



## **Keep Carter County Beautiful (KCCB) Board Meeting Notes**

Chamber Conference Room, 615 W. Elk Avenue, Elizabethton & Zoom

October 18, 2023, at Noon

**Board Members Present:** Don Hlavaty, Mike Mains, Lisa Vezzosi, Ed Jordan,

**Board Members Absent:** Ross Garland, Mike Simerly, Ed Basconi, Melinda Maddock, and Simon Maddock

**Guests Present:** None

**Call to Order:** Don Hlavaty opened the meeting at 12:21pm. A quorum was **NOT present**. Therefore, the meeting was adjourned. There was some discussion among the remaining members present.

### **Next Board Meeting:**

- The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, November 15, 2023, at noon in the Chamber of Commerce Conference Room, 615 West Elk Avenue, Elizabethton, and available by Zoom. This was not the usual day because of the Thanksgiving holiday.

### **KCCB Treasurer Report:**

- The September month-end balance in the credit union account is \$10,031.50. There was an expense for the upcoming Elizabethton Christmas Parade of \$40.00, We deposited a transfer of funds from Benevity for \$2,075.00, which is the donation by Melinda of \$1,000.00, the Microsoft match of \$1,000.00 and \$75.00 for time earned. The Carter County funding payment is expected at the end of the first fiscal quarter. It was suggested by Don that we contact Carolyn Watson for the expected date of issuance of the check.
- It appears Store Frontier has closed. We have had no response. We will search for another vendor to order KCCB merchandise.
- Don stated the PayPal account has a balance Of \$220.22 and that \$20 must remain to keep the account active for donations. Don transferred the appropriate amount of funds, which will appear in the October finance report.
- The Benevity issues seem to be resolved by our submission of an IRS letter forwarded to Microsoft indicating our active non-profit status. The IRS error of omission from the IRS report has been resolved.

### **Trout Trash Trap Signage:**

- The proposed signage has been ordered through Snyder Signs and is expected to be complete in early November. A request for permit has been initiated via Mike Mains through the city. We received and deposited a check from Trout Unlimited of \$187.00 which

represents their portion of the cost. Once the sign is completed, we will schedule a date to install.

**Discussion on Proposed Events:**

- The cancellation of the Milligan Adopt a Highway clean up on October 14<sup>th</sup> was discussed. It was unfortunate that the County Sheriff's Department did a pickup just days before our event due to a miscommunication issue. Our event has been widely advertised and we are not sure why they chose to do a cleanup just days before ours.
- A conversation with Ed Basconi resulted in his input for future projects. Lisa also submitted her leadership role for upcoming events. No other input was received.
- As the events were discussed, Don added himself to the tasks of setting meetings with the Carter County School Board for educational purposes. He would also include opportunities for students to earn community service credits through participation in our events. He also committed to the annual Elizabethton Parks & Recreation summer events for litter pickup and recycle bin placement.
- Discussion of the annual Carter County Indexing Report led to the decision to conduct the reporting in March, so the online entry can be submitted to Keep America Beautiful's website by July 31<sup>st</sup>.
- The Elizabethton Christmas Parade is scheduled for December 9, 2023, at 6:00pm. Discussion was made about passing out candy, but no decisions were made. Candy results in litter and seems to work against our cause. Lisa suggested we pass out stickers instead, but no decisions were made.
- Discussion regarding the Community Recognition for Daniel French was made. Ed Jordan committed to seeing it through. The City Council portion is set, and we are awaiting a date to present to Daniel upon his recovery.
- Ed Jordan also committed to working with Shelley from his church to care for the Mary Patton plot. He stated it would need mulch in Spring and we will work with Mike Mains to get the mulch. It was suggested we abandon the Sycamore Shoals plot altogether.
- Don asked the group to submit ideas for events that each person can sponsor by the next meeting in October.

**Adjournment:**

The discussion adjourned at 12:51pm.

Submitted by Secretary, Lisa Vezzosi.