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MEETING MINUTES

TXSWANA Board of Directors Meeting

Friday, January 21, 2011 10:30 am CST

Austin, Texas – Lloyd Gosselink's Office

Present: Brenda Haney, Hector Chavez, Bill Hindman, Holly Holder, Vance Kemler, Richard McHale, Lawrence Mikolajczyk, Ron Smith, Paul Gosselink, Ellen Smyth, James Ballowe, Mary Nix, Bengy Williams,

Phone: Lonnie Banks, Michael Rice, David Ivory, Pete Caler, David McCary, Harry Hayes

Absent:

Guests: Brian Sledge, Bob Gedert, Mike Carleton, Risa Weinberger, Richard Carmichael, Erik Billey, Gulay Aki

Call to Order: President, Brenda Haney called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Review of the minutes for the November 19, 2010, board meeting occurred. Minor corrections were noted and completed. Motion was made by Mary Nix to accept the minutes with corrections, 2nd by Holly Holder. Motion passed.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Ellen Smyth presented the current financial reports for the month of November and December 2010. The December 2010 report reflects:

- \$44,273.76 (Nov) - \$45,018.23 checking (Dec)
- \$5,221.32 (Nov.) - \$5,222.03 savings (Dec)
- \$10,000 SWANA
- \$30,000 SWANA

Motion was made by Mary Nix to accept the financial reports as presented; 2nd by Vance Kemler. Motion passed.

CHAPTER BUSINESS

2011 ANNUAL CONFERENCE: Brenda Haney reported on the progress of the 2011 Annual Conference. The convention center will be ready for the conference as scheduled. They are still working on the details. Brenda has scheduled a tour of the new Convention Center after the Director's Board meeting on February 18, 2011.

The theme will focus on sustainability; The City of Irving will present the largest net zero school in the state and one of the largest in the nation. Also a net zero library will be coming on line. The Irving Convention Center will be LEED Certified facility and will have a behind the scene tour. Ron reported on the Golf Tournament. River Chase is a nice golf course that may be our point of destination.

The assigned committee chairs are as follows:

Assigned Chairs:

- Bill Hindman, Chair Technical Program (Brenda, Helen)
- Ron Smith, Chair Golf Program (Bob, Venus)
- Brenda Haney, Chair Technical Tours & Key Note Speakers
- Vance Kemler, Chair Exhibitors Programs
- Brenda Haney, Chair Sponsorships (Harry, David Mc)
- Brenda Haney, Chair Registration Programs (Lonnie, Samia)
- Michael Rice, Chair Programs & Advertisements (Holly,

The dates of the Conference are April 17-20, 2011, so mark your calendars now.

LEGISLATIVE / REGULATORY:

Brian Sledge discussed up coming legislation possibility. He shared the process of the bill and how it goes through committees and where the process could end. There were other bills that he pointed out that the board should look out for during this legislation period. David Ivory pointed out that there is a big on illegally dumped tires. There is a need for legislation regarding tires in Brownville. David indicated he would follow the possible bill and asked for additional support. There are many bills that may recall

Bob, Director of the Solid Waste Department City of Austin offered his help to write bills that TxSWANA may want to weigh in on. His primary interest is in legislative process.

Paul continued the discussed on the regulatory work that is being reviewed and proposed. We have had resolution reminders on renewable energy. Green house gas reductions will also be apart of this endeavor. There is a provision in the process that will allow you to go before the PUC Program Administrator and depending on your agreement requirements will depend on action taken. Paul shared the latest on solar power and how the industry is shaping. Discussion also included the latest on incineration and other standards that may be required on emissions.

Mike Carleton provided information on renewable energy and how it affects the municipal solid waste utility. He also discussed the cost of renewable energy credits. He also reminded us that our City should weigh in supporting renewable portfolio standard. Richard Carmichael shared with the board information on bills that may be introduced including some recycling bills. Additional discussion was on non-biomass and digesters. Other technology was discussed that may be a fuel source at some point and other renewable technology. There was also discussion on addressing tires. Harry Hayes shared with the board the challenges with collecting and transporting tires have become a major cost for the City of Houston.

2011 ROAD-E-O:

Ron Smith reported on the 2011 Road-e-o progress. They are on track for a great Road-e-o on May 13-14, 2011.

NEWSLETTER / WEBSITE:

Michael Rice reported that the newsletter went out as scheduled. He also asked for articles for the news letter and Road-e-o update. January's newsletter included a call for papers for the upcoming conference. He also mention about scholarship updates from the scholarship committee.

REGIONAL MEETINGS:

No regional meetings have been set up.

I.B. REPORT:

Vance report included a recap of the WasteCon Conference in Boston and that registration was down. Indicating the conference was able to break even with the economy. Brenda asked if SWANA could give consideration to active TxSWANA cities in future conference selections of hosting cities. Recent selections did not include active cities. Vance reported their first draft of the 2012 budget. The new fiscal year change from August 31st to June 30th to ensure a full twelve months. Further discussion included consideration for TxSWANA fiscal year date change. The board wanted additional discussion at next monthly meeting under other business.

OTHER BUSINESS:**ACTION ITEMS:**

- Vance will contact TxSWANA's APWA counter part to see if there are coordinate
- Email committee assignments for this year's conference
- Nominating Committee – Ron, David
- Bi Laws – Pete, Laurence vice chair, Holly
- Brenda will send out new and confirmed assignments for committees
- Tour of the Convention Center – Brenda
- By-laws to include consideration of changing TxSWANA fiscal year

NEXT MEETING: The next TxSWANA Board of Directors meeting will be in Dallas, Texas, February 18, 2011 at 10:30 a.m. at Bill Hindman's office (1820 Regal Row, Suite 200, Dallas TX 75235).