

SOLID WASTE LICENSING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
December 8, 2009

A regular meeting of the Solid Waste Licensing Committee was held on Tuesday, December 8, 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 Jim Abbey, Chair, who called the roll. Members present included Jim Abbey, Sid Fitzgerald, Elizabeth Hoover, Mark Witherspoon, Jack Jones, Gary Oden, Roger Davis, and Dave Rose. Others in attendance included Randy Harper and Vivian Tucker. Jim Willits was absent.

The minutes were read and approved.

Gary Oden said that Ricky Cole couldn't attend because he was teaching a class.

Randy Harper passed out copies of the 2010 training schedule for the Academy. This year's schedule has the classes separated by internet and traditional classes with course descriptions for each class. The Academy's preliminary numbers for 2009 show 650 students.

The Academy is in the process of changing the logo for AEA to match their name change.

Mark Witherspoon asked if the teaching modules would all follow the same outline and whether all update classes would be taught from the modules.

Randy Harper said that each class will have core topics such as at least one or two hours devoted to regulations and any changes made to the regulations. He said that modules would then be added to fill the remaining time. Each class will be set by the instructor to best suit the needs of the class, and the instructor will decide how many modules to be used.

Sid Fitzgerald suggested that a curriculum be provided for each class so students can choose which class would be most appropriate for them.

Randy Harper said that it would be the instructor's responsibility to know what modules they will need, and they would be responsible for obtaining the modules for each class. He said that classes will be flexible and will be changed as needed.

Mark Witherspoon said that the modules should be approved by ADEQ, and then any mix of modules would be okay for a class. The modules should be outlined by Rickey Cole, and the instructors would fill in the topics as needed. The web site could also be used.

Jim Abbey asked if there would be more training module courses than are now listed in the 2010 schedule.

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Randy Harper said that there would be more modules developed as needed, but the ones on the schedule will be ready by the first part of 2010.

Elizabeth Hoover asked when the modules would be ready, so she could review and approve them. Randy Harper replied that he would have to discuss that with Rickey Cole and would then let Elizabeth know.

Jim Abbey looked at the training schedule and pointed out that the first modules would need to be ready by Jan. 18. Randy Harper said that Rickey Cole told him that the needed modules would be ready.

Gary Oden gave a report on the tornado damage to the Academy, saying that the roof had been repaired and the process of cleanup and other repairs was ongoing. The Fire Academy received the most damage and needed the most repair work.

Gary Oden and Jim Abbey jointly gave a report on the process of getting more funding for the new building at the Academy. Gary Oden, Rickey Cole, Randy Harper, and Jim Abbey are all contributing to the letter to be sent to the Governor and the General Improvement Fund for stimulus money. When finished, the letter will have the Licensing Committee letterhead and will be submitted to the Committee for approval. If the Committee agrees with the content of the letter, Jim Abbey will put the letter into his wording and sign it for submittal.

Elizabeth Hoover told the attending members that Dave Rose and Micci Fendley's terms had expired. She said that Dave Rose is eligible for reappointment, but Micci Fendley is not eligible for reappointment. The Committee voted to recommend reappointment of Dave Rose and asked Elizabeth to handle the paperwork to submit his name to the PC&E Commission.

Because Micci Fendley can not be reappointed, a new candidate must be selected for recommendation. That individual must be an onsite supervisor or manager of a county operated landfill. Elizabeth Hoover stated that there aren't very many people who would meet those requirements. After Committee discussion, she agreed to poll the solid waste inspectors and get their recommendations to present at the next Committee meeting. Elizabeth said that to the best of her knowledge, there is only one landfill manager that currently fits the requirements, but options should be explored first.

Gary Oden said he would like to see a plaque or letter of appreciation sent to Micci Fendley for her service on the Committee. Elizabeth Hoover said that ADEQ didn't have funds to cover a plaque, but that she personally would be willing to help cover the cost. Gary Oden said that if ADEQ couldn't cover it, the Academy would help with the cost. He said that they would have a plaque made up to be presented at the next meeting. Randy Harper will discuss details with Elizabeth before the plaque is made. Elizabeth Hoover said she would try to make sure that Micci would be present at the next meeting.

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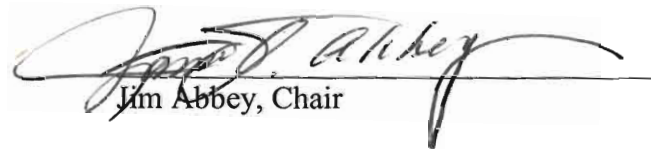
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Meeting dates for the calendar year 2010 were tentatively set by the Chairman and agreed upon by the members present. The meetings for 2010 were set for: February 11, May 6, August 19, and November 18.

There was a brief discussion about the licensing of Illegal Dumps Control Officers.

Jim Abbey reminded the group that the next meeting date would be held on Thursday, February 11, 2010, at 10:30 a.m.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Jim Abbey, Chair