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# RESOURCE

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### Executive Director Corner

The Nebraska Environmental Trust Board will meet on Thursday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm and hold the public hearing on the proposed funding list for the 2021 Grant Cycle. After the hearing, the board will award the 2021 Grants. The meeting will be held at the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy's conference room at 245 Fallbrook Blvd., Lincoln.

The Legislature is just past their halfway point of the 90 day session. The session is scheduled to end June 10<sup>th</sup>. There were 684 bills introduced this session and the Legislature is just getting to full floor debate as the hearings are winding up. We are watching a couple of bills, including a few dealing with the Open Meetings Law and a Legislative Resolution (LR34) that sets an interim study to examine the structure and funding of the Nebraska Environmental Trust.

Every day more Nebraskans are being vaccinated and the number of new cases and deaths are dropping. People are anxious to travel and spend time with family and friends. National news announced this week that the March airline bookings are significantly higher than at this time in March 2019 (one year before COVID). Hopefully vaccine doses available to



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Nebraska will continue to increase and we can get a majority of the public vaccinated by early summer.

Husker volleyball is moving along and Nebraska is currently ranked #5, but the Big 10 is loaded this season. Currently their record is 11-2 and the road to Omaha and the Final Four could be rocky. There are a lot of questions about the Husker football program and recent schedule changes have had a lot of discussions. Everything from cancellation of this fall's game in Dublin, Ireland, to discussion of dropping the Oklahoma game. Fall can't come soon enough for some and others nervously await another football season. The Husker men's basketball program continues to have players leave and the season didn't end as fans had hoped for, while the women's program showed some hope at times this year and their season was extended. Husker baseball and softball are underway and we'll see how their seasons go.

Stay safe,

*Mark A. Brohman,  
Executive Director*

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### **Grantee Seminar Dates**

Dates are being considered for the upcoming Grantee Seminars. The Grantee Seminars will again be presented via Zoom. Awarded grantees will be notified of dates, and provided a link to the Seminars, following the April 8<sup>th</sup> NET board meeting.

Please stay up to date with the Trust Newsletter and our Facebook page for the latest information.

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## **Nebraska Recycling Council Recycling Collection Event**

Sustainable spring cleaning just got easier! The Nebraska Recycling Council (NRC) is hosting its annual recycling day event on Saturday, April 24th from 9 am - noon at the Nebraska Innovation Campus in Lincoln. NRC's CHaRM event (a Collection for Hard to Recycle Materials) is a one-stop collection event to recycle old electronics, batteries, scrap metal, EPS foam coolers and packaging, secure documents for shredding, textiles, and to donate reusable housewares and clothing. Visit [www.nrcne.org/2021charm](http://www.nrcne.org/2021charm) for a complete list of acceptable items and limitations.

Most items are accepted for free except for TVs (\$10-\$35 fee based on size). A suggested donation of \$10 per vehicle benefits the statewide work of the Nebraska Recycling Council.

To keep the recycling event safe for everyone participating, residents are asked to wear masks and to stay in their vehicles. Materials should be placed in the back seat, trunk, or bed of the vehicle for volunteers to unload. The event takes place in the parking lot northeast of The Mill at 2021 Transformation Drive, enter from Salt Creek Roadway at the far east entrance close to the 27th Street overpass.

The CHaRM Event is sponsored by Sadoff E-Recycling and Data Destruction, Goodwill of Lincoln, Interstate All Battery, Plastilite, and Security Shredding Solutions. Nebraska Innovation Campus and Tetrad Property Group are hosting the event location. For questions or more information, contact [info@nrcne.org](mailto:info@nrcne.org).

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### 2021 Calendar:

- Thursday, April 8, 2021 - 2nd Quarter Board Meeting - Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy, 245 Fallbrook Blvd, Lincoln NE, 1:30 pm.
  - 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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