



**Abilene Tree Board Meeting Agenda
Abilene Public Library – Malott Room
209 NW 4th Street
November 28, 2023 – 5:30 pm**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call: ____ Drew Snitker ____ Tim Strunk ____ Hayley Whitehair
 ____ Vice-Chair Corey Jones ____ Chair Steven Flynn
3. Approval of Agenda – November 28, 2023
4. Approval of Minutes – July 25, 2023
5. Business
 - Arbor Day Poster Contest
 - City Forestry Standards and Specifications Review
6. Comments
 - Kim Bomberger – Retirement Reception
7. Adjournment



Abilene Tree Board Meeting Minutes
Abilene Public Library – 209 NW 4th Street
July 25, 2023 – 5:30 pm

Members Present: Steve Flynn, Corey Jones, Drew Snitker, Tim Strunk, and Hayley Whitehair

Members Absent: none

Staff Present: Jennie Hiatt

Others Present: none

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Flynn.

2. Roll Call

Present: Flynn, Jones, Snitker, Strunk, and Whitehair

3. Approval of the Agenda

Whitehair made a motion to approve the agenda as written, and Strunk seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

4. Approval of the Minutes from March 21, 2023, and April 28, 2023

Strunk made a motion to approve the minutes as written, and Whitehair seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

5. Business

- **Cost Share Requests**
 - Kathi Kilpatrick – 1218 NW 3rd St.
 - Bob & Teri Kohman – 914 N. Cedar St.

- **Ordinance Review**

There was a discussion regarding the City's ordinance.

Strunk made a motion to approve the recommended changes to the ordinance, and Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

- **City Forestry Standards and Specifications Review**

There was a discussion regarding updating the standards and specifications.

6. Comments

Jones gave an update on the trees at the fairgrounds.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by consensus.

Attest

Minutes Approved,

Jennie Hiatt
Administrative Manager

Steve Flynn, Chair
Corey Jones, Vice-Chair



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November 17, 2023

TO: Friends and Colleagues of Kim Bomberger

FROM: Jason Hartman, State Forester

SUBJECT: Kim Bomberger's Retirement Reception

For over 20 years Kim Bomberger has shared her expertise of trees and urban forests, a dedication to bringing awareness to the benefits of trees, and in general just a love of trees with countless residents across Kansas. Kim began her work as a Community District Forester with the Kansas Forest Service in the spring of 2003. The time has now come for Kim to enjoy a well-deserved retirement. She will be retiring from her position with the Kansas Forest Service on December 22, 2023.

Kim's career is a testimony to how one dedicated individual can impact those around them. Recovery after natural disasters, building strong and lasting partnerships, and educating our youth on the values of community trees are just some of the impacts Kim has had.

Multiple times when a natural disaster has occurred, Kim was quick to balance her already busy schedule to reach out to the impacted communities and help them find ways to first deal with the damage to their existing trees, and then make sure trees were a part of the community as it recovered.

Over her career, Kim has been instrumental in the establishment of groups of citizen volunteers and professionals working together to make their communities better. Tree boards for communities ranging in size from a few hundred to hundreds of thousands are just one example of this type of partnership building.

Organizations that reach beyond the boundaries of just a single community like the Heartland Tree Alliance are another. In all cases, Kim has been involved in organizing and supporting these groups from the first steps and all along the way.

Kim's primary duties may have been geographically centered around the Northcentral and Northeastern counties of Kansas. However, her impact has reached far beyond those borders, primarily in the field of youth education. As the liaison for KFS to the Kansas Association of Conservation & Environmental Education and the coordinator of the Kansas Arbor Day Poster Contest, Kim has helped spread tree and natural resources education to our youth across the State of Kansas.

We would like to provide you the opportunity to express your written congratulations, gratitude, or simply a fond memory of your work with Kim and the impact she has had. Letters will be consolidated into a notebook for Kim to enjoy. Please send letters to me electronically at hartmanj@ksu.edu or physical copy (unfolded please) at the KFS State Office by December 5, 2023.

Help us celebrate all of Kim's accomplishments and the friendships built along the way at a come and go reception at the KFS State Office from 4:00 – 6:00pm on the afternoon of December 12, 2023.