

SOLID WASTE LICENSING COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

May 21, 2020

A regular meeting of the Solid Waste Licensing Committee was held on Thursday, May 21, 2020 at 11:01 a.m., via Zoom conference call.

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

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

A new chairperson nomination was brought before the committee. Angela Sparks was nominated by Billy Sawyer, Randy Harper seconded the motion. The motion was carried and Angela Sparks was approved for another term as the chairperson.

Two nominees, Jeff Barfield and Alan Spangler, were brought before the committee to fill the vacant position from Warren Atkins term expiration from the committee. There was discussion about qualifications and location of candidates. Shane Ellis made a motion to approve Jeff Barfield, Wendy Bland seconded the motion. Motion carried. Jeff Barfield was approved.

Jennifer Merritt gave the DEQ report: There was some discussion and questions regarding the executive order issued in reference to the extension of training hours needed for renewal. Stakeholder meetings are on hold due to Covid-19. There are 798 active operators, 719 renewals will be mailed out, and 95 inactive operators. Of the 95 inactive operators, 40 had CEU credits. Those operators were contacted and 5 of them renewed. There was discussion about making sure that update classes understand the class itself does not renew your license.

Randy Harper gave the Academy Report stating that all in person classes were canceled on March 16th. The run down of classes is 15 classes total with 131 students. 9 updates, 1 apprentice, 2 journeyman, 1 master, an Environmental Officer class and an Environmental Officer update. The academy anticipates in person training to begin again in June, with recommended safety precautions. Some locations remained closed to them. Online courses are still available. There was discussion about offering virtual instruction to students.

The committee discussed the next meeting date and it was decided on August 20, at 10:30 a.m. at DEQ or via Zoom.

With no further business, a motion was made to adjourn by Randy Harper and Billy Sawyer seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Angela Sparks, Chairperson