

SOLID WASTE LICENSING COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

February 20, 2020

A regular meeting of the Solid Waste Licensing Committee was held on Thursday, February 20, 2020 at 10:30 a.m., in the Boston Mountain conference room at the Arkansas Department of Environment and Energy Headquarters at 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, Arkansas.

The meeting was called to order by Angela Sparks, Chairperson. Members present included Randy Atkinson, Paige Davis, Shane Ellis, Randy Harper and Jennifer Merritt. Wendy Bland, Warren Atkins, Billy Sawyer, and Jodi Reynold-Coffelt were absent. Proxies were issued by Billy Sawyer (to Randy Harper) and Jodi Reynold-Coffelt (to Jennifer Merritt)

Randy Atkinson made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Randy Harper seconded the motion. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Jennifer Merritt gave the DEQ report: The Committee discussed the recent Stakeholder meeting. The attendance was small and some of the Committee felt that the weather was a contributing factor. During the Stakeholder meeting there were some clarification questions but no real kick back regarding the Committee's proposed changes to the program. Another presentation of the same material will be at SWANA on April 9th and will that cover NW Arkansas area. AEF wants us to have another Stakeholder meeting in the fall and Ava Roberts, from AEF, would like to review the finished proposal. Shane Knight had some questions in the meeting regarding fees, which aren't going up. Jennifer Merritt explained that the AR Code won't change much because DEQ is taking a less invasive tact. There will be minimal changes to Code because most of the necessary adjustments will be made in Rule 27. The Committee discussed the bylaws. Randy Harper made a motion to approve the bylaws as presented, Randy Atkinson seconded that motion. Angela Sparks opened the floor to discussion regarding the bylaws and asked if anyone had questions. Randy Harper asked if the Committee was going to continue to have a seat reserved for a waste tire processing facilities. Jennifer Merritt responded that is a change that is recommended to be made to the Code. The recommendation is to change that position over to a member at large. A vote was held, the motion carried, and the bylaws were approved. Warren Atkins vacancy on the committee begins July 2020. The Committee will be thinking of names of potential candidates that could fill his specific position, of a municipal landfill operator or supervisor. Randy Harper suggested that we reach out to those facilities and see if anyone is interested in filling the position, Angela Sparks said that she would do that. Possible replacements will be discussed in the May meeting and hopefully they will be able to attend the August meeting. 725 renewals were sent out on 5/24/19. There are 98 inactive operators, down

12 from the November meeting. There are 801 active operators, up 26 from November meeting, and currently 17 Provisional licenses.

Randy Harper gave the Academy Report stating they are still looking for a fulltime solid waste instructor, the salary has been raised. Since July 2019 to present there have been 34 classes, 329 students and 460 classroom hours.

The committee discussed the next meeting date and it was decided on May 21st, at 10:30 a.m. at DEQ.

With no further business, a motion was made to adjourn by Randy Atkinson and Paige Davis seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Angela Sparks, Chairperson