

SOLID WASTE LICENSING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
September 18, 2014

A regular meeting of the Solid Waste Licensing Committee was held on Thursday, September 18, 2014, 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 Neil Washburn, Vice-Chair, who called the roll. Members present included Warren Atkins, Jim Abbey, Gussie Robinson, Bill Burrough, Phillip Davis, and Elizabeth Hoover. Absent from the meeting: Judge Mike Jacobs, Randy Harper, and William Wright. Others in attendance included Cassie Kent, Jane Schwartz, and Kenny Nutt. The new member, Warren Atkins, was introduced, and everyone introduced themselves and told where they work.

The minutes from the prior meeting were approved.

Elizabeth Hoover provided the Department update. She said that the assessments were currently being graded, and once all assessments were graded, the data would be evaluated and reported to the group. She said that the Department had completed giving assessments effective September 1. Elizabeth said that beginning October 1, applicants would be required to have their paperwork and fees to the Department prior to taking a licensing exam, and that staff would no longer be accepting paperwork or checks at the testing locations.

Kenny Nutt gave the Academy report. He said that from July 1 to present, there were 240 contract hours, and 117 individuals trained at 14 locations. He said that there would be an Apprentice Class in Camden in October, a Journeyman class in October in Maumelle, and a Masters class in Jonesboro in November. There is also to be an Apprentice class in the City of Fort Smith in November that anyone can come too. Kenny said that next year's schedule is being printed and is scheduled to be mailed by December 1. Kenny announced that Mark Witherspoon, Angela Sparks, and Bill Burrough would be adjunct instructors for 2015; he said that Sid Fitzgerald had retired from teaching.

In other business, Elizabeth Hoover stated several member terms are expiring in January, and she added that if eligible for reappointment, the names could be resubmitted to the Commission. The terms are for three years, and members are eligible to be appointed for a

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maximum of two terms. Elizabeth announced the upcoming retirement of Teresa Marks and said that Ryan Benefield would be Interim Director until a permanent director was appointed.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, December 4, 2014, at 10:30 a.m.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



William Wright, Chairman