



Board Meeting
August 13, 2025
6pm Via Zoom

Meeting called to order 6:04 pm

Present: Dana, Cindy, Debbie, Jim, Elizabeth, and Karin

Absent: Monica, Rachel & Steve

*Approval for July minutes – Elizabeth approved, Karin 2nd

*Approval of Treasurer Report – Jim approved, Debbie 2nd

*Discussion of Cass County Fair – Sydney covered booth this year which was great let Dana and Cindy have time to manage the recycling. Added jars to booth for people to vote on how they take care of Cass County. Parents and kids seemed to enjoy it. Had an activity where people would visit display and answer trivia questions, didn't have much success but maybe try next year again. Tallied about 500 people at booth and approximately 200 viewed the exhibition. Dana thanked Jim, Liz, and Steve for helping at fair. We had 5 gift cards – winners were Jim's Grandson, Julie and Julie Dodd, Lucy Lorence, and two Black Hills Energy employees. Julie and Lucy agreed to help again next year. Going to try probation office again next year they did not help this year.

Recycling signs were made for the bins to show people but still hard for people to do. With cardboard, cans, plastic, glass and compost we diverted over 4000 lbs. of waste.

We will continue with the blue bins again next year as the clear stream bins do not hold up. We have supply money to purchase more. We got 5 free ones from KNB will use at the Cass County Jail as they want recycling and Rock Hill Windmill event center.

*NDEE Grant – Pub Ed Grant reimbursement second quarter was for \$25000. Will show in August statement.

Working on tire amnesty, litter grant, and electronic recycling one as well. Household waste grant is for \$3000, getting bids for that and will try to submit by Friday the 15th – due the 20th.

Cap has been raised for employees from \$25 hr. to \$30 hr.

With Tire Amnesty we can apply every other year and last time we did over 400 tons of tires.

*NRC truck grant approved for \$22000 – truck we liked was sold - we need to contribute 20%. Steve would like us to do electric – Karin said the batteries on those last 10 years and no warranty – board wants Dana to check into a

a Hybrid – Cindy made point need a truck with power esp. to tow the trailer which is sometimes loaded very heavy with electronics etc. Must have a quad cab too.

*Jim, Dana, and Steve went to commissioners meeting to ask for our money to be raised from \$10,000 to \$20,000 a year. Jim spoke with commissioner after meeting who felt it shouldn't be an issue and would probably take Keno funds.

*NRC conference this Sep 16th in Lincoln, where KCCB will be awarded an award for glass recycling. Dana would like some of the board members to attend if possible. Jim may try to go.

*School recycling next year – Louisville is doing a roll off again and will have 5 switches with that. Elmwood still has 2 left.

Bins at Conestoga and Plattsmouth Schools again and roll off at Dana's for now. Conestoga has so much construction they don't have room right now. Hillside Solutions will charge rent for the bin, we agreed on \$200 per month.

Plattsmouth food director had contacted about doing composting but now can't reach – Hillside solutions would provide containers for free for the schools. Dana will follow up.

*3rd and 4th quarter update – have $\frac{3}{4}$ volunteer hours and over 50% use for personnel – next year volunteer hours will not need to be logged as they're removed it as a potential claim.

***Dana made announcement she is leaving on the 1st of Nov. Cindy and Dana have discussed what to do – Cindy will continue to do the recycling which she has done for most of they year as Dana has been out for surgery or trips. Cindy will also do Enviro Club and any events that need to be done. Dana would like to continue to do grants and financials for a while if possible and even when she moves, thinks it would smart to find a part-time person who would teach lessons as that is not really what Cindy wants to do. They have also discussed Cindy moving stuff to her house – including all materials, truck, and Trailer.**

***Need to continue board updates and shoutouts –**

Liz – Pres, Monica – VP, Rachel – Treas, Steve – Secretary

***Meeting concluded at 6:49 pm.**

Next meeting will be Sept 3rd @ Bloom Where You're Planted.