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Executive Director Corner

The Nebraska Environmental Trust Board met on Thursday, April 8th to award the 2021 grants. Successful grantees are being notified and grant contracts will soon be signed and a new round of grants will be underway. The first year grants did not change from the boards' list from the February board meeting. The Trust discussed potential changes to grant start dates and reimbursement timelines. Stay tuned for potential changes.

The Trust staff has scheduled an on-line Grantee Seminar for next week, Tuesday, April 20th at 10:00am to go over grantees' responsibilities for publication of their grant and the submittal of quarterly reports, receipts for reimbursements, final reports and closing of grants. We will record the meeting so grantees can watch the video if they missed the meeting or want to review it again.

The Legislature is at the 2/3rd point of the 90 day session. The session is scheduled to end June 10th. There were 684 bills introduced this session. We continue to monitor a few bills, including a few dealing with the Open Meetings Law and a Legislative Resolution (LR34) that sets an interim study to examine



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the structure and funding of the Nebraska Environmental Trust, and appropriations.

I have just received my second vaccination and I feel a little relief. We don't know if we will be needing another vaccination in six months or a year, but it is nice to get this vaccination behind me. I hope if you choose to get vaccinated, you have already been vaccinated or have been able to get scheduled soon. Lancaster County is reporting the highest rate of vaccinations at about 40% of the population being vaccinated. The Johnson and Johnson scare with blood clotting complications is concerning, but the numbers appear to be a very small percentage, but you have to weigh the risks. It sounds like vaccines are becoming available across Nebraska to everyone 18 and over.

Husker volleyball gets started this week as the NCAA Finals begin in Omaha. Let's hope they can breeze through the 48 teams to the quarterfinals and then the semifinals. The Husker men's baseball is doing well and the women's softball team is showing some potential as well. Let's not forget to congratulate the women's bowling team that just won a National Championship. The spring game is just around the corner (May 1st) and I've got my seat to see some football action, but it is a long time till fall.

Stay safe,

*Mark A. Brohman,
Executive Director*

Grantee Workshop Via Zoom

The Trust will be holding a grantee workshop via zoom on April 20, 2021 at 10:00 a.m . Please see tentative

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agenda. A link will be sent to grantees to register for the Grantee Workshop this week.

Please note that a recording of the workshop will be made available for viewing to our grantees on our website for your convenience after the meeting.

Nebraska Environmental Trust 2021 Grantee Workshop

Tuesday, April 20, 2021

Via Zoom Only

AGENDA

10:00 a.m. Welcome and Introductory Remarks

Mark A. Brohman, Executive Director

10:10 a.m. Public Information/Grant Recognition –
Sheila Johnson, Public Information Officer

10:45 a.m. Application Review/Reporting – Holly
Adams, Grants Administrator

11:30 a.m. Wrap-Up

Trust Awards 2021 Grants

The Nebraska Environmental Trust Board announced that 113 projects will receive \$18,350,515 in lottery proceeds for natural resource work in Nebraska. Out of these, 42 are newly funded grants and 71 are carry-over projects. This is the 28th year of grants from the Trust, which has provided over \$349 million dollars in lottery revenue to preserve and protect the air, water and land of our State. Some of the projects receiving funding include:

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- Middle Niobrara NRD – Long Pine Creek Watershed Restoration
- Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory– Connecting Youth and Families to the Natural World in the Nebraska Panhandle
- Transit Authority of the City of Omaha - Metro Zero Emission Sustainability Project
- Chadron State College - Math Science Building Initiative
- Northern Prairies Land Trust - Enhancing Nebraska's Oak Woodlands

A complete listing of all approved 2021 grants and summaries can be found on the Nebraska Environmental Trust web site at:

<https://environmentaltrust.nebraska.gov>

The Nebraska Legislature created the Nebraska Environmental Trust in 1992. Using the revenue from the Nebraska Lottery, the Trust has provided grants to over 2,400 projects across the state.

Nebraska Bumble Bee Atlas Event

Event: Nebraska Bumble Bee Atlas - Workshop

When: Saturday May 1, 2021; 11am - 3pm

Where: Online (via Zoom)

Description: The Nebraska Bumble Bee Atlas is a statewide community science project aimed at tracking and conserving our native bumble bees. Join us on Zoom for an in-depth training that will teach you about bumble bee biology, ecology, identification, and how to participate in the Atlas. Anyone with an interest in supporting pollinators is encouraged to join, no

experience is necessary to participate! Registration is required, [sign up here](#).

I also added NET as a co-host for this event on Facebook, which will make this event appear on your main Facebook page should the invite be accepted.

Facebook event

link: <https://www.facebook.com/events/921928715309124>

2021 Calendar:

- Monday/Tuesday, August 2-3, 2021 - 3rd Quarter Board Meeting - TBD
 - Tuesday, September 7, 2021 - Grants Deadline
 - Thursday, November 4, 2021 - 4th Quarter Board Meeting - Ferguson House
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