

SOLID WASTE LICENSING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
February 28, 2013

A regular meeting of the Solid Waste Licensing Committee was held on Thursday, February 28, 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 the roll. Members present included Randy Harper, Elizabeth Hoover, James Abbey, Phillip Davis, Judge Mike Jacobs, Gussie Robinson, Neil Washburn and William Wright. Others in attendance included Ricky Cole, Cassie Kent, Ben Jones and Katherine Benenati. Absent from the meeting was Bill Burrough. The new member, Neal Washburn, was introduced, as well as special guests Ben Jones, Chief of the Solid Waste Division and Katherine Benenati, Chief of the Public Outreach and Assistance Division.

The minutes from the prior meeting were approved.

Elizabeth Hoover began the Department report by asking the Committee to act on the annual vote regarding member compensation. Motion was made, seconded and passed that the Committee members would be eligible to receive a \$60.00 per meeting stipend and other reimbursements as allowable to state employees.

Elizabeth talked about the mandatory comprehensive testing of the managers and the operators starting on July 1, 2013. She explained how the testing would work and that ADEQ employees will be giving the test either at ADEQ headquarters or at AETA in Camden. Whenever possible, she said that the test would be given in the field, but she said that it wouldn't be available at all venues. Elizabeth explained that it would be a one-time test and have no bearing on a licensee keeping their license. The Committee members discussed the issue extensively.

After a brief Academy report by Randy Harper, the next meeting was set for Thursday, April 25, 2013, and the meeting was adjourned.



David Rose, Chairman