

**Minutes  
Board of Directors  
Keep Aransas Beautiful**

**Meeting held  
July 9, 2018**

A meeting of the Keep Aransas County Beautiful was held on July 9, 2018. The meeting was convened by Board President, D'Ann Williams, at 5:39 PM in the Portable building behind the Art Center, 106 S. Austin Rockport Tx.

The following board members were in attendance:

Nelida Spurrell, ~~Karen Ernst~~, D'Ann Williams, Terry Darby, Judy Sutterfield, ~~John Aquilino~~, ~~Mary Aquilino~~, ~~Diane Tucker~~, ~~Larry Peterson~~, ~~Mark Waters~~, ~~Diane Rust~~, ~~Malcolm Deickow~~

Board members absent: **(CROSS THROUGH NAMES ABOVE THAT WERE ABSENT).**

Others in attendance:

Rosemary Pizio-White, Amanda Wilson, Donna Gregory, Katy Darby

Neli Spurrell moved to approve the minutes from the June 18, 2018 board of directors meeting, Terry Darby seconded the motion and the board members unanimously approved.

**Business:**

A motion was made by D'Ann Williams for Donna and Steve Gregory to be on the executive board. Neli Spurrell seconded the motion and the board members unanimously approved.

A motion was made by D'Ann Williams to purchase recycled business and thank you cards, and magnetic car signage spending no more than \$180. Neli Spurrell seconded the motion and the board members unanimously approved. Business cards will be ordered after a phone number for KACB is acquired.

A motion was made by D'Ann Williams to renew the KACB domain name in the amount of \$40. Neli Spurrell seconded the motion and the board members unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Terry Darby to spend up to 250.00 on a cell phone for KACB and then have a \$50.00 - \$60.00 monthly charge for airtime. Judy Sutterfield seconded the motion and the board members unanimously approved.

A motion made by Neli Spurrell to spend 1600.00 for benches for the Ivy Lane Nature Trail to meet our beautification and educational goals. Terry Darby seconded the motion and the board members unanimously approved.

**President's Report:**

President D'Ann Williams reported over several action items for the month.

Photo session on 7/10/2018 for the article announcing the collaboration between Unique Services, Rockport Chamber of Commerce and History Center of Aransas County for KACB to have a full-time employee and office space. Rosemary Pizio-White has been selected to fill position of Executive Director for KACB.

KACB are formal members of the Coastal Bend Disaster Recovery Group. This provides many networking opportunities. LTRC asked for KACB wish list.

Upcoming – Corpus Christi, TXDot Cleanup including game wardens. We would clean around boat ramps etc.

Contacts around the area to benefit KACB – Tommy Moore and Donna T @ Sugar Shack in Fulton area. First Baptist Church – Jordan Mims, Commissioner Betty Stiles

History Center asked for help with plant exchange on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of every month. The current person handling this for them is moving. Katy Darby graciously accepted this responsibility. KACB members will assist.

### **Finance Committee Report**

Rosemary Pizio White reported on expenses for the previous month. Itemized expenses were broken out for board members.

Beginning balance \$22,935.65

Ending balance \$26,441.07

Break out - \$12,491.96 KACB fund \$13,949.11 Blue Crab fund

Discussion on expenses included:

Question why fee for money order from bank, this is to be reviewed.

Discussion on refund for Amazon purchases

Petty cash 200.00 approved in previous meeting. It was determined that no cash will be handled. The petty cash will be via debit card with receipts. All major purchases will be approved by board.

### **Projects:**

Judy Sutterfield reported on Welcome Sign Project. The meeting with Rick Martinez at Parks went well and KACB will be collaborating with City of Rockport for installation of both signs. The sail at north end of town was removed to use as a template to create two new sails that match and have a wind resistant design. Discussions continued with original designer of the nautical flags. He has agreed to review previous notes and give KACB a quote for creating two new sets of flags. Summary, we are waiting on quotes for sails and flags. City of Rockport will help by supplying labor for installation at both ends of town.

Blue Crab – Discussed how to move forward with information on blue crab. Proposed getting together a list of interested artist. D’Ann was going to get in contact with Kam Wiegert to get advice on moving forward. Kam developed the Crab the last time and is interested in doing so again. (Not the artist himself) Potential ISD contacts are Cheryl Wilson and Diane Tucker to see if Aransas County ISD programs can be involved. Art center involved if contest required to pick an artist. Debbie @ Winery spear heading conversations to date on crab and should be kept in the loop since she has been so generous with time and effort. Discuss with Mark potential to have ability to have bucket for donations at festival. Mark is believed to have a good contact.

### **Discussion Topics:**

Need for more members. Terry Darby indicated that Robert Mitchell has indicated that he is interested in KACB but needs some time to complete other obligations. Neli suggested talking to Diane Probst to get original board members names to reach out to those individuals. Additionally, suggested that a link is added to web page allowing folks to join via that avenue.

Donna Gregory indicated that Republican Committee meets on 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at Yacht Club. Program on July 19<sup>th</sup> of interest.

Reminder for members to always take and submit pictures at any cleanups.

KACB looking to expand our membership will investigate the cost of a booth at Market Days. Katy Darby indicated she would research this and report.

Discussed keeping current level of sponsorships. Concern in keeping current level and bringing on new sponsors and then increasing levels. It was felt that current levels are appropriate.

Discussed donations to meet our goals of beautification, education. Discuss included donating 1/3 to ¼ of \$10,000 donation to KACB to the blue crab fund. Additionally, discussed purchases benches at approx. 800.00 each for walking trails. Other funds to be allocated to welcome signs. Motion was made to vote for 2 benches other items tabled at this time.

Discussion involving what to submit for grant from KTB. Discussions involved trailer and supplies. Determined sub-committee would develop the application.

Discussion regarding dates for upcoming cleanups. Diane asked to schedule before/after major festivals. Fall GLO cleanups with Navigation district, Kerry Goodall as first contact. Tentative calendar to be developed to get major cleanups documented and marketed. Some noted options

Fall GLO – Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>

Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> after Hummingbird fest.

Oct 27<sup>th</sup> or Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> Waterway Cleanup

Fall Sweep – College Shirts – competition between schools

April 13<sup>th</sup> Don't mess with Texas Trash Off

Feb 16<sup>th</sup> – Love where we live

There being no further business, a motion was made by Terry Darby and duly seconded by Donna Gregory to adjourn the meeting. The meeting concluded at approximately 7:46 pm.

Minutes submitted by Judy Sutterfield, Secretary

Acknowledged:

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President D'Ann Williams