

SOLID WASTE LICENSING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
November 15, 2012

A regular meeting of the Solid Waste Licensing Committee was held on Thursday, November 15, 2012, 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. Members present included Dave Rose, Randy Harper, Elizabeth Hoover, James Abbey, Phillip Davis, Judge Mike Jacobs, Gussie Robinson, Bill Burrough, and William Wright. Others in attendance included Ken Nutt, Ricky Cole, Jane Schwartz, and Cassie Kent. Solid Waste Chief Benjamin Jones made a brief appearance to introduce himself to the Committee.

The minutes from the prior meeting were approved.

The meeting was opened with Elizabeth Hoover giving the Department Report. Elizabeth stated to the Committee that Hugh Cockrell had resigned, and she presented a couple of names that had been given to her by the Arkansas Environmental Federation. Motion was made, seconded and passed to present Neil Washburn of Riceland Foods to the Commission as first choice for the nomination with Stan Chivers of Green Bay Packaging as the alternate. Elizabeth said that she would contact Neil and prepare the required paperwork for name submission.

Elizabeth talked about the changes needed to be made to the training workbook. She said that the Department intends to develop and administer comprehensive testing of the managers and the operators prior to June 30, 2014. She explained that this would give a baseline for the knowledge level that is out there. The tests would tell if the training manuals are insufficient and highlight areas of deficiencies. She further explained that if a test is not passed satisfactorily, it would have no bearing on a licensee keeping their license. She asked for the Committee's recommendation on whether we should move forward on this. Also, it was brought before the Committee whether to keep giving oral exams for level C operators. A motion was made, seconded and passed to recommend the phase out of oral exams. Elizabeth explained that if the Department decided to discontinue oral exams, it would require regulatory change.

After a brief Academy report, the next meeting was set for Thursday, February 28, 2013, and the meeting was adjourned.

Dave Rose, Chair