

**MINUTES OF THE  
KEEP ABILENE BEAUTIFUL BOARD  
June 8, 2022 | 12PM**

**OFFICERS PRESENT**

Akane Thaxton, Vice President  
John Willey, Secretary  
Chase Robertson, Treasurer

**OFFICERS ABSENT**

Cristal Murillo, President

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Kyle Tolliver  
Aida Pantoja

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Garrett Strickland  
Reagan Van Coutren  
Deborah Williams

**KAB STAFF**

Jennifer Pacheco, KAB Coordinator

**ADVISORY MEMBERS PRESENT**

Srini Valavala, Stormwater Svcs. Admin  
Kelley Messer, City Attorney

**COMMUNITY PARTNERS**

n/a

**GUESTS PRESENT**

n/a

**Call to Order**

Akane Thaxton called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. A quorum of board members was present.

**Public Comments**

n/a

**Item 1:            **Approval of Minutes****

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

**Item 2:            **Treasurer's Report****

Chase Robertson gave a financial summary for the month. There were two expenses to Keep Texas Beautiful & Keep America Beautiful to maintain our membership status. And KAB also covered a shortfall for a bench donation that was made prior of the cost increasing. He also explained the recurring donation from Republic Services.

**Item 3:            **Committee Reports****

- Executive Committee: They met to discuss the agenda for the next meeting and some logistics around the bench program. It was decided that KAB would cover expenses for participants attending the Keep Texas Beautiful conference in Austin. And they set a date for the board retreat and annual meeting.
- Grants Committee: Akane Thaxton reported that the committee met and started discussing the direction for the upcoming year, and they are working on establishing a process for future grant giving. The intent is to have a proposal ready for the full board at the annual retreat.

**Item 4: Coordinator's Report**

The Tire Amnesty/Rain Barrell Giveaway event was a success, and there was discussion around the need for training on how to install and use the rain barrels once we give them away. The future dates for both regular board meetings and committee meetings have been set, so hopefully attendance will improve since people have ample time to plan. And attendees at the Keep Texas Beautiful conference are Kyle Tolliver, Aida Pantoja, Jennifer Pacheco, Srini Valavala, and Donna Albus.

**Item 5: Agenda Items**

**A. Commemorative Tree & Bench Program**

All attendance agreed that it was a program with continuing, but with some changes. Kyle made a motion to further the discussion at the annual board retreat, and Aida seconded the motion. The Fundraising Committee will work with Parks & Rec to figure out some possible enhancements. (ie: recognition for KAB & changing the name to "Celebration" Tree & Bench Program)

**B. Annual Retreat**

The Annual Retreat will be August 13<sup>th</sup> at the offices of the DCOA.

**C. Litter Index**

The report is due in August, so it needs to be completed in July. On July 30<sup>th</sup>, we will utilize signupgenius to recruit KAB volunteers, then divide into groups to cover the five main areas. It was mentioned to have an ice cream social at the completion of the assessment, but that may not be possible since there might be a quorum of board members there.

**D. KAB Sustainable Business Certification**

John Willey gave a brief summary of the proposal that Reagan Van Coutren had previously given since she was absent. Aida Pantoja stated that she was involved with a similar program in Nolan County, and she motioned to add the discussion to the board retreat agenda. Chase seconded the motion

**Item 5: Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

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John Willey, Secretary

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Cristal Murillo, President