

**MINUTES OF THE
KEEP ABILENE BEAUTIFUL BOARD
May 11, 2022 | 12PM**

OFFICERS PRESENT

Cristal Murillo, President
John Willey, Secretary
Chase Robertson, Treasurer

OFFICERS ABSENT

none

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Akane Thaxton
Aida Pantoja
Deborah Williams

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Garrett Strickland
Reagan Van Coutren
Kyle Tolliver

KAB STAFF

Jennifer Pacheco, KAB Coordinator

ADVISORY MEMBERS PRESENT

Srini Valavala, Stormwater Svcs. Admin

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Max Johnson, Interim Director for Public Works

GUESTS PRESENT

n/a

Call to Order

Cristal Murillo called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. A quorum of board members was present.

General Comments

Jennifer Pacheco, new KAB Coordinator, introduced herself to everyone. She is very qualified for new role, and she is excited to begin!

Chase Robertson gave an update on the current financial status of the organization. We need more information about a deposit received from the endowment account at Community Foundation of Abilene; John Willey will connect Jennifer Pacheco (new KAB Coordinator) & Katie Alford with CFA to discuss reporting expectations going forward.

Item 1:

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve March 2022 board meeting minutes was made by Chase Robertson and seconded by Aida Pantoja. Through roll call, motion was carried unanimously.

Item 2:

Committee Reports

None of the committees held a meeting. Aida Pantoja said she was interested in joining the Grants Committee and Fundraising & Events Committee. Deborah Williams said she was interested in joining the Fundraising & Events Committee.

Item 3:

Coordinator's Report

There was some discussion about the bench donation program. Currently, KAB does not receive any revenue or recognition for the program. The Executive committee will review the program to discuss potential changes.

Item 4: **Agenda Items**

A. Vice President Position Open

John Willey nominated Akane Thaxton to be the new Vice President. Chase Robertson seconded the motion. Through roll call, motion was carried unanimously.

B. Keep America Beautiful Annual Dues & Standing

Srini Valavala reported that KAB was not in good standing with Keep America Beautiful. The executive committee will discuss future affiliation with the national organization. Akane Thaxton also reported that KAB received Gold Star Status with Keep Texas Beautiful for 2022.

C. Crepe Myrtle Sale

The Fundraising & Events committee needs to meet to discuss this event in detail. It will probably be held in the fall.

D. Audit

The board decided in March that the small balance sheet and low annual revenue level of KAB does not justify paying the necessary fees for an external audit.

E. GCAA 2022 Application

KAB did not receive the award for 2022. The group all agreed to be more proactive with the application next year.

F. Keep Texas Beautiful Conference

Cristal Murillo stated that she will attend the conference in addition to Kyle Tolliver. Jennifer Pacheco will also attend, and her expenses will be paid from the Stormwater Services budget.

G. Tire Amnesty/Rain Barrel Giveaway

The event will be held May 20-21 from 8am-4pm. The city's Stormwater Services department will fund the marketing efforts, and they will handle the event coordination. The goal of the event is to collect used tires so that they can be recycled, and to prevent them from being dumped illegally. KAB board members are encouraged to attend.

Item 5: **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 12:44 p.m.

John Willey, Secretary

Cristal Murillo, President