



City of Abilene

Keep Abilene Beautiful Board Agenda

Notice is hereby given of a meeting of Keep Abilene Beautiful of City of Abilene to be held on Wednesday, March 8, 2023, at 4:00 PM at City Hall, Basement Conference Room, 555 Walnut, Abilene, Texas, for the purpose of considering the following agenda items.

CALL TO ORDER

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public Comments on Any Item on the Agenda

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Report and Discuss KAB Accountabilty Report & Brag Sheet
2. Report & Discuss GCAA Application
3. Discussion & Possible Action on Keep Texas Beautiful Report & Dues
4. Discussion & Possible Action on Chamber of Commerce Membership Dues & Business Expo
5. Discussion & Possible Action Purchasing Abilene Zoo Annual Zoobilation Event Sponsorship

COORDINATOR'S UPDATE

6. Completed Events

Farm & Ranch Wildlife Expo

Waste In Place Training Update

Upcoming Events

Marsh Madness

Wild Days at Abilene Zoo - Dates TBD

March 21 Eat at Twisted Root Fundraiser

The Great American Cleanup

DMWT Trash Off

ADJOURNMENT

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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify the above meeting notice was posted on the bulletin board at the City Hall of the City of Abilene, Texas, on the 3rd day of March, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.

Shawna Atkinson, City Secretary



MEMORANDUM

City of Abilene, Texas

To: Robert Hanna, City Manager
Michael Rice, P.E., Assistant City Manager

From: Srinivas Valavala, MS, MBA, CFM, Stormwater Services Manager
Jennifer Pachecho, Keep Abilene Beautiful/Stormwater Education Coordinator

Thru: Max Johnson, Director of Public Works

Date: February 08, 2023

Subject: Keep Abilene Beautiful Board Accountability Report January 1, 2022 - December 31, 2022

The following is an accountability report of the Keep Abilene Beautiful (KAB) Board for January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022. KAB is a working Board with a vast volunteer base. Their productivity is reflected in the numbers provided in the attached brag sheet.

The following Board meetings were held with summaries:

Meeting Date	Agenda Summary
January 12, 2022	• No meeting due to delayed Dec 2021 meeting
February 16, 2022	• Lack of quorum. Meeting canceled.
March 9, 2022	• Reviewed financials, committee reports, and community events • Discussed external audit requirements • Presented KAB Coordinator hiring update • Reported that 2022 GCAA Application was submitted • KAB accomplishments "Brag sheet" discussed with no changes • KAB Awarded \$500 Grant from Rotary Club of Abilene
April 13, 2022	• Meeting canceled and not scheduled.
May 11, 2022	• Introduced new KAB Coordinator • Discussed Keep Texas Beautiful annual conference and attendees • Nominated and Elected new President-Elect

June 8, 2022	- Received a report on the history and cost increases of the Tree & Bench Program. Moved for a program overhaul at Annual Retreat. - Set date and location for the KAB Annual Retreat in August - Discussed annual litter index and made plans for July event - Reviewed KAB Sustainable Business Certification and agreed to revisit program details in the future
July 13, 2022	- Events Committee & Education Committee outlined their objectives and reviewed goals in the KAB Strategic Plan - Presentation on KTB Annual Conference Review - Presentation of Gold Star Affiliate Recognition - Presentation of Governor's Community Achievement of Excellence - Announcement of Abilene Community Appearance Index 2022 - Introduction of Shoreline Sweeps three-part event series
August 13, 2022 - Special Called Meeting & Board Retreat	- Showcased results of the Community Appearance Index and highlighted the success of the event - Introduced event graphic for Shoreline Sweeps: Protect the Locals Clean-Up at Lake Kirby - Reviewed and discussed the key priorities set forth by the KAB Strategic Plan and how the board expects to achieve the goals defined through 2023 - Planned new approach and renamed the Tree & Bench Program - Discussed and outlined new ideas for Adopt-A-Spot Program - Outlined list of special events and board meeting dates for 2023 - New officers elected for FY 22 - 23
September 14, 2022	No Meeting. Lack of quorum.
October 12, 2022	- Reviewed financials and approved budget for FY 22-23 - Approved nominations to elected positions - Approved to change board meeting dates to be the second Tuesday of the month at 4:00 pm - Reviewed and approved proposed changes to the Adopt-A-Spot programs to help cover the increase in costs. Approved waiving fees for non-profit groups and government agencies.
November 9, 2022	No Meeting. Lack of quorum.
December 14, 2022	- Reviewed committee reports and community activities - Reviewed and approved the updated program policies for the Celebration Bench & Tree Program

Major Action Items

No major action items requiring Ordinance Amendments or City Council Actions were made in the reporting time frame.

Keep Abilene Beautiful Major Projects/Events

The following major clean-up projects/events were successfully performed:

Programs & Events	Location	Date(s)
Adopt-A-Spot	Streets, Creeks & Spots	Year Around
Celebration Bench & Tree	City Parks	Year Around
Tire Amnesty/Rain Barrel Giveaway - Partnered with Stormwater and Solid Waste	Environmental Recycling Center	June 11, 2022
Abilene Community Appearance Index	City Wide	July 30, 2022
Shoreline Sweeps: Protect the Locals - Partnered with Stormwater & Chuck E. Cheese for Clean-Up Event	Lake Kirby	August 29, 2022
Fall Tire Amnesty/Rain Barrel Giveaway - Partnered with Stormwater and Solid Waste	Environmental Recycling Center	October 21-22, 2022
Boo at the Zoo	Abilene Zoo	October 22, 2022
Shoreline Sweeps: Wicked Waters - Partnered with Stormwater and Chuck E. Cheese for Clean-Up Event	Lake Ft. Phantom & Johnson Park	October 31, 2022
Fall Sweeps	Parks, Waterways, Neighborhoods,	Sept 11 - Nov 20, 2022
Christmas Lane Display - Partnered with Stormwater	Abilene State School	December 2022
Christmas Tree Recycling Drive	Environmental Recycling Center & Drop Off Locations in Abilene	December 26, 2022 - January 15, 2023

Keep Abilene Beautiful Fund

The attached financial statements outline the financial position of the Keep Abilene Beautiful Fund as of **Dec 31, 2022**. Net assets and liabilities of KAB stand at **\$64,840**, while cash on hand in the bank is **\$54,012**. Per the Board approved FY 22 -23 budget, revenues for the KAB fund are projected at \$30,200 and operating expenditures at \$21,900.

Thank you for this opportunity to serve to Keep Abilene Beautiful. KAB is blessed to have a full eleven-member Board at this time. More information can be found at <https://keepabilenebeautiful.org/>.

Enclosures: KAB Brag Sheet
KAB 2022-2023 Financial Statements



2022 Update

01/01/2022- 12/31/2022 Activities

Administrative Accomplishments

- ❖ Received Gold Star recognition with Keep Texas Beautiful. Revived Keep America Beautiful affiliation.
- ❖ Maintained a full Board with eleven-member assignments and improved committee participation.
- ❖ Continued healthy financial performance, balances and investment of \$10,000 in an endowment fund.
- ❖ Representatives attended the annual Keep Texas Beautiful conference and non-profit training through the Community Foundation of Abilene.
- ❖ Continued strategic plan momentum; enhanced sponsorship, volunteers and social media footprint.

Major Program & Event Updates

- ❖ Adopt-A-Street/Creek/Spot Program - 35 active groups with 186 volunteers providing 355 hours of service collecting 3700 lbs of litter.
- ❖ Hosted the first citizen science project at the Abilene Community Appearance Index event with 24 volunteers and over 78 hours of data collection. Reduced the Community Appearance Index in 2022 to 1.92 from a high in 2020 of 2.85.
- ❖ Collaborated with Stormwater, Solid Waste and Coca Cola in distributing 360 rain barrels and rainwater harvesting kits to the public.
- ❖ Partnered with Big Country Master Gardeners to provide a rainwater harvesting workshop to over 80 community members. Participants received a free barrel and conversion kit from KAB.
- ❖ Partnered with Stormwater & Solid Waste to collect over 1400 tires during Tire Amnesty Days events.
- ❖ Held first *"Protect the Locals"* event with 82 volunteers and 246 hours of service removing 540 lbs of trash at Lake Kirby.
- ❖ Hosted *"Wicked Waters"* event with 97 volunteers and 291 hours of service removing 1700 lbs of trash from Lake Ft. Phantom.

Grants Provided

- ❖ Donated \$500 to the Friends of Kirby Lake organization for the enhancement of Kirby Lake nature trails and environmental efforts.

Grants Received

- ❖ Received a \$500 grant through the Rotary Club of Abilene.

List of KAB Programs:

Adopt - A - Spot, Loot for Litter, Lake Cleanups, Spring/Fall Clean-ups, Don't Mess with Texas Trash-off, KAB Membership & Sponsorship Programs, Education Classes, Community Presentations, Teacher Professional Development Activities, Celebration Bench & Tree Program, Governor's Community Achievement Award, Community Grants Program, Volunteer Program, and many more!



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Thank you for your GCAA submission and efforts to keep Texas beautiful!
 If you have further questions please contact Sara Walters at swalters@ktb.org

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ite	Details	Amount	Notes	Action
16/2023	2625, Population Category 9, Abilene	\$25.00	GCAA Application Fee	Print View
16/2023	Payment	-\$25.00	Paid with Visa ending in 3818. Response from Processor: 43945781474,3818	
Total:		\$0.00		

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2023 GCAA

2/16/2023

Invoice # 718

Fees

Date	Details	Amount	Notes
2/16/2023	2625, Population Category 9, Abilene	\$25.00	GCAA Application Fee
	Total:	\$25.00	

Total: \$25.00

Amount Owed: \$25.00. Paying by Check

Please mail checks to:

Keep Texas Beautiful

8850 Business Park Drive, Ste. 200

Austin, Texas 78759

**Please note which award you are making payment for and which organization you represent.*

Nomination: 2625

Abilene

Started at: 2/16/2023 03:03 PM - Finalized at: 2/16/2023 05:06 PM

Page: Registration
Community Abilene
Category Population Category 9
Population Size 125070
First Name Jennifer
Last Name Pacheco
Title Executive Director
Address 555 Walnut Abilene Texas 79601 US
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Page: Community Leadership and Coordination

Question #1

Abilene is the largest city in West Central Texas, located on I-20, with seven major highways, a regional airport, and a rail system. Demographically, Abilene is a diverse city with over 112 square miles and 125,070 residents with a mix of cultures and backgrounds.

Abilene was founded in 1881 and grew rapidly as a cattle-shipping prairie town. In the 20th century, Abilene became an important military town home to Dyess Air Force Base. Today, Abilene is known for its thriving arts and cultural scene and has grown to be a regional center for distribution, commerce, industry, transportation, and education.

Overall, Abilene is a vibrant and dynamic city with a rich history and a strong commitment to preserving its heritage while embracing progress and growth.

Question #2

Texas has experienced significant population growth, and Abilene is no exception, serving 19 counties with an annual population growth of 0.64% which increased by 1.95% since the 2020 census. Addressing this growth, Abilene took several steps to ensure its 200,000+ citizens are well-prepared for the future.

One way Abilene has adapted is by investing in infrastructure and transportation. The city is focused on improving roadways, bridges, and drainage systems to improve access to essential services. Additionally, there is a significant investment in new housing developments, attracting new businesses and industries, creating jobs, and boosting economic growth. Simultaneously, Abilene has emphasized preserving its heritage and revitalizing downtown.

These steps have helped Abilene create a unique and dynamic community well-positioned to adapt to future challenges.

Question #3

Partnerships with state and national organizations are key in helping Abilene increase its impact. Abilene's environmentally conscious community worked closely with Big Country Master Gardeners and Master Naturalists, DMWT, Take Care of Texas, Texas Tech School of Pharmacy, Tree University USA, TxDOT, West Central Texas Council of Governments, and the City of Abilene Stormwater Services. KAB is an active affiliate of Keep Texas Beautiful and Keep America Beautiful.

Long-standing relationships with these partners helped Abilene establish best practices, combine resources with those working on similar issues and disseminate information to a wider audience. Funding for training, projects, supplies, and technical assistance supported Abilene and helped it achieve its goals more effectively.

By working together, Abilene and these organizations created a more sustainable and livable community.

Question #4

KAB community programs rely heavily on both staff and volunteers. KAB operates with one part-time staff member, funded by the city, who serves as executive director. Nonprofit governance is provided by an 11-member board of directors appointed by the city council. City staff works to implement and manage the programs, while board members provide invaluable guidance and support.

Additionally, KAB has established partnerships with local organizations, schools, and community groups to engage a wide network of volunteers and supporters. This has helped build a strong network of people dedicated to supporting sustainable efforts through community programming.

Program funding is provided through city funds, private sector contributions, and various grant opportunities. KAB collaborates with local businesses, organizations, and community groups to secure additional funding and support.

Question #5

Abilene community leaders stay up-to-date with best practices and changing information by attending conferences and workshops from partnership organizations like KTB.

Those leaders participate in training and professional development while maintaining an open dialog with local, state, and national organizations. They also expand their knowledge with webinars, seminars, board development, and strategic planning.

By staying informed and connected, Abilene community leaders make informed decisions and implement effective strategies to improve the community and address challenges.

Page: Public Awareness and Outreach

Question #1

KAB and the city used various outreach efforts to promote its improvement programs. In 2022, one public awareness campaign focussed on a singular message: Save Our Waterways.

One of the key ways the city reaches out to the community is through traditional and social media. Over 10,680 PSAs played on Abilene Television Network, while another played at the Abilene Youth Sports Authority between games reaching 50,000 visitors.

Thirty-second spots during prime time news on KTAB reminded 36,743 citizens of ways they can Save Our Waterways.

A new channel explored in 2022 included a cartoon PSA on 24 big screens at two Abilene theaters. This family-friendly spot also played on six lobby screens and snack bar menus.

Social media pages reached over 20,000 followers during the reporting period, and website visits climbed to nearly 1000 page views.

The city also used seven billboards with a reach of 245,158 citizens. Printed inserts were placed in 35,000 water bills mailed directly to Abilene citizens and highlighted on the customer portal for online billing.

The Save Our Waterways campaign is just one example of the outreach efforts used to raise awareness and engage the public in Abilene.

Question #2

Abilene recognizes the importance of reaching diverse and underserved audiences and utilizes a variety of outreach strategies.

Abilene celebrated National Water Quality Awareness month in August, and the city focused on reaching kids at our local libraries. Five hundred River & Sky Lonestar Activity Books in Spanish from Take Care of Texas were distributed to children at the Mockingbird Branch Public Library. This branch serves a neighborhood of 56% Hispanic heritage.

Additionally, Abilene installed its first inclusive playground at Rose Park featuring turf ground, sign language boards, and sensory swings. Promoting 'parallel play' playgrounds welcome everyone, including medically fragile citizens, to get outside. Musical accessories and sectioned-off quiet zones encourage visitors to live, learn, and play.

By using various outreach strategies and continuing to print all outreach materials in English and Spanish, the city reaches underserved populations and engages a wider audience to improve the quality of life in Abilene.

Question #3

Throughout the summer of 2022, 152 dedicated volunteers contributed a total of 446.25 hours to the Keep Texas Waterways Clean program in Abilene, resulting in the collection of over 2,580 lbs. of trash and debris from the creek beds.

During the KTB Fall Sweep events, 520 tires were recycled as part of Abilene Tire Amnesty Days, while 252 volunteers worked a total of 558.75 hours to collect an impressive 4,835 lbs. of trash through various cleanup initiatives.

Furthermore, the DMWT Adopt-A-Highway program involved 40 groups covering 76 miles of TxDOT roadway in Abilene.

To spread awareness, KTB materials and information were shared through various channels, including the KAB website, brag sheets, public notices, and social media campaigns throughout the year.

Question #4

Each year, KAB awards three achievement awards and provides \$6,000 in grants to schools and organizations in the Abilene community. These accolades recognize the contributions of those who make a difference in the community and inspire others to follow their lead.

In 2022, KAB supported the Friends of Kirby Lake organization in their efforts to promote Nature Play at Lake Kirby Nature Play Area. This initiative includes balancing logs and a Dino Dig. This is part of a broader master plan aimed at connecting Abilene's citizens to their natural Texas environment. KAB's support has helped to further this mission

Question #5

The City of Abilene Stormwater Services Division employs a Stormwater Education Coordinator who hosts education booths at multiple events in the community in collaboration with KAB.

In 2022, over 5,000 educational giveaway items were distributed at community events, including rain gauges, refrigerator magnets, children's activity books, reusable water bottle pouches, and bookmarks.

National Night Out, a community festival hosted by the Abilene Police Department, welcomed 5,000 citizens for food and fun while learning about beautification projects and cleanup initiatives.

KAB partnered with Big Country Master Gardeners to host a Rainwater Harvesting Workshop. Thanks to the Coca-Cola Company, eighty-six rain barrel conversion kits and recycled 30-gallon barrels were given away to participants.

During National Water Quality Awareness Month, all Abilene Public Library locations highlighted water quality and conservation-themed book kiosks, and every APL Children's Storytime featured a water theme.

In August, over 35,000 visitors of the Abilene Zoo could follow raindrop-shaped signage through the Wetlands of the America's exhibit series, learning about our natural watersheds.

Overall, these educational efforts, projects, and programs have helped increase public awareness about environmental issues and the importance of sustainability and have positively impacted the community by reducing waste, litter, and environmental degradation.

Page: Environmental Education and Youth Engagement

Question #1

During the Career on Wheels field trip, second-grade classes from Abilene ISD have the opportunity to meet and converse with professionals in municipal jobs. In addition to learning about their roles, students also engage with equipment. They are educated on the importance of proper waste disposal practices, including securing trash bags to prevent the west Texas wind from blowing litter into nearby bodies of water.

The Abilene Zoo aims to inspire conservation-based learning from an early age by providing such programs as ZooCamp for preschool to middle school students and ZooTeens for teens. These programs offer engaging, TEKS-based standards and themes that teach children about wildlife, natural resource preservation, and environmental conservation. The program's success is evidenced by many participants pursuing majors in fields such as Herpetology, Animal Science, Environmental Science, and Marine Biology.

Abilene's Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts regularly participate in events hosted by KAB, the most prominent being the Adopt-A-Spot Program, tree-planting events, and clean-up events. As an example of their commitment, a group of Boy Scouts constructed a series of bird-watching benches that they installed at Lake Kirby Park.

Currently, the Abilene community does not have a youth advisory board or council.

Question #2

KAB and the City of Abilene support an Enviroscope program that continues to offer valuable educational resources to local schools. Two Enviroscope table models are available for teachers to check out. The Stormwater Education website features TEKS-approved lesson plans and environmental resources with the potential to reach 7,391 K-5th grade students within Abilene city limits. These programs provide essential science, social studies, and environmental education tools available for download, making it possible to extend the reach of these programs beyond Abilene.

Abilene's commitment to environmental education extends beyond elementary school, with every public high school offering Environmental Systems or Ecology courses and Advanced Placement opportunities. Private universities in Abilene provide a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Science, and one even offers a Master's degree in Environmental Management. Each campus supports social clubs that focus on the environment and independently collect recyclables, demonstrating a commitment to sustainability and environmental stewardship.

Question #3

Abilene schools are dedicated to providing quality outdoor experiences to elementary students through nature field trips. These Wonders in Nature trips improve student achievement in science and develop awareness, understanding, and appreciation of the natural world. With a focus on providing urban students and teachers with the opportunity to connect with nature, these instructional programs are led by Texas Parks and Wildlife Rangers and Master Naturalists. They are fully aligned with the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills, local science curriculum, and STAAR tests.

In recent years, KAB has been working to enhance its environmental education programs and expand its outreach to schools through the Waste in Place curriculum. While pandemic-related restrictions caused a pause in this program, Abilene schools are now slowly rolling back those restrictions, with a Science Symposium scheduled for Summer 2023. During the symposium, KAB has been invited to present its environmental education program, highlighting the positive impact of these programs on students and the community.

To ensure comprehensive and engaging education on environmental issues, KAB regularly assesses the effectiveness of its education programs and makes changes as needed. Through these efforts, Abilene is committed to providing impactful and engaging environmental education for students and the community.

Page: Beautification and Community Improvement

Question #1

The Abilene Cultural Affairs Council celebrated the 42nd year of its Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition, earning the title of Texas' longest-running community-initiated public art show. In celebration, the exhibition committee approved four new sculptures dedicated to downtown Abilene in partnership with The Grace Museum, the Center for Contemporary Arts, local universities, and the City of Abilene.

A Texas art collector donated six new art pieces to Abilene, including a wind-powered sound sculpture worth over \$500,000 called "The Singing Ringing Tree," made up of almost 27 tons of cascading pipes.

Abilene has invested over \$2 million to widen and resurface trails at three parks, Sears, Rose, and Redbud Park, to encourage active and healthy lifestyles. The new paths provide residents with safe and accessible options for walking, cycling, and other outdoor activities. Another \$2.4 million is being used to construct a trail at the recently developed Cedar Creek Waterways.

KAB's Celebration Bench and Tree Program also received donations to install four recycled plastic benches and four trees of Live Oak, Bur Oak, and Shumard Red Oak at various parks in Abilene.

These beautification efforts have had tangible environmental benefits and positively impacted the community's sense of pride and place.

Question #2

Abilene's beautification programs have instilled pride in the community and have created a virtuous cycle of community improvement and economic prosperity..

The Texas Commission on the Arts designed four custom entryway pillars installed downtown in 2022, built of limestone with "Cultural District" spelled out in stainless steel and backlit for visibility day and night. The pillars have banner capabilities for seasonal celebrations and represent the first step in a complete redesign of downtown.

The Downtown Abilene Initiative seeks to make downtown Abilene a beautiful place to live, work, play, and invest. This redesign has positively impacted economic development, attracting new businesses and entrepreneurs to Abilene's Cultural District.

Allen Ridge is a bustling new development wrapped in native landscaping with 12 new businesses, a future hotel, and new community housing. Allen Ridge features a nature playground, lake, and event grounds to enjoy live music. It also has custom murals and a fire pit for gathering.

Abilene believes loving where you live positively impacts the health and quality of our community.

Page: Litter Prevention and Cleanup

Question #1

Citizen science involves people of all ages participating in projects where volunteers and professionals work together to collect real-world data for the public good. An excellent example of a citizen science project is the Community Appearance Index Survey by Keep Abilene Beautiful. Volunteers can see the correlation between designated hot spots from the photometric survey and the dispatch of cleanup volunteers.

The project involved 24 volunteers and over 78 hours of data collection with established science protocols to conduct this work in the community. The results showed a reduction in the Community Appearance Index in 2022 to 1.92 from a high of 2.85 in 2020. Citizen science is a valuable way to involve the community in important work and achieve positive results.

Question #2

Adopt-A-Spot programs provide dedicated roadside cleanup initiatives where 261 volunteers worked for 560.25 hours along 70 miles of streets, removing a staggering 4,845 pounds of litter. This effort included participation from diverse groups, including Scouts, Sororities, Businesses, and everyday citizens committed to keeping their city clean.

The Solid Waste Code Enforcement Officer took 39 actions toward uncovered trucks and construction sites to help mitigate the introduction of litter into the City.

To further promote public awareness and education, KAB leveraged over 20,000 digital billboard images displaying messages like 'Stash the Trash' and 'Don't Unload on the Road.' These campaigns were shared on social media, reaching 25,000 people per week and generating 221 engagements on platforms like Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

Question #3

KAB's Shoreline Sweeps event series, launched in August, organized three cleanups at larger lakes within Abilene city limits. The first event, Protect the Locals at Lake Kirby, received media coverage and engaged 82 volunteers who dedicated 246 hours to collect 540 pounds of trash.

The second event, Wicked Waters at Lake Ft. Phantom, encouraged participants to bring filled bags of litter to the Trash for Treats station and received overwhelming success with 97 volunteers working 291 hours and removing 1700lbs of trash from Lake Ft. Phantom.

The events aimed to revitalize the lakes while promoting community participation, and the results demonstrate the impact of collective efforts in keeping Abilene beautiful. The third event in this series, Marsh Madness, is scheduled for March 25, 2023.

Question #4

KAB tracks a wide range of data for events, campaigns, and programs. The largest indicator is the number of participants and how that data is trending. During the Pandemic, KAB witnessed a sharp drop in participation, and the gradual build-back has been tedious. Fortunately, we've started to see a resurgence in the public interest in community gatherings and cleanup events.

The shoreline sweeps events welcomed 179 volunteers, and the media coverage and cute giveaways caught the attention of possible participants. We expect to see the number of volunteers in attendance continue to climb as KAB hosts more events and offers more cleanup opportunities.

The Community Appearance Index dropped below 2.0, and involving volunteers introduced the community to how we focus our cleaning efforts. All 26 participants requested to participate in the 2023 Index. Returning volunteers are a strong sign of a great event.

Question #5

Adopt-A-Spot
157 volunteers
310.5 hours
3,460 lbs of litter

Keep Texas Waterways Clean
152 volunteers
446.25 hours
2,580 lbs of litter

Fall Sweep
252 volunteers
558.75 hours
4,835 lbs of litter

Hot Spots
6 volunteers
35 hours
300 lbs of litter

Tire Amnesty
1422 tires recycled

Rain Barrel Giveaway
260 Rain Barrels

Page: Solid Waste Management

Question #1

The City of Abilene is responsible for all waste disposal within its city limits, and as a result, no other waste haulers operate within the area. However, Keep Abilene Beautiful (KAB) is committed to educating the community about the waste disposal services available.

Republic Services, which owns the landfill in Abilene, is KAB's largest corporate donor and generously donates 12 free roll-off dumps to KAB each year. In addition, the City of Abilene provides excellent waste disposal services to its citizens, including eight free drop-off sites, twice-weekly trash service, alleyway clean-ups, cardboard recycling, and year-round free bulky item disposal for all residents.

By working with its partners, the City of Abilene and KAB strive to provide the community with the best possible waste disposal service.

Question #2

The Environmental Recycling Center (ERC) provides free recycling of various household items, serving 3,930 citizens in 2022. A total of 2,358 residents disposed of motor oil and hazardous waste, with 2,406 gallons of used oil, 611 oil filters, and 1,514 tires being recycled. Additionally, the center collected and recycled 3,226 gallons of paint and 857 gallons of hazardous chemicals, diverted 2,008 tons of cardboard and 71 batteries from the landfill, and recycled 78.79 tons of metal and 10.41 tons of aluminum. The ERC's efforts significantly reduced waste and promoted responsible recycling practices in Abilene.

The Abilene Brush Center (ABC) collected 17,602 yards of tree limbs in 2022, producing 3,154 yards of mulch for Abilene residents. Additionally, the ABC used composting piles to provide traction during extreme weather events, delivering 2,437.45 yards to Republic Services.

The Citizens Convenience Station (CCS) helped 21,971 Abilene residents dispose of large items like furniture and electronics and kept the city's alleyways and curbs free of clutter. In 2022 alone, the CCS collected an impressive 568.34 tons of these items, demonstrating the proactive efforts of residents to keep Abilene clean and beautiful.

Page: Litter Law and Illegal Dumping Enforcement

Question #1

The Abilene community places great emphasis on collaborative efforts to enforce local and state litter laws and combat illegal dumping. Environmental Crimes, Stormwater Services, Code Enforcement, Solid Waste, and KAB work closely together to prevent litter issues.

In the past year, 314 environmental crimes were investigated, with 172 follow-up investigations conducted. Among these, 169 cases of illegal dumping were identified. Solid Waste's Code Enforcement Officer took 39 enforcement actions to help mitigate the introduction of litter into the City.

As part of its proactive approach, Solid Waste conducts designated 'Bulk Trash Days' to remove brush and bulky items. In 2022, this program enabled Abilene residents to dispose of a substantial 4289.24 tons of waste, contributing to a cleaner and healthier neighborhood environment.

Question #2

KAB employs a variety of community education and outreach programs to heighten awareness of the negative effects of environmental issues. Citizens can report environmental crimes like illegal dumping and code violations to the City of Abilene via See-Click-Fix. This mobile app can be downloaded free of charge on iOS and Android devices.

Once a violation is reported, a work ticket is generated, allowing citizens and staff to view live updates and outcomes. This feature enables the community to take proactive measures and prevent violations before they occur.

Top environmental violation cases reported in Abilene include 401 high grass and weeds, 354 excessive trash, 192 illegal dumping of miscellaneous items, 96 dilapidated structures, and 153 junked vehicles or trailers. Graffiti 180 hours of cleanup.

Page: Conclusion

Question #1

Abilene, located in West Texas, has been making great strides in environmental renewal over the past several years through an organic approach. By focusing on education, economic development, and beautification, Abilene has transformed from a dusty small town into a thriving community that values sustainability and natural beauty.

One of the key components of Abilene's approach has been its commitment to education. Abilene has successfully engaged its citizens in the movement toward environmental renewal by promoting environmental awareness and providing resources to help citizens make sustainable choices.

In addition to education, Abilene has also focused on economic development to promote environmental sustainability. The city has encouraged the growth of local businesses that prioritize sustainable practices and environmentally-friendly materials. By promoting sustainable economic growth, Abilene has created a self-sustaining ecosystem that benefits both the environment and the local economy.

Question #2

Abilene and Keep Abilene Beautiful have implemented a range of environmental initiatives that have helped create a better community for residents, workers, and visitors. In 2022, these efforts led to the collection of 373,962.6 lbs of waste.

By taking a collaborative approach to combat litter and introducing beautification projects, Abilene's environmental efforts created a cleaner and healthier living environment for residents, improving their overall well-being.

Additionally, these initiatives promote community engagement and civic pride, fostering a shared responsibility for preserving the natural beauty of the city.

Ultimately, Abilene and Keep Abilene Beautiful's environmental efforts have made the city a more attractive and sustainable place to live, work, and play, enhancing the quality of life for all who call it home.

Page: Program Portfolio

SUPPORTING PHOTOGRAPHS:

- 10 photographs are required, but up to 15 photographs are allowed
- Only photographs may be submitted in the photograph section (i.e. no newspaper articles, social media posts, etc.).
- Photograph collages (and anything that has more than one photograph on it) are not permissible.
- The word count limit for each photo caption is 20 words. The caption should describe the photo. Points will be deducted for captions over 20 words.

Photo #1

Participants of the Abilene Community Appearance Index Summer 2022

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Photo #2

Shoreline Sweeps: Wicked Waters participants fill their bag of trash to trade for a bag of treats.

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Photo #3

New trees and landscaping installed around the entrance to the Abilene Zoo

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Photo #4

Abilene Allen Ridge Development

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Tires

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Photo #6

Career on Wheels - Education 2nd Graders on the effects of litter in our City

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Photo #7

Starting off Tire Amnesty Day Fall 2022

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Photo #8

Rain Barrell Giveaway Fall 2022

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Photo #9

Shoreline Sweeps: Protect the Locals at Lake Kirby

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Photo #13

Shoreline Sweeps: Wicked Waters Fall 2022

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Photo #15

Shoreline Sweeps: Wicked Waters Fall 2022

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SUPPORT MATERIALS:

Applicants must submit support materials from 3 of the 5 following options:

- **2-3 examples of public awareness or promotional materials.**
- **2-3 examples of local media support (i.e. news articles, publications, social media).**
- **2-3 examples of educational materials developed for use in adult or youth educational activities.**
- **2-3 city or county ordinances related to litter prevention, litter law, waste management or illegal dumping. Include the complete ordinance, including section, title, details and website line (if applicable). Reporting period does not apply (i.e. ordinances that were passed in previous years can still be submitted).**
- **2-3 examples of awards, recognition, and/or proclamations given to the community or community programs recognizing environmental stewardship.**

Public Awareness or Promotional Materials

One of five 'Save our Waterways' campaign slogans.

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Public Awareness or Promotional Materials

Friends in Solid Waste Parody Promotional Video for the ERC

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Public Awareness or Promotional Materials

Shoreline Sweeps: Wicked Waters Halloween cleanup event shirt proof - Glow-in-the-Dark

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Media Support

A Shout-Out to Adopt-A-Spot participants on Social Media

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Media Support

Social Media Brag on the Shoreline Sweeps: Protect the Locals T-shirt

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Media Support

Local new coverage of Celebration Bench & Tree Program

<https://www.bigcountryhomepage.com/news/make-your-mark-on-an-abilene-park-with-a-tree-or-bench-dedication/>

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Educational Materials

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City/County Ordinance

Texas Litter Abatement Act

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Stormwater Ordinance

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Award, Recognition, Proclamation

KAB Awards Summer 2022

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National Water Quality Awareness Month Proclamation

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Page: Application Certification

Please review the GCAA Guidelines

I have reviewed the GCAA guidelines

Do you assure that all information provided in this application is correct, to the best of your knowledge?

Yes, I acknowledge that I have provided all information to the best of my knowledge.



January 2023

Dear Affiliate,

Keep Texas Beautiful deeply values the contributions of your organization in advancing the Keep Texas Beautiful mission. Affiliate recognition is here and it is time to submit your annual dues and annual report. Through the Affiliate Recognition process, KTB collects and updates its records regarding your organization and its contributions, allowing KTB to honor local affiliates providing outstanding service to their communities.

This year, after much consideration, the Keep Texas Beautiful Affiliate Committee and Board of Directors have voted to increase the affiliate annual dues by \$25. The Affiliate Dues will be \$200 going forward, beginning with 2023 dues. In an effort to provide the affiliate network with the best educational training and resources, the decision to raise dues was based on a detailed analysis of revenues and expenditures, as well as increased prices for supplies. Funding through KTB's contract with the Texas Department of Transportation, which has traditionally supported affiliate work, is now more focused on supporting work related specifically to state-maintained roadways and other TxDOT programs, like GCAA. Providing support for the affiliate network remains the highest priority for Keep Texas Beautiful.

As a reminder, here are some of the benefits KTB affiliate members receive each year:

- Access to grant opportunities (\$500-\$15,000)
- Access to affiliate only resources and Facebook group
- Access to the Affiliate Mentor Program
- Free regional trainings and webinars
- Use of KTB logo
- Assistance with promoting local events
- Monthly newsletters
- Free supplies for cleanups
- Statewide recognition opportunities
- One free official KTB affiliate road sign

All recognition items must be submitted online or postmarked by **March 10, 2023**. Please see the 2023 invoice and recognition checklist included for more details. Affiliate dues, your annual report, and recognition collateral materials can be accessed through the Affiliate Portal on the KTB website.

If you have additional questions on recognition requirements, annual reporting, or your affiliate status, please contact Corinne Pierce at corinne@ktb.org. On behalf of the KTB staff, the Board of Directors, and the Programs Committee, thank you again for all you do to keep Texas beautiful.

Sincerely,

Corinne Pierce, Keep Texas Beautiful
Affiliate and Youth Programs Manager



**Keep Texas
Beautiful**
KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL AFFILIATE

INVOICE

Coordinator: Jennifer Pacheco
Affiliate: Keep Abilene Beautiful

2023 ANNUAL AFFILIATE FEE

Covers 1/1/2023 -12/31/2023

Benefits of KTB Affiliation

Networking

- * Access to a network of nearly 300 affiliates
- * Access to KTB's partner organizations
- * Access to national programs

Affiliate Development and Training

- * A dedicated Program Director to guide affiliates to meet regional needs
- * Templates, best practices and organizational documents
- * Free regional trainings and online webinars
- * Mentorship from established affiliates in your region
- * Annual conference with educational sessions available
- * Affiliate Committee working on affiliates' behalf
- * Monthly email newsletters

Programs Support

- * Free supplies, signs and volunteer incentives for cleanup events
- * Grants for affiliates in Good Standing
- * Official KTB affiliate road sign
- * Use of the KTB logo
- * Access to affiliate only resources and facebook group
- * Access to Don't mess with Texas campaign materials and support

Awards

- * Guidance and training with annual GCAA
- * Statewide recognition opportunities through the Beautify Texas Awards
- * Statewide recognition for affiliates who exceed annual requirements

Who keeps Texas beautiful? Affiliates Do!

\$200.00

Due by March 10, 2023

To Pay:

Dues can be paid by check and made out to

Keep Texas Beautiful

Mail checks to

8850 Business Park Dr #200, Austin, TX 78759

Invoices sent in January via email and physical mail

*Let KTB know if you've moved or had changes in
Affiliate Coordinators*

How to pay?

- Pay online at ktb.org
- Mail in a check to our office
- Call Jessica Wassenaar to pay with a credit card over the phone (512) 961-5257
- If you need PO information, please contact Jessica Wassenaar at jessica@ktb.org

Please visit <http://www.ktb.org/> to review the requirements for Good Standing, Silver Star, and Gold Star.

If paying by check, please mail a copy of this invoice, with payment, to:

8850 Business Park Dr., Ste. 200 | Austin, Texas 78759

512-478-8813 | Fax (512) 478-2640 | www.ktb.org



Invoice

Invoice Date: 2/3/2023
Invoice Number: 110703
Account Number: 567

Keep Abilene Beautiful
Mr. Srinivas Valavala
555 Walnut Street, Room 207
Abilene, TX 79601

		Terms	Due Date
		Due on receipt	2/3/2023
Description		Amount	
Annual Membership Investment	1	\$250.00	\$250.00
		Total:	\$250.00
		Payment/Credit Applied:	\$0.00
		Balance:	\$250.00

Payment of membership dues is deductible for most chamber members as an ordinary and necessary business expense. Contributions or gifts to the ACOC are not deductible as charitable contributions for Federal Income Tax purposes.

After 1993, state and federal lobbying activities of this organization may no longer be deductible as part of your membership dues. The estimated percentage of dues which may be deducted as a business expense is 92%. That which is allocable to state and federal lobbying expenses and may not be deducted is 8%. (Local lobbying is not affected.)

Please return this portion with your payment.

Member Name: Keep Abilene Beautiful

Invoice #: 110703

Payment Amount: \$ _____

Payment Method: ☐ Check # _____ ☐ Credit Card

Make all checks payable to **Abilene Chamber of Commerce** or enter credit card information below.

Credit Card #: _____ Exp. Date: _____ CVV Code: _____ Billing Zip Code: _____

Name on Card: _____ Signature: _____

P. O. Box 2281 Abilene, TX 79604 (325) 677-7241 (325) 677-0622 (Fax) info@abilenechamber.com

THE ABILENE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESENTS



"Star Quality Service"



**LAWRENCE
HALL ABILENE**

BUSINESS



Wild about business!

MARCH 29

9:00 A - 3:30 P

Live Auction | Business After Hours
220 + Exhibitors | Free for Chamber Members
\$5 in advance | \$10 at the door
Abilene Convention Center



DATE: Nov. 3, 2023

TO: Business Expo 2023 Potential Exhibitors

FROM: Business Expo 2023 Planning Taskforce

Where can you make more than 250 face to face, quality business contacts in one day?

We're WILD about business!

The Abilene Chamber of Commerce invites you to be part of our annual **business-to-business** showcase on March 29, 2023! Business Expo is held will be now open from 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. with Business After Hours being held at 4:30 p.m.

- Booth prices and deadlines to reserve the early bird rate is on the attached form.
- We must have a returned contract to reserve your booth space.
- This year's theme is "Wild about business"
- If you would like to change your location from the foyer or conference room into the exhibit hall, please contact a Chamber staff member.

Enclosed is your contract. Please complete and sign the contract and return with your payment. If you have any questions, please contact Shannel Anderson at shannel@abilenechamber.com or Ashley Knowlton at ashley@abilenechamber.com or 677-7241.

We look forward to seeing you March 29, 2023, as we promote businesses, products, and services!



Sponsored by:



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HALL ABILENE**



**BIG COUNTRY
CHEVY DEALERS**



"Star Quality Service"



A. SPACE RENTAL

Each booth includes a 10' x 10' space with an 8' high back wall drapery and 3' high side rails with drapes, two electric outlets, one 2 ½' x 8' table, two chairs, one tablecloth.

B. PAYMENT FOR EXHIBIT SPACE- We will strictly adhere to booth price deadlines

	Booth Prices 10' x 10'	Paid in full by Jan. 27, 2023	Paid in full by Feb. 24, 2023	After Feb. 24, 2023
Chamber Member	Foyer & Conference Center	\$400	\$450	\$500
Prospective Member	All Areas	N/A	\$750	\$800
Chamber Member	Exhibit Hall Premium Space	\$450	\$500	\$550

BOOST FOOT TRAFFIC TO YOUR BOOTH!

Map Feature = \$250 ☐

Draw attendees to your booth by having your company logo featured in the exhibitor map that is handed out to every person that walks through the doors at Expo. Having your company logo on the map will help ensure your booth stands out!

Aisle Banner = \$500 ☐

Elevate your branding at Business Expo by sponsoring an aisle! Your company logo and booth number will be featured on a banner hanging from the ceiling on your sponsored aisle driving attendees to your row. There is a limited amount of aisle available to sponsor and is first come, first serve.

Traffic Package = \$650 ☐

Receive both aisle banners and a feature on our exhibitor map for double the draw! Keep your brand in the eyes of our attendees throughout the whole expo experience.

Please reserve _____ display booth(s) for a total cost of \$ _____ Grand Total: \$ _____

CREDIT CARD: () Visa () MasterCard () Discover () AMEX

Card Number _____ Exp Date _____ CVV _____ Billing Zip Code _____

Name on Card _____ Authorized Signature _____

____ CHECK - Payable to ACOC/Business Expo, P.O. Box 2281, Abilene, Texas 79604

Business Name _____ Company Name to be Listed _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Contact Person _____ Telephone _____ Fax _____

Email Address _____ Website _____

Type of Product/Service to be displayed _____

On this date I have paid the Abilene Chamber of Commerce the sum of \$ _____ for rental of exhibit booth number(s) _____ at Business Expo 2023, to be held March 29, 2023. I do this in full understanding of the terms and conditions of this contract. Furthermore, it is my understanding that any infraction of these terms and conditions can result in my expulsion from the trade show without rental refund. Failure to comply with above mentioned exhibit hours forfeits my right to participate in the 2024 Business Expo and I will be fined \$125.

IMPORTANT RULES!

Please be sure to sign and date the back of this contract.

- No taping to the floors of the Exhibitor Hall
- All exhibitors are responsible for breaking down boxes and carrying out all trash. Failure to do so will result in additional charges from the Convention Center.

Exhibitor Contract Terms and Conditions

A. SPACE RENTAL - Each booth includes a 10' x 10' space with an 8' high back wall drapery and 3' high side rails with drapes, electric outlets, one 8' table, two chairs, one tablecloth.

B. PAYMENT FOR EXHIBIT SPACE - Discounted booth prices begin at \$400. If you participated in Business EXPO 2022 and wish to reserve your space in Business EXPO 2023, and pay in full by January 27, 2023, your discounted fee will begin at \$400. Booths will open to the waitlist/public on January 30, 2023. The fee for exhibitors making reservations January 28 through February 24 will start at \$450 (non-member fee is \$750) which must be paid in full by February 24, 2023. The fee for exhibitors making reservations February 25 through the day of EXPO will start at \$500 (non-member fee is \$800) which must be paid in full at the time of reservation.

C. PAYMENT/CANCELLATION POLICY - If Exhibitor cancels before March 1, 2022 the refund is \$125 per booth. If there is a cancellation by the Exhibitor on or after March 1 there is no refund. The Chamber will return any and all money paid by exhibitors for rental space if conditions arise beyond the control of the Abilene Chamber of Commerce that makes it impossible to hold Business EXPO 2023.

D. INSTALLATION AND USE OF EXHIBITS AND FACILITIES 1. Acceptability of Exhibits: the Abilene Business EXPO Committee reserves the right to reject any exhibit not deemed to be advisable or appropriate in accordance with the purpose of Abilene Business EXPO. 2. Restriction of Use of Space: No exhibitor shall sublet or share any part of the space allotted to him without the consent of the Abilene Chamber. All promotional material and giveaways must be distributed from within the exhibitor's booth. Aisle space shall not be used for exhibit purposes, display signs, solicitations or distribution of promotional materials. Exhibit signs and displays are prohibited in any public space or elsewhere on the premises of the Abilene Convention Center (the "Premises"); this includes using signs in your booth to advertise for other businesses. The maximum booths one company can purchase will be five booths excluding those grandfathered as of 1997 Business EXPO. 3. Construction of Exhibits: Exhibits may not obstruct the general view or hide the exhibits of others. No tape of any kind can be used on the floor in the foyer. Nothing can be pinned to the drapes. Exhibitor will be invoiced for any damage. Convention Center provides hooks for hanging banners. 4. Damage of Exhibit Facilities: The exhibitor shall not injure, deface or damage the walls, floors or any other part of the exhibit facilities, the booth, equipment, furnishings, or fixtures. No nails or other material shall be driven into any walls and no signs shall be affixed to any wall. The exhibitor shall be held liable to the Abilene Convention Center for any such damage that might be caused. The determination of the reasonable cost of repairing or remedying any such damage shall made by the manager of the Abilene Convention Center and such determination shall be final. 5. Move-in/Move-out Times: On March 28, 2023 the exhibit hall, foyer and conference center will be open from 10 am - 6 pm. On March 29, 2023, you may complete set-up from 8 - 9:00 am. All exhibits must be in place by 9:00 am March 29, 2023. All exhibits must be removed from the premises of the Abilene Convention Center no later than noon, March 30, 2023 6. Booth Attendance: Booths must be attended during exhibit hours (10:00 am - 3:30 pm, March 29, 2023) by a representative of the exhibitor. Exhibitors will be fined \$125 for dismantling or removing any items from their space prior to the close of Business EXPO 2023 at 3:30 pm. 7. Segway Personal Transporters (PTs) will not be allowed inside the Abilene Convention Center during Business EXPO (March 28- March 30, 2023). 8. Vehicles: Vehicles are allowed in the building if they fit within the designated booth space and follow all Abilene Fire Department Regulations. 9. Animals: No animals other than service dogs are allowed in the Abilene Convention Center during Business EXPO (March 28- March 30, 2023). 10. Protection of Premises: Exhibitor or anyone on exhibitor's behalf shall not bring onto the Premises or install anything that will increase the fire hazard on the Premises. Exhibitor will not be allowed to have wine, beer, or other alcoholic beverages in/on the Premises.

11. Compliance with Laws and Rules. Exhibitor shall abide by and observe all applicable laws, codes, regulations and ordinances of any applicable governmental authority and all rules of the Premises.

E. LIABILITY 1. Responsibility of Exhibitor: All exhibit material will be delivered, maintained and removed at the exhibitor's cost and sole risk. The exhibitor assumes entire responsibility and liability for losses, damages, and claims arising out of injury or damage to exhibitor, its displays, equipment and other property brought upon the Premises. 2. No Liability of Host Parties: Neither the Abilene Chamber of Commerce, the Abilene Business Council, the Business EXPO Committee, nor the Abilene Convention Center, nor any of its officers, agents, employees, or volunteers (collectively, the "Host Parties") shall be liable for any loss, damage, injury or death resulting from any cause during or as a result of the event described herein, including any action or inaction of the Host Parties, and Host Parties are hereby released from any such liability. 3. Indemnity: The exhibitor shall indemnify, save harmless, defend, and protect the Host Parties from and against any and all claims, demands, suits, judgments, liabilities, losses, damages, death, injury to persons or property, and expenses, including attorneys' fees, resulting from, incident to, in connection with, or arising from (i) any breach or default of this agreement, (ii) any act or failure to act on the part of Exhibitor or its officers, agents, or employees, (iii) the exhibit, displays, equipment and other property, materials, or giveaways brought upon the Premises by exhibitor, or (iv) exhibitor's occupancy of the space allotted under this agreement. 4. Insurance. Exhibitor shall have and maintain comprehensive general liability insurance covering those activities contemplated hereby in amounts acceptable to the Abilene Chamber of Commerce, unless waived, in writing, by the Abilene Chamber of Commerce. Upon the request of the Abilene Chamber of Commerce, exhibitor shall provide to the Abilene Chamber of Commerce a certificate of insurance evidencing that the insurance required hereunder is in full force and effect.

F. JURISDICTION, VENUE - Exhibitor consents to the jurisdiction of the Texas federal and state courts in Taylor County, Texas, and that venue for any action hereunder shall be in the Texas state court or federal district court in Taylor County, Texas. Failure on the part of the exhibitor to comply with any term or condition placed upon him by this agreement shall give the Abilene Business EXPO Committee the right or option to immediately declare this agreement null and void and to eject the exhibitor from the show. No part of the money paid for the use thereof shall be returned to the exhibitor. Failure to comply with above mentioned exhibit hours forfeits your right to participate in the 2023 Business EXPO - (see Item 7 above).

Signature of Exhibitor

Date



Printed Name & Title

Abilene Chamber President & CEO

Please retain a copy of this contract for your records

**IMPORTANT: Please complete and return to:
BUSINESS EXPO ACOC, P O BOX 2281, 79604 or email to shannel@abilenechamber.com**

ZOOBILATION

A Wild Encounter

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2023 // 6PM - 10:30PM

Join us for **Zoobilation - A Wild Encounter!**

Walk the red carpet, get nose-to-nose during an animal encounter, and savor ferocious food and indulgent cocktails while exploring a South African wildlife tour. A wild program featuring the plight of the cheetah and their uncertain future will culminate in a fundraising raffle to support the Zoo's future expansion. As the sun sets, cut loose with live music and dancing under the stars.

Your support of Zoobilation advances the Zoo's future expansion.

For more information and tickets visit abilenezoo.org/zoobilation

Gold \$10,000

2 ZOOBILATION TABLES (16 TICKETS)
EXCLUSIVE ABILENE ZOO AFTER-HOUR RENTAL
VIP ANIMAL ENCOUNTER WITH GIRAFFE & RHINO
SOCIAL MEDIA SHOUT-OUT BEFORE ZOOBILATION

Silver \$5,000

1 ZOOBILATION TABLE (8 TICKETS)
EXCLUSIVE ABILENE ZOO AFTER-HOUR RENTAL
SOCIAL MEDIA SHOUT-OUT BEFORE ZOOBILATION
BEHIND-THE-SCENES GUEST TOUR

Bronze \$2,500

1 ZOOBILATION TABLE (8 TICKETS)
SOCIAL MEDIA SHOUT-OUT BEFORE ZOOBILATION
BEHIND-THE-SCENES GUEST TOUR

Party table \$1,250

1 ZOOBILATION TABLE (8 TICKETS)
8 ZOO FUN PACKS (INCLUDES ADMISSION, CAROUSEL RIDE, GIRAFFE ENCOUNTER, SAFARI EXPRESS TRAIN RIDE)

Zoo friends \$500

2 ZOOBILATION TICKETS
4 ZOO FUN PACKS (INCLUDES ADMISSION, CAROUSEL RIDE, GIRAFFE ENCOUNTER, SAFARI EXPRESS TRAIN RIDE)

Individual \$150

1 ZOOBILATION TICKET

