

ARKANSAS WASTEWATER LICENSING COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 2011
ADEQ MEETING ROOMS 5C05/06

MEMBERS

Mark Johnson, Rogers Water Utilities, Chair
Jennifer Bouldin, Ph.D. Arkansas State University
Kelly Bryant, Evergreen Packaging, Inc.
Jimmy Smith, Searcy Water & Sewer
David Gross, Future Fuels Chemical, Batesville
Steven Upton, Heber Springs Wastewater Department
Dennis Brunson, Hot Springs Wastewater
Cindy Garner, Executive Secretary, ADEQ

MINUTES

The meeting of the Wastewater Licensing Committee was called to order at 9:58 a.m., on Wednesday, May 11, 2011, by Chairman Johnson. Members and attendees present were Johnson, Bouldin, Bryant, Smith, Gross, Upton, Brunson, Garner; Jonathan Richardson, AR Environmental Training Academy; Ron Wacaster and Larry Merriman with Hot Springs Utilities; Tim Mitchell, AR Rural Water Association; Martin Nutt, AR Dept. of Health; Kevin Suel, ADEQ Testing Administrator and Sandy Luttrell, ADEQ Licensing Coordinator.

The March 9th meeting minutes were reviewed by the members. A motion was made by Bouldin to approve the minutes and was seconded by Upton. The motion was accepted.

Garner gave the financial report.

Luttrell gave the licensing Report.

Richardson presented training for AR Environmental Training Academy.

Mitchell had no report to present from AR Rural Water Association.

Under old business, the Regulation 3 work group needs to schedule another meeting to discuss updates and revisions. All agreed to have a brief discussion after the meeting.

The APC&E Commission has reappointed Kelly Bryant for her second term on the Committee, which will expire on July 31, 2014.

Next under old business, the Committee discussed the Management specialty class held at the AWW&WEA conference in Hot Springs last week. Overall,

good attendance records and the 3 hour class covered chapter one in detail. A discussion ensued regarding an 8-hour management course covering chapter one and the additional chapters. Brunson added that the Regulation 3 needs to state the hours for these specialty classes, will be determined from classroom experience.

Finally under old business, the budget appropriations were discussed. Garner stated that an Act was passed and Section 5 pertains to the wastewater licensing branch. \$184,509 in appropriations was allowed for salaries and operating expenses.

Under new business, the Committee reviewed information provided on behalf of Jerry Nichols, a Class II operator, with eligibility concerns for taking the Class III test in Camden next week. The materials provided, proved to be enough for Brunson to make a motion to allow Nichols to test for his Class III license. This was seconded by Smith and the motion carried.

Next, Larry Merriman addressed the Committee on behalf of Hot Springs Utilities, expressing his support of specialty training classes for wastewater operators. Their operators have expressed to them that they need more in depth training to be more aware of up-to-date standards and enhancement training. They support us and wish to assist in any way possible, to have this opportunity available to our state wastewater operators.

The Committee reviewed and discussed the material provided for Michael Lane's eligibility to test for his Class IV license. Questions regarding his supervisory experience played a part in bringing this matter before the board. Brunson made a motion to allow Mr. Lane to take his Class IV test. This was seconded by Smith and the motion passed.

The final topic on the agenda under new business was renewal status. We should have all training hours documented and renewal letters ready to mail within the next two weeks. Several members discussed creating a user friendly website to pay renewal fees and generate current operator cards to be mailed out as a result. This could also be used for newsletters or to visit the site to view the actual publication. These are indeed good ideas, but are not guaranteed to work with the set-up of state government computer systems.

The meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m.