

SOLID WASTE LICENSING COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
February 24, 2011

A regular meeting of the Solid Waste Licensing Committee was held on Thursday, February 24, 2011, 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 Roger Davis, Chair, who called the roll. Members present included Roger Davis, Elizabeth Hoover, Mark Witherspoon, Sid Fitzgerald, Jack Jones, Jim Abbey, and Jim Willits. Others in attendance included Roger Lawrence, Randy Harper, Kenny Nutt, and Vivian Tucker.

The minutes were read and approved.

Randy Harper gave an update from the Academy, reporting that training at the time was mostly update classes.

Kenny Nutt reported that he was adding pictures to the training modules he had been working on, and reviewing the information. He said he wanted to use the PowerPoint presentation used by Roger Lawrence at the latest SWANA meeting as a training module, since it was so well done. Kenny Nutt said that he was meeting with the adjuncts in August and will have more materials ready after that meeting.

Roger Lawrence said he'd like to see more questions on the licensing tests about how the Regulations apply to the job and would like to see more emphasis on Regulation 22 in the classes. He has the solid waste inspectors sitting in on some classes to critique them. Sid Fitzgerald said he agreed with having more questions on how the regulations applied to the job because he thought that if the operators understood why things are done the way they are, they would do a better job. Kenny Nutt said he tells the people in class to call their inspectors if they have questions.

Mark Witherspoon said that the current questions were taken from the study material used now, and the course materials need to be updated. Sid Fitzgerald said that he'd like to see pictures used to explain the regulations.

Roger Lawrence said that hopefully by the end of the year, online testing would be available. Elizabeth Hoover said that she was unsure how online testing could be done if the students were unsupervised during the tests. Randy Harper said that they would have to have a proctored final to complete the class; the proctor would check IDs and oversee the test taking process. Roger Lawrence said that minimum requirements would have to be set. Randy Harper said that he was concerned that there would be too many people taking internet tests, and there wouldn't be enough students for someone from ADEQ to travel to give tests. Roger Lawrence suggested having online tests given at the training site, but Randy Harper said that it would depend on the availability of computer access. Not all training sites have computers or internet access.

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Roger Lawrence suggested that the Academy hire a third party to do the needed updates on the training materials, and Mark Witherspoon asked if ADEQ would have funds for that purpose. Roger Lawrence said he would like to check into that, and Roger asked if anyone had an idea of the cost involved. Mark Witherspoon said he estimated it would cost between \$10,000 and \$20,000 to have all levels updated. Roger Lawrence said maybe there would be public funding after the legislative session ended. Jack Jones said he thought that the public would be happy to help because they would see the need for updating. Randy Harper said the request should come from ADEQ or the Licensing Committee to raise public funds. Sid Fitzgerald asked if the Academy could help with funding, if there wasn't enough from the public.

Motion was made, seconded and passed to have the Licensing Committee to illicit financial support from the Environmental Academy to hire a contractor to prepare new curriculum for the training.

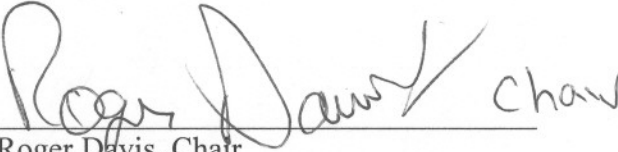
Elizabeth Hoover asked the Committee to make its annual vote on stipends and reimbursements. Motion was made, seconded and passed by the Committee for members submitting the required paperwork/forms to receive stipends in the amount of \$60.00 per meeting and other travel reimbursements as allowable for state employees.

Elizabeth Hoover said that Billy Buck's job status had changed and that he no longer meets the requirements to be on the Licensing Committee; therefore, he had resigned. She said that she will send an email to the Solid Waste Division asking for suggestions for a replacement.

Roger Lawrence asked how the Committee makes their recommendations, Elizabeth Hoover said she compiles a list showing who meets the requirements and submits that to the Committee. Jim Abbey pointed out that the Committee makes the recommendations. He said that ADEQ is not involved with that process except to make sure that nominations meet the requirements. Jack Jones asked that a new list be sent to the Committee members before the next meeting for their review. Elizabeth Hoover said that the statute has been changed to solid waste management facilities so the nominee could be from a landfill, transfer station, etc. She said she would look at the current facility scores to when making the new list.

Roger Davis set the next meeting for May 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

  
Roger Davis, Chair