

ARKANSAS WASTEWATER LICENSING COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2008
ADEQ MEETING ROOMS 5C05/06

MEMBERS

Mark Johnson, Rogers Water Utilities, Chair
Cindy Garner, Executive Secretary, ADEQ
Steve Upton, Heber Springs Wastewater Department
David Thomason, Arkadelphia Water & Sewer
Kelly Bryant, Evergreen Packaging, Inc.
David Gross, Future Fuels Chemical, Batesville
Jennifer Bouldin, Ph.D. Arkansas State University
Dennis Brunson, Hot Springs Municipal Utilities
Sandy Luttrell, Wastewater Licensing Coordinator, ADEQ

MINUTES

The meeting of the Wastewater Licensing Committee was called to order at 10:04 a.m., on Wednesday, November 12, 2008, by Chairman Johnson. Members present were Johnson, Upton, Bryant, Gross, Bouldin, Thomason, Brunson & Garner. Guests were: Randy Harper, AR Environmental Academy; Mike Thomason, Maumelle Water; Mark Cole, AR Environmental Academy; Martin Nutt, ADH; and Sandy Luttrell, Wastewater Licensing Coordinator.

The minutes from August 13th meeting were reviewed by the members and no changes or additions were noted. A motion was made by Thomason to accept the minutes and seconded by Bouldin, the motion was approved.

The financial report was given by Garner. Appropriations were discussed. In the previous meeting, the wastewater licensing staff was asked to compose a "want list", which could include a vehicle for the staffs use. Garner informed the committee that a vehicle has been requested for the wastewater licensing staffs use. The legislative committee meets in January to discuss this proposal, which would take effect around July, if they pass it.

The Licensing Report was given by Garner.

Harper handed out a copy of the training report for the 4th quarter of 2008, along with a 2009 training schedule of classes conducted by the Environmental Academy. He also reminded us that Larry Hazal will be retiring in January, 2009.

No one was present with the Rural Water Association for this meeting.

There was no old business to be discussed. However, several committee members asked about the outcome of the issue with Mr. Pitts. Garner informed them that his previous employer did not pursue the allegations with further documentation.

Under new business, the sub-committee meeting on October 28th was discussed. The sub-committee's purpose is to assess the needs for the class IV license exams. The committee asked Ms. Garner to gather additional information from the ABC Testing Center as to how we might utilize portions of their services and to report back to the committee at the next meeting. A motion was made by Thomason and seconded by Bouldin, that more information was needed, in order to make a more precise decision at the next committee meeting.

Also discussed, was the need for class room auditing. The purpose of this would be to confirm that the curriculum was being adhered to.

Martin Nutt of the Dept. of Health, discussed his experience with the ABC facility through his agency's use of the firm. He highly recommended them for their extensive record of quality questions, thorough research and general background knowledge.

Also brought up for discussion was the amount of operator hours being issued. There is an abuse of time being offered to operators at the annual conferences. As well as, an abuse of equivalent classes being taken by the operators.

Upton made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Thomason, the motion passed.

Johnson announced the next scheduled meeting is set for Wednesday, February 11, 2009. The meeting adjourned at 11:44 a.m.