

SOLID WASTE LICENSING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
September 15, 2011

A regular meeting of the Solid Waste Licensing Committee was held on Thursday, September 15, 2011, 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 Roger Davis, Chair, who called the roll. Members present included Roger Davis, Elizabeth Hoover, Mark Witherspoon, Jim Abbey, Jack Jones, Dave Rose, Gary Oden, and Jim Willits. Others in attendance included Ricky Cole, Randy Harper, Kenny Nutt, Vivian Tucker, and Randy Thurman.

The minutes were read and approved.

Randy Harper opened the meeting with a discussion on questions that the Committee needed addressed about the textbook fund. He said that the Committee needed to recommend at what point the textbook project should be started, what amount of money would be needed to begin the project, and what should be done if not enough money were raised. He asked whether the Academy should return to the Committee for further guidance when the decided amount had been reached. The group discuss these issues.

Mark Witherspoon inquired about when the Academy should start looking for a person or entity to do the actual work on the textbook and about what qualifications should be required. It was decided that the questions should be put into writing and presented to the Committee for further discussion.

Elizabeth Hoover addressed the Committee about the membership vacancies that needed to be filled. She told the Committee that there were Committee members whose terms were expiring and who could not be re-appointed, so new people would need to be brought in. There would need to be someone from waste tire processing, a county, and a composting, transfer station or MRF, as well as three at-large positions. For the at-large positions, Randy Thurman gave a list to Elizabeth of individuals to contact to see if they had any interest in serving on the Committee. After much discussion, motion was made, seconded and passed to nominate a slate of six individuals whose names were presented. Elizabeth Hoover agreed to notify the individuals and prepare the necessary paperwork for presentation to the Commission.

A further motion was made, seconded and passed by the Committee to allow Elizabeth Hoover to present names to the remaining Committee members, if needed, and poll them for a vote to nominate an additional person or persons, if any of the individuals nominated were unable to accept a nomination.

The Committee held the annual election of the Chair and Vice-Chair. Motions were made, seconded, and passed electing Gary Oden to Chair and Dave Rose to Vice-Chair.

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In other business, the Committee voted to name the textbook fund the W.C. "Mack" McClendon Education Fund.

As the new Chair, Gary Oden set the next meeting for Thursday, December 8, at 10:30 a.m.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Gary Oden, Chair