



Keep Cass County Beautiful

Minutes – January 6, 2016

6:00 p.m. Plattsmouth Public Library

Attending: Ex. Dir. L. Behrns, President Baroni, Vice-President Rush-Chipman, Sec’y Yoder, Treasurer Pearrow, Members: R. Behrns, T. Lorensen

Meeting brought to order at 6:02 by President Baroni

OLD BUSINESS

1. Approve December Minutes
 - a. **Motion** by R. Behrns to approve minutes, seconded by Rush-Chipman; motion **passed**.
2. Treasurer’s Report
 - a. Discussion about approach to audit.
 - b. **Motion** by Yoder to approve report, seconded by Rush-Chipman; motion **passed**.
3. Volunteer/Member Appreciation Event – Saturday, Mar. 12, Louisville Senior Center,
 - a. Entertainment, food, gifts, silent auction
4. EV Follow-up from Forum
 - a. Strawman offered for discussion
5. Membership Drive

NEW BUSINESS

1. 2016 DEQ Grant Awards: \$37,887 & \$1,578; revisions needed
 - a. NDEQ grant funds available statewide only 78% of previous year.
 - b. **Motion** by Yoder to keep Executive Director’s salary the same as first submitted to NDEQ when submitting adjusted request, seconded by Baroni. Motion **passed**.
2. New board member search
 - a. Recommend that an invitation be offered to new county resident.
3. Executive Director’s report

FUTURE MEETINGS- 2016

Feb. (no mtg.), Mar 2, Apr. 6, May 4, June 1, July 6, Aug. 3, Sept. 7, Oct. 5, Nov. 2, Dec. 7

PROGRAMS, INITIATIVES, & DEADLINES

- *Waste in Place*: Youth Programs
- Sales Tax for Plant Sale – due Jan. 20
- IRS Quarter 4 Taxes – due Jan.
- Nebraska Dept. of Revenue (withholding) – due Jan.
- Quarter 4 DEQ Grant Reporting due – Feb. 15
- KAB National Conference – Feb. 1 - 3; Orlando
- Keep Nebraska Beautiful Director’s Mtg. – March TBD
- Volunteer/Member Appreciation Event – Mar. 12
- Outdoor Discovery Program @ Platte River State Park: Apr. 13 - 14

Motion to end the meeting at 7:50; passed.

Respectfully submitted, R. Yoder.

Director’s Report for January 6, 2016

- Reserved Louisville Sr. Center for Saturday, March 12 for Member/Volunteer Appreciation Event
- Opened Pay Pal account & contacted WireBuilt to add on-line donation/membership button on our website; now functional
- Wrote winter newsletter; distributed 202 copies through personal emails, 12 USPS mailings and many more via Cassgram, KCCB website and on-line community newsletters
- Completed America Recycles Day report to KAB
- Received notification from NDEQ of \$1,578 grant from the 2016 Litter Reduction & Recycling Grants Program (will be used for litter cleanups)
- Received notification from NDEQ of \$37,887 grant from the 2016 Litter Reduction & Recycling Grants Program
- Participated in CURC (College & Univ. Recycling Coalition) webinar: “Quantifying Your Waste Reduction Efforts” *Case study presentations included Univ. of North Carolina: Asheville's "Shareable Campus" program, a Waste Free Office Move effort at Knox College, and Loyola University Chicago's initiative to reduce vendor packing with Reusable Totes. All three campuses used interns to help track and audit waste along with monthly reporting required from waste haulers. Positives: used reusable totes/containers or reused cardboard boxes on campus for supplies, collected extra office supplies & furniture for reuse, used tray free dining, water bottle & plastic bag ban, initiated producer take-back programs, started compost program, recycled books, collected surplus food & textiles for local YMCA's & daycares.*
- Held meeting with Andy Harpenau, Gretna Sanitation, and Andy Farber, Louisville School Supt., for discussion of starting recycling program at the school. Food compost pilot program may be a possibility in fall.
- Louis. Schools will use the county recycling trailer from Conestoga Schools to start the program; KCCB will offer educational assistance to begin program.
- Contacted Dept. of Roads & all but one of our “No Litter” signs have been installed
- Set up “Litter Hotline” program with Cass Co. Sheriff & KNB; delivered 30 litter bags to the sheriff’s office
- Participated in EPA webinar: “Managing Recycling Contamination.” *Education is key to prevent contamination & use totes with lids to help. Top contaminates: film- plastic bags (by far the worst), scrap metal, cords (tangles), food waste, rigid plastics, broken glass, & weather.*
- Sent membership forms to 9 people on USPS newsletter list
- Participated in “Voluntary Mercury Thermostat Take-Back Programs” call with Product Stewardship Institute. *To achieve high recovery rates, government agencies & other entities take the following action: provide financial incentives, implement supporting policies, increase convenience, reach out to interested parties, & educate key stakeholders.*
- Received reimbursement of DEQ Qrt. 3 grant spending – Dec. 24
- Paid bills & purchased supplies to complete 2015 DEQ Litter Grant funding