



Minutes - March 4, 2020
6:00 p.m. Plattsmouth Public Library

Attending: Vice President J. Baroni; Treasurer D. Vidlak; Secretary R. Yoder; Executive Director L. Behrns; L. Froistad; R. Behrns; D. Stahl

OLD BUSINESS

1. Approve Minutes: **MOTION** to approve by R. Behrns; second by D. Vidlak; **APPROVED**
2. Approve Treasurer's Report: **MOTION** to approve by R. Yoder; second by D. Vidlak; **APPROVED**
3. Finalize March 26 Appreciation Event & suggestions for awards
4. Goals & strategic planning for 2020
 - i. Shred Event seems too costly.
 - ii. Polystyrene addition to recycling event April 25 in Weeping Water. Volunteer logistics appear sufficient to add this event.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Conduct KAB Litter Index of county - need volunteers
2. *Greener Cleaner Event* – need 2 helpers
3. Executive Director's report

Motion to adjourn @ 7:02 pm by R. Yoder, seconded by R. Behrns. **APPROVED**
Respectfully submitted by Richard Yoder.

FUTURE MEETINGS- 2020

April 1, May 6, June 3, July 1, Aug. 5 (at Fairgrds.), Sept. 2, Oct. 7, Nov. 4, Dec. 2

PROGRAMS, INITIATIVES, & DEADLINES

- *Waste in Place*: Youth Environmental Programs upon request
- IRS 941 Payroll Tax Deposit due monthly by the 12th
- Great American Cleanup – Beaver Lake - March 7 @ 10:30 a.m. Golf Course Pkg. Lot
- *Greener Cleaner* event- Plattsmouth Pub. Library – March 11; 6:30 – 7:45 p.m.
- Plattsmouth Chamber of Commerce Appreciation Night – March 19
- *Greener Cleaner* event – Bellevue-Offutt Kiwanis – March 20
- KCCB Appreciation Event – March 26
- Planning Great American Cleanup events– March 19 – June 20
- KNB Eastern Affiliate Director's Mtg. in Columbus – April 9
- GAC - Louisville Homeschool group – April 14
- Platte River Outdoor Discovery Program – April 15-16
- Earth Day – April 22
- Distribute KCCB vehicle litter bags & educ. through area banks during Earth Week
- KCCB Electronic, Appliance, Metal Recycling event – April 25, Weeping Water
- Trash to Treasure Family Craft Night –Plattsmouth Pub. Library with Conservation Nebraska – April 30; 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- Manley GAC – May 2 at 9 a.m.
- Keep Nebraska Beautiful Annual Conference – Aug. 19 -20 Hyatt Place; Lincoln
- KCCB Youth Environmental Fair – Sept. 30

Director's Report for March 4, 2020 (Feb. activities)

- Wrote winter newsletter & sent to all contacts, posted on website and published with Cassgram
- Attended Louisville BUILD meeting
- Attended KAB National Conference in Memphis, TN (Highlights will be discussed during mtg.)
- Received 2019 President's Circle Award at the KAB Conference
- Met with Andrew Wright, Ameri-Corps member serving with Conservation Nebraska, & coordinated plans for spring & summer events
- Documented 2020 memberships & sent hand written thank you notes
- Updated website info and posts on Facebook
- Made contacts for planning spring litter cleanups
- Refined details with Cross Electronic Recycling for KCCB event– Apr. 25 in Weeping Water
- Debbie & Linda met with Barb & Sarah Slattery to prepare menu for KCCB Appreciation event
- Made invitations for Appreciation Event and sent out to 108 board members and guests
- Conducted new board member training with Dana Stahl
- Attended T.E.A.M. (Tobacco Education Advocacy of the Midlands) meeting; Papillion. Will partner with "Bag the Butts" event
- Contacted Robert Sorensen about coordinating a litter cleanup with Plattsmouth police
- Received 24 litter grabbers courtesy of Arc-Mate from KAB Conference

Monitoring Nebraska Legislative bills:

LB 283: Climate Change Study - Carry-over bill. We provided testimony last session since the bill intended to pull funds from the Waste Grant to fund a climate change study. We testified that the Waste Grant was set up competitively and for specific purposes, and that it was inappropriate for the legislature to pull funds from the Grant for specific projects. An amendment filed January 24th changed the funding source from the Waste Grant to the Petroleum Release Remedial Action Collection Fund. **Status:** Nothing currently scheduled. Keep Nebraska Beautiful is monitoring to make sure nothing changes with funding source.

LB 367 – Litter Fund Extension - Extends funding of the Nebraska Litter Reduction and Recycling Fund to September 2025. It also strikes language allowing transfers of that fund to the General Fund. Last year, the Legislature transferred self-generating funding from the Nebraska Litter Reduction and Recycling Fund to the General Fund for the first time in the fund's history, which drastically cut recycling and litter prevention programs across the state. This bill prevents that from happening again, and extends the funding for 5 years. **Status** – The Natural Resources Committee unanimously approved LB 367. It's been added as an amendment to LB 858, one of the committee's designated priority bills. It's likely to get floor debate and has a better chance to pass this session.

LB 861 – Ban on Bans - LB 861 would bar municipalities or counties from establishing bans or fees on the sale or use of any single-use plastic bag, container, and packaging, and on general "consumer merchandise".

Status - Amended and placed on General File by the Natural Resources Committee.

LB 905 – Plastic Bag Fee - Sets a 5-cent fee on single-use plastic bags and establishes a program to provide reusable checkout bags to the public. The fee would be distributed as follows: \$0.01 to the retailer, \$0.03 to the General Fund, and \$0.01 to a new Plastic Bag Reduction Fund.

Status – Referred to the Revenue Committee. Committee hearing was on January 30, 2020. No action taken by the committee.

Check the status of these bills by going to <https://nebraskalegislature.gov/>

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.