



Keep Cass County Beautiful

Meeting Minutes – September 7, 2016

6:00 p.m. Plattsmouth Public Library

Attending: Ex. Dir. L. Behrns, President M. Pearrow, Treasurer J. Baroni, Members: T. Lorensen, R. Behrns. The meeting was called to order by Pres. Pearrow at 6:08 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Approve August Minutes
 - a. **Motion** by R. Behrns to approve minutes, seconded by J. Baroni; motion **passed**.
2. Treasurer's Report
 - a. **Motion** by T. Lorensen to approve report, seconded by R. Behrns; motion **passed**.
3. USDA Grant
 - a. Director met with USDA grant officers- outlined procedures & reporting requirements.
 - b. Sept. 29 tentative meeting date with core businesses.
4. Youth Environmental Fair – Sept. 28
 - a. Sixteen booth presentations scheduled for approximately 280 students

NEW BUSINESS

1. Memorandum of Understanding with Cass County
 - a. Some revisions needed with commissioners.
2. Amazon Smile Foundation
 - a. Foundation will donate 0.5% of eligible purchases to designated charitable organization.
 - b. No fee to organization or to AmazonSmile customers.
 - c. Motion by R. Behrns & seconded by T. Lorensen to register KCCB organization; motion passed.
3. Application for 2017 DEQ Cleanup Grant
 - a. Proposed \$1500 total request in roadside cleanup miles and public area cleanup by acres
4. Application for 2017 DEQ Litter Reduction & Recycling Public Ed. Grant
 - a. Recommendation to increase grant request by 15 – 20%
5. Executive Director's report- attached

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m. Respectfully submitted by Roger Behrns.

FUTURE MEETINGS- 2016

Oct. 5, Nov. 2, Dec. 7

PROGRAMS, INITIATIVES, & DEADLINES

- *Waste in Place:* Youth Environmental Programs

- Youth Advisory Council activities at Louisville Pub. Schools- ongoing
- KCCB Recycling Bins at Plattsmouth Harvest Festival- Sept. 8 - 11
- International Coastal Cleanup (ICC) of Platte River – Sept. 8: Coordinating with Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance (LPRCA), Platte River Rentals & Platte River Airboats
- ICC of Beaver Lake - TBD
- Deadline for 2017 Litter Reduction and Recycling Incentive Grants application process is 4:00 pm - Sept. 21
- KCCB Youth Environmental Fair – Sept. 28
- Educational Recycling Programs @ Louis. Elem. School – Oct. 10 -14
- ReTree Nebraska Mini Grants now available
- Publish KCCB Fall Newsletter – Sept.

Director’s Report for Sept. 7, 2016

- Participated in monthly Youth Advisory Council (YAC) call update with KAB
- Conferenced with Supt. Farber, WasteCap, Soil Dynamics & Adam Sagart: starting composting program at Louisville Pub. Schools
- Gave presentation for 25 members at Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance quarterly mtg.
- Completed all KAB annual reports
- Submitted \$5,000 KAB/Lowe’s Community Partner grant on behalf of Union United
- Set up publicity for HHW collections
- Helped YAC apply recycling & landfill labels to bins @ Louisville Pub. Schools
- Delivered 50 car litter bags, litter prevention & HHW flyers, & pocket ashtrays to Beaver Lake for Beach Party event
- Distributed litter prevention, recycling literature, pocket ashtrays & 225 flyers for HHW collections at 4 days of the Cass Co. Fair
- Collected 1/3 box of old cell phones & rechargeable batteries at the fair
- Helped Danielle Easdale publicize new Cass County Resource Plan at our fair booth
- Recycled 380 lbs. of cans, bottles and cardboard at the Cass County Fair + more in commercial recycling bin
- Funded Cass County 4-H Clubs after fair cleanup with DEQ Cleanup Grant; collected 27 bags of trash & 3 bags of cans & bottles for recycling
- Met with USDA grant officers to discuss obligation for funding & reporting
- Helped staff 3 HHW events in county
- Helped monitor start-up composting program at Louisville Schools with Chris Funk, *WasteCap* & Adam Sagart, *We Compost* (4 days of lunch periods)
- Village of Manley collected 50 lbs. of plastics & aluminum in KCCB bins for recycling at Pillage the Village Event
- KCCB Youth Environmental Fair planning in progress
- Met with 2 Cass Co. Commissioners & Danielle Easdale to discuss possible funding to KCCB for promoting new resource management plan
- Attended KNB Annual Conference in Lincoln; KAB CEO Jennifer Jehn presented “Doing a Strategic Plan Well,” update on DEQ reporting, among several others; theme – “The Hard Work of Doing Good Well”
- KNB Awards Luncheon: KCCB received a gold award for completing all requirements; Village of Manley & Weeping Water FBLA both received 2 enviro. Awards.
- Coordinated plans with Megan Sittler, LPRCA, & Daniel Hebner, Platte River Rentals, for International Coastal Cleanup of Platte River from Schram Park to Ramp Hwy 50 – Sept. 8