

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**SOLID WASTE LICENSING COMMITTEE**  
**February 4, 2005**

A regular meeting of the Solid Waste Licensing Committee was held on Friday, February 4, 2005, at 10:00 a.m., in the Building D Training Room, Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality.

The meeting was called to order by Jim Willits, Chair. In attendance were Jim Willits, Jack Jones, Elizabeth Hoover, Mark Witherspoon, Sid Fitzgerald, Roger Davis, Steve Martin, Jane Schwartz, Larry Hazal, Gary Odom, and Anne Weinstein.

The minutes were read and approved.

Motion was made, seconded and passed that members of the Solid Waste Licensing Committee would receive a \$60.00 per meeting stipend and would receive reimbursements for expenses and travel mileage in the same amounts as allowable for state employees.

Harry Elliott spoke regarding the enforcement process. He explained how point categories are derived and who did the voting. Various Committee members stated that they thought the operator licensing violation should be a Category 3. Jim Willits asked why they should be involved if they couldn't get involved. Steve Martin mentioned the proposed licensing bill regarding license revocation. A discussion followed regarding a poor due process without the bill's contents. Jim Willits said that he wondered if the point system would back up the process.

Jack Jones stated that it was a privilege, not a right, to hold an operator license.

Steve said that the Department did not have a sponsor for the bill as yet, but it could possibly be Ledbetter or Reep.

After much discussion, the following items were emphasized: (1) Introduction of the draft Bill would strengthen enforcement; (2) Strengthening and revising Inspection forms to reflect a higher score for licensing violations is needed; and (3) We need to revise Regulation 27 to include "do process."

Motion was made, seconded, and passed for the Committee to support changes to Regulation 27 that would strengthen the procedure for the revocation of a license.

Mark Witherspoon introduced Gary Odom of SAU of which the Arkansas Environmental Academy is a part. Mr. Odom addressed the Committee on the role of the Academy since Jim Bailey's retirement and the loss of Mac McClendon. He stated that his priority is to hire a full-time solid waste instructor/coordinator. In fulfilling that priority, he said that Mark Witherspoon and Larry Hazel would work with a subcommittee on a strategic plan for developing partnerships and quality training in our state. Mr. Odom stated that a bill would be introduced to fund this position.

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A discussion followed on the contributions made by Mac McClendon and Jim Bailey, as well as the need for changes in the training manuals.

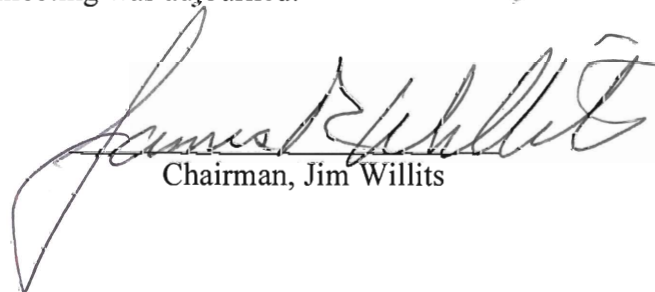
Elizabeth Hoover spoke regarding the McClendon Award. She stated that the Committee needed to discuss the award for this year and the financing of the plaque. Motion was made, seconded, and passed that two awards would be given for 2005: one to Jim Bailey and the other posthumously to Dan Reikes.

Motion was made, seconded, and passed that the two awards would be presented at the SWANA Rodeo on May 19, 2005. Mark Witherspoon stated that he would request that the state SWANA chapter pay for both plaques and asked Elizabeth Hoover to let him know how much it would cost.

In other business, Anne Weinstein of the ADEQ Legal Division distributed copies of the latest draft of the revocation letter, which she stated had been finalized by legal.

The next meeting was set for Thursday, May 19, 2005, 10:00 a.m., in the Building D Training Room, ADEQ.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Chairman, Jim Willits