

MINUTES

Nebraska Environmental Trust
Grants Committee Meeting
Thursday, September 25, 2025
1:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Committee Chairman Coleman called the virtual, on-site meeting of the Grants Committee to order at 1:30 p.m. in Suite 310 at 2077 N St, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Advanced notice of the meeting was published in the Lincoln Journal Star on September 18, 2025. The agenda and documents to be considered at the meeting were provided. The Open Meetings Act was posted near the meeting room entrance and on the Nebraska Environmental Trust (NET) website.

Roll call was conducted, and a quorum was present.

Members Present (4):

District I: Jeff Kanger, Lincoln

District II: Committee Chairman Garfield Coleman, Omaha

District III: Josh Andersen, Edgar; Rod Christen, Steinauer

Members Absent (2):

State Agency Representative: Jesse Bradley, Director, Nebraska Department of Water, Energy & Environment; Tim McCoy, Director, Nebraska Game & Parks Commission

Staff Present:

Holly Adams, Executive Director; Madison Moe, Grants Assistant; Karen Plautz-Castro, Administrative Specialist

It should be noted that Board Chairman Quandahl is present, however, will not be actively participating in the meeting. McCoy joined the meeting at 1:31 pm.

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Approval of December 5, 2024, Grants Committee meeting minutes

Motion by Kanger, seconded by Andersen, "I move to approve the December 5, 2024, Grants Committee meeting minutes."

Discussion: None.

Voting Aye: McCoy, Andersen, Christen, Kanger, Coleman

Absent: Bradley

5 Voted Aye. Motion carried.

4. Grant application process timeline

Executive Director Adams reviewed the Grants Committee timeline as follows:

- **September 25th** at 1:30 p.m. – Grants Committee Meeting – Information Session on Process – via Zoom <https://outdoornebraska.zoom.us/j/99402624219>
- **October 16th** at 1:30 p.m. – Grants Committee Meeting – Grant Eligibility Determinations & Recommendations – in-person at NET Office

- **November 6th** – Board Meeting – Public Hearing & Full Board Decisions on Eligibility
- **November 10th** – Grants Committee Scoring Begins
- **November 26th** – Scoring submissions are due into the NET Grants Portal – *NET staff will need this additional time to process the scoring results*
- **December 11th** at 1:30 pm – Grants Committee Meeting – Grant Applications Scoring & Recommendations for Funding – in-person at the NET Office
- **January 8th** – Board Meeting – Public Hearing & Full Board Decisions on Grant Awards

5. Review Eligibility questions and criteria

Executive Director Adams discussed eligibility criteria and noted that further information on rules and regulations can be found on the NET website and the NET Grants Portal. It was noted that the numbers at the end of each eligibility question indicate the correlative location, either in state statute or in Title 137.

Christen inquired about eligibility requirements regarding regulatory actions, specifically in the case of invasive weed control by Weed Management Areas . Discussion centered around the enforcement of such actions and whether applicants who were required by law to undertake these actions should be deemed ineligible (e.g., enforced/regulatory actions are ineligible for funding).

6. Grants Portal Demonstration

Executive Director Adams demonstrated the NET Grants Portal, requested that Board Members recuse themselves if there are grants for which they have conflicts of interest, and noted that scoring will be completed in the NET Grants Portal by the Grants Committee after eligibility has been determined by the NET Board on November 6, 2025.

7. Next Meeting

The next Grants Committee meeting will be held October 16, 2025, at 2077 N Street, Suite 310, Lincoln, NE at 1:30 pm.

8. Adjourn

Committee Chairman Coleman adjourned the meeting at 1:45 p.m.



 Holly Adams, Executive Director