

President Cory Williamson called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. in Meeting Room #2 of Eiseley Library.

Attendees: Cory Williamson, president; Jacob Hartwig, vice president; Brian Jung, treasurer; Anne Pamperl, secretary; Janet Emery, Cheryl Wells, Wendy Morrissey, Robert Henre Board members

Secretary's Report: Wendy made a motion to approve the May 2019 Board meeting minutes as emailed to Board members and Robert seconded the motion. Cory asked for discussion and there was none. The motion passed with 5 yes votes, 1 abstention, and 0 no votes.

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

Grafton & Associates	\$400.00 (March and April bookkeeping fees)
Lincoln Electric System	\$30.81 (light by basketball court in commons)
T&D Mowing	\$1,010.00 (4 commons mowings, 2 Superior ROW mowings, clean Superior fence line, empty trash cans)

Brian looked at the report from Grafton & Associates and reported the bank balance is \$70,504.35. Janet made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report as read by Brian, Wendy seconded the motion. No one had any additional discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Business:

Item 1, Unpaid dues – The Board discussed how to collect, with options being Board members going to homes and talking to lot owners with unpaid dues or sending a certified letter. Cory reported 57 3rd notices were mailed last Friday (June 14th) with a note that dues must be paid within 30 days. Board members decided to send a certified letter to each lot owner with unpaid dues. Cory will draft the letter and include the due date and a bill. The letter will explain a lien will be placed on the lot if the dues are not paid. Once the lien is filed, the lot owner will owe the 2019 dues, lien filing fee (\$10), lien release fee (\$10), \$6.80 cost of certified letter, and on January 1, 2020 8% interest on the unpaid 2019 dues. The certified letter will go in the mail Friday, June 28th. Wendy made a motion Cory mail certified letters, with a cost not to exceed \$367.20, on June 28th to those who haven't paid dues with a due date of 15 July 2019. Robert seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 2, Cleanup grant application – Anne asked the Board to make the tentative dates final. The proposed cleanup date is September 21st, with a rain date of October 12th. Board members discussed the conflict with the fall neighborhood garage sale, which was scheduled earlier this year for September 19, 20, and 21. After discussion, the Board changed the dates of the garage sale to September 5, 6, and 7. Cory will change the garage sale dates on the website and FaceBook page. Anne talked about the need for in-kind donations for the fall cleanup application. Board members plan to donate the use of loppers, chainsaws, a man lift, bottled water, and lunch. Cory explained the grant application will include rental of a bobcat to speed loading brush into a trailer. The bobcat can also be used to clean the grass, algae, and weeds from the flow liner. He plans to put those into the washouts beside the flow liner. Cory also told the Board the dump trailer has to be taken to the Bluffs Road landfill because of its size (too large to be accepted at the closer N 48th Street landfill). Fuel costs up to \$75 can be requested in the grant application. The bobcat burns diesel; everything else (trucks, chainsaws) combusts gasoline. Anne asked about obtaining volunteers because the grant application requests the number of volunteers. Janet mentioned high school students need volunteer hours and Jacob said he knew 2 high school students that could be recruited for the cleanup. Janet will check with Kent Pierce about volunteers from UNL. Cory wants to cut as much brush as possible and prune some smaller trees prior to the cleanup date. Brush and limbs will be placed in piles in the commons and then collected and taken to the landfill on the cleanup day.

Item 3, Tree bids – Cory sent out 14 letters requesting bids. 4 letters were returned by the Post Office as not deliverable in spite of Cory using addresses from the Chamber of Commerce. 5 companies responded. Representatives of four of the companies were shown the same 7 trees. The owner of Woodchuckers later emailed Cory and said his company is new, doesn't have all of the equipment needed to take down very large trees, and the company's insurance company wouldn't allow him to work on BENA's trees due to their size. Good Life Tree Service submitted a bid of \$26,500 to cut down the 7 trees and grind the stumps. The company has 2 guys on staff and hires other workers as needed. Without stump grinding, the cost of tree removal would be \$18,550. The Tree Guys submitted a bid of \$12,400 for removing the 7 trees and did not include stump grinding. If BENA wants the stumps ground, the estimated cost would be \$300/stump. The Tree Guys have 3 crews with 5 guys on each crew. Innovative Lift submitted a bid the day of the meeting that Board members found unclear. Total cost was not given nor was the size of the crew that would be working provided. Costs for certain tasks were provided. Cory stated that the owner of Innovative Lift stated several times he wanted to access the trees through the yards of homeowners, which the Board will not allow. A 5th Company, Dudley Dew Right stated an interest but didn't return Cory's calls when he attempted to set up an appointment to show the company representatives the trees. Cory told the Board members the trees that are to be removed are the 3 large willows behind/near Kent Pierce's house and 4 cottonwoods behind Valley Forge. The cottonwoods are accessible now and will be the 1st trees cut down. The commons near the willows is too wet now for access. Brian made a motion BENA use the Tree Guys, at a cost not to exceed \$12,400, to remove the seven trees with the cottonwoods behind Valley Forge to be given priority. Jacob seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Item 4, Follow-up on the roll-off in the commons behind Old Glory – Cory talked to both homeowners, and the conversation got a bit heated at times. In the end Ms. Barnett agreed to purchase grass seed to plant in the affected area while Mr. Moody agreed to work on removing the ruts and tamp the soil. Ms. Barnett also agreed to only have work done on the swimming pool in her backyard when the commons is firm so that damage will not be done. Cory pointed out she will be responsible for the cost of any damage that is done to the commons.

Item 5, 4th of July – the parade starts at 10 a.m. Wendy contacted the Lincoln Fire Department and arranged for a fire engine to come to the parade provided it doesn't have to go out on a call. Janet will take care of the games and prizes. Several Happy Meal prizes are left over from the Easter egg hunt. Cory will provide the grill but won't be able to run the grill because he'll be golfing. Jacob volunteered to do the grilling. Wendy, Anna, and Robert will help Janet with the games. Cory will bring 2 coolers that will hold ice water and lemonade. Wendy will provide the lemonade. Cory and Brian will pick up burgers, hot dogs, chips, and buns. Cory will provide a cooler to hold the meat. 3 \$25 gift cards from Walmart will be purchased for parade prizes. Wendy made a motion that Cory and/or Brian be authorized to purchase supplies for the 4th of July parade and cookout, not to exceed the budgeted amount of \$350. Jacob seconded the motion. Cheryl noted the Board had budgeted a total of \$800 for Easter and 4th of July activities and wondered if the Board would be on or under budget. Brian checked the financial records and stated \$360 was spent on the Easter egg hunt, which leaves \$435. The Board then voted unanimously to pass the motion.

Item 6, Fence at 5015 Bunker Hill – the lot was professionally surveyed. Brian and Cory looked at the surveyor's flags and confirmed the new fence would be within the property's boundaries and would not impinge on the commons. Cory also told the Board an anonymous letter was sent to the Board that claimed the fence was going to be on the commons.

Item 7, Bank selection – three of the Board’s officers reviewed the information on 3 local banks. All agreed that Union Bank is the best choice for checking and for setting up a savings account or CD to hold BENA’s reserve, which is required by the Declarations and Bylaws.

Item 8, Follow-up on vandalism in the commons – Cory called all 3 kids who vandalized the commons. Cory left messages with all 3 about setting up a time to paint over the graffiti that is on concrete. He hopes the painting can occur this coming weekend or the next. The 3 are required to do community service but they don’t necessarily have to meet that requirement by painting over their graffiti. The community service must be done by October 11 but any or all of the 3 kids can ask for an extension. As soon as Cory and the kids set a date for painting, assuming they’re going to do the painting, Cory will purchase the paint. BENA will be reimbursed for the cost of the paint and the cleaning supplies used to address the graffiti.

Item 9, Barnett swimming pool – Ms. Barnett told Cory ground water is getting into her swimming pool, which is why it was drained earlier this year. The bottom must be dry in order for the pool to be repaired. Ms. Barnett agreed that the pool will be drained into her backyard in the future and no hose will be run into the commons or to the flow liner.

Brian moved the meeting adjourn, Cheryl seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.