

ARKANSAS WASTEWATER LICENSING COMMITTEE
Wednesday, February 13, 2013
ADEQ Meeting Room E109

Committee Members

Kelly Bryant, Chairperson, Evergreen Packaging, Inc.
Jennifer Bouldin, Ph.D., Arkansas State University
Jimmy Smith, Searcy Water & Sewer
Tommy Tooke, Tyson Foods, Inc.
Steven Upton, Heber Springs Wastewater Department
Craig Uyeda, Executive Secretary, ADEQ
William Winn, City of Fayetteville
Lisa Ellington, Paragould Light, Water & Cable – **absent**

Staff Members

Sandra Luttrell
Kevin Suel
Deborah Gerst

MINUTES

The meeting of the Wastewater Licensing Committee was called to order at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, February 13, 2013, by Chairman Bryant.

Ms. Bryant explained that the names of the public attending the meeting will be called at the beginning of the meeting, and they will be recognized when they need to speak.

Public Present: Susan Poe, ARWA; Jonathan D. Richardson, AETA; Randy Harper, AETA; Shawn Hill, Marilyn Stout and Jane Hurley, ADEQ; Martin Nutt, ADH; Dennis Benson, City of Sherwood

Previous Minutes: The November 13, 2012, meeting minutes were reviewed. Attention was drawn to a correction to a motion made by Mr. Winn regarding Mr. Robert Evans' request for reinstatement of licenses. The correction of the motion was prepared in script for Committee members. **Mr. Smith motioned to accept the February minutes as corrected. Ms. Bouldin seconded motion, carried.**

Department Reports

Financial – Mr. Uyeda presented the written report to the Committee. He noted that from 2010 until present the financial condition has been steady. Ms. Bouldin noted that some decrease in the financial status had occurred. Ms. Luttrell explained that books for the wastewater library, her salary, part of Mr. Suel's salary and various purchases come from that fund. She said she would bring an expense report to the next meeting.

Licensing – Ms. Luttrell read the License Issuance Report for November and December, 2012, and January, 2013. Mr. Upton asked about reciprocity of Arkansas licenses. Ms. Luttrell said that Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri and Oklahoma have reciprocity agreements with the State of Arkansas. Ms. Bryant asked for a breakdown of Class IV operator pass rates, which Mr. Suel will prepare for the next meeting. Ms. Luttrell will provide reciprocity applications submitted for acceptance at the next Committee meeting.

Public Comments: Arkansas Environmental Training Academy – Mr. Richardson updated the Committee regarding training classes. Mr. Upton asked if lab classes were offered through the Academy. Mr. Richardson said that they do not offer lab classes because they do not have a lab at their facility.

Arkansas Rural Water Association – Ms. Poe updated the Committee about their training.

Mr. Martin Nutt, Resolutions Chair of the AWW and WEA, explained that he seeks to recognize by Resolution any active and inactive/retired Wastewater licensed operators who have died since May, 2012. He explained that it can be challenging to find out when an operator has died, and then to get the necessary contact information, etc. to honor him/her. The Committee offered assistance as necessary. Mr. Winn expressed appreciation to Mr. Nutt for his efforts.

Old Business: The CEU Plan's wastewater online training program was tabled at the November 13, meeting so that Committee members might have more time to review the plan. Following some discussion, Mr. Upton expressed concern that the wording might give a false impression that they were accredited. Several questions were raised by the Committee about the cost per credit hour. It was also noted that CEU presenters must be approved by IACET. Ms. Bryant suggested that the Committee complete their review of the online training program and issue their approval before the next quarterly meeting. **Mr. Winn motioned to table approval of the CEU Plan's online training until the next quarterly meeting for further discussion, especially in regard to CEU contact hours and cost per hour. Mr. Smith seconded the motion, carried by majority with one negative vote.**

New Business: **Ms. Bouldin motioned to approve the annual \$60.00 stipend for Committee Members. Mr. Smith seconded the motion, carried.**

David Stewart has been seeking prior approval from the Committee for Power Point presentations on Drives Technical Training by Evans Enterprises. Mr. Upton noted that they did teach the January 22, 23 classes. The Power Point copies enclosed in Committee packets dealt with Energy Efficiency Theory and Harmonics. It was noted that the classes are applicable to direct training. Following some discussion, **Mr. Upton motioned that the Drives Technical Training be approved for operators, allowing 1 credit hour for this Power Point presentation. Mr. Winn seconded the motion, carried.**

Announcement by Ms. Bryant – IACET Valentine Webinar on February 14, from 12:00 – 1:30 P.M. (EST) History, information and standards of IACET will be explained.

Mr. Winn expressed appreciation to Mr. Uyeda and Mr. Shafii for allowing some of the Committee Members to review the ABC/WEF sample test for Class IV. He said it was a broad and comprehensive test. Mr. Upton agreed with Mr. Winn that the test seemed comprehensive, but also appropriately designed for a Class IV operator to pass.

Ms. Bryant announced the next meeting of the Arkansas Wastewater Licensing Committee to be May 8, 2013, at 10:00 A.M.

Mr. Winn motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Upton seconded motion, carried

The meeting adjourned at: 10:40 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Gerst

**ADDENDUM TO THE
FEBRUARY 13, 2013, MINUTES OF THE
ARKANSAS WASTEWATER LICENSING COMMITTEE**

Dated: March 15, 2013

After additional information was reviewed by the Committee, the majority approved CEU Plan's online training hours for licensing renewal hours (0.1 CEU = one hour of training).

Kelly Bryant, Chairperson - for
Jennifer Bouldin - for
Lisa Ellington - for
Jimmy Smith - for
Tommy Tooke - for
Steven Upton - opposed
William Winn - opposed