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MEETING MINUTES

TXSWANA Board of Directors Meeting

Lubbock, TX

Friday, March 10, 2017 10:30 a.m. Central Time

Present: David McCary, Richard McHale, Morris Williams Jr., Jeff Mayfield, Ellen Smyth, Brenda Haney, Holly Holder, Vance Kemler, Frank Pugsley, Michael Rice, Catrennia Williamson

Phone: Elvira Alonzo, Paul Gosselink, Harry Hayes, Lawrence Mikolajczyk

Absent: Lonnie Banks

Guests: Hal Wood, Jeff Reed, Ty Embry, Tyler Krueger, Matt Stutz

CALL TO ORDER: David McCary called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m., Central Time. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Richard McHale to approve the minutes for the February 17, 2017 meeting. Holly Holder seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Morris Williams, Jr. presented the financial report for February 1, 2017 through February 28, 2017. February 28, 2017 balances for each account were as follows: \$203,414.91 for the checking account, \$30,259.78 for the savings account, \$90,281.00 for the conference account, and \$4,892.83 for the State Road-e-o account. Motion made by Vance Kemler to approve the February 2017 financial report. Brenda Haney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

CHAPTER BUSINESS:

2017 TxSWANA Conference (San Antonio) – David McCary briefed the board on exhibitor spaces, noting only five spaces remain. He also presented the exhibitor layout. Sponsorship is currently at approximately \$70,000. Currently 154 people have registered for the conference. Holly Holder reported 34 presentations were received.

2017 Road-E-O Site (Midland) – Morris Williams Jr. reported that venues are set. The Sports Complex will be the location for the Truck component and the City of Midland Landfill for the Landfill component.

Newsletter/Website – Michael Rice reported the next newsletter will be sent after the April conference. Content will include a summary of the conference, upcoming Road-E-O advertisement, and legislative update. There was discussion regarding whether to charge for posting job openings on the website. Brenda Haney made a motion that TxSWANA will charge \$50.00 to private entities that request to post an available job on the TxSWANA website. Ellen Smyth seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Legislative/Regulatory – Jeff Reed briefed the board on industry-related lawsuits:

Laredo Bag Ban – Texas Supreme Court has requested a hearing on the merits of the case, meaning there is a good chance they will hear the case.

130 Environmental Park – Proposal for Decision issued for landfill permit in Lockhart. Administrative Law Judge referred decision to approve or deny permit be made by the TCEQ Commissioners.

City of Rio Grande City vs. BFI – City terminated contract with BFI and hired Grande Garbage Collection. Case appealed to the Texas Supreme Court. Several issues, but mainly about governmental immunity.

Ty Embry reviewed the bill tracking report he emailed to board members on March 9. Various industry-related bills were discussed and those where TxSWANA took a position are noted herein. HB489 related to the creation of a waste tire dumping enforcement grant program – Support in general. HB1115 related to the definition of affected person – Neutral but continue to track. HB1584 related to County Commissioners regulating solid waste disposal in unincorporated parts of the county or ETJ of a municipality – Neutral as long as remains bracketed to Webb County, oppose if statewide. HB1874 related to recycling of household batteries – Ty will seek additional information regarding which entities have the physical and financial burden. HB1979 related to TERP plan – Generally support. HB2046 related to increasing solid waste disposal fees and fee allocation to TCEQ/COGs – Vance Kemler made a motion to remain neutral unless there are changes to the language, seconded by Brenda Haney; motion carried unanimously. HB2092 related to prohibiting the land application of grit and grease trap waste – Neutral. HB2479 related to inaccurate or incomplete solid waste permit applications submitted to TCEQ – Oppose. HB2763 and SB1229 related to solid waste services in the ETJ of a municipality in certain counties – Neutral. HB2958 related to temporary moratorium of solid waste permit applications - Oppose. SB103 related to bags to customers at point of sale – Neutral but continue to track. SB208 related to the regulation of recycling entities – Neutral. SB781 related to limiting the location of solid waste facilities – Oppose.

The board broke for lunch at 12:22 p.m. Central time and resumed the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Matt Stutz provided an update on the USEPA New Source Performance Standards (NSPS)/Emission Guidelines (EG) rules. TCEQ staff is beginning the process to seek Commissioner approval to write the rules. Staff have noted they will not use the Federal version when it is released.

Paul Gosselink reported on the status of the proposed Mobile Emission Reduction Credit (MERC) rule making effort. Paul met with TCEQ Commissioner Baker after the February 2017 TxSWANA board meeting. It does not appear TCEQ staff will draft rules that align with TxSWANA's interests. Vance Kemler made a motion for Paul to draft a comment letter for submission to TCEQ at no charge to TxSWANA. Richard McHale seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Paul Gosselink briefed the group on the TCEQ permit streamlining stakeholder group; he and Vance Kemler are participants. The next meeting will be in approximately two months after Reid Matthews and Jeff Young complete review and provide proposed edits to the document.

IB Report – Brenda Haney reported SWANA approved a membership mentoring program. The Technical Division is working on the program for the upcoming WASTECON conference. Membership is at 8,722 as of January 31, 2017. Budget is approximately \$270,000 ahead.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Water Balance Project Update –Vance Kemler reported he received a letter from the University of North Carolina – Charlotte (UNCC) saying UNCC met all the contractual obligations. On a motion by

Brenda Haney, seconded by Michael Rice, the board authorized Lloyd Gosselink to file an open records request with UNCC for the electronic data used in the report, and prepare a letter to TRI Environmental requesting laboratory data from those sites where collected. The letter to TRI Environmental will be sent by those entities that had soil samples collected at their site and analyzed by TRI Environmental.

Texas Chapter Webinar (Update) – Ellen Smyth reported she received the passcode for obtaining SWANA webinars at no charge. Frank Pugsley will send an email to TxSWANA members with the passcode.

Promote, Engage & Mentor YPs – David McCary encouraged all directors to send a Young Professional to the TxSWANA conference. YPs are members age 35 and under.

Texas Safety Training Update – Brenda Haney reported she reached out to David Vartian regarding the SMART Committee track for the conference and is awaiting a response.

Confirmation Attendance for Directors at WASTECON (September 25-27, Baltimore Convention Center) - Brenda Haney reported SWANA will provide a code to be used at registration that will waive the registration fee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: - Holly Holder was congratulated for becoming a grandfather. Mother and baby girl are healthy. Vance Kemler announced he will retire from the City of Denton in May. He also noted the 2018 conference will be held in Denton April 15-18 at the Embassy Suites Convention Center. Possible tours include the FCC MRF, Champion C&D MRF, and Peterbilt Truck factory. David McCary asked for any information he should mention at the annual state of the chapter presentation during the conference.

ACTION ITEMS: Scholarship Criteria Update – Richard McHale has researched what other chapters are doing for scholarships including amounts awarded. He is compiling the information and will send to the Directors. Decide on financial value for companies to place their logo on the banner at the bottom of the TxSWANA web site - Frank Pugsley will prepare a proposed sponsorship page for consideration at the next meeting.

ADJOURN:

Upon a motion to adjourn by Brenda Haney and seconded by Michael Rice, by unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 2:28 p.m., Central Time.

NEXT MEETING:

The next TxSWANA Board of Director's meeting will be held Wednesday April 12, 2017, at the San Antonio Omni Hotel 2nd floor Director's Conference Room located at 9821 Colonnade Boulevard San Antonio, TX 78230.