

**ARKANSAS WASTEWATER LICENSING COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2015
Room 1E09**

Committee Members

William Winn, Chairman, Winn Environmental Consulting
Lisa Ellington, Paragould Light, Water & Cable
Jimmy Smith, Searcy Water & Sewer
Tommy Tooke, Tyson Foods, Inc.
Rodney Williams, Ph.D., University of Arkansas
William Wright, Albemarle Corporation
Michael Overstreet, Jacksonville Wastewater
Richard Healey, Executive Secretary, ADEQ

MINUTES

The meeting of the Arkansas Wastewater Licensing Committee was called to order at 10:01 A.M. on Wednesday, February 11, 2015, by Chairman Winn.

Public Present: Sandy Luttrell, Leslie Daniel and Scott McDonald, ADEQ; Jim Barkie, AR Rural Water Association; Randy Harper and Jonathan Richardson, AR Environmental Training Academy.

Previous Minutes: The November 12, 2014, meeting minutes were reviewed. **Ms. Ellington made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Williams seconded the motion, carried.**

Financial Report: Ms. Luttrell presented the Wastewater Licensing Funds Report.

Licensing Report: Ms. Luttrell presented the Licensing Report. Committee members were excited to learn that half the class passed the December Class IV test (8 new Class IV wastewater operators).

Public Comments: The AR Environmental Training Academy and the AR Rural Water Association had representatives present to discuss briefly the classes held and the number of operators in attendance.

Old Business: There was no old business to discuss on the agenda.

New Business: Luttrell announced the first meeting of the Licensing Committee for the new year, which requires the approval of the Board to accept the annual \$60.00 stipend reimbursement. **Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the \$60.00 annual stipend amount, which was seconded by Ms. Ellington and the motion carried.**

The Committee reviewed material provided at the last minute by Water-Otter.com (Virginia based online training course program). **Ms. Ellington made a motion to table a decision regarding Water-Otters program, in order to allow more time for a thorough review of the information available to the Committee. This was seconded by Mr. Williams, it carried.**

The request by former Class III wastewater operator, Don Roach, Ph.D., to reinstate his license to an active status was discussed. **Ms. Ellington made a motion to allow Mr. Roach to sit for his Class III test, which Mr. Tooke seconded. The motion carries.**

Ms. Ellington asked the Committee to consider reinstating former Class II operator, Virginia Thompson, who works for Paragould Light, Water & Cable. She then recused herself from the vote on this matter. **Mr. Smith made a**

motion to allow Ms. Thompson to test for her Class II, which she could immediately follow-up with the Class III exam, given her training and experience meet Regulation 3 requirements. Mr. Wright seconded and it carried.

The Committee reviewed a request made by Cody Sutterfield (licensed Class I wastewater operator), to waive his work experience period of three (3) years for eligibility to test for the Class III certification. **Mr. Smith made a motion to decline Mr. Sutterfield's request to accelerate his eligibility time to test for a Class III license. Once his work experience and training meet Regulation 3 requirements, he would be permitted the opportunity to test for the Class III license. This motion was seconded by Ms. Ellington and it carries.**

Current wastewater operator, Justin Lansdell, gained his Arkansas Class II license through reciprocity in 2010. He is now requesting approval by reciprocity from Texas for an Arkansas Class III license. **Ms. Ellington made a motion to deny the reciprocity application, but allow Mr. Lansdell to sit and take the Class III test in Arkansas. Mr. Wright seconded the motion and it carried.**

Missouri reciprocity applicant, Derek McCloud, who currently holds an Arkansas Class III wastewater operator license, has requested that the Committee review and approve his application for an Arkansas Class IV wastewater license. After reviewing materials provided, **Ms. Ellington made a motion to deny the request for reciprocity and allow Mr. McCloud to sit for his Class IV test once he meets all eligibility requirements of Regulation 3. Mr. Williams seconded the motion and it carried.**

The Committee briefly discussed the need for Regulation 3 language changes and the need for adding a new classification for Collection System operators to the current licensure list. It was also announced that Ms. Becky Keogh has been appointed as the new director for the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality.

Mr. Winn announced the next scheduled meeting: **May 13, 2015, at 10:00 A.M.**

Mr. Smith motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:12 A.M. Ms. Ellington seconded the motion, it carried.