

SOLID WASTE LICENSING COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

November 3, 2022

A regular meeting of the Solid Waste Licensing Committee was held on Thursday, November 3, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. in the Arkansas Environmental Training Academy Conference room and via Zoom conference call.

The meeting was called to order by Randy Harper, Chairman. Members present in person Jennifer Parslow, Randy Harper, and Jeff Barfield. Members attending via zoom included Billy Sawyer, Jodi Reynolds-Coffelt, Tony Lee, Shane Ellis, Wendy Bland and Joe Hopper. Alan Spangler represented the Academy.

Joe Hopper made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Jeff Barfield seconded the motion. The motion carried and the minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Jennifer Parslow and Randy Harper gave a demonstration of how DEQ and AETA websites reference each other making it easier for operators to sign up for classes. Randy Harper is going to see if they can add a hot link from AETA's page to DEQ's page.

Jennifer Parslow covered the opportunity for and requirements to utilize the available stipend to committee members.

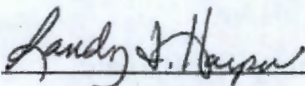
Jennifer Parslow gave the DEQ report: There are 856 active operators expiring on December 31, 2022. Renewal forms will be mailed in late November, Apprentices will be included for the first time in renewals. 22 provisional licenses have been issued. 54 phone exams have been given in 2022 to date. The new Master exam and new curriculum has been introduced. The average is 86%, the old curriculum average was 84%. The Master test average for 2021 was 87% and the 2020 average 85%. The waiver, regarding training CEU's, that was discussed at the last meeting was granted by Chief Administrator Link.

Jennifer Parslow gave an ePortal demonstration and tutorial for renewals for Committee Members. All Committee Members will be sent a link to the test website and be asked to test the ePortal site and report back with suggestions. DEQ will be creating a training video, the link for the video will be included in the letter that is enclosed with the renewal notices.

Alan Spangler gave the Academy report: 132 Apprentice students have attended classes, for an increase of 25 students over last year. 86 Journeyman students have attended classes, for an increase of 11 students over last year. 42 Master students have attended classes, which is an increase of 8 students over last year. 472 students have attended Update classes. Total of 598 students across the board, which is an increase of 13 students over last year. All three course levels have now been revamped with favorable reviews.

The committee discussed the next meeting date and it was decided on February 16th, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. at DEQ and via Zoom. The other 2023 meeting dates were outlined as May 18th, August 3rd, and November 9th.

With no further business, the chair adjourned the meeting.



Randy Harper, Chairperson