

SOLID WASTE LICENSING COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

August 11, 2022

A regular meeting of the Solid Waste Licensing Committee was held on Thursday, August 11, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. in the Boston Mountains Conference room 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 in person Jennifer Parslow, Jodi Reynold-Coffelt, and Jeff Barfield. Members attending via zoom included Shane Ellis, Tony Lee, Billy Sawyer and Joe Hopper. Alan Spangler represented the academy. Wendy Bland was absent.

Tony Lee 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.

Jennifer Parslow gave the DEQ report: There are 826 active operators expiring on December 31, 2022. 21 provisional licenses have been issued. 40 phone exams have been given in 2022 to date. Rule 27 was adopted by the APC&EC on August 4, 2022.

The Committee discussed timing of continuing education units under the new Rule 27. Jeff Barfield made a motion to make a recommendation to the Chief Administrator that CEU's earned from July to December of 2022 be applicable to the current and the upcoming renewal cycle. Billy Sawyer seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Alan Spangler gave the Academy report: 91 Apprentice students have attended classes, for an increase of 35 students over last year. 48 Journeyman students have attended classes, for an increase of 5 students over last year. 21 Master students have attended classes, which is consistent with last years' number of students. 421 update students have attended classes. 17 students have attended Env. Officer and EO update classes. Total of 44 classes with a total of 598 students across the board, which is an increase of 13 students over this period last year. The new master course is being proof read and the new exam is being built, it will be available in October. The AETA course schedule was discussed, the timing of classes based on the new renewal period, the recommendation that operators still get hours annually, and when the new schedules will be released to the public.

The committee discussed the next meeting date and it was decided on November 3rd, at 10:30 a.m. at AETA in Camden and via Zoom.

Jodi Reynold-Coffelt brought up an item for the next committee meeting, linking DEQ and AETA web sites to make it easier for people to sign up for classes.

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



Randy Harper, Chairperson