



# The Lone



## MEETING MINUTES

### **TXSWANA Board of Directors Meeting**

Friday, June 17, 2011 10:31 am CST

San Antonio, Texas – EOC - Emergency Operations Center

**Present:** Brenda Haney, Michael Rice, Ron Smith, Richard McHale, Paul Gosselink, David McCary and Lawrence Mikolajczyk

**Video Conference:** Mary Nix, Lonnie Banks and Ellen Smyth

**Phone:** Bill Hindman, James Ballowe

**Guests:** Risa Weinberger, Brian Sledge, Walter Barrett (San Antonio)

**Absent:** Holly Holder, Bengy Williams, Vance Kemler, David Ivory, Pete Caler, Harry Hayes, Hector Chavez

**Call to Order:** President, Brenda Haney called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Review of the minutes for the April 20 and May 13, 2011, board meeting occurred. Minor corrections were noted for both minutes and completed. Motion was made by Ron Smith to accept the May minutes with corrections, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michael Rice. An additional motion was made by Mary Nix to accept the April minutes with corrections to the Other Business section, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ron Smith. Both motions passed.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Brenda Haney presented the current financial reports for the month of May 2011.

**May 2011:**

- \$31,603.72 Checking Account
- \$ 5,225.27 Savings Account
- \$10,000 SWANA Investments
- \$30,000 SWANA Investments

Motion was made by David McCary to accept the May financial reports as presented; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lawrence Mikolajczyk. Motions passed.

## CHAPTER BUSINESS

**2012 ANNUAL CONFERENCE:** Lonnie Banks shared that he would provide a full report on the next 2012 TXSWANA Conference at the next Board of Director's meeting in July. Reminder that Bill Hindman will serve as Conference Chair of the committee and Harry Hayes will serve as Chair of Sponsorships. Ron Smith will serve on the golf conference.

**LEGISLATIVE / REGULATORY:**

Brian Sledge reported on legislative regulatory activities. Brian has effectively tracked legislative that may have an impact on the City's short or long term activities as a result of MSW legislation. No legislation that we opposed was passed. What did pass was the TCEQ Sunset Bill (HB 2694). Landfill gas to energy legislation was proposed, but none of the bills passed in the Senate or House. The Demolition Waste from Abandon Buildings Bill (SB 1258) was passed and effective 5/17/11. TV Recycling Bill (HB 329) also passed.

**2011 ROAD-E-O:**

Ron Smith reported on the 2011 Road-e-o breakdown of revenues and expenses. The proposed budget was \$19,603. The actual expenses were \$18,004 with sponsorships and registrations \$23,342. Preliminary numbers show a net profit of at least \$4,939.

**NEWSLETTER / WEBSITE:**

Michael Rice reported that this month's newsletter was the largest newsletter in the history of TXSWANA. A total of 18 pages were included. The newsletter will include the President's message. An article from the SMART Committee will also be published. Other articles published will include Road-e-o updates. National asked us to announce WasteCon in our website. Website is up to date.

**REGIONAL MEETINGS:**

No regional meeting update.

**I.B. REPORT:**

No I.B. Report

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Risa Weinberger shared with the board that STAR (State of Texas Alliance for Recycling) along with a number of cities has informally requested a recycling study be conducted to create a State wide definition for recycling. She also asked if TXSWANA would like to identify one or more representatives to participate with STAR in this initiative. The TXSWANA Board did agree to participate and requested that president Brenda Haney coordinate with STAR representatives to provide the names of participants.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- A follow up to evaluate the benefits of signing an agreement with North American Hazardous Material Association and TXSWANA – Brenda will follow up with National to ensure there is no conflict with this agreement or other associations that may be interested in collaboration .
- 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
- Follow up with the Texas State University to offer TXSWANA "A" and "B" Licensing. Work with Dr. Larsen to see what the University is willing to do for licensing support. – Richard
- President Haney to coordinate with STAR to recommend recycling study participants.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next TXSWANA Board of Directors meeting will be in Austin TX, July 15, 2011 at 10:30p.m. Paul Gosselink Law Office, Austin, TX.