

SOLID WASTE LICENSING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
April 25, 2013

A regular meeting of the Solid Waste Licensing Committee was held on Thursday, April 25, 2013, 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 roll. Members present included Dave Rose, Elizabeth Hoover, James Abbey, Phillip Davis, William Wright, Gussie Robinson, and Neal Washburn. Others in attendance included Jonathan Richardson, Cassie Kent, Jane Schwartz, and Scott McWilliams. Absent from the meeting were Bill Burrough, Randy Harper, and Judge Mike Jacobs.

The minutes from the prior meeting were approved.

Elizabeth Hoover provided a report from ADEQ. She said that Jane Schwartz was working on getting all of the continual education hours entered into the licensing database before time for the renewal letters to be mailed to the licensees. She said that there were still some courses to be given before mid-May that had been approved for CEUs. Jane will have all that entered into the database and have the letters out in time for licensees to get their renewal requests in to the Department before June 30. Elizabeth reported that the Department is working on the criteria for the statewide exam to be given to all the operators by July 1, 2014. The locations for the testing are still to be determined, but she said that the Department would attempt to accommodate as many areas of the state as possible.

Jonathan Richardson provided a report from AETA. He stated that there had been 34 courses given with about 318 total students in attendance. Jonathan said that Kenny Nutt was working on the training schedule for 2014.

Scott McWilliams, the Enforcement Coordinator for the Solid Waste Division, led a discussion on the role of the Committee to advise the Department regarding sanctions and the revoking of operator licenses.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to form a Procedures Subcommittee to develop a draft procedures document to be submitted at the next meeting for discussion. Motion was made seconded and passed that the Subcommittee members would include Jim Abbey, William Wright, Phillip Davis, and Gussie Robinson. It was further decided that the group would be headed up by Jim Abbey, and William Wright would work up a preliminary draft based on his meeting notes for the Subcommittee's review.

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Annual election of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman was held. Motion was made, seconded and passed to move Randy Harper up from Vice-Chairman to the Chairman position. A motion was then made, seconded and passed to elect William Wright to the Vice-Chairman position.

After discussion, the next meeting was set up for July 18, 2013, at 10:30 a.m.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned.


Randy Harper, Chairman