

SOLID WASTE LICENSING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
June 10, 2009

A regular meeting of the Solid Waste Licensing Committee was held on Wednesday, June 10, 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 David Rose, Chair, who called the roll. Members present included Jim Abbey, Sid Fitzgerald, Elizabeth Hoover, Mark Witherspoon, Jack Jones, Jim Willits, Roger Davis, Micci Fendley and David Rose. Gary Oden was absent because of family illness. Others in attendance included Randy Harper, Ricky Cole, Jane Schwartz, Vivian Tucker, Cassie Kent and Sharon Russo, guest of Micci Fendley.

The minutes were read and approved.

Elizabeth Hoover introduced Cassie Kent, Administrative Analyst, who is now assisting with test administration.

Randy Harper told the group that Act 156 passed, and the official name of the SAU Technical Environmental Control Center has been changed to the Arkansas Environmental Training Academy. He said that Act 1785 would partly fund a building for the Academy's use for labs and classes.

Ricky Cole gave an attendance report for July 2008 through July 2009: 736 total students with 80 attending apprentice classes, 75 attending journeymen classes, 52 attending master classes, and 514 attending update classes. He said that there were 40 people who took their class on the internet, mostly between April and May, before licenses expired.

Mark Witherspoon gave a one-hour presentation at the recent SWANA meeting. He said he used an introduction module that included the ADEQ website.

Ricky Cole said that using the modules would keep the classes consistent in format. It was asked if the module system is adopted, how many modules would be required for each class and how many would be optional and decided on by the instructor according to the needs of the students. Elizabeth Hoover said that would be decided after seeing the modules and discussion by the Licensing Committee. The modules could be from 30 minutes to one or two hours long depending on what is needed. Jack Jones suggested having a long and short version of each module to be used as needed. Mark Witherspoon suggested having all modules be 30 minutes long to use in blocks as needed. Ricky Cole said the modules should be at least an hour long. Mark Witherspoon said he would like the modules to be ready to use when the Academy started having classes again this year.

Sid Fitzgerald suggested doing field trips as classes – for instance, have people interested in composting go to a composting facility.

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Elizabeth Hoover gave a report on the recent in-house training for ADEQ people. She said that all instructors were ADEQ employees. She spoke about the format used by Harry Elliot and said that he showed pictures taken by solid waste inspectors and asked the audience to decide if there was a violation or not and then explained why there was or was not a violation in the picture. She stated that he received a very good audience response.

At the last meeting it was suggested that ADEQ look into purchasing a tire video to use as part of a module. Elizabeth said that she would need to research cost and availability. Randy Harper said that purchasing videos should wait until the modules were assembled and then buy videos that would fit the module. Elizabeth also suggested using available out-of-state training videos and un-copyrighted videos.

Elizabeth Hoover gave a report on the renewal progress. She said that Jane Schwartz had all the renewals sent out and has started receiving replies. Elizabeth contacted all the trainers for all the class rosters and reminded the instructors to turn in the rosters as soon as possible after each class.

Jim Willits asked if the form used to register for class could be changed to using the license number instead of the last four digits of their social security number. Elizabeth said that ADEQ requires them because of the way the law is written. Ricky Cole said it would be very hard to change the system used by the Academy. He said that they use the last four digits of the social security number and the first three letters of a student's name.

Micci Fendley said that the operators should have their license with them all times. David Rose said that it was required by the regulations.

Jim Abbey had no report from the District Association.

David Rose said he was building a new class 4 landfill and suggested using pictures of the process in a training module. He is taking pictures daily and would allow them to be used.

David Rose stated that his regular inspector was out because of injury, and two inspectors from another area had performed his last inspection. David stated that the inspectors were very professional and did a very good job.

Mark Witherspoon said that at the SWANA meeting, a group met to discuss forming an Association of Landfill Owners and Operators, but that there had been so many changes in the districts since then, he wasn't sure if the Association would still go forward. He said that a letter had been sent to all the Class 1 landfills to see if there was any interest.

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David Rose set the next meeting date for Thursday, September 3, 2009, at 10:30 a.m., in Room 1E09, Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality, North Little Rock, Arkansas.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



David Rose, Chair