

SOLID WASTE LICENSING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
January 8, 2009

A regular meeting of the Solid Waste Licensing Committee was held on Thursday, January 8, 2009 at 10:30 a.m., in Room 1E09 of the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality Headquarters, 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, Arkansas.

The meeting was called to order by Dave Rose, Chair, who called the roll. Members present included Jim Abbey, Sid Fitzgerald, Elizabeth Hoover, Mark Witherspoon, Jim Willits, Jack Jones, Roger Davis, Micci Fendley and Dave Rose. Chief Deputy Director Karen Bassett attended briefly to be introduced as the new deputy over the Solid Waste Division. Others in attendance included Randy Harper, Rickey Cole, Jane Schwartz, Mike Robinson, Vivian Tucker, Jonathan Richardson, and Dorothy Rynders. Gary Oden was absent.

The minutes were read and approved.

Member stipends and reimbursements were discussed. A motion was made by Jim Abbey, seconded by Mark Witherspoon, and was passed that members of the Solid Waste Licensing Committee shall be eligible to receive a \$60.00 per meeting stipend and reimbursements for expenses and travel mileage in the same amounts as allowable for state employees.

Randy Harper announced the retirement of Larry Hazel. He said that Larry will no longer work full-time, but is expected to return part-time as an adjunct. He also gave a report on the Solid Waste classes, saying that there had been 220 classes given with 2,000 total students during 2008. Randy stated that the internet Update class was now available.

Jim Willits started a general discussion about using the internet for group classes, asking if each person attending would have to pay the enrollment fee. Randy replied that to receive credit for the class each person would have to be registered, pay the enrollment fee, and take the test at the end of the course. If a group class was given, a roster would have to be submitted to the Academy, and they would give a roster to Elizabeth of the people who successfully completed the class.

Jim Willits said that he had recently gone through an OSHA inspection, and he was amazed by the detail involved in being in compliance. He offered his paperwork resulting from his inspection to be used as part of planning for classes.

Micci Fendley said that the AEF conference each fall has a class on OSHA compliance, and Rickey Cole said that the safety video covers some of the compliance information.

Mark Witherspoon stated that OSHA compliance has been suggested as part of the six-hour update class, but he wasn't sure how to incorporate this so as to reach only people who need this information.

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Jim Willits said that updates on Hazardous Waste and OSHA compliance were needed in the six-hour update classes. Elizabeth Hoover said that Hazardous Waste training was added to the Level A classes in place of holding a separate class on Hazardous Waste Screening.

Randy Harper said that the Academy will work with all suggestions for the six-hour Update class.

Dave Rose thanked Rickey Cole for making so many Update classes available in 2009, and then said that the Committee had time to consider suggesting changes in the classes.

Jim Abbey gave his report from the District Association, saying that they felt that six-hours was too long for Update classes. The Association suggested that the class be cut to three hours. He said that they felt it was hard for companies to have everyone in class at the same time for a long class.

Mark Witherspoon said that changing the class content will make the six-hours better and less boring.

Dave Rose said he noticed an improvement in the 2008 classes. He stated that he preferred improving the content of the classes to make them more interesting rather than reducing the class time.

Elizabeth Hoover said she will research past discussions on reducing class hours in the minutes of past committee meetings. She said that she recalled a past meeting where the Committee recommended reducing the class time from six hours to four hours. She stated that, based on her experience in teaching a few of the classes, she was in favor of reducing the hours. Jane Schwartz agreed. One benefit of shorter classes would be that they could hold one class in the morning and another in the afternoon with half of the employees attending in the morning, and the remainder attending the afternoon session.

Jim Abby asked if reducing the class to four hours should be put up for a vote. Mark Witherspoon said he didn't think it should be voted on until the new information had been added to the classes and used for a while, to see if the students found the classes less boring.

Sid Fitzgerald said that the classes were not structured in the past, and he feels that a four hour class would be better. A shorter class would make it easier to fill the time. However, if the class is improved, then shortening the class would not be necessary.

Jim Abbey said that he would report to the District Association that changing class hours was under study by the Licensing Committee. He asked if the Association meetings could be approved for update credit, based on other sources having been approved in the past.

Mark Witherspoon told Jim Abby that he would need to submit an agenda to Elizabeth Hoover for approval. Elizabeth reminded Jim that all approved sources for credit were posted on the internet. She said that many operators might want to attend the meetings, and the Association would need to decide whether they wanted to hold open meetings.

Dave Rose asked for a list of topics to be considered for the update class. The following suggestions were provided by the Committee members:

1. OSHA / DOL
 - a. Blood born pathogens
 - b. Hepatitis B vaccines
 - c. CPR requirements (not a class to teach CPR)
 - d. Hearing (audio) tests
 - e. Personal Protective Equipment
 - f. Lockout / tag out (electrical)
 - g. Safety meetings (list of topics)
2. Equipment
 - a. specifications
 - b. the use of / safety
 - c. checks before using and maintenance
3. Hazardous Waste exclusion
4. Regulatory Updates
5. ADEQ Updates (changes in policies, procedures or personnel)
6. Facility Specific Topics

The next Committee meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, March 10, 2009, at 10:30 a.m., at the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality Headquarters.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



David Rose, Chair