

SOLID WASTE LICENSING COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

August 25, 2016

A regular meeting of the Solid Waste Licensing Committee was held on Thursday, August 25, 2016, at 10:30 a.m., in Room 3C06 of the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality Headquarters, 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, Arkansas.

The meeting was called to order by Neil Washburn, Chair, who also called the roll. Members present included Neil Washburn, Angela Sparks, Warren Atkins, Gussie Robinson, William Wright, Susan Speake, Rosemary Rogers, Randy Harper, and Phillip Davis. Others in attendance included, special guest, Tori Gordon, Associate Director, Office of Land Resources (OLR), Tammie Hynum, Acting Sr. Operations Manager, OLR, and Jane Schwartz, Regulated Waste Programs, OLR. Not present were Bill Burroughs, and Ken Nutt.

Randy Harper made a motion to approve the minutes from May 20, 2016 meeting. Angela Sparks seconded the motion. The minutes from the prior meeting were approved.

After introducing Associate Director Tori Gordon and Acting Sr. Operations Manager Tammie Hynum to the committee members, Susan Speake began the Department Report by stating that in Solid Waste Licensing- a total of 698 licenses were issued: Type I-591; Type II-328; and Type III- 140. After concerns were raised by SWANA members that some questions on ADEQ tests were not covered in the class curriculum or text books, ADEQ, Randy Harper, and Kenny Nutt worked two days and were able to trace 95% of the questions to the training manuals, and training supplements. She added that ADEQ and the Arkansas Environmental Academy (AEA) were going to make a cooperative effort to craft improvements with the terminology in the training classes, in order to assist the operators' understanding of questions on the tests and help the operators to apply this material to their jobs. It is ADEQ's goal to have on-site training at the facilities as an additional training supplement for the coming year for operators. This on-site training will not replace Solid Waste Classes or updates provided by the AEA.

Committee member Gussie Robinson inquired if there was any data showing the scores in relation to the number of test questions. Susan explained that we would begin research on this question after the first of the year by issuing tests with 50 questions and tests with 100 questions in order to determine the pass/fail rates. ADEQ will provide the results of this process after it has been evaluated. Susan also distributed stakeholder issues developed by SWANA and the Solid Waste Alliance at their October 2014 meeting.

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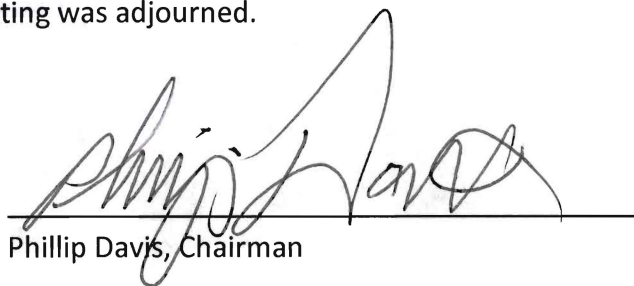
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Randy Harper gave his report from the Academy stating that Kenny Nutt was completing update classes at this time. He stated that for the Fiscal Year- there were 75 classes state-wide – 975 total hours; 898 total students. The Master On-line had three, and when an operator needs a Master class they will give it upon request. Randy said that he appreciated the Department’s cooperation and presence at the “Train The Trainer” Instructor Training workshop at SAU Tech. The feedback from the Department testing representatives helps the instructors to improve their job as the Instructor. They have seen many improvements in this area this year.

Randy made a motion to move Phillip Davis from Vice Chair to Chairman. William Wright seconded motion. Neil Washburn made a motion to elect Angela Sparks as Vice-Chair. Randy Harper seconded the motion.

The next meeting date was set for December 1st, at 10:30 a.m.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Phillip Davis, Chairman