

**KEEP ABILENE BEAUTIFUL
BOARD MEETING
April 5, 2006**

OFFICERS PRESENT

Doug Hodel – President

Martin Garcia – President Elect

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Dave Boyll

Jana Moreno

Malcolm Bramlett

Rod Cates

JoAnn Sczech

Wendy Stovall

Sydnye Moore

Mary Ann Martin

Linda Taubert

Stephanie Kraly

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Tim Dickenson

Yogi Christensson

Nick Pruitt

Tara Castille

Tom Rigsby

SUPPORT MEMBERS PRESENT

Megan Santee – City, Legal Dept.

Donna Albus – KTB

Jon James – City, Planning Director

Mary Beth Kilgore – TX DOT

Ledessa White – AISD

Eric Copeland – Texas Forest Service

Priscilla Rayford – Water Office

Item I: Call to Order. Doug Hodel called the meeting to order.

Item II: Welcome Guests.

Item III: Approval of minutes. *Malcolm Bramlett made the motion to accept the minutes. Mary Ann Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

Item IV: Treasurer's Report – Martin Garcia reported for Yogi Christensson who was absent.

As of February 28, 2006:

Balance	Checks Written/Cost	Deposits
General Oper Acct		
\$36,901.19	(1,647.50)	\$3,017.39
Crape Myrtle Account		
\$5,549.15	(\$0)	\$0

Stephanie Kraly made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as written. Malcolm Bramlett seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Item V: Action Items

A. Discussion and Possible Approval of Funds for New KAB Banner- **Stephanie Kraly moved to approve funds up to \$300.00 for the purchase of a KAB banner. Dave Boyll seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

B. Discussion and Possible Approval of Funds for Volunteer Section of the ARN- **Mary Ann Martin moved to approve up to \$80.00 for advertising in the Abilene Reporter-News. Malcolm Bramlett seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

C. Discussion and Possible Approval of Participating in “Artwalk”- Doug Hodel pointed out that it would be good advertising. **Malcolm Bramlett made a motion to approve the participation in “Artwalk” several months between now and the end of the year. Stephanie Kraly seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

D. Discussion and Possible Approval of Funds for Project Wildflower- Donna Albus reported that signs from “Sign Pro” would cost \$68.00. The total cost being \$408.00 for 6 sites. **Malcolm Bramlett made a motion to approve the purchase of signs. Dave Boyll seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

E. Discussion and Possible Approval of Funds for KTB Conference- Doug Hodel asked if anyone wanted to go to the Keep Texas Beautiful Conference in June. Funds approved would be designated for registration and hotel. Travel would be at the Board member’s expense. **Malcolm Bramlett made a motion to approve the funds for another \$1,000 for a total of \$3,000 to pay for conference expenses. Wendy Stovall seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

F. Discussion and Possible Approval of Funds for Recycling Billboard- Lesli Andrews reported that Lamar Advertising would charge \$3,700.00 for 12 months of billboard advertising. The Environmental Recycle Center will pay one-half of the cost making KAB’s total amount \$1850.00. **Wendy Stovall made a motion to approve funds for a recycling billboard up to \$1850.00. Linda Taubert seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Item VI: Non-Action Items

A. April Calendar of Events- Lesli Andrews reported on Clean-Ups in April. Litter clean up dates are as follows: HSU on April 9; Abilene High School Council on April 22; and, local Churches on April 24 and 28. Also, area churches will be doing clean-ups on April 30th.

B. Results from Don’t Mess With Texas Trash Off- Lesli Andrews stated that the Trash Off on Saturday, April 1, was very successful with over 300 volunteers and 10,000 pounds of trash picked up.

C. Don’t Mess with Texas Texans Don’t Litter Cleanup Tour- Lesli Andrews announced that on June 4th the Don’t Mess with Texas Texans Litter Cleanup Tour is coming to Abilene, 200-300 volunteers are needed. Time and location to be determined. There will be gifts hidden among the trash to find.

D. Xeriscape Lecture Series-The next one is scheduled for April 24 with Eric Copeland.

E. Report from TXDOT-Mary Beth Kilgore reported that 68 groups participated in the district-wide Trash-Off.

F. Report from Texas Forest Service – Eric Copeland Reported that all aircraft utilized for fire suppression are in Amarillo and Midland. There is still, however, a burn ban in effect. Thanks was given to Eric for the letter to the editor.

G. Report from Taylor Extension Office – No Report.

H. Report from AIDS- Ledessa White –Reported that Martin Garcia handed out information on KAB events. Ms. White requested information regarding the Janet Parkey award, particularly the date for this presentation.

I. Report from WISD – no report.

J. Report from Solid Waste- Lesli Andrews reported that alley crews are making it through Abilene every six weeks making a noticeable difference in the alley's. She also reminded those who had signed up for Spring Clean that it is this Saturday.

K. Report from WCTCOG – Wendy Stovall reported that the grant from USDA has benefited 13-14 schools by providing chippers and greenhouses.

L. Coordinator Report – Donna Albus reported that at the TTIA Meeting she had donated two framed KTB ornaments for auction. Ms. Albus stated that when she last checked the bid was up to \$258.00. Ms. Albus stated that Texas Travel Counselors will meet in Abilene on April 16, 17, 18, and 19 and requested Board members' assistance in ensuring that the City, particularly the downtown area, is litter free. Lesli asked if anyone needed a new name tag.

Item VII: Next Meeting – May 3, 2006 TBA.

Item VIII: Adjournment – with not further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:05 pm.