

**MINUTES OF THE
KEEP ABILENE BEAUTIFUL BOARD
June 3, 2015
Abilene City Hall – Basement Conference Room**

OFFICERS PRESENT

Shane Johnson, President
Martin Garcia, President Elect
Elyse Lewis, Secretary

OFFICERS ABSENT

Scott Kilmer, Treasurer

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Elizabeth McAnally
E’Lisa Smetana
Sylvia Holcomb

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Corey Ruff

KEEP ABILENE BEAUTIFUL STAFF

Nicole Eaves, KAB Coordinator

ADVISORY MEMBERS PRESENT

Gary Chandler, ERC
Srinivas Valavala, Stormwater Services

COMMUNITY PARTNERS PRESENT

None

GUESTS PRESENT

None

Item I: **Call to Order.** – Mr. Johnson called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m. A quorum of Board members was present.

Item II: **Consent Agenda.**
1. **Approval of Minutes – Approval of minutes from May 2015 regular meeting at the Abilene City Hall – Basement Conference Room**
2. **Approval of Treasurer’s Reports from May 2015**

Updated financial reports, provided by Mr. Kilmer, were included in the packets for May 2015. A summary of those are listed below.

KAB General Account

Current Bank Account Balance	\$35,876.38
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Deposits *outstanding	Interest, \$0.60 Republic Services, Inc., \$698.55 Sales Tax Refund, \$9.60
Expenditures/Checks Written * checks outstanding	Grants, Sarah Kieshnick “Re-Imagine,” ck2297, \$30.00 Keep Texas Beautiful Conference Fee, ck2296, \$905.00
Current Bank Account Balance (as of Month End)	\$35,650.13
Current Bank Account Balance (w/Outstandings ***as of Month End)	\$35,650.13

KAB Project Account

Beginning Bank Account Balance	\$681.65
Deposits *outstanding	\$0.00
Expenditures/Checks Written * checks outstanding	\$0.00
Current Bank Account Balance (as of Month End)	\$681.65
Current Bank Account Balance (w/Outstandings ***as of Month End)	\$681.65

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

Item III: Action Items

- A. **Request for Assistance from the Mercy Clinic for community garden supplies** – Ms. Eaves provided an email from Derrick Neal at the Abilene-Taylor County Health Department with a request for assistance totaling \$103.86. The request includes supplies for the MERCY Community Garden and includes: (6) Fiskars Bypass Hand Pruners at \$13.98 each; (1) Ortho 128oz Ground clear complete vegetation killer concentrate at \$19.98. Mr. Johnson stated that the board previously asked MERCY to be more specific in funding requests, and that they have done so in this case.

A motion was made by Ms. Holcomb and seconded by Mr. Garcia to approve the request for assistance not to exceed \$150.00. Through roll call, the motion carried unanimously.

- B. School Grant Application from Abilene Christian Schools** – Ms. Eaves presented a school grant request from Abilene Christian Schools in the amount of \$925.34. If approved, the funds would be used for recycling and beautification. Funding request for recycling items totals \$526.34 and includes: (40) blue Rubbermaid trash cans; (2) Mac Sports folding utility wagons; (3) 14 gallon recycling bins; (2) Suncoast recycle bin kits; (7) large blue collection bags; (4) go Green paw print aprons. Funding request for beautification items totals \$399.00 and includes: (100) sod squares; (2) flower barrels; and (4) flowers for barrel/pot.

Ms. Eaves stated that the application process for school grant programs ends in May and that we will no longer accept grant applications until the school year begins. Ms. Lewis stated that she fully supports this recycling initiative. Mr. Johnson and Ms. Smetana requested information about maintenance for the ACHS grounds. Ms. Smetana suggested approval of the recycling funds requested, and ask Ms. Allen to provide further documentation about how grass will be maintained and pictures of the location.

A motion was made by Ms. Smetana and seconded by Ms. Lewis to approve \$526.34 for the recycling program of the Abilene Christian Schools Project. Through roll call, the motion carried unanimously.

- C. \$100 to award to 2nd Place KTB Award Winner** – Ms. Eaves stated that KAB was contacted by Donna Albus with information that the Cooper Green Team has received a Keep Texas Beautiful award at the state level. The CHS Green Team has received the 1st Place Sadie Rae Graff award. Jeremy Jenkins received the 2nd Place Ruthy Jackson Youth Leadership Award. Ms. Eaves stated that KTB is no longer recognizing these award winners at the state conference and has asked affiliates to do it at the local level. The Green Team will receive a \$100 award, and Ms. Albus has requested that KAB make a \$100 donation to Jeremy Jenkins in recognition of his achievement.

Ms. Eaves stated that the Green Team and Jenkins will be awarded at AISD school board meetings and City Council. Board discussion followed about merits of awarding an individual cash for activities of the group and discussed making a donation to the Green Team in his honor.

A motion was made by Ms. Holcomb and seconded by Ms. Smetana to recognize Mr. Jenkins' achievement by awarding \$100 to the Cooper Green Team. Through roll call, the motion carried unanimously.

Item IV: Non-Action Items

- A. The Governor's Community Achievement Award** - Ms. Eaves provided a breakdown of our GCAA application as requested at the May board meeting. Mr. Johnson reminded the board that the board reviews GCAA activities on a monthly basis. The board discussed the areas where our application fell short including: addressing the primary sources of litter; solid waste management.

B. Committee Reports – No committee reports.

C. Coordinator's Report – Ms. Eaves provides a schedule of upcoming KAB events.

6/8/15 – 5:30 p.m. AISD School Board Meeting, CHS Green Team Recognition

6/11/15 – Abilene City Council Meeting, CHS Green Team Recognition

6/11/15 – Children's Arts and Literacy Festival (CALF) parade at 5:00 p.m.

June 15-17 – Keep Texas Beautiful Conference

June 22-26 – Trash Camp

July 1 – Bylaw Meeting Changes

Ms. Eaves provided information about the annual litter index that is due at the July board meeting.

D. Community Partners Reports – Mr. Chandler with the ERC stated that he has upcoming summer tours planned in June and July and that his limb trimmer is still out of commission. Ms. Eaves stated that they will bring the Trash Camp group to the ERC for a tour.

Item V: **Adjournment** – With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:59 p.m. The next meeting will be held on July 1, 2015 at 12 noon in the Abilene City Hall in the Basement Conference Room.

Elyse Lewis, Secretary

Shane Johnson, President