



## KEEP JACKSON COUNTY BEAUTIFUL



### Minutes

Jackson County Administration Building Auditorium  
67 Athens Street  
Jefferson, Georgia

February 8, 2018  
5:00 P.M.

#### Members Present

Christie Craig  
Kayley Edwards  
Mike Faulkner  
Wade Johnson  
Greg Laughinghouse  
Jack Legg  
Gina McKinney  
Philip Smith  
Cecil Tatum  
Yvette Wise

#### Members Absent

Erin Cummings  
Chuck Murphy  
Susan Russell

#### Staff Present

Jamie Dove – KJCB Coordinator

Jamie Dove called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Mike Faulkner, Wade Johnson, and Cecil Tatum introduced themselves to the other board members due to their absence at the January meeting.

Next, Jamie Dove asked those present if they had taken a look over the minutes from the January meeting. She noted if there were no comments or concerns, she would entertain a motion. Philip Smith made a motion to approve the minutes for the January 18, 2018 meeting. Greg Laughinghouse seconded the motion. There was unanimous approval of the minutes.

Jack Legg made a comment regarding the Boy Scout Troop 35 service project. He noted that he drove by the Woods Bridge Road illegal dump site on the day of the cleanup and was happy to see the dumpster completely full. He has been trying for years to get something done in regards to this site. Jamie Dove explained that she went out to the site on the day of the cleanup to provide a pizza lunch to the scouts. The group collected 157 tires and 2,780 pounds, all which was taken to the Jackson County Transfer Station. Numerous items with names and addresses were found and Code Enforcement Officer, Cecil

Tatum, had already gone out and written citations. Jack Legg asked that we do something to recognize these scouts at an upcoming meeting.

A financial report was given to the board by Jamie Dove. There is currently \$17,376.13 in the KJCB, Inc. account. Two invoices still need to be paid for the garden maintenance and the corporation registration for the domestic nonprofit corporation will also need to be paid. This can be done as soon as the signatures are changed on the bank account, after the election of a new treasurer.

Jamie Dove also gave a staff report. Yvette Wise had asked for the portion of the budget that is allocated to KJCB by the County. The County allocates a lump sum of \$18,000. She reported that whereas the County allocated \$75,000 in 2017, this included the former director's salary, benefits, vehicle, utilities at previous building, supplies, and much more. However, none of the noted items come out of the \$18,000 allocated to KJCB in 2018, but rather are split between two other departments as she has multiple duties in her job description.

She provided the survey results to the board regarding what they felt to be the top three most important initiatives of KJCB. This would be something to work off of for future events. Also, there was a new adoptee of Doster Road: Clark Hill Farms. She made note that the County has 630 miles of County roads, all which could benefit from the adopt-a-road program, so please spread the word to any businesses or vested citizens/HOAs/etc. Lastly, Jamie Dove asked the board if they would be opposed to two teachers from school systems within the County coming to the March meeting to discuss school recycling programs and how KJCB could help. There was no opposition, so she noted she would look into having them in March as school will be out for summer break shortly after that. Their main concern right now is paper being recycled. Christie Craig made note that there is a website called [www.donorschoose.com](http://www.donorschoose.com) where entities can go in and make a page showing what it is that they are trying to accomplish and people can go in and donate. This might be helpful for the schools to take a look at.

### **New Business** –

#### 1. Election of Officers

Jamie Dove explained that through the survey given out at the January meeting, results came back showing who was and was not interested in being an officer. Mike Faulkner expressed interest in being Chairman, Susan Russell in being Vice-Chairman, Greg Laughinghouse would volunteer to be Secretary, and Philip Smith would do the same for Treasurer. A motion was made by Wade Johnson to do a slate election of these four officers. Jack Legg seconded the motion. There was unanimous approval of these four officers.

#### 2. Potential Changes to Bylaws

Jamie Dove explained that if anyone were to have any comments regarding changes that they felt necessary to the bylaws, to please let her know so she could make note of these and discuss them over with Gina Roy, her director. Because of KJCB being a domestic nonprofit corporation, we would have to take a look at these from a legal standpoint and make sure it was amended in the correct way. No amendments were noted, but she mentioned that she would get with those absent to check and see if they had any comments regarding this topic.

3. Spring Recycling Day: April 21, 2018, from 8 am to 12 pm

An overview of the recycling event was given to the board. She explained that whereas inmates do help work this event, that this is an event where it would be very helpful to also have the manpower of the board. This event has become very popular and individuals save items for six months just for this day. Christie Craig asked what number of volunteers would be too many, as she felt she could recruit thirty or so volunteers from Carter's. Mike Faulkner explained how many volunteers had been there in the past and Jamie Dove made note that thirty might be too many for this event. She also noted that depending on their age and schedules, Troop 35 might still have some scouts needing hours for their badge. Christie Craig said she would go back to her department heads/leadership participants to see where she could go from here.

Jamie Dove explained that she was anticipating starting on the bid process for vendors within the next week and getting with the Purchasing Manager for the County to get everything on the right path. She handed out the flyer used for many years and asked the board if there was anything not on the list that they felt important to recycle, such as cardboard. Jack Legg commented that the Lion's Club(s) could take hearing aids and cell phones, in addition to the eyeglasses they are already receiving and recycling. A conversation about recycling glass came up and Jamie Dove noted she would reach out to Stacey Farrell in Athens-Clark County to see if they were accepting glass as none of the trash services in Jackson County are. Mike Faulkner said it would be nice to look into recycling pesticides or paint thinners as these are not items he can mix in with the auto oil when he recycles it.

Jamie Dove explained that paint, light bulbs, and tires are collected at the event, but funding comes out of the Solid Waste budget for these items. Yvette Wise had sent out an informative website where a particular tire company will take these for free if you are hosting an event like so. Jamie Dove explained that the County had applied and received a Scrap Tire Abatement from EPD for this event, so that is where they will go while the money is available, but in the future this website and company would be very helpful. Jack Legg suggested reaching out to the City of Commerce regarding plastic bottles and bags, as this is something he believes they are currently doing. Jamie Dove also explained that after speaking with Keep Walton County Beautiful's director, that there is a service we could collaborate on in terms of recycling household batteries for free. Jack Legg asked when the flyers would be finalized in terms of the vendors. Jamie Dove explained as soon as they were she would work with him and others so they could go in the water bill inserts for multiple entities and also the libraries.

Jamie Dove called for board comments. Yvette Wise is going to send out information to the board regarding the adopt-a-stream conference on March 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of this year at the Gwinnett Environmental and Heritage Center for those interested. Also, in reference to the illegal dump site, it may be helpful to meet our local game warden for Jackson County. Yvette had learned that game wardens can enforce litter issues at a conference she was recently at. They have the technology to monitor the sites and overall would just be a great resource to have. Lastly, Jamie Dove noted that it would be great to be able to use the established KJCB Facebook page since there were so many followers currently on that page. Mike Faulkner said he would reach out to the former director to see if there was any way for us to gain access. Otherwise, we will continue to use the County's social media to advertise events.

Jamie Dove called for a motion to adjourn. Greg Laughinghouse made a motion and Cecil Tatum seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

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Chairman

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Date