

Agenda Item 3. Minutes of the February 6, 2018 Board Meeting

Meeting minutes from the February 6, 2018 Board Meeting held at the Ferguson House in Lincoln.

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Nebraska Environmental Trust
1st Quarter Board Meeting
Thursday, February 6, 2018
1:30 p.m.

Ferguson House
Lincoln, Nebraska

The Nebraska Environmental Trust Board met at the Ferguson House, Lincoln, Nebraska for the transaction of business. Advance public notice was given through release to news media and official public notice in the "Lincoln Journal Star" on Monday, January 8, 2018.

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

Roll call was conducted and a quorum was established.

Members present were: Mr. Jim Hellbusch, Columbus; Mr. Jim Douglas, Nebraska Game & Parks; Mr. Paul Dunn, Omaha; Mr. Quentin Bowen, Humboldt; Mr. Jeff Fassett, Nebraska Department of Natural Resources; Mr. Jim Macy, Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality; Ms. Gerry Lauritzen, Omaha, Mr. John Orr, Blair; Mr. Ryan McIntosh, Syracuse, and Dr. Tom Williams, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health.

Member joining late: Mr. Robert Krohn, Omaha;

Members joining by phone: Ms. Sherry Vinton, Whitman.

Members absent: Mr. Rod Christen, Steinauer and Mr. Steve Wellman, Nebraska Department Agriculture.

Staff present were: Mr. Mark Brohman, Executive Director; Ms. Marilyn Tabor, Grants Administrator; Ms. Allison LaDuke, Grants Assistant; Ms. Sheila Johnson, Public Information Officer and Ms. Pam Deines, Administrative Secretary.

Mr. Dunn made a request to amend the agenda to move up Agenda #7 Finance Committee to be discussed with Agenda Item #4 the financial report. No objections.

Agenda Item #3: Minutes of the November 2, 2017 Board Meeting. Minutes of the November 2, 2017 board meeting were received.

Motion by Mr. Douglas, seconded by Ms. Lauritzen to accept the minutes as received.

Voting Aye: Mr. Orr; Mr. Dunn; Ms. Lauritzen; Mr. Bowen; Mr. Douglas; Mr. Williams; Mr. Macy; Mr. McIntosh, and Mr. Hellbusch.

Abstaining from the vote: Mr. Fassett and Ms. Vinton.

Absent: Mr. Krohn, Mr. Christen and Mr. Wellman. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #4: Financial Reports. Mr. Brohman presented the report. The Game and Parks Budget reports, budget summary, and detail breakdown on new budget sheet format with a specific details. Ms. Tabor expanded discussion on the disbursement reports. Lottery proceeds information sheet. Ferguson House Fund report and information review. Discussion.

Bob Krohn arrived at 1:40 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Dunn seconded by Mr. McIntosh to accept the Financial Reports.

Voting Aye Mr. Dunn; Mr. Krohn; Ms. Lauritzen; Mr. Bowen; Mr. Douglas; Dr. Williams; Mr. Fassett; Mr. Macy; Mr. McIntosh; Mr. Orr and Mr. Hellbusch.

Abstaining from the vote: Ms. Vinton.

Absent: Mr. Christen and Mr. Wellman. Motion carried.

****Agenda Item #7: Finance Committee Report and Recommendations****

Mr. Dunn started discussion on the Finance Committee Report. The Finance Committee met January 25, 2018, to summarize a condensed version of the finances and big picture categories. Discussion. In general everything looked good. Review Agenda Item #4, went over new Ferguson House report. Discussion.

Motion to approve Mr. Lauritzen seconded by Mr. Douglas.

Voting Aye: Ms. Lauritzen; Mr. Bowen; Mr. Douglas; Dr. Williams; Mr. Fassett; Mr. Macy; Mr. McIntosh; Mr. Orr; Mr. Dunn; Mr. Krohn and Mr. Hellbusch.

Abstaining from the vote: Ms. Vinton.

Absent: Mr. Christen and Mr. Wellman. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #5: Staff Report. a.) **2019 Proposed Calendar.** Mr. Brohman provided the proposed dates and reminded everyone that we would vote on the dates at the April meeting. We will confirm calendar at the April board meeting. Mr. Dunn would request that the next February Board meeting be on a Tuesday, February 5, 2019, because of a large event in Omaha. b.) **Grant Administration Report.** Ms. Tabor presented the report. Late reports: Ms. Tabor has been communicating with these grants and gave updates on them. Discussion c.) **Ferguson House Report.** Mr. Brohman presented the report. The Ferguson House continues to have very busy schedule with a variety of events. We have Allison to thank in scheduling and maintaining a smooth schedule. d.) **Director's Report.** Mr. Brohman presented his report. Accountability and Disclosure Forms need to be completed. Jim Macy's

staff presented their grant system at the morning Grants Committee meeting. On Legislative issues, we are keeping an eye on LB679, LB1102, LB284 and LR294CA. This is our 25th Anniversary. The week of March 19-23, 2018, a presence will be over at the capitol to acknowledge the event. Our back porch is making progress, they are anticipating the completion ahead of schedule. Mr. Brohman mentioned that Chris Vinton made a motion to do away with the Eastern Red Cedars being bought, sold and planted at the Upper Loup NRD meeting in December and they approved the idea and this will be a starting point to try to get the Eastern Red Cedars removed from their plant list. The August NET board meeting is going to be in Columbus. We aren't sure on details yet, but will work on getting that information to the board. We will do tours around the area. Public WiFi will be pursued and in place soon. Jim Macy expanded on the presentation that Grants Committee saw in the morning.

Dr. Williams left meeting at 2:55 p.m.

Agenda Item #6: Grant Modification Requests.

Ms. Tabor had two grant modification requests. Explanation by Ms. Tabor. 14-140 BOR-UNL requested a 1-year extension. 15-172 – Angels on Wheels requested an extension to December 2018. Discussion.

Motion by Ms. Dunn seconded by Ms. Lauritzen.

Voting Aye: Mr. Krohn; Ms. Lauritzen; Mr. Bowen; Mr. Douglas; Mr. Fassett; Mr. Macy; Mr. McIntosh; Mr. Orr; Mr. Dunn; and Mr. Hellbusch.

Abstaining from the vote: Ms. Vinton.

Absent: Mr. Christen; Dr. Williams and Mr. Wellman. Motion carried.

Reminder: Agenda Item moved to be discussed after Agenda #4.

**** Short Break at 3:00 p.m. to resume at 3:10 p.m.**

Agenda Item #8: Grant Committee Report and Recommendations

Mr. Dunn, acting Chair of the Grants Committee, as per request of Mr. Christen, the current chair, who could not attend. Presented the grant package to the board with an explanation of results. This comes from the Grants Committee and the vote is to place on the April board meeting. Discussion. General discussion continued about the grant applications and difference aspects on the form, information, specific items in the application. Grants committee to meet before April meeting to work on some specific to tweak some items on the instructions to get details clearer

Motion is a recommendation by the Grants Committee

Voting Aye: Mr. Douglas; Mr. Fassett; Mr. Macy; Mr. McIntosh; Mr. Orr; Mr. Dunn; Mr. Krohn; Ms. Lauritzen and Mr. Hellbusch.

Abstaining: Ms. Vinton and Mr. Bowen

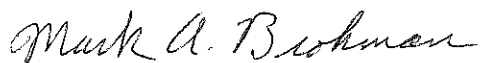
Absent: Mr. Christen; Dr. Williams and Mr. Wellman. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #9 Public Comment and Good of the Order. No discussion.

Agenda Item #10: Date and Location of Next Meeting. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 5, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. at the Ferguson House.

Agenda Item #11: Adjourn. Mr. Hellbusch adjourned the meeting at 3:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mark A. Brohman
Executive Director