New Youth Advisory Council
- Attended B.U.I.L.D. mtg. – promoted Electronics Recycling Collection
- Wrote news articles for Journal & Cassgram
- Planning a meeting with Louisville Superintendent & Papillion Sanitation for discussion of starting a recycling program at the school
- Exploring other options for recycling of tube TVs & CRTs in addition to Best Buy

Motion by Rush-Chipman, seconded by Yoder to adjourn at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Roger Behrns, Member