



Minutes – Dec. 2, 2020
6:00 p.m. Zoom Virtual Meeting

Attending: President D. Vidlak; Vice President D. Stahl; Treasurer L. Froistad; Secretary R. Yoder; T. Lorensen; J. Baroni; R. Behrns; Executive Director L. Behrns; Rachel Brandenburg; Karin Forrest

OLD BUSINESS

1. Approve Minutes; **MOTION** by R. Behrns; second by T. Lorensen; **APPROVED**
2. Approve Treasurer's Report; **MOTION** to approve by R. Yoder; second by D. Stahl; **APPROVED**
3. Lowe's Community Partner Grant project update in Union
4. Growing our board: **MOTION** by D. Vidlak to welcome Karin Forrest as a new KCCB Board member; second by R. Behrns; **APPROVED**
5. 2021 Membership Drive – review letter & membership form

NEW BUSINESS

1. Correspondence
2. Executive Director's report: highlight - *KCCB has been awarded \$2,034.00 from the Waste Reduction & Recycling Incentive Grants Program for four electronic recycling events in 2021.*

Meeting adjourned at 6:50

Respectfully submitted by Richard Yoder

FUTURE MEETINGS- 2021

Jan. 6, Feb. 3, Mar. 3, Apr. 7, May 5, June 2, July 7, Aug. 4 (*short mtg. at Cass Co. Fair*), Sept. 1, Oct. 6, Nov. 3, Dec. 1

PROGRAMS, INITIATIVES, & DEADLINES

- *Waste in Place*: Youth Environmental Programs via website
- IRS 941 Payroll Tax Deposit due monthly by the 12th
- "Clips and Tips" Weekly Environmental Resources via Facebook and website
- Keep Nebraska Beautiful Affiliate Zoom mtg. Dec.14
- Dana - pursuing in-school programs with Conestoga & Plattsmouth Elem. Schools
- Publish & distribute winter newsletter – mid-Dec.
- NDEE 2021 grant notifications – announced mid-Dec.
- Complete ARD report to Keep America Beautiful - early Dec.
- NDEE Qrt. 4 grant reporting due – end of Jan.
- Neb. Game & Parks *Outdoor Discovery Program* @ Platte River State Park – virtual programs will be offered via live Zoom: April 14 -15, 2021. KCCB will participate.
- Keep America Beautiful National Conference postponed until Nov. 15 – 18, 2021 with Day on the Hill on Nov. 17. Location: Washington Hilton, Washington, DC

Director's Report – November Activities

- Participated in KNB affiliate monthly Zoom mtg.: discussed volunteer management, food packaging/serving in schools, and general updates. NDEE grant allocation of 2021 funds: Recycling – 28.9%, Public Education – 68%, Cleanup – 3.1% but council may make adjustments up to 20% depending on grant requests & quality of applications.
- Shared recycling information about changes in county recycling program at Avoca & Cedar Creek village board meetings
- Electronic Recycling Event at fairgrounds in Oct. – collected 5,105 lbs. electronics from 61 households. Metals & large appliance totals = 40 yd. container, roughly 4,000 lbs.
- KCCB has been awarded **\$2,034.00** from the Waste Reduction & Recycling Incentive Grants Program for four electronic recycling events in 2021.
- Provided virtual reduce waste programs at Weeping Water Elem. Delivered recycled newspaper pencils for 108 students and 8 recycling booklets for 3rd graders.
- Cleaned flower beds at Louisville parks
- Met with Dana & Rachel to discuss plans for waste reduction at Plattsmouth Schools. Dana drafted a letter to OPAA food service company at the school offering our help.
- Watched virtual EPA America Recycles Innovation Fair & Summit: Three National Goals discussed- 1) Reduce contamination in regular streams; 2) Increase processing efficiency; 3) Improve markets (need incentives for markets to create change & help from all agencies: Fed. Govt., Dept. of Energy & public/private sectors). Goal identified to increase recycling to 50% by 2030.
- Gathered information about reducing plastic waste in schools from webinar - *Reopening with Reusables during COVID-19: A transition to Green & Healthy K-12 Schools* from Center for Environmental Health: Learning Objectives:
 - Recognize the risks toward student and environmental health associated with toxic chemicals in single-use food service ware, including chemical migration into food, water and compost.
 - Identify tools, policies and resources to help purchasers identify safer food service ware products.
 - Develop practical strategies to ensure school's transition to reusable food ware is successful even during a pandemic. Reusable food ware in school settings: it's safe as long as it's cleaned well.Costs: an elem. school in Mass. recouped costs of reusables vs. plastics in about 6 wks.; plus savings of trash hauling.
- Prepared waste reduction/recycling flyer & sent out via Cassgram & online newsletters
- KCCB received a gold affiliate award for meeting all requirements for 2019 – 2020 at the virtual KNB Environmental Awards recognition ceremony - Nov. 23
- Dana made several "Going Green" videos and posted on Facebook
- Worked on solutions for recycling water bottles at Plattsmouth Middle School; met with teacher Marla Smith who delivered 100 lbs. of water bottles to First Star

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.