

**MINUTES OF THE
KEEP ABILENE BEAUTIFUL BOARD
December 4, 2013
Abilene City Hall – Basement Conference Room**

OFFICERS PRESENT

Corey Ruff, President
Ray Grothaus, President - Elect
E’Lisa Smetana, Secretary

OFFICERS ABSENT

David Harwell, Treasurer

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Shane Johnson
Scott Kilmer
Elyse Lewis
Charles Mitchell

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Martin Garcia
Stephanie Kraly
Eric Mallet
John Weir

KEEP ABILENE BEAUTIFUL STAFF

Nicole Eaves, KAB Coordinator

ADVISORY MEMBERS PRESENT

None

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Joe LeBlanc, Adopt-a-Highway - TxDOT

GUESTS PRESENT

Councilman Robert Briley

Item I: **Call to Order.** Corey Ruff, President, called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m. Ms. Smetana checked roll call for each member. A quorum of Board members was present.

Item II: **Consent Agenda.**

- 1. Approval of Minutes – Approval of minutes from September 4, 2013 and November 6, 2013 regular meetings.**
- 2. Approval of Treasurer’s Reports from September, October, and November 2013.**

Updated Financial Reports provided by Mr. Harwell were included in the packets for October and November 2013. A summary of those are listed below.

Current Bank Account Balance (as of October 1, 2013)	\$29,374.96
Deposits *outstanding	Interest Oct .52, Republic Services \$691.63, Republic Services Drinks \$150.00, Trash Dash Sponsors \$1,000, Trash Dash Entry Fees \$75.00, Interest Nov .52, Republic Services \$691.63
Expenditures/Checks Written * checks outstanding	*Ck. #2262 \$173.10, Ck. #2263 \$813.06
Current Bank Account Balance (as of Month End)	\$30,998.10
Current Bank Account Balance (w/Outstandings ***as of Month End)	\$30, 988.10

A motion was made by Mr. Grothaus and seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve the consent agenda. Through roll call, motion carried unanimously.

Item III: Action Items:

None at this time.

Item IV: Non-Action Items:

- A. The GCAA –** Ms. Eaves stated that Mr. Ruff and herself attended a training in Big Spring. It was a very informative meeting. The format of the Governor’s Community Achievement Award (GCAA) has been simplified. The award is for activities that have occurred community-wide so everyone needs to be thinking about those types of projects in Abilene. The packet is due in early February 2014 and Ms. Eaves will be putting together a group to write the award. Ms. Eaves will email the award process to the Board. Further discussion was held.

Councilman Briley asked that we get with the Police Department to discuss the solicitation in the roadways’ ordinance and how that pertains to our trash pick-up events. Ms. Eaves stated that she would contact them.

- B. Communications Committee** - Ms. Eaves asked when the next meeting would be for the committee. Discussion was held on who was on the committee and the next meeting date. The date for the next meeting was set for December 9th.
- C. Trash-Off – April 5, 2014** - Ms. Eaves stated the committee met right before the Board meeting. The event is scheduled for April 5th in the Kmart parking lot from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. with entertainment/lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Various assignments were given to board members. The next meeting of the committee will be January 8th at 11:00 a.m. Further discussion was held.
- D. Coordinator’s Report** – Ms. Eaves stated that the December 19th City Council meeting at 8:30 a.m. would recognize the award of the Christmas Tree Contest winners. This would include both the school and the students. She asked that the Board members attend this meeting if possible.

In addition, she asked what the Board wanted to do with the left-over Trash Dash T-shirts. There are about 30 of them. Discussion was held about giving them to the event sponsors and then to the runner’s clubs around Abilene.

- E. Community Partners Reports** – Mr. LeBlanc from TxDOT asked about the Adopt-a-Spot along South 1st and if the City was responsible for cleaning up that area. Ms. Eaves stated that the contract only states that they mow the area so if TxDOT adopts it out for litter clean-up that would be great.

Councilman Briley stated that he is very appreciative of the Board members and their volunteerism. He further stated that he is a big proponent of clean-ups and he would like to see further action with weed-eating, curb clean-ups along the streets and maybe accelerated fines for people that do not maintain their properties.

- Item V: Adjournment** – With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:54 p.m. The next meeting will be held on January 8, 2014 at 12 noon in the Abilene City Hall in the Basement Conference Room.

E’Lisa Smetana, Secretary

Corey Ruff, President