

Agenda Item 7. Report of Grant Committee and Recommendations

The Grant Committee met March 19, 2018, to discuss modifications to the application process.

The minutes are provided for review. The board should accept or modify the committee recommendation(s).

Possible Action: motion to accept the report/minutes and approve or modify and approve the committee recommendation.

Board Authority:

To establish committees:

Neb Rev Stat 81-15.173 Board: powers and duties. The board shall have and may exercise the following powers and duties: (5)
Establish ad hoc advisory boards and subcommittees.

Nebraska Environmental Trust
Grants Committee Minutes
Monday, March 19, 2018
Trust Office

Mr. Christen called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. Roll call was conducted and a quorum was established.

Notice of this meeting was published in the Lincoln Journal Star on February 20, 2018.

Members present: Mr. Jim Douglas (phone, absent from 2-4 p.m.), Mr. Quentin Bowen (phone, dropped in and out due to cell phone reception), Mr. Paul Dunn and Mr. Rod Christen. Ms. Gerry Lauritzen was also on the phone. Members absent: Mr. Jim Macy, Mr. Ryan McIntosh

Staff present: Mr. Mark Brohman, Executive Director, Ms. Marilyn Tabor, Grants Administrator, Ms. Allison La Duke, Grants Assistant, and Ms. Sheila Johnson, Public Information Officer.

Minutes from the February 6, 2018 meeting were reviewed. Mr. Dunn made a motion and Mr. Douglas seconded that motion to accept the minutes. Motion carried (Mr. Christen abstained as he was absent from that meeting).

Mr. Brohman led discussion of project #18-101 Upper Loup NRD Learning Center.

Ms. Tabor demonstrated the current on-line application portal, reviewing major features of the online system.

Mr. Dunn led discussion of potential modifications to the grant application. Mr. Dunn made a motion to drop feature bonus points from the scoring review and Mr. Bowen seconded that motion. Voting Aye: Mr. Douglas, Mr. Christen, Mr. Bowen and Mr. Dunn.

Mr. Bowen made a motion to reduce the project description limit from 300 words to 200 words and Mr. Dunn seconded that motion. Voting Aye: Mr. Douglas, Mr. Christen, Mr. Bowen and Mr. Dunn.

Mr. Dunn made a motion to change the narrative length limit from 5 pages maximum to 1200 words maximum and Mr. Bowen seconded that motion. Voting Aye: Mr. Douglas, Mr. Christen, Mr. Bowen and Mr. Dunn.

Mr. Dunn made a motion to eliminate the recognition grant category and Mr. Bowen seconded that motion. Voting Aye: Mr. Douglas, Mr. Christen, Mr. Bowen and Mr. Dunn. These four motions will be brought to the April Board meeting as Grants Committee Recommendations.

Marie Gregoire reviewed the TAC reviewer process being developed by the Raikes School students and then outlined the grants committee online review process with grants committee members. Discussion followed.

Mr. Christen adjourned the meeting at 4:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mark A. Brohman
Executive Director