SOLID WASTE LICENSING COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

May 19, 2022

A regular meeting of the Solid Waste Licensing Committee was held on Thursday, May 19, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 1E09 of the Arkansas Department of Environment and Energy Headquarters at 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, Arkansas, and via Zoom conference call.

The meeting was called to order by Randy Harper, Chairman. Members present included, Jennifer Parslow, Jodi Reynold-Coffelt, Joe Hopper and Shane Ellis. Alan Spangler represented the academy. Wendy Bland was represented by proxy by Jodi Reynold-Coffelt and Jeff Barfield was represented by proxy by Jennifer Parslow. Billy Sawyer was absent.

Joe Hopper made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Jodi Reynold-Coffelt seconded the motion. The motion carried and the minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Chairman Randy Harper stated that Edward Anthony Lee has expressed an interest in serving in the vacant slot on the Committee. After discussion, Joe Hopper made the motion. Shane Ellis seconded the motion. The motion carried. Wendy Bland abstained on the vote via her proxy Jodi Reynold-Coffelt. His information will be presented to the APC&E Commission for approval.

Jennifer Parslow gave the DEQ report: There are 798 active operators, 104 inactive for a total of 902 operators. 20 provisional licenses have been issued, from 15 different facilities. 33 phone exams have been given in 2022 to date. An update on Rule 27 was given, charting next steps towards final approval of the Rule.

The Committee discussed timing of renewals under the pending approval of Rule 27. Jodi-Reynold Coffelt made a motion to make a recommendation that renewals be pushed back until December 31, 2022, Joe Hopper seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Alan Spangler gave the Academy report: For fiscal year July 2021 to present; 12 Apprentice classes with 151 students, 11 Journeyman classes with 69 students, 7 Master classes with 39 students and 30 update classes with 340 students. The total fiscal year to date is 67 classes with 644 students. The apprentice and journeymen courses have been rewritten and new tests developed. The new master course will be available soon.

The committee discussed the next meeting date and it was decided on August 11, at 10:30 a.m. at DEQ and via Zoom.

With no further business, a motion was made to adjourn by Joe Hopper and Jeff Barfield seconded the motion via his proxy Jennifer Parslow. The meeting was adjourned.

Randy Harper, Chairperson