



**DRAFT** Minutes – May 6, 2020  
6:00 p.m. Zoom Virtual Meeting

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

## OLD BUSINESS

1. Approve Minutes; Motion by T. Lorensen; second by R. Behrns; **APPROVED**
2. Approve Treasurer's Report; Motion to approve by R. Yoder; second by J. Baroni; **APPROVED**
3. Litter Index Report. This year's assessment yielded a slightly larger value than last year.
4. Electronic Recycling Event w/EPS foam collection. Postponed due to COVID-19 after consulting with Weeping Water representatives. Board comments offered support for rescheduling – shoot for late June.
5. Appreciation Event: Social media & newsletter recognition or postpone or cancel. Board voices support for planning the event next year.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. In-house audit of 2019 Financials. Motion by R. Behrns for board to approve In-house audit of 2019 Financials; second by T. Lorensen. **APPROVED**.
2. Education Assistant. Motion by R. Yoder to hire a credentialed teacher to develop virtual format such as on-line videos to continue KCCB delivery of environmental education within Cass County; second by R. Behrns; **APPROVED**. Motion by R. Yoder to set pay for Education Assistant at \$20/hour and keep the total Personnel budget category within 10% of what it is now; second by J. Baroni. **APPROVED**
3. Advertising.
4. Update of Union Community Partner Grant.
5. Executive Director's report.

Motion to adjourn @ 7:31 pm by T. Lorensen, seconded by J. Baroni. **APPROVED**  
Respectfully submitted by Richard Yoder.

## FUTURE MEETINGS- 2020

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 12<sup>th</sup>
- Annual 990 Federal Tax Form due May 15
- *Greener Cleaner* event – Bellevue-Offutt Kiwanis – postponed
- Great American Cleanup events– extended thru Sept. 20
- Distribute KCCB vehicle litter bags & educ. through area banks during Earth Week/postponed

- KCCB Electronic, Appliance, Metal Recycling event, Weeping Water - TBD
- *Trash to Treasure Family Craft Night* –Plattsmouth Pub. Library with Conservation Nebraska – postponed
- Manley GAC – postponed
- Keep Nebraska Beautiful Annual Conference – Aug. 19 -20 Hyatt Place; Lincoln
- Nebraska Forest Service Forest Festival @ Horning Tree Farm – cancelled for 2020
- KCCB Youth Environmental Fair – Sept. 30

### **Director’s Report for May 6, 2020 (March & April activities)**

- Participated in Nebraska Recycling Council’s *Measurement Task Force* organizational webinar to determine mission and plan for reporting Nebraska recycling and landfill totals
- Provided supplies to Eric Stockwell for Great American Cleanup in Beaver Lake on Mar. 7; 32 volunteers collected 63 bags of litter
- Networked at Louisville March B.U.I.L.D. meeting
- Held *Reduce Waste: Greener Cleaner* event at Plattsmouth Pub. Library with assistance from Andrew Wright, AmeriCorps member serving with Conservation Nebraska
- Documented 2020 memberships & sent hand written thank you notes to donors
- Updated website info and made many educational posts on Facebook
- Made plans to schedule spring litter prevention school programs; cancelled due to COVID-19
- Sent out postponement notifications for Apprec. Event, individual contacts for Great American Cleanups, *Trash to Treasure* Event and Electronic Recycling Event
- Platte River Outdoor Discovery Program - cancelled
- Participated in 2 virtual planning meetings with Nebraska Forest Service for Forest Festival near Plattsmouth in Sept.; now cancelled for 2020. (*KCCB was planning an educational booth and providing recycling bins for the event.*)
- Earth Day week events – posted virtual activities & photos submitted about celebrating Earth Day at home; postponed litter bag distribution at area banks
- Conducted annual Community Appearance Index (litter audit); **score of 1.59; last yr. was 1.30** (*Score of 1 = Minimal or no litter; 2 = Slightly littered*)
- Completed all reporting and documentation for Qrt. 1 NDEE grant submittals
- Attended Keep Nebraska Beautiful Regional Affiliate Zoom meeting; shared ideas: “Nature in your Neighborhood” – weekly lessons for youth on KOB website; “Recycle Right” weekly tips; give educational packets to daycares, reduce waste/recycling bookmarks to libraries, post litter prevention signage & litter laws in all firework booths, provide fliers about litter laws with each person’s firework purchase. Fremont did an on-line version of Eco Fair. We were reminded to contact senators to pass Leg. Bill 858 to extend the Litter Reduction & Recycling Act which funds our programs. It sunsets in Oct. 2020. Status of bills at <https://nebraskalegislature.gov/>
- Keep Nebraska Beautiful plans to have monthly affiliate Zoom mtgs.
- Participated in Keep America Beautiful (KAB) National Education Advisory Board virtual meeting; addressed how to reach and teach virtually
- Participated in “Introduction to KAB Volunteer Portal” webinar that will help with tracking and managing volunteers
- KCCB will be featured in Nebraska Recycling Council’s May newsletter

**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.**