A regular meeting of the Solid Waste Licensing Committee was held on Thursday, February 20, 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 Randy Harper, Chair, who called the roll. Members present included Randy Harper, Elizabeth Hoover, James Abbey, Phillip Davis, Gussie Robinson, Neal Washburn, Judge Mike Jacobs, Bill Burroughs, and William Wright. Others in attendance included Kenny Nutt, Cassie Kent, Jane Schwartz, and Angela Sparks.

The minutes from the prior meeting were approved.

Elizabeth Hoover provided the Department update. Elizabeth requested a motion to approve stipends and travel reimbursements for eligible Licensing Committee members. A motion was made, seconded, and passed for the Solid Waste Licensing members to receive a $60.00 per meeting stipend and other travel reimbursements as eligible for state employees.

Elizabeth Hoover provided an update on the statewide assessment exams. She said that Jane Schwartz has been working to input all the continuing education credits put into the Department’s licensing database. Elizabeth announced that ADEQ plans to place future CEU approval guidelines on the website so everyone can see what will be required in order for a training event to receive CEU approval. Elizabeth told the group about the new test bank and said that it would be used beginning July 1, 2014. General discussion was held regarding testing and test scores.

Kenny Nutt gave the Academy Report. He said that from October 1, 2013, through February 20, 2014, there were three (3) Level A classes, two (2) Level B classes, and one (1) Level C class. Kenny said that there were 222 total hours at 19 locations with 280 students. He told the Committee that the books had been retyped and new pictures were added.

In other business, it was stated that Jeff Neeley had resigned from the Committee, and Elizabeth Hoover said that she would provide some information to the Committee at the next meeting to aid in making a selection to nominate to the Commission for the vacant position. She said that the vacant position would need to be filled by an onsite manager/supervisor from a municipality operating a Class 1 landfill.

The next meeting was set for May 22, 2014, and there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Randy Harper, Chairman