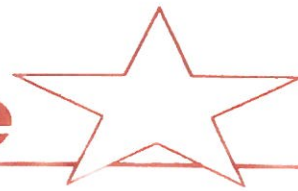


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MEETING MINUTES

TXSWANA Board of Directors Meeting

Friday, July 15, 2011 11:30 am CST

Austin, Texas – Gosselink Law Office, Austin, TX

Present: Michael Rice (presiding), David McCary, Mary Nix, Ron Smith, Vance Kemler, Richard McHale, Paul Gosselink, Lawrence Mikolajczyk, Holly Holder, Hector Chavez, and Bill Hindman

Phone: Pete Caler, James Ballowe

Guests: Earl Lott (TCEQ), Christine Bergen (Manager Texas MSW - TCEQ), Frank Pugsley (CPY), Bob Larsen (Texas State University), Maia Corbitt (STAR) and Risa Weinberger

Absent: Brenda Haney, Lonnie Banks, Ellen Smyth, Bengy Williams, David Ivory, and Harry Hayes

Call to Order: Vice President, Michael Rice called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Review of the minutes for June 17, 2011 were noted for corrections and asked to hold until next board meeting for approval. Paul Gosselink moved to table until revisions are made, Mary Nix seconded. Motion passed.

2011 ROAD-E-O:

Ron Smith reported on the 2011 Road-e-o. All finances complete with the exception for two checks. He will get both checks in and forward the books to Treasurer Ellen Smyth to audit.

2012 ANNUAL CONFERENCE:

Bill Hindman reported in Lonnie Banks' absence. Bill shared that Lonnie Banks has formed committees and has assignments underway.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Michael Rice presented the current financial reports for the month of June 2011.

June 2011:

- \$32,594.92 Checking Account
- \$ 5,225.91 Savings Account
- \$ 10,000 SWANA Investments
- \$ 30,000 SWANA Investments

Motion was made by Mary Nix to accept the June financial reports as presented; Seconded by Bill Hindman. Motions passed.

CHAPTER BUSINESS

Earl Lott introduced Christine Bergen is MSW Project Manager, newly promoted. Updates included the Sunset Review – TCEQ did well in this review with minor changes in operations. TCEQ's Surface Casing Program provides for well drilling permits. TCEQ provides certification recommendation for all oil and gas drilling facilities. They now will transfer from TCEQ to RRC. During the budget process they lost 5 FTE in Waste Permit Division. The positions lost during the budget process were vacant and not staffed. SB1258 passed – Nuisance abandoned building bill – Affects mostly West Texas

The MSW Advisory Committee has 6 positions open for reappointment:

1. Representative from the general public
2. Official from a municipality or county SW agency
3. An elected official of a municipality with a population 750,000 or more
4. An elected official from the county with a population of any size
5. An elected official of a municipality with a population 250,000 or less
6. A representative from the public solid waste district or authority

Maia Corbitt was able to share with the Board the desire to establish a process to determine the best approach in developing a methodology to report recycling rates and establishing a definition for recycling. Risa provided additional information on the structure of the subcommittee and their role to establish recycling standards for the state. TCEQ directed MSW Advisory Committee to study recycling standards and report back. Discussion on the medical waste community wanting special rules to deal with issues was covered.

Earl Lott went on to discussion landfill rules and other opportunities to divert recyclable materials from landfills. Landfills wanting to recycling onsite have guidelines to follow. They are considering relaxing the rules on Type 5 Sites. Rules now indicate a registration required. Earl suggests this right should not be needed, but rather a modification to the site's SOP.

Water balance cover was discussed for landfills. Extensive stakeholder process was conducted with extensive studies geared toward 25 inches of rainfall. TCEQ has established guidance for requesting a water balance alternative final cover for Municipal Solid Waste Landfill. You can submit a permit modification up front. TCEQ has guidance documents. The other option has a shorten time frame. This request is in part or all of landfill for all cover, then- set up test plot with lysimeter measure percolation for several years with requirements.

Richard introduced Dr. Bob Larsen from the Texas State University to discuss the University and TXSWANA collaborating together to provide solid waste training to get accredited from TCEQ. Dr. Larson discussed how government partnering with the University can help facilitate future training needs. He went on to discuss other training opportunities and projects. He has teaching staff and grad students that he will make available to TXSWANA. Two training officials are available to ensure adequate training needs are met for proper certification and licensing. Webinars training and other opportunities to take exams via remotely and track results will be offered.

The new MSW Project Manager, Christine Bergen shared a little of her back ground and experience. She was able to discuss new rules and policy options for landfills. She shared important deadlines.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Michael Rice discussed the election ballot. He reminded us that according to the by-laws we have to have an annual meeting with a notification to the membership at least 60 days prior to the meeting. He discussed the election of officers on an odd year. He reminded us that the Directors-at-Large include James Ballowe, Harry Hayes, Richard McHale, Lawrence Mikolajczyk, Bengy Williams, Lonnie Banks and Pete Caler which their terms will expire in August 2011.

Michael Rice motioned that we accept the ballot of the 2011 slate of officers today. The slate included James Ballowe, Harry Hayes, Richard McHale, Lawrence Mikolajczyk, Bengy Williams, Lonnie Banks and Pete Caler. It was seconded by Mary Nix. Motion Passed. Annual Business meeting will take place on September 16, 2011.

NEWSLETTER / WEBSITE:

Michael Rice reported the newsletter will be presented next week. The news letter will include the ballot and it will be placed on the website. The newsletter will include the President's message. A scholarship article will be included. Ron will wrap up the Road-e-o information and other ads will be included. The International Road-e-o will also be a highlight in the newsletter.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE:

Mary Nix provided an update on behalf of the Scholarship Committee. The Scholarship Committee reviewed all applicants for scholarship. They were great and they all scored very well. They are recommending one high school student going to college and three college students will all receive \$1,250 each in scholarship funds. Acting in Holley's behalf, Mary Nix motioned for the acceptance of the four college scholarship applicants. It was seconded by David McCary. Motion Passed.

Mary also pointed out that our applicant from last year applied again and won again the EPA scholarship award of \$5,000.

REGIONAL MEETINGS:

No regional meeting update.

I.B. REPORT:

No I.B. Report

ACTION ITEMS:

- A Conference Planning Committee is recommended to evaluate Conference Options to improve participation.
- TXSWANA membership fees being increased from \$20 to \$24
- Adjust the bylaws and initiate a red line version of the proposed fiscal year - Ellen
- Continue to reach out to see if joint opportunities exist between TXSWANA and APWA - Vance

NEXT MEETING: The next TXSWANA Board of Directors meeting will be in Nashville Tennessee, August 25, 2011 at 10:30 a.m. SWANA Conference Room, Location TBD.