



*“To achieve a cleaner and more beautiful community through the education and involvement of its citizens”*

## Keep Rome-Floyd Beautiful

### Minutes

September 26, 2022, 4:00 p.m.

Rome-Floyd ECO Center

Present: Commissioner Elaina Beeman, City of Rome Commission  
Hannah Bagley, Program Coordinator  
Brooke Brinson, KRFB Board Member  
Lucy Burnes, KRFB Board Member  
Georgia Burns, KRFB Board Member  
Melissa Rutledge, KRFB Board Member

#### Call to Order:

This meeting was called to order by Hannah Bagley. The minutes from the July 25th meeting were approved by common consent.

The 2022 Year to Date report is as follows:

- 71 events and programs
- 1,503 volunteers
- 2,275 volunteer hours
- 624 bags of trash
- 9,310 pounds of trash
- 181 trees recycled

#### Reports:

KRFB is actively searching for a new chairman. Contact Hannah Bagley if you are interested in committing at least a year of time for this position. Brooke Brinson made a motion to nominate

Lucy Burnes. Mrs. Burnes stated that she would consider this. Mr. Brinson also expressed interest in the position, but he was concerned that he would not have enough time to volunteer with many events in Spring 2023.

#### Old Business:

The “Croaky the Frog” book written by intern Elisabeth Kilgo has been highly successful. The ECO Center mascot, Croaky, handed them out at the ECO Center 10 year celebration. At least 80 kids received a book then. This is educational for both kids and their parents. This book was paid for by the Great American Cleanup Grant and is free to the public!

#### New Business:

Hannah Bagley designed and purchased 12 new “No Littering” signs. While she acknowledges they will not stop all cases of littering, it will be easier for Law Enforcement to fine offenders since the code is cited at the bottom. As there are only 12 signs, they will be placed in the most problematic areas of the City of Rome. Due to the MUTCD regulation, they cannot be placed in specified areas where they could be a distraction to other, more crucial signage. In Floyd County, signs from the Litter and Blight Task Force are still in place. So far, people in neighborhoods such as Dean Street off of Flannery Street have been very grateful for them. Mrs. Bagley stated the next challenge will be to change the habits in the courts to be more forceful about fining.

KRFB will have a booth at the Coosa Valley Fair. There will be stormwater information posters, a See-Through Compost Bin, water filtration experiments, a KRFB sign with landmarks from Rome, and the Enviroscope. Board members are encouraged to come visit and/or help man the booth, answering any questions community members may have. Hannah will be there from 3:00 PM-9:00 PM each day of the fair. We will likely be set up in the Community Building along with other local nonprofits. There is a potential for us to win money to put towards more educational materials.

#### Upcoming Events:

The International Paper River Float has been rescheduled to Friday, October 7th from 9am-12pm. Board members can participate, and can bring their own kayak if they own one. If not, IP will be paying for any kayak rentals as well as lunch for all volunteers. We are very grateful that IP is so invested in giving back to their community.

The Armuchee 4H Club will be doing a cleanup on October 1st. Mrs. Bagley has designated 3 roads that she deems will be safe for the children as well as heavily littered. These roads are Little Texas Valley, Depot Street, and Scenic Road.

The Marshall Forest walk will take place on October 20th from 10-12. Mimi Weed has requested that the theme surround natural living and encourage everyone to spend time outdoors.

There will be a Rome High School FFA workday at the Arboretum on October 24th. KRFB Board Members are encouraged to help.

The Georgia Tree Council Conference will be coming to Rome November 1-3. A large portion of Georgia's counties will be sending representatives. KRFB is conducting silent auctions, so if anyone has anything to donate, contact Mrs. Bagley. So far, we have collected gift baskets, paintings, and other items.

Adjourn:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Sophia G. Swann*

Sophia Swann, Secretary