

President Cory Williamson called the meeting to order at 6:49 p.m. at Janet Emery's house because Goodrich Middle School was locked and thus the meeting could not be held there as planned.

Attendees: Cory Williamson, president; Anne Pamperl, secretary; Gloria Kuebler, Janet Emery, Cheryl Wells, Wendy Morrissey, Board members; Cathy Kindler, member. Cheryl had Brian Jung's proxy.

Secretary's Report: Wendy made a motion to approve the March 2019 Board meeting minutes as emailed to Board members and Cheryl seconded the motion. Cory asked for discussion and there was none. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: The bills presented at the meeting were as follows:

Lincoln Electric System	\$31.17
T&D Mowing	\$200.00 (commons sidewalk snow removal 6 March 2019)
Nebraska Printing Center	\$542.85 (12 signs, ½ hour of design, tax)

Cory stated the bank account balance was \$58,118.84 as of 16 April 2019. Grafton & Associates will mail the second notice this week for those lot owners who still owe 2019 dues to BENA. Cory told the Board he went to Sam's Club and purchased supplies for the Easter Egg Hunt and more using the BENA debit card. He purchased 16 tubs of different candies, 500 envelopes, and address labels for a total of \$176.38 including sales tax. Cory spent \$220 at the Post Office for stamps for the mailing of the annual meeting notice. Supplies for removal of the graffiti in the commons came to \$64.49 including tax. The leftover materials are now in the BENA storage unit in case they are needed in the future. Cory purchased 3 cans of Tordon from Tractor Supply to kill mulberry stumps and a weedy vine in the commons by the Boston Culvert; total cost with tax was \$64.17. Gloria presented a receipt for 24 bags of mulch for the commons flower bed near her house, which she cares for; total cost plus tax was \$50.59. Wendy moved to approve all bills in the Treasurer's report as read, Janet seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously without further discussion.

Business:

Item 1, Nonprofit biennial report – Cory turned the report in on time to the Nebraska Secretary of State. He did the report online and used the debit card to pay the \$19 fee plus a \$1 transaction fee. He reported Wendy is listed as the BENA registered agent, and Wendy said she is all right with that.

Item 2, New BENA signs and frames – Matt Garner, former vice president of BENA, picked up the signs from the printer and donated 3 metal frames to BENA to support the signs. The signs are stored in the storage unit when not in use. Cory told the Board he put out the Easter Egg Hunt signs Monday (yesterday).

Item 3, Annual meeting notice – Cory mailed the annual meeting notices 15 April. He used the page folding/envelope stuffing machine at his wife's employer's office. Anne printed the mailing labels and Cory printed the labels with BENA's return address.

Item 4, Spring commons cleanup – Some Board members plus 3 members of BENA participated in the cleanup, which took place April 6th. The areas cleaned up were the playground, its immediate vicinity, and both sides of the Boston culvert. The cleanup ran from 9 to 11 a.m. Limbs, small trees, and weedy vines were removed and added to the brush pile by the Boston culvert. 3 other piles of limbs, which are storm debris, are scattered around the commons and will be picked up by Cory when the commons is dry enough for him to drive his pickup to the piles. At the time of cleanup, the commons was too soft. Once all of the limbs are added to the Boston brush pile, a tree company will

be hired to grind the pile. The chips will be left on site for use as mulch around bushes and trees in the commons. Kathy Kindler asked about the two piles of limbs in the commons behind Bunker Hill, in particular the one near her house. Cory explained he had walked the commons after the October snow storm and noted the damage to commons trees; he later collected and piled those limbs plus a few dumped by residents adjacent to the commons in three areas including one behind Bunker Hill. However, the pile in question is not from commons trees but rather from a BENA member on Constitution who cut down 2 trees in his backyard and dragged the remains into the commons. The pile is not the responsibility of BENA. Kathy asked if BENA would be willing to grind the pile if it is moved to the Boston pile and the Board was agreeable to that. Kathy will talk to her son to see if he may be interested in doing this. Cory reported that not all of the volunteer trees and brush marked last fall were removed during the spring cleanup due to the limited number of participants. He suggested another cleanup take place before the 4th of July parade and cookout, perhaps the 1st Sat in June. Gloria said she saw free pea gravel offered online from someone on Folkways that might be placed around the playground equipment. Cory reported the removal of dead branches from the large juniper bushes on the south side of the Boston culvert resulted in a large hole in the middle of the row of junipers. Yellow caution tape was placed in the opening but Cheryl reported it's already torn. Cory reported his initial letter to tree companies about removal and trimming of commons trees generated no response. 11 cottonwoods and willows in the commons are leaning over private property and need to be addressed soon.

Item 5, Potential grant money for commons cleanup – Anne reported the Keep Lincoln and Lancaster County Beautiful Neighborhood Association and County Grant Program reimburses some cleanup expenses and BENA should look into applying for a grant for one of the commons cleanups. A cleanup plan must be prepared, grant application completed, and if the grant is awarded, then a final report must be submitted. Anne volunteered to work on this. Cheryl suggested BENA try for grant money for the fall cleanup, which would allow time to put together a plan. Other Board members are interested in the potential for saving money and agreed to talk more about the program at the annual meeting in hopes that more volunteers can be found for the fall cleanup.

Item 6, Vandalism in the commons the day after the cleanup – Cory reported graffiti was sprayed on some of the playground equipment, basketball court, signs listing hours for the commons, and all 3 road culverts in BENA. The vandalism took place around 11:30 a.m. Sunday, April 7th. A resident looked out her window, saw the vandals, and called the police. The police caught the vandals in the act of spray painting graffiti on the Boston culvert. The resident called Cory and told him about the vandalism and provided the case number and responding officer's name. Cory contacted the police but hasn't heard back as of the meeting. Cory cleaned the graffiti off of the playground equipment and signs but the remover doesn't work on concrete so that graffiti must be painted over. He would prefer the vandals, who are kids, pay for the materials to deal with the graffiti and have to paint over the graffiti in the culverts rather than pay a fine.

Item 7, Easter Egg Hunt – Cory will bring water and coffee to the hunt. He'll also pick up a tray of cookies from Sam's Club for hunt participants. Cory will pick up the eggs from the storage unit and take them to Janet's house tomorrow. Cory told the Board he picked up 200 more eggs at Walmart that are larger and cost \$1 for a bag of 20 eggs. Janet said she contacted Cici's for coupons but received no response. McDonald's provided 300 happy meal toys. Runza provided 40 coupons for free ice cream cones. Dollar Tree provided 40 prizes. Cory said he got fruit snacks to put in eggs for the smallest kids. Board members and other residents will stuff eggs at Janet's house at 6:30 p.m. tomorrow. Cory reported BENA has enough napkins and cups in the storage unit for the event.

Item 8, BENA 2018 taxes – tax forms were completed for BENA by Grafton & Associates. Taxes must be paid on the interest received when someone pays off a lien. For 2018, BENA owed the federal government \$103 and the state \$19. Cory reported he had received the first bill from Grafton and Associates that included their monthly fee for January and February, cost of tax form preparation, and the review of the 2018 financial books. The latter cost \$565.00. A few issues were found with the 2018 books, nothing major, just simple mistakes.

Item 9, Ads for the garage sale – Cory will place ads for the neighborhood garage sale on Craigslist, BENA FaceBook page, BENA website, and Next Door app. Board members agreed once again to skip placing an ad in the newspaper because the free publicity had worked fine in 2018. Cory will also get the signs from the storage unit and put them out a few days prior to the sale.

Item 10, Meeting place for June and July Board meetings – Wendy reported she has reserved the meeting room at Eisley Library for these two Board meetings. Goodrich Middle School is not available during June and July when classes are not in session.

Wendy moved the meeting adjourn, Janet seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.