

**ARKANSAS WASTEWATER LICENSING COMMITTEE**  
**WEDNESDAY, August 14, 2019**  
**Room 1E09 – Conference Room**

Committee Members

Rodney Williams, Chairman, Ph.D., University of Arkansas  
Jennifer Enos, Vice-Chairman, Springdale Water Utilities  
Michael Overstreet, Jacksonville Wastewater  
Lance McAvoy, City of Fort Smith  
Jonathan Richardson, Martin Operating Partnership  
Cecil Zolliecoffer, Ozark Water Department  
Doug Ford, Pollution Management, Inc.  
Richard Healey, Executive Secretary, ADEQ

**MINUTES**

The meeting of the Arkansas Wastewater Licensing Committee (AWLC) was called to order by Chairman Rodney Williams, at 10:03 A.M. on Wednesday, August 14, 2019.

Public Present: Randy Harper and Kenny Harvey, AR Environmental Training Academy; Susan Poe, AR Rural Water Association; Austin Ramsfield, reciprocity applicant; Sandy Luttrell and Leslie Allen-Daniel, ADEQ, Office of Water Quality.

Previous Minutes: After reviewing the May 8<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes, **Mr. McAvoy made a motion to accept the minutes as written, which was seconded by Mr. Zolliecoffer. The motion was accepted.**

Financial Report: Ms. Daniel presented the quarterly budget and expenditures to the Committee.

Licensing Report: Ms. Daniel reported the number and types of wastewater exams proctored and licenses issued in the past quarter.

Training Updates: Mr. Harvey reported on training courses given in the last quarter: number of students enrolled and the training hours awarded by the Environmental Training Academy.

Ms. Poe presented a wastewater training report from the Rural Water Association, listing the courses offered, hours issued and the total attendance numbers. She also spoke about ARWA's annual conference in Hot Springs, coming up September 16-18, 2019.

Continuing under public comments, Mr. McAvoy inquired about the current testing version being given by the Association of Boards of Certification (ABC) to Arkansas' Class IV eligible operators. Ms. Luttrell will update the Committee upon her findings.

Old Business: Mr. Healey announced our newest board member, Doug Ford, was present at today's meeting after the recent approval by the Commission on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. On behalf of the Committee, Chairman Williams extended a warm "Welcome" as well.

Mr. Healey gave a brief update to the Board about their request to have ADEQ's Legal division review Act 820 pertaining to a streamlined license for veterans in Arkansas. This matter is under review by the department at this time. Also, he intends to reach out to the Department of Health for what they plan to do on this matter.

Mr. Healey informed the Committee that after the reconstruction of state government offices, our agency has now been renamed: Arkansas Energy and Environment. We are the Division of Environmental Quality under the Office of Water Quality. Also changing in the near future, all Regulations will become Rules, with the same corresponding numbers.

New Business: Ms. Luttrell presented correspondence for the Committee to review for reciprocity consideration of California Grade III operator, Jonathon Weise. His current license was obtained through a state administered exam. **Mr. McAvoy made a motion to grant an Arkansas Class III license through reciprocity, which was seconded by Mr. Zollicoffer. The motion carried.**

The Committee reviewed reciprocity correspondence submitted by Georgia Class I wastewater operator, Austin Ramsfield, who previously held an Arkansas Class III license which expired in June of this year. He is requesting consideration for an Arkansas Class IV operator license. The state of Georgia administers all levels of wastewater licenses through ABC examinations that are proctored by Professional Service Industries (PSI). **Mr. McAvoy made a motion that he be granted an Arkansas Class IV license by reciprocity. Mr. Richardson seconded this motion and it carried.**

Chairman Williams announced the next scheduled meeting of this Committee: **November 13, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.**

**The meeting adjourned at 10:54 a.m.**