



Minutes – January 3, 2018
6:00 p.m. Plattsmouth Public Library

ATTENDEES: Ex. Dir. L. Behrns, President M. Pearrow, Vice President T. Lorensen, Treasurer J. Baroni, Secretary R. Behrns, Members: D. Vidlak and R. Yoder

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Welcomed new board member- Debbie Vidlak
2. Approve December Minutes
 - Moved to approve by T. Lorensen, seconded by R. Yoder. Approved.
3. Treasurer's Report
 - Moved to approve by R. Yoder, seconded by T. Lorensen. Approved.
4. USDA Green Business Program update
 - R. Yoder writing summaries of businesses and preparing green brand logo. Working out details of reimbursement and next plans with director.
5. Reduction of 2018 DEQ Litter Recycling Education Grant
 - Motion by R. Yoder to set director's salary at \$3100 per month for 2018; seconded by T. Lorensen. Motion carried.
6. Member/Appreciation event- March 22
 - Move date to March 21 if Community Center is available. Social 6:00 – 6:30 with dinner at 6:30 p.m. Director will contact Hy-Vee for menu donation. Door prizes and speaker suggested.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Annual plant sale fundraiser
 - T. Lorensen volunteered a space for KCCB at the Rural Route Rust event – May 5.
2. 2018 Electronic Recycling Events
 - Continue \$1000 maximum for supporting electronic recycling events in the county. Director's discretion for number of events.
3. Executive Director's report is attached.

Motion to adjourn by J. Baroni, seconded by T. Lorensen; motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by R. Behrns

FUTURE MEETINGS- 2018

Feb. 7, March 7, April 4, May 2, June 6, *Thursday* July 5, Aug. 8 (Fairgds.). Sept. 5, Oct. 3, Nov. 7, Dec. 5

PROGRAMS, INITIATIVES, & DEADLINES

- Youth Advisory Council – Louis. Schools – Jan. mtg. TBD

- *Waste in Place*: Youth Environmental Programs upon request
- Membership Drive on-going for 2018
- IRS Payroll Tax Deposit due monthly by the 15th
- KAB Nat'l Conference: Jan. 17 – 19; Dallas
- DEQ Qrt. 4 reimbursement report due Jan. 30
- USDA Qrt. 4 performance report due Jan. 30
- 2018 Waste Reduction and Recycling Programs Grant due Feb. 1
- Outdoor Discovery Program: Apr. 18 -19; Platte River State Park

Director's Report for January 3, 2018

- Participated in KAB YAC (Youth Advisory Council) call
- YAC held second litter cleanup at Louisville School campus
- Attended Louisville B.U.I.L.D. meeting
- Revised 2018 DEQ Litter Reduction and Education Grant & resubmitted
- Attended welcome for Brett Kreifels, new Cass County Extension Educator
- Watched EPA Webinar "Reducing Food Going to Waste" – three presenters explained use of technology to connect excess food to community need. Ricky Ashenfelter of Spoiler Alert: aggregate data, work with Sysco & use technology to solve food waste; Justin Block represented Feeding America -developed *Meal Connect* free program app; www.foodrescuehub.org to find local partner; and Cheryl Kollin, Montgomery County, Maryland, use the Community Food Rescue volunteer program and *Chow Match* software for real-time match of food to needy.
- Awarded 2017 KAB/Coca-Cola Public Space Recycling Bin Grant for 10 round recycling bins for new Louisville ballfield and Main Street areas
- Attended Elmwood-Murdock Merchant's Assoc. meeting
- Delivered 5 cardboard recycling boxes to Weeping Water Public Schools
- Published winter newsletter; distributed 406 electronic copies, 10 color copies for US mailings; Cassgram attachment and on-line county newsletter editors. Attached KNB's new food waste newsletter called *Refresh* and sent along with electronic copies.
- Reviewing VENMO, a phone app, as another means of donations
- Investigated South Bend recycling trailer repairs needed; secured gas springs from Nancy Josoff; made repairs to South Bend and Louisville trailers
- Contacted clerks and others about use of county recycling trailers and condition
- Made report and presented to Cass County Commissioners at Dec. 26 mtg.
- Will follow-up with a walk-around inspection of all county owned recycling trailers and report back to commissioners to help develop a maintenance plan
- Reserved 2018 KCCB meeting dates with Plattsmouth Public Library
- Received a \$1395.16 donation from the dissolution of the Nebraska Great Plains RC & D
- Sent thank you's to Great Plains RC & D and Janet McCartney for donation.
- Sent thank you's to Soil Dynamics, Black Hills Energy, Timber Ridge Homes, ReTree Nebraska and KAB/UPS for donations for tree grant project.
- Conducted new board member orientation with Debbie Vidlak
- Purchased supplies with remaining DEQ Grant funds

The mission of the Keep Cass County Beautiful Program is to educate, enable and encourage all Cass County residents to take greater responsibility for enhancing their community environment.