

## SOLID WASTE LICENSING COMMITTEE

### MEETING MINUTES

November 12, 2020

A regular meeting of the Solid Waste Licensing Committee was held on Thursday, November 12, 2020 at 11:00 a.m., via Zoom conference call.

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

Randy Atkinson made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Jodi Reynold-Coffelt seconded the motion. The motion carried and the minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Wendy Bland made a motion to recommend Joe Hopper to the APC&E Commission to fill the vacancy on the Committee; Jodi Renoylds-Coffelt seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Jennifer Merritt gave the DEQ report: There are 678 active operators, 725 renewals were mailed out on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Currently there are 164 inactive operators. 21 of the inactive operators have paid for renewal but not yet acquired the necessary CEU's to be eligible for renewal. 40 operators have responded that they do not plan to renew that leaves, 103 unknown renewal status operators. 6 Provisional licenses are active. 43 verbal exams have been done since in person testing has been restricted. A legislative update was given on proposed changes. Membership to the committee was changed by Secretary Keough before the changes were sent to the Governor for approval. Currently it states there are 10 voting members (which there are only 9.) The number has been reduced to 7 voting members and 2 ex-effico members. Other changes discussed include the 2 year licensing, renewable apprentice licenses, wording changes to the reciprocal licenses to mirror Bill 171106, and changing the examination fee to an application fee. There was discussion about the removal of the universal license from the proposed legislation and possible support coming from the industry in the future. Wendy Bland asked a question about electronic payment for renewals and Jennifer Merritt explained that changes on that would have to be made when Rule 27 is amended after the Code changes are made. Jennifer Merritt also explained that the information technology dept. of DEQ has been working hard to make telecommuting possible for the staff and other projects like that have been postponed.

Alan Spangler gave the Academy Report: For the first quarter of the fiscal year July 1-October 31, they had 382 contact hours of classes, 191 Students, 23 different locations including the internet. 2021 schedules are out to print and should be mailed out soon. 3 Zoom classrooms have been set up at AETA. All Camden in person classes will also be available to Zoom students

provided the students have cameras and microphones so that they can participate in the class. Alan Spangler explained that they do random role calls on Zoom classes. Angela Sparks asked if they have cameras can't you require that the student stay on camera then entire class and Alan Spangler explained that at times multiple students may be taking the class and social distancing requirements don't always allow for everyone to be on camera the entire time, so the random roll call has been their solution to that issue.

The committee discussed the next meeting date and it was decided on February 18, at 10:30 a.m. at DEQ or via Zoom.

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

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Angela Sparks, Chairperson