

MINUTES

Nebraska Environmental Trust
Special Meeting
Wednesday, November 4, 2020
1:00 p.m.

The Lincoln Children's Zoo
Multipurpose Room
Lincoln, Nebraska

The Nebraska Environmental Trust Board met at the Lincoln Children's Zoo, Lincoln, Nebraska for the transaction of business. Advanced public notice was given by release to news media and official public notice in the "Lincoln Journal Star" on Tuesday, October 20, 2020.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

Roll call was conducted and a quorum was established.

Members present: Mr. Quentin Bowen, Humboldt, Mr. Rod Christen, Steinauer; Mr. Jim Douglas, Game and Parks Commission; Mr. Jeff Kanger, Lincoln; Mr. Jim Macy, Department of Environment and Energy; Mr. Mark Quandahl, Omaha; Mr. Tom Riley, Department of Natural Resources; Ms. Sherry Vinton, Whitman; and Mr. Steve Wellman, Department of Agriculture.

Members absent: Dr. Gary Anthone, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services; Mr. Felix Davidson, Valley; Mr. Paul Dunn, Omaha; Mr. Jim Hellbusch, Columbus and Mr. John Orr, Blair.

Staff present: Mr. Mark Brohman, Executive Director; Ms. Holly Adams, Grants Administrator; Ms. Sheila Johnson, Public Information Officer and Ms. Pam Deines, Administrative Secretary.

Agenda Item #3: Closed Session. Chairman Kanger asked for a motion to go into closed session at 1:01 p.m.

Mr. Orr joined the meeting at 1:05 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Bowen to into closed session seconded by Mr. Macy.

Voting Aye: Mr. Bowen; Mr. Christen; Mr. Douglas; Mr. Kanger; Mr. Macy; Mr. Quandahl; Mr. Riley; Ms. Vinton; Mr. Wellman and Mr. Orr.

Absent: Dr. Anthone; Mr. Davidson; Mr. Dunn and Mr. Hellbusch. Motion carried.

Staff and guests were asked to leave the room.

Chairman Kanger asked for a motion and a second to reconvene.

Motion by Mr. Bowen to come out of closed session to discuss pending litigation seconded by Mr. Douglas.

Voting Aye: Mr. Bowen; Mr. Christen; Mr. Douglas; Mr. Kanger; Mr. Orr; Mr. Quandahl; Mr. Riley; Ms. Vinton; and Mr. Wellman.

Absent: Dr. Anthone; Mr. Davidson; Mr. Dunn and Mr. Hellbusch. Motion carried.

The meeting came out of closed session at 2:20 p.m.

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Mr. Macy had stepped out and returned at 2:21 p.m.

Agenda Item #4: Approval of the Funding List for the 2020 Grant Cycle. Chairman Kanger: Upon the advice of the counsel, the Trust board will hold a roll call vote to correct the vote on June 11, 2020. Audience members had signed into comment on Agenda Item #4. Mr. Chris Beutler, Friends of the Trust, gave remarks about the Trust and the process. Mr. Roger Berry, Nebraska Ethanol Board, gave remarks about the ethanol industry and its benefits.

Motion by Ms. Vinton: I move to award the grants, at the level outlined in the grant package, for applications: 20-104, 20-127, 20-204, 20-139, 20-124, 20-176, 20-181, 20-128, 20-162, 20-125, 20-148, 20-179, 20-106, 20-151, and 20-192. Seconded by Mr. Christen.

Motion by Mr. Bowen: To divide the question to separately consider awarding a grant for application 20-181. Seconded by Ms. Vinton.

Voting Aye: Mr. Bowen; Mr. Christen; Mr. Douglas; Mr. Kanger; Mr. Macy; Mr. Orr; Mr. Quandahl; Mr. Riley; Ms. Vinton; and Mr. Wellman.

Absent: Dr. Anthone; Mr. Davidson; Mr. Dunn and Mr. Hellbusch. Motion carried.

Chairman Kanger: We are now considering the divided motion to award a grant, at the level outlined in the grant package, for application 20-181.

Voting Aye: Mr. Bowen; Mr. Christen; Mr. Macy; Mr. Quandahl; Mr. Riley; Ms. Vinton; and Mr. Wellman.

Voting Nay: Mr. Douglas and Mr. Orr.

Abstaining: Mr. Kanger.

Absent: Dr. Anthone; Mr. Davidson; Mr. Dunn and Mr. Hellbusch. Motion carried.

Chairman Kanger: We are now considering the motion to award the grants, at the level outlined in the grant package, for all applications identified in the original motion except those that were divided and already voted upon including, 20-181.

Voting Aye: Mr. Bowen; Mr. Christen; Mr. Douglas; Mr. Kanger; Mr. Macy; Mr. Orr; Mr. Quandahl; Mr. Riley; Ms. Vinton; and Mr. Wellman.

Absent: Dr. Anthone; Mr. Davidson; Mr. Dunn and Mr. Hellbusch. Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Vinton: I move to award the grants, at the level outlined in the grant package, for applications: 20-219, 20-146, 20-153, 20-132, 20-194, 20-134, 20-103, 20-178, 20-141, 20-145, 20-131, 20-171, 20-214, 20-215, 20-119, 20-116, 20-107, 20-101, 20-111, 20-175, 20-112 and 20-165. Seconded by Mr. Christen.

Motion by Mr. Bowen: I move to divide the question to separately consider awarding a grant for applications: 20-219, 20-178, 20-171, 20-214, 20-119 and 20-112. Seconded by Ms. Vinton.

Voting Aye: Mr. Bowen; Mr. Christen; Mr. Douglas; Mr. Kanger; Mr. Macy; Mr. Orr; Mr. Quandahl; Mr. Riley; Ms. Vinton; and Mr. Wellman.

Absent: Dr. Anthone; Mr. Davidson; Mr. Dunn and Mr. Hellbusch. Motion carried.

Chairman Kanger: We are now considering the divided motion to award a grant, at the level outlined in the grant package, for application 20-219.

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Voting Aye: Mr. Bowen; Mr. Christen; Mr. Macy; Mr. Quandahl; Mr. Riley; Ms. Vinton; and Mr. Wellman.

Abstaining: Mr. Douglas, Mr. Kanger and Mr. Orr.

Absent: Dr. Anthone; Mr. Davidson; Mr. Dunn and Mr. Hellbusch. Motion carried.

Chairman Kanger: We are now considering the divided motion to award a grant, at the level outlined in the grant package, for application 20-178.

Mr. Bowen noted we do have a process, a Performance Review Committee, that goes through checks on these projects that we have done in the past and the follow up on how the money has been dispersed. He pointed out the Trust is working on the issue, but not satisfied on the review process, which is some of his reasoning for his vote on these grants. Ms. Vinton pointed out the habitat category is a huge component of one of the five categories for NET and has provided funding towards more that 121,000 acres easements and acquisitions.

Voting Aye: Mr. Bowen; Mr. Christen; Mr. Douglas; Mr. Macy; Mr. Orr; Mr. Quandahl; Mr. Riley; Ms. Vinton; and Mr. Wellman.

Abstaining: Mr. Kanger.

Absent: Dr. Anthone; Mr. Davidson; Mr. Dunn and Mr. Hellbusch. Motion carried.

Chairman Kanger: We are now considering the divided motion to award a grant, at the level outlined in the grant package, for application 20-171.

Voting Aye: Mr. Bowen; Mr. Christen; Mr. Douglas; Mr. Macy; Mr. Orr; Mr. Quandahl; Mr. Riley; Ms. Vinton; and Mr. Wellman.

Abstaining: Mr. Kanger.

Absent: Dr. Anthone; Mr. Davidson; Mr. Dunn and Mr. Hellbusch. Motion carried.

Chairman Kanger: We are now considering the divided motion to award a grant, at the level outlined in the grant package, for application 20-214.

Voting Aye: Mr. Bowen; Mr. Christen; Mr. Douglas; Mr. Macy; Mr. Orr; Mr. Quandahl; Mr. Riley; Ms. Vinton; and Mr. Wellman.

Abstaining: Mr. Kanger.

Absent: Dr. Anthone; Mr. Davidson; Mr. Dunn and Mr. Hellbusch. Motion carried.

Mr. Douglas realized he had erred on voting for 20-171 and should have abstained.

Motion by: Mr. Macy to reconsider 20-171 seconded by Mr. Quandahl.

Voting Aye: Mr. Bowen; Mr. Christen; Mr. Kanger; Mr. Macy; Mr. Orr; Mr. Quandahl; Mr. Riley; Ms. Vinton; and Mr. Wellman.

Abstaining: Mr. Douglas.

Absent: Dr. Anthone; Mr. Davidson; Mr. Dunn and Mr. Hellbusch. Motion carried.

Chairman Kanger: We are now considering the divided motion to award a grant, at the level outlined in the grant package, for application 20-171.

Voting Aye: Mr. Bowen; Mr. Christen; Mr. Macy; Mr. Orr; Mr. Quandahl; Mr. Riley; Ms. Vinton; and Mr. Wellman.

Abstaining: Mr. Douglas and Mr. Kanger.

Absent: Dr. Anthone; Mr. Davidson; Mr. Dunn and Mr. Hellbusch. Motion carried.

Chairman Kanger: We are now considering the divided motion to award a grant, at the level outlined in the grant package, for application 20-119.

Voting Aye: Mr. Bowen; Mr. Christen; Mr. Macy; Mr. Orr; Mr. Quandahl; Mr. Riley; Ms. Vinton; and Mr. Wellman.

Voting Nay: Mr Douglas.

Abstaining: Mr. Kanger.

Absent: Dr. Anthone; Mr. Davidson; Mr. Dunn and Mr. Hellbusch. Motion carried.

Chairman Kanger: We are now considering the divided motion to award a grant, at the level outlined in the grant package, for application 20-112.

Mr. Riley noted to the Chairman that he had a personal conflict of interest on this grant application.

Voting Aye: Mr. Bowen; Mr. Christen; Mr. Macy; Mr. Orr; Mr. Quandahl; Ms. Vinton; and Mr. Wellman.

Voting Nay: Mr Douglas.

Abstaining: Mr. Kanger and Mr. Riley.

Absent: Dr. Anthone; Mr. Davidson; Mr. Dunn and Mr. Hellbusch. Motion carried.

Chairman Kanger: We are now considering the motion to award the grants, at the level outlined in the grant package, for all applications identified in the original motion except those that were divided and already voted upon including, 20-219, 20-178, 20-171, 20-214, 20-119 and 20-112.

Voting Aye: Mr. Bowen; Mr. Christen; Mr. Douglas; Mr. Kanger; Mr. Macy; Mr. Orr; Mr. Quandahl; Mr. Riley; Ms. Vinton; and Mr. Wellman.

Absent: Dr. Anthone; Mr. Davidson; Mr. Dunn and Mr. Hellbusch. Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Vinton: I move to award the grants, at the level outlined in the grant package, for applications: 20-168, 20-220, 20-160, 20-174, 20-191, 20-150, 20-185, 20-117, 20-190, 20-167, 20-108, 20-130, 20-161, 20-143, 20-184, 20-170 and 20-129. Seconded by Mr. Christen.

Voting Aye: Mr. Bowen; Mr. Christen; Mr. Macy; Mr. Orr; Mr. Quandahl; Mr. Riley; Ms. Vinton; and Mr. Wellman.

Abstaining: Mr. Douglas and Mr. Kanger

Absent: Dr. Anthone; Mr. Davidson; Mr. Dunn and Mr. Hellbusch. Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Vinton: I move to award the grants, at the level outlined in the grant package, for applications: 20-183, 20-164, 20-186, 20-135, 20-187, 20-157, 20-136, 20-122, 20-121, 20-115, 20-189, 20-212, 20-193, 20-142, 20-182, 20-188 and 20-123. Seconded by Mr. Christen.

Voting Aye: Mr. Bowen; Mr. Christen; Mr. Douglas; Mr. Kanger; Mr. Macy; Mr. Orr; Mr. Quandahl; Mr. Riley; Ms. Vinton; and Mr. Wellman.

Absent: Dr. Anthone; Mr. Davidson; Mr. Dunn and Mr. Hellbusch. Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Vinton: I move to award the grants, at the level outlined in the grant package, for applications: 20-159, 20-133, 20-105, 20-154, 20-195, 20-114, 20-137, 20-144, 20-217, 20-169, 20-149, 20-216, 20-140, 20-177, 20-120, 20-173 and 20-113. Seconded by Mr. Christen.

Motion by Mr. Bowen: I move to divide the question to separately consider awarding a grant for application 20-137. Seconded by Ms. Vinton.

Voting Aye: Mr. Bowen; Mr. Christen; Mr. Douglas; Mr. Kanger; Mr. Macy; Mr. Orr; Mr. Quandahl; Mr. Riley; Ms. Vinton; and Mr. Wellman.

Absent: Dr. Anthone; Mr. Davidson; Mr. Dunn and Mr. Hellbusch. Motion carried.

Chairman Kanger: We are now considering the divided motion to award a grant, at the level outlined in the grant package, for application 20-137.

Mr. Bowen would like to comment on grants 20-137 and would like it recorded.

Mr. Bowen:

I served on the Grants Committee last year and I was on there with Mr. Douglas who just abstained. Mr. Bowen then corrected himself to correctly refer to Mr. Macy instead of Mr. Douglas. "We had an abstention on the grant committee and an appointment on the grant committee that was yet not filled, which was also a non-voting or non-scoring for this grant. And I believe someone was absent on that day, when we were scoring. As per the staff's recommendation for the scoring for grant 20-137, it didn't have its scoring at the bottom of the range or in fact below it, it had it in the upper two thirds of ranking by staff's recommendation of the score. So, somebody who was rather anti-ethanol on the committee scored it extremely low, which I was told when I got on Grants Committee, that we need to be consistent with your scoring whatever you think of the project or whether you like or not, you need to be consistent and objective and score it proportionately so the grant committee could work works. And that was not done in this instant, pulling the score down, with an abstention and absence, and it tanked. I did not feel that it was right and I brought it up at the time and it just so happened a compromise was offered to get it scored, funded part way and because I felt it needed, some others feel on the board that it needed funded. But still, it was a fraction of the original asks that the staff was completely for in their recommendations of the grants committee. And being as we have the problems with following up on grants and habitat like we have and repeated discussions about directing the issue, the opportunity presented itself at the time, to make adjustments that was made, not being overly, overtly pro-ethanol to the exclusion of habitat but at the same point in time...ahhh...I personally feel we need to get things some straightened out or before we go throwing the large quantities of money around that we do. And so, that's an explanation or comment I would like on record before this vote on why the Green Plains grant was moved in its order it did for me. And why I voted the way I did.

Mr. Christen:

I would also like to comment along the same line on the ranking process of the grant. By nature, some of them do rank very high and as a Board member and if you're on the on the Grants Committee, not this last time but in the past, some grants will rank high and if you are going to stay consistent with the ranking, even though you don't think they should be high, that's where some things need to be looked at in the grants process and I have also experienced situations where if somebody tanks a grant, you gotta to have somebody else that ranks it extremely high to offset that. And so there is some discrepancies in the way they are ranked and when there's a difference in opinion, it's a challenge to figure out how to do that. In the past I didn't mean to exclude any of the public from the discussion. But we were advised to let it go to the vote and that's why it was surprise and that's why it's my comment.

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Mr. Douglas:

I was on the Grants Committee and there was an offer to move this forward at a lesser amount, which I supported. And supported it after the question was asked to Director Brohman if we have supported this kind of grant before for a lesser amount...and Mr. Brohman correct me if I am wrong.... It seemed like it would qualify, I would say. I am going to abstain on this, cuz the way this is set up is that as we are voting on the dollar amount. If there's one on here that says zero, it doesn't matter if you are voting yes, you're voting for it to get no funding and if you vote no, you can't have the funding back to us at this juncture. So, I am going to abstain.

Ms. Vinton:

This grant makes a real contribution towards the board's air quality category, which we have funded very few grants. Originally, this grant was deemed eligible and recommended for full funding. I agree this grant provides clear, direct, measurable environmental benefits to the general public all across the state. By providing the ability to use clean burning ethanol, greenhouse gas emissions are greatly reduced. This has been one of the most immediate and pressing concerns expressed to me by the public, often referencing climate change.

Mr. Wellman:

Along with that on the air quality description, actions promoting and implementing clean air strategies including greenhouse gas reductions and that's pulled from our own documents on air quality. Certainly there's two studies I will bring up, one from North Carolina State University and one from the University of California Riverside and these studies were completed in 2018 and they found ethanol blends reduced toxic tail pipe emissions by 50%, significantly improving air quality and protecting public health according to both these studies. The new data provides evidence that air quality can be significantly improved when you add more ethanol to gasoline. So, I will vote again for this. I believe it fits our air quality criteria. It's proven by scientific data and if you look at the date, not on this project but in the prior year, this can be replicated. Does it have broad impact on the state, yes, it does through air quality. Both of those are just two of the facts that should have been part of the scoring from the grant committee. Thank you.

Mr. Macy:

It is part of my agency and we are partnering with Green Plains on this as an application in light of a public-private partnership. It is part of the scoring system that we look at throughout all grants. Our state produces the second amount of ethanol in this nation and we ship a lot of that ethanol to California to help them with their air pollution problems. So, it preposterous to state that this isn't a part of cleaning up the environment, cleaning up the air. Nebraska has some of the best air quality in the nation. Our agency works really hard to do that. This distribution of allowing more ethanol to be used in this state makes a lot of sense and that's why we are trying to do with this, that's why we partnered with Green Plains to get distribution out throughout the State. So we are going to offer a fair grants process to folks. I don't believe Green Plains is going to get a cent out of this. They are just a partner as an ethanol producer. And again, it's helping us clean up the air and do the right thing for environment. I can't vote yes on this because it is part of our agency. So, I am forced to abstain but my heart is in this. Thank you.

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Mr. Bowen:

One more comment, in a world of which we live in now, where everything has to be political, I am thankful that I am serving on a Board that is not driven by politics. I mean our decisions truly based around getting the most value that we feel for the amount of public dollar that is being spent. And that the way I have taken it seriously since I have been on the Board and that's the way I objectively support the grants that I look at and evaluate...and I get letters in the mail and emails and things that try to make this a political spin and really for the entire group it's not discussed and it's not.....I find it refreshing to serve on a board that is void of the world I walk out the door into.

Mr. Christen:

I will just add a little more comment to this. I certainly take that to heart, I am a farmer, rancher myself and I know what it takes to own and take care of my own. I know that full well and I also know how to make a project sustainable....well...at least, try. It is farming after all. But, I do know that you cannot manage what you don't measure. And the Performance Review Committee, when I first seen that, I didn't even know what that was, this whole time I have been on the board, until I saw my name on it that I was part of the Committee and I asked about it. And I believe we have had some discussion about it. The projects that we have done in this way and there's some of us that have taken our own responsibility of follow-up complaints that many people may be don't know about on projects that have been funded in the past. With the Performance Review Committee was designed to do that and we have rarely been utilized. And that pertains to land acquisitions and easements. Some of the things I am against is because we don't monitor or measure it and I don't think many people in their businesses would continue to function if they are not monitoring of measuring something. So, I just want to put that out there.

Voting Aye: Mr. Bowen; Mr. Christen; Mr. Quandahl; Mr. Riley; Ms. Vinton; and Mr. Wellman.

Abstaining: Mr. Douglas; Mr. Kanger; Mr. Macy and Mr. Orr

Absent: Dr. Anthone; Mr. Davidson; Mr. Dunn and Mr. Hellbusch. Motion carried.

Chairman Kanger: We are now considering the motion to award the grants, at the level outlined in the grant package, for all applications identified in the original motion except those that were divided and already voted upon including, 20-137.

Voting Aye: Mr. Bowen; Mr. Christen; Mr. Douglas; Mr. Kanger; Mr. Orr; Mr. Quandahl; Mr. Riley; Ms. Vinton; and Mr. Wellman.

Abstaining: Mr. Macy.

Absent: Dr. Anthone; Mr. Davidson; Mr. Dunn and Mr. Hellbusch. Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Vinton: I move to award the grants, at the level outlined in the grant package, for applications: 20-213, 20-200, 20-210, 20-102, 20-205, 20-163, 20-211, 20-126, 20-199, 20-172, 20-138, 20-198, 20-218, 20-201, 20-158, 20-109 and 20-196. Seconded by Mr. Christen.

Voting Aye: Mr. Bowen; Mr. Christen; Mr. Douglas; Mr. Kanger; Mr. Macy; Mr. Orr; Mr. Quandahl; Mr. Riley; Ms. Vinton; and Mr. Wellman.

Absent: Dr. Anthone; Mr. Davidson; Mr. Dunn and Mr. Hellbusch. Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Vinton: I move to award the grants, at the level outlined in the grant package, for applications: 20-206, 20-147, 20-197, 20-155, 20-180, 20-152, 20-110, 20-118, 20-156, 20-166, 20-202, 20-203, 20-207, 20-208, 20-209, 18-107-3, 19-101-2 and 19-104-2. Seconded by Mr. Christen.

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Motion by Mr. Bowen: I move to divide the question to separately consider awarding a grant for application 18-107-3. Seconded by Ms. Vinton.

Voting Aye: Mr. Bowen; Mr. Christen; Mr. Douglas; Mr. Kanger; Mr. Macy; Mr. Orr; Mr. Quandahl; Mr. Riley; Ms. Vinton; and Mr. Wellman.

Absent: Dr. Anthone; Mr. Davidson; Mr. Dunn and Mr. Hellbusch. Motion carried.

Chairman Kanger: We are now considering the divided motion to award a grant, at the level outlined in the grant package, for application 18-107-3.

Mr. Riley has a conflict and will be abstaining. Mr. Macy noted his support for this grant.

Voting Aye: Mr. Bowen; Mr. Christen; Mr. Douglas; Mr. Kanger; Mr. Macy; Mr. Orr; Mr. Quandahl; Ms. Vinton; and Mr. Wellman.

Abstaining: Mr. Riley

Absent: Dr. Anthone; Mr. Davidson; Mr. Dunn and Mr. Hellbusch. Motion carried.

Chairman Kanger: We are now considering the motion to award the grants, at the level outlined in the grant package, for all applications identified in the original motion except those that were divided and already voted upon including, 18-107-3.

Voting Aye: Mr. Bowen; Mr. Christen; Mr. Douglas; Mr. Kanger; Mr. Macy; Mr. Orr; Mr. Quandahl; Mr. Riley; Ms. Vinton; and Mr. Wellman.

Absent: Dr. Anthone; Mr. Davidson; Mr. Dunn and Mr. Hellbusch. Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Vinton: I move to award the grants, at the level outlined in the grant package, for applications: 19-105-2, 19-107-2, 19-110-2, 19-111-2, 19-114-2, 19-115-2, 19-116-2, 19-122-2, 19-123-2, 19-126-2, 19-127-2, 19-131-2, 19-132-2, 19-133-2, 19-136-2, 19-138-2, 19-139-2, 19-142-2 and 19-145-2. Seconded by Mr. Christen.

Voting Aye: Mr. Bowen; Mr. Christen; Mr. Douglas; Mr. Kanger; Mr. Macy; Mr. Orr; Mr. Quandahl; Mr. Riley; Ms. Vinton; and Mr. Wellman.

Absent: Dr. Anthone; Mr. Davidson; Mr. Dunn and Mr. Hellbusch. Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Vinton: I move to award the grants, at the level outlined in the grant package, for applications: 19-146-2, 19-147-2, 19-150-2, 19-151-2, 19-155-2, 19-159-2, 19-162-2, 19-164-2, 19-165-2, 19-167-2, 19-169-2, 19-170-2, 19-172-2, 19-173-2, 19-175-2, 19-184-2 and 19-186-2. Seconded by Mr. Christen.

Mr. Macy noted a conflict of interest and will abstain. Mr. Douglas noted a conflict of interest and will abstain. Mr. Riley wanted to note that, other than the previous conflicts of interest, he is not aware of any possible conflicts.

Voting Aye: Mr. Bowen; Mr. Christen; Mr. Kanger; Mr. Orr; Mr. Quandahl; Mr. Riley; Ms. Vinton; and Mr. Wellman.

Abstaining: Mr. Douglas and Mr. Macy

Absent: Dr. Anthone; Mr. Davidson; Mr. Dunn and Mr. Hellbusch. Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Vinton: I move to award the grants, at the level outlined in the grant package, for applications: 19-189-2, 19-191-2, 19-192-2, 19-198-2, 19-200-2, 19-202-2 and 19-205-2. Seconded by Mr. Christen.

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Voting Aye: Mr. Bowen; Mr. Christen; Mr. Kanger; Mr. Macy; Mr. Orr; Mr. Quandahl; Mr. Riley; Ms. Vinton; and Mr. Wellman.

Abstaining: Mr. Douglas.

Absent: Dr. Anthone; Mr. Davidson; Mr. Dunn and Mr. Hellbusch. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #5: Public Comment and Good of the Order. Mr. Brohman had a correction in the board book on page 4-1 the second footnote. The board book on the web is correct. Also, today's agenda item 6 had an incorrect date. John Denton, Ducks Unlimited, Grand Island and Susan Seacrest, Friends of the Trust, Lincoln gave remarks during the Good of the Order. Mr. Wellman stated that no defunding on projects had occurred, the Grant Committee gives their recommendations to the Board and it is the vote of the Board at the following meeting which awards the grants. Ms. Vinton shared she has had discussions with members of the Friends of the Trust.

Agenda Item #6: Date and Location of Next Meeting. The next meeting is on Thursday, November 5, 2020, 1:30 p.m., at the Lincoln Children's Zoo in Lincoln.

Agenda Item #7: Adjourn. Mr. Kanger adjourned the meeting at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mark A. Brohman
Executive Director