

SOLID WASTE LICENSING COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
August 19, 2010

A regular meeting of the Solid Waste Licensing Committee was held on Thursday, August 19, 2010, 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, Elizabeth Hoover, Mark Witherspoon, Roger Davis, Sid Fitzgerald, Jack Jones, Jim Willits, and Dave Rose. Others in attendance included Roger Lawrence, Ricky Cole, Jane Schwartz, and Vivian Tucker. Gary Oden was absent.

The minutes were read and approved.

Ricky Cole told the Committee that Gary Oden and Randy Harper were unable to attend the meeting. He introduced Kenny Nutt as the new Solid Waste Coordinator for the Academy. He said that Kenny would replace him as the Solid Waste Coordinator because he has moved to a new position with the Academy. Ricky Cole also reported that the "Train the Trainer" workshop went well with an attendance of 24, and he said that next year's agenda would include Solid Waste topics.

Elizabeth Hoover gave an update on the license renewals. She said that most have been completed, and only a few late renewals remain to be processed. Elizabeth requested that class rosters be sent as soon as a class is completed rather than a large number all at once.

Jane Schwartz reported that there were about the same amount of licensed operators as last year--around 800 to 900.

Jim Abbey announced that this meeting was the last of his term as Chair, and he opened the floor to nominations for the annual chair elections.

A motion was made by Dave Rose, seconded by Mark Witherspoon, and unanimously passed by the Committee to move Roger Davis from Vice Chair to Chair. Additionally, a motion was made, seconded, and passed electing Gary Oden to serve as the new Vice Chair.

Under other business, Elizabeth Hoover inquired about when the training modules would be ready for review. Kenny Nutt said that Mark Witherspoon had turned in the ones he had written. Kenny said that he would continue working on that project, but didn't have a timeline for completion.

Jim Willits asked about the updates to the books used in the classes, saying that he would help in any way possible while he was still a member of the Licensing Committee. He said that there wasn't much in the current books about the regulations on composting. Roger Davis said that the members should be involved in the revisions.

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Elizabeth Hoover said that it was her understanding that the Academy had the funds to train a person to update the manuals.

Jim Willits stated that much information in the current books is outdated and needs to be cleaned up; Sid Fitzgerald said that all the relevant regulations should be included and that there should be pictures to illustrate. Mark Witherspoon said that both books and training modules need to work together and suggested that experts from each kind of facility work on the chapters of their expertise. Jim Willits added that there should be both state and federal regulations included. Dave Rose said he had pictures of cells being started all the way through completion and offered them with their daily log to the Academy for use with training modules and revised books. Roger Davis said that the Academy should have input from facilities all over the state.

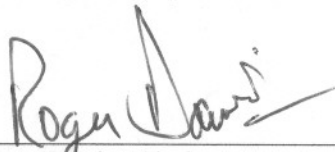
Roger Lawrence raised a question about licensing MRF operators; he said that his interpretation of Regulation 27 was that their operators were supposed to have licenses. The training to get a license for MRF licensing would give the operators information on how a MRF was to be maintained. Mark Witherspoon said there is no training on MRFs; only very general information was given because the intention of the training was to train per type of facility operator. Elizabeth Hoover said that the intention of Regulation 27 was that dirty MRF operators would be licensed, but that clean MRF operators would not be licensed. Roger Lawrence said that the managers of the MRFs should be trained, but the facility should not be subject to inspections if the facility wasn't permitted.

Mark Witherspoon said that the Committee was advisory only and that any changes had to come from ADEQ and the Commission. He said that the Committee can advise on changes only. He suggested that the discussion of licensing MRF operators be on the agenda of the next meeting.

Under the Department report, Elizabeth Hoover said that a database of test questions has been created that included questions from the tests used before, the questions supplied by Committee members, and questions from the end of the training book chapters.

Roger Davis set the next meeting date for November 18, 2010 at 10:30 a.m.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



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Roger Davis, Chair