



MINUTES – Jan 8th, 2025

Via Zoom

KCCB's mission: to inspire and educate individuals to take daily actions to improve and beautify their community environment.

KCCB's vision: To create a community where everyone enjoys a clean, green, and beautiful place to live, work and play.

ATTENDANCE: Dana Stahl, Steve Dodd, Rachel Brandenburg, Karin Forrest, Jim Peterson

ABSENT: Monica Battreall, Elizabeth Umshler

CALL TO ORDER: 6:06pm

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Approve Dec Minutes** – Motion by Forrest to approve December Meeting Minutes; Second by Brandenburg; All in favor, none opposed – motion approved.
2. **Approve Dec Treasurer's Reports** – Discussion about meeting attendance at KAB National Conference and whether the assistant might want to attend in the future (or board member), can write into the grant; Motion by Vidlak to approve December Treasurer's Reports; Second by Forrest; All in favor, none opposed – motion approved.
3. **Update on end of year grant funds and intern** – All grant reporting has been submitted; Dana received word that the small grants have been approved and the public education grant is getting pushed through and will hopefully be approved; Intern Sydney – making good video content on Facebook – happy with her work; Dana was contacted by parent of a local high school student who is interested in projects that align with our mission. Dana will follow up to decide what projects may be available.
4. **Next Strategic Planning meeting** – will meet January 14th, 5:30-7:30 at the Plattsmouth Library; Rachel will send out notes from the previous meeting.
5. **Recycling survey** – sent out via Facebook and through email. Please respond if you have received.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Fill Open VP position** – Discussion held during previous board meeting. Motion by Forrest to nominate Monica Battreall for the Vice President position; Second by Dodd; All in favor, none opposed – motion approved.
2. **KCCB Membership Drive** – Membership requests have been sent; have started to receive memberships back, with no feedback or problems seen with the increase in membership prices. Dodd – suggests using the January/February church fish fries as an

opportunity to promote memberships; The Behrns family has again donated in the amount of \$5000.

3. **Action items** - Discussed including an 'Action Items' section to the agenda, to keep members on track and accountable to the organization's goals; Dodd – should also create a 'parking lot' for ongoing projects and ideas, that do not have hard deadlines.
4. **Tea party** – Next event to be held March 2nd; will send flyer out later this month;
5. **Spring Earth Day event** - to be held in April, around Earth Day; will promote as a fundraiser to expand recycling in Plattsmouth.
6. **Plattsmouth Community Foundation Grant** – funds will run out in May, should we apply for a different project? Or since the glass recycling program is still new, maybe try it again? Agree to apply for funding to continue/expand recycling in Plattsmouth. Hoping to be able to hold a household hazardous waste collection event in 2026.
7. **Cardboard recycling** – Dana would like to think about having a cardboard recycling dumpster; Would likely fill up quick but might be worth considering. Dana will talk to First Star to brainstorm the best location.
8. **Earth Day Event** -Would like to focus on composting; could have Hillside solutions give a presentation; have a booth, maybe cookies/donuts – give away reusable bags; Start thinking of good locations for the event – Milano's parking lot? St Johns parking lot? Schools? Horning State Farm? Ask Conservation Nebraska to have a booth, possibly the Plattsmouth Garden Club. Potential dates - April 19th or 26th. Earth Day is April 22nd (Tuesday); Easter is on the 20th.

ONGOING/UPCOMING PROJECTS AND EVENTS

1. **Avoca Quack-off**, January 25th – KCCB will have a booth and will be collecting recycling
2. **VFW glass recycling** – Jim talked with John Baroni about continuing to collect their glass for recycling; A donation of \$200/quarter to continue the service was initially offered but they do not think this is sustainable for the VFW, would possibly be able to offer \$50/quarter or similar quarterly rate.

PARKING LOT

1. Radio advertising

ACTIONS ITEMS

- **Dana** - Start making calls to line up presenters and locations for the Earth Day event
- **All** - Donation items will be collected for the tea party; anyone with items to donate can deliver to Dana by February 20th
- **Dana** – Call Louisville Senior Center to see if the building is available for our March meeting

FUTURE MEETINGS- 2025

Feb 5 - zoom, March 5 – in person (Louisville senior center?), April 2, May 7, June 4, July 2, Aug 6, Sept 3, Oct 1, Nov 5, Dec 3

PROGRAMS, INITIATIVES, & DEADLINES

- *Waste in Place*: Youth Environmental Programs upon request
- IRS 941 Payroll Tax Deposit due monthly by the 12th
- Adopt-a-Spot program is available for individuals, families, or small groups.

Director's report December:

Dec 1-end Holiday recycling collection drive
Dec 3 Enviro Club Holiday Party
Dec 4 KCCB Board meeting/Holiday party
Dec 3-6 Conestoga Recycling lessons
Dec 4 deliver cups for Victorian Christmas event
Dec 9 KNB zoom meeting @2:00pm
Dec 13 Recycling collection
Dec 14 HDPa event-sustainable dinnerware
Dec 18 VFW Glass
Dec 19 Compost for church Activity
Dec 20-Last Recycle collection before Christmas break
Dec 24 collect glass DC's

Director's Report Upcoming Activities January

Jan-March-begin planning/prep for March 2nd Tea Party Fundraiser
Jan 1-6 Membership drive letters sent out
Jan 7-9 Elmwood Recycling Lessons
Jan 16, 21,22 Louisville Recycling Lessons
Jan 22 Conestoga Environmental Club

KCCB Positive news:**Board Member shout outs:******Current Board of Directors & positions****

President: Elizabeth Umshler Jan 2022 (Term Expires Jan 2031)
Vice President: OPEN
Secretary: Debbie Vidlak Jan 2018 (Term Expires Dec 2026)
Treasurer: Rachel Brandenburg Nov 2020 (Term Expires Jan 2030)
Member: Karin Forrest Dec 2020 (Term Expires Jan 2030)
Member: Jim Peterson January 2024- (Term Expires 2033)
Member: Steve Dodd – Jan 2022 (Term expires 2031)

CALL TO CLOSE: 6:49pm