

SOLID WASTE LICENSING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
July 24, 2008

A regular meeting of the Solid Waste Licensing Committee was held on Thursday, July 24, 2008, at 10:30 a.m., in Room 1E09 of the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality Building, 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, Arkansas.

The meeting was called to order by Sid Fitzgerald, Chair, who called the roll. Members present included Sid Fitzgerald, Elizabeth Hoover, Jim Abbey, Jack Jones, Gary Oden, Jim Willits, Micci Fendley, Dave Rose, and Mark Witherspoon. Others in attendance included Randy Harper, Ricky Cole, Jane Schwartz, Vivian Tucker and Dorothy Rynders, Office Manager for the Garland County Landfill. Roger Davis was absent.

The minutes were read and approved.

A discussion on expired Committee memberships was led by Elizabeth Hoover. She stated that terms had expired for Jack Jones, Jim Willits, Sid Fitzgerald, Mark Witherspoon, and Roger Davis. Motion was made, seconded, and passed requesting the Department to prepare and submit the necessary paperwork to the Commission requesting reappointment of the members for additional three-year terms.

Randy Harper stated that the Academy has one online six-hour class prepared and will have three more by September. He explained that when an operator completes an online class, a roster is submitted to ADEQ. A student has one to two weeks to finish the six-hour update class and has a short test at the end of the course. This test is not for re-licensing, it is only to show how well the student did on the course. All classes will be finished before the license renewal date of May 16th. Randy Harper suggested bringing a laptop to the committee meeting to show an outline of the classes.

Jim Willis asked if the internet classes would decrease the attendance of the classroom type of class, and Randy Harper said that they would not affect the regular classes. He said the Academy plans to have a five-year trial and then do an evaluation of the classes.

Sid Fitzgerald asked for a report from Elizabeth Hoover on how well the new questions suggested by the committee members were doing, and she reported that she was seeing good results and high scores.

Mark Witherspoon asked about the comments given by the students about the classes, and Randy Harper said he would prepare a report for the next committee meeting.

Jim Abbey reported on the letter he sent out to all the Solid Waste Districts; he received ten responses. Gary Oden suggested that Rickey Harper follow up on the letters by sending a thank you response to all who replied and an introduction to the ones who didn't reply. Ricky will also send a list of who replied to the committee members.

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Mark Witherspoon asked what the duties of the District contacts would be, and it was decided to discuss this at the next meeting. Gary Oden suggested developing a presentation for the next meeting of the Solid Waste District Association.

The Committee held the annual election of the Chair required by statute. Motion was made, seconded, and passed to move Dave Rose to the Chairman position to serve for the next year, replacing Sid Fitzgerald who had served for a one-year term.

Motion was made, seconded, and passed to elect Jim Abbey as the new Vice Chair.

Rather than set the next meeting date, it was agreed that Dave Rose would decide on the next meeting date and coordinate with the Department on room availability.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



David Rose, Chair