

ARKANSAS WASTEWATER LICENSING COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2009
ADEQ MEETING ROOMS 5C05/06

MEMBERS

Mark Johnson, Rogers Water Utilities, Chair
Cindy Garner, Executive Secretary, ADEQ
Steve Upton, Heber Springs Wastewater Department
David Thomason, Arkadelphia Water & Sewer
David Gross, Future Fuels Chemical, Batesville
Kelly Bryant, Evergreen Packaging, Inc.
Dennis Brunson, Hot Springs Municipal Utilities

MINUTES

The meeting of the Wastewater Licensing Committee was called to order at 10:01 a.m., on Wednesday, May 13, 2009, by Chairman Johnson. Members and attendees present were Johnson, Bryant, Brunson, Gross, Thomason, Upton, Garner, Martin Nutt, ADH; Randy Harper, AEA; Jonathan Richardson, AEA; Ken Johnson, Pine Bluff Wastewater; Dawn Keller, Wastewater Licensing Administrator & Sandy Luttrell, Wastewater Licensing Coordinator.

The minutes from the February 11th meeting were reviewed by the members and no changes or additions were noted. A motion was made by Gross to accept the minutes and seconded by Thomason, the motion was approved.

Garner gave the financial report. Garner informed the committee that a vehicle purchase was approved, during the budget considerations, for the wastewater licensing staffs use, as well as equipment requested.

The Licensing Report was given by Keller.

As for old business, Keller updated the committee on the status of Arkansas joining the ABC and utilizing their exams. The committee considering ADEQ's application will be meeting on May 19, to consider the addition of ADEQ to their customer list.

The status of Joel Burgo's CAO was discussed. Garner indicated that he had not requested flow reading training or provided any documentation that he had attended the required classes. He must provide the documentation for each item in the CAO to ADEQ staff prior to December 31, 2009.

Under new business, Gross brought up for discussion possible changes to operator training requirements that need to be addressed for the industrial licensed operators. Much discussion ensued and Garner indicated that we need to check with AEF.

Brunson brought to the table, the need for specialty classes for Class III & IV operators. These classes could include: microscope use, identifying microscopic organisms, reproductive systems, just to name a few. Regarding renewal hours, operators that continually repeat the Class I course for their hours, needs to end. Instead, they need to obtain hours through informative structured courses on their level. It was also suggested that the newsletter ask the operators for their suggestions on courses they would like to see made available. It was noted, that there is a need for more courses to be offered by the AEA and ARWA. Brunson made a motion to look further into developing required specialty classes for Class III and IV operators, which was seconded by Thomason. The motion passed.

Garner brought to the table the need for a new wastewater collection system operators license. Satellite systems need to be held accountable for their actions. They should be required to obtain a permit and have a licensed operator that knows what they are doing. Ken Johnson suggested that we notify operators through our newsletter, for their insight prior to making any decisions.

Johnson announced the next scheduled meeting is set for Wednesday, August 12, 2009, at 10am.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m..