

Keep Conyers-Rockdale Beautiful (KCRB) Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes – October 20, 2025
Location: C.E. Steele Community Center
Time: 6:00 PM – 8:05 PM

Members' Present

- Darlisssha Tillman-Sadler (Chair)
- Commissioner Tuwanya Smith
- Amanda Newcomb
- Alvenease Jackson
- Anthony Pacheco
- Kurt Peters

I. Call to Order

Chair Darlisssha Tillman-Sadler called the meeting to order at 6:07 PM.

II. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Smith motioned to approve the agenda; seconded by Amanda Newcomb.

Result: Approved.

III. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Smith motioned to approve the minutes of September 8, 2025; seconded by Anthony Pacheco.

Result: Approved.

IV. Special Presentation – Treaty Oak Clean Energy, LLC

Presenters: Patrick Duffy, Wes Andrews, and Joe Romano

Treaty Oak Clean Energy presented its Panola Grove Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) project proposed for 2002 Rockbridge Rd NW in Rockdale County.

Key highlights:

- Video presentation provided an overview of the proposed facility.
- Currently collaborating with Planning & Zoning on permitting procedures.
- Primary benefit to the county: long-term property-tax revenue for the 25-year project period.
- Project will not increase strain on the electrical grid; battery system designed to stabilize grid demand.
- Treaty Oak will fund all required upgrades to the Georgia Power substation.
- Decommissioning Plan: Site restoration and battery recycling at project end.

- Land (approx. 49 acres): only 8–10 acres utilized; possible community amenities (e.g., walking trail) for the remaining area. Open to community suggestions
- Environmental Studies: Comprehensive public studies to include wetlands and endangered species analyses.
- Safety: Emergency Response Plan to be coordinated with Rockdale Fire Department; no water uses at the site.
- Battery technology uses Lithium Iron Phosphate, which produces less heat and is self-contained.
- No wastewater discharge expected, only minimal runoff during construction.
- Next public open house anticipated week of November 17 or December 1.

V. Financial Report

Christopher Causey presented the financial report with a final fund balance of \$8,819.61.

Amanda Newcomb motioned to approve the financial report; seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Result: Approved.

VI. Unfinished Business

1. Membership Packet

Chair Tillman-Sadler motioned to move the agenda item to the next scheduled meeting; seconded by Commissioner Smith. Approved.

Commissioner Smith will draft a new welcoming message for inclusion.

2. Adopt-A-Mile Program

- Chair Tillman-Sadler motioned to move the agenda item to the next scheduled meeting; seconded by Commissioner Smith. Approved
- The Chair recommended creating a roadway map similar to the City's model, targeting program launch at the start of 2026.

3. Coca-Cola Grant

- Performance Report due November (before holidays).
- All grant funds must be spent by February 2026.

4. Shredding Event

- Recommendation to host two events per year moving forward by Amanda
- Discussion of future rain barrels, compost, and rain garden workshops.
- Action Item: Confirm whether rain barrels are permitted in Rockdale County.

VII. New Business

Rockdale County Soil and Water Conservation District (RSWCD) – McDonough Hwy Median Tree Planting Project

Chair Tillman-Sadler motioned to approve a letter of support for the RSWCD project to plant approximately 79 trees along the McDonough Hwy median, extending from Honey Creek to Target - seconded by Commissioner Smith. Approved.

VIII. Public Comments

- Lakeview Estates identified as a potential cleanup focus area.

- Upcoming GAWP Rivers Alive event on November 1 for water professionals; volunteers invited.
- Members asked to bring ideas for the next Rivers Alive event to the November meeting.
- Residents raised concerns about tree maintenance in medians at Hwy 138 and Weatherstone Circle; suggested painting medians white or adding reflective beads for visibility.
- Recommendation to address the stone gateway feature entering Rockdale from Stonecrest as a potential beautification site.
- Discussion on KCRB participation in the Rockdale Christmas Parade (to be discussed at next meeting).
- Commissioner Smith will contact the City about participation in the Veterans Day Parade on November 8.
- Future discussion topics:
 - KCRB website updates.
 - Potential billboard promoting upcoming KCRB events.

IX. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.