

SOLID WASTE LICENSING COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
September 3, 2009

A regular meeting of the Solid Waste Licensing Committee was held on Wednesday, September 3, 2009, 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 Dave Rose, Chair, who called the roll. Members present included Jim Abbey, Sid Fitzgerald, Elizabeth Hoover, Mark Witherspoon, Jack Jones, Gary Oden, Roger Davis, Dave Rose, Jim Willits and Micci Fendley. Others in attendance included Randy Harper, Ricky Cole, Jane Schwartz, Vivian Tucker, and Dorothy Rynders, guest of Micci Fendley.

The minutes were read and approved.

Randy Harper gave a report from the Academy saying that they were working on the 2010 training schedule and that it would be presented to ADEQ for approval.

Ricky Cole showed the hazardous waste training module for update classes. He said this module could last up to an hour but that the modules should be between 30 and 40 minutes each.

Mark Witherspoon said that the factual information contained in the module should come from the person who builds the module, and they should be an expert. The teacher would then present the materials. He said that he felt the module that had been shown wasn't ready to be used and asked when the modules would be available. Ricky Cole said that they were still working on the modules, but they would be on thumb drives when they were available. Elizabeth Hoover suggested adding Regulation 11 to the modules.

Gary Oden asked if Mark was suggesting that they make up templates of the modules and then let experts fill in the information. Mark Witherspoon replied that the modules should have detailed outlines, and the teachers could fill in details they need for teaching.

Roger Davis asked how many modules were planned. Mark Witherspoon replied that there should be 15 or more.

Mark Witherspoon asked who would own the modules and whether they would be available to the districts as teaching tools. Gary Oden stated that only the adjunct instructors could use them; the only textbooks approved were developed by the Academy, and all classes had to be given through the Academy as no one else has approval.

Gary Oden announced that the Academy had asked the Legislature for \$400,000 to build a lab where classes and demonstrations can be held. He said they received only \$75,000. Gary asked that the Licensing Committee prepare a letter endorsing a request for stimulus money to cover the remaining costs of building and furnishing the lab facility. Motion was made, seconded and passed for the Chairman to work with Gary Oden to develop

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a letter to present to the Committee for approval. Jim Abbey suggested that the Academy approach the other divisions of ADEQ that have classes through the Academy for their endorsements.

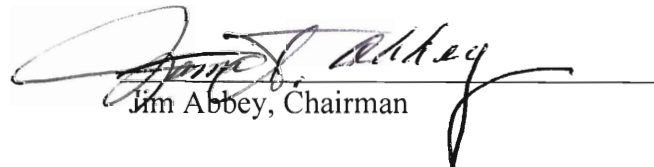
The annual election of the Chair and Vice-Chair was held. Motion was made, seconded and passed to move Jim Abbey from Vice-Chair to the Chairman position. Following the Chair election, motion was made, seconded and passed electing Roger Davis to the Vice-Chairman position.

Elizabeth Hoover gave a report on the license renewal process. She said there had been some problems with people not paying their fees, and a system had been put in place that would allow a non-paying person to take the test. She said that the test wouldn't be graded and that no license would be issued until the fees were paid in full. Jane Schwartz said she had almost finished all renewals.

Randy Harper said that there had been requests for the exams to be given in Spanish and asked if the test could be printed in Spanish. Elizabeth Hoover explained that there were no resources to translate the test into Spanish and no Spanish speaking instructors available, so no exams were going to be given that way. Mark Witherspoon said that he wondered how Spanish speaking students could take the test when the class was in English. Elizabeth said that Spanish speaking students could receive their exams orally if requested in advance.

The meeting was turned over to Jim Abbey, the new Chairman, by the outgoing Chairman, David Rose. Jim scheduled the next committee meeting for Tuesday, December 8, 2009, at 10:30 a.m.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Jim Abbey, Chairman