

ARKANSAS WASTEWATER LICENSING COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2010
ADEQ's COMMISSION ROOM

MEMBERS

Mark Johnson, Rogers Water Utilities, Chair
David Gross, Future Fuels Chemical, Batesville
Kelly Bryant, Evergreen Packaging, Inc.
Steven Upton, Heber Springs Wastewater Department
Dennis Brunson, Hot Springs Municipal Utilities
Cindy Garner, Executive Secretary, ADEQ

MINUTES

The meeting of the Wastewater Licensing Committee was called to order at 10:07 a.m., on Wednesday, November 10, 2010, by Chairman Johnson. Members and attendees present were Johnson, Gross, Upton, Bryant, Brunson, Garner; Susan Poe, AR Rural Water Association; Martin Nutt, AR Dept. of Health; and Sandy Luttrell, ADEQ Licensing Coordinator.

The August 11th meeting minutes were reviewed by the members and Garner informed them that changes still needed to be made. This issue will be tabled until the next meeting.

Garner gave the financial report.

Luttrell presented the Licensing Report.

The committee was informed that Jennifer Bouldin was approved for her second term on the Wastewater Licensing Committee.

Susan Poe presented ARWA training report that included a list of wastewater classes taught and attendance records from January through October, 2010.

No one was present from the Environmental Academy.

Old business tabled from previous meetings, developing specialty classes that Arkansas wastewater operators would like to see available. We have only received one request thus far, to offer classes geared toward the operation of small package plants.

Next on the agenda, there are 3 nominees that have been submitted for the committee to consider for the vacancy left when Thomason's 2nd term ended. After much discussion, Upton made a motion to accept the nomination of Jimmy

Smith to fill the vacant position on the committee. This motion was seconded by Johnson and passed unanimously.

Old business from the previous meeting, reciprocity of Robert Beard, who holds the highest wastewater license for the states of Illinois and Alaska. As informed by Beard's brother, he has accepted a job outside the country, thus resolving the issue of an Arkansas Class IV license. His Class III license, issued from his reciprocity application, has since been mailed.

Finally under old business, the need to discuss changes to Regulation 3. The committee agreed to form a work group consisting of Class IV licensed operators for reviewing and offering suggestions for changes to the regulation. Brunson made a motion to create a work group of qualified operators for the purpose of making revisions to Regulation 3. This was seconded by Bryant, motion carried.

Under new business, discussion ensued regarding the Class IV (Part B) essay test results of Gary Guillory. Garner informed the committee that Mr. Guillory previously held a Class IV license, which lapsed. In September, he passed (Part A) multiple choice through ABC and then took the essay portion, which was then sent to three panel members to grade. Due to a huge gap in test scores, he decided to challenge his final score of 69% by bringing this to the committee. Brunson made a motion to throw out the lowest score due to an absence of explanation from the grader. The motion was seconded by Upton and carried unanimously.

A discussion continued concerning the Class IV test, when Brunson made a motion to do away with the essay portion (Part B) of Class IV tests, utilizing only ABC multiple choice exams to include Arkansas questions. This motion was seconded by Gross and the motion carried.

Next under new business was the discussion of reciprocity of licenses. A draft letter of intent was reviewed. Discussion involved the need for a change in Regulation 3. Bryant and Brunson agreed any information needed to be included in the regulation. Any further discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

Next on the agenda, the City of Fort Smith requested the committee determine if a course being taught to their operators would provide approved training hours. The course offered through Wonderware is Historian 10.0 and Active Factory 9.2, a four-day program teaching a plant-wide report and analyzes data provider system. Johnson and Brunson were familiar with this program and indicated it is beneficial to running a wastewater treatment facility. Upton made a motion to accept this for 32 hours of direct training, which was seconded by Brunson. The motion carried.

The next item, Glen Swanson with the city of Higginson, requested the committee accept his previous employment with Wal-Mart as experience (water

& sprinkler systems) in the field, towards obtaining his Class II license. After reviewing his detailed list, Bryant made a motion to accept his experience at Wal-Mart to be experience in the field and allow him to take the Class II test. Brunson seconded and the motion carried.

Upton made a motion to allow anyone that has passed the multiple choice portion of Class IV (Part A), be granted their Class IV licenses. Brunson seconded the motion and it carried.

Gross made a motion to adjourn, it was seconded by Brunson. The meeting adjourned at 12:14pm.