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## MEETING MINUTES

### TXSWANA Board of Directors Meeting

Austin, TX

Friday August 18, 2017 10:30 a.m. Central Time

**Present:** David McCary, Richard McHale, Morris Williams Jr., Jeff Mayfield, Ellen Smyth, Brenda Haney, Lonnie Banks, Paul Gosselink, Harry Hayes, Holly Holder, Lawrence Mikolajczyk, Frank Pugsley, Michael Rice, Catrennia Williamson

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**Absent:** Elvira Alonzo

**Guests:** Mike Carleton, Chance Goodin, Jeff Reed, Risa Weinberger

**CALL TO ORDER:** David McCary called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m., Central Time. A quorum was present.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Harry Hayes to approve the minutes for the July 21, 2017 meeting. Richard McHale seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

#### FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Morris Williams, Jr. presented the financial report for July 1, 2017 through July 31, 2017. July 31, 2017 balances for each account were as follows: \$96,212.64 for the checking account, \$30,263.59 for the savings account, \$120,071.52 for the conference account, and \$16,138.00 for the State Road-e-o account. Motion made by Brenda Haney to approve the July 31 2017 financial report, seconded by Holly Holder. The motion passed unanimously.

#### CHAPTER BUSINESS:

**2018 TxSWANA Conference (Denton)** – Tyler Hurd was not present so no 2018 update was provided. Brenda Haney noted the conference checking account is set up.

**2017 Road-E-O Site (Midland)** – Morris Williams Jr. noted there was nothing to report.

**Selection of 2018 Road-E-O City** – Brenda Haney said she spoke with Ron Smith who reported the City of Wichita Falls is still checking on whether they can host the event.

**Newsletter/Website** – Michael Rice reported the Summer edition newsletter will be sent out to the membership shortly. The next newsletter will be sent out in the late October/early November timeframe.

**Legislative/Regulatory** – Chance Goodin, TCEQ MSW Permits Section Manager briefed the Board on several permit applications under TCEQ review. The Republic operated Camelot Landfill permit amendment application is being considered at the August 23, 2017 TCEQ Commissioner's Agenda. The 130 Environmental Park application will be on the September 6, 2017 TCEQ Commissioner's Agenda. The application has three issues that caused the Administrative Law Judge to recommend denial. The Post Oak landfill application was remanded back to the State Office of Administrative Hearing (SOAH).

An interesting issue on this application was the request for 24/7 hours of operation. TCEQ is developing what documentation is needed to justify operating hours outside the standard 7 am to 7 pm timeframe. The SOAH hearing on this application is scheduled for January 16, 2018. Pescadito Environmental Resource Center application is undergoing TCEQ staff review.

TCEQ is evaluating how to use tires at unauthorized waste sites. Current federal air rules hinder using them as a fuel source in cement kilns. TCEQ will work with USEPA to obtain permission to use as a fuel source in cement kilns. Mr. Goodin noted there are 14 unauthorized tire sites in Texas that have more than 100,000 tires, and of the 14, 8 previously had TCEQ authorization to operate.

Mr. Goodin mentioned two bills were passed that impact the solid waste industry, though are specific to a certain geographic area. HB 1584 affects Webb County only and SB 1229 affects Bexar County only. HB 276 filed during the Special Legislative Session did not pass. It would have required TCEQ to perform an assessment of the safety and regulation of municipal solid waste facilities.

Mr. Goodin then briefed the Board on MSW permit streamline efforts they are considering. He noted there are 17 different agency coordinations required for a MSW application. TCEQ is looking at ways to make the permitting process faster so the permit process does not span multiple legislative sessions. TCEQ is evaluating separating transfer station rules from the 330 rules, similar to how medical waste was separated.

The Board broke for lunch at 12:00 p.m. and reconvened at 12:30 p.m.

Mr. Goodin mentioned that several guidance documents are being updated and/or prepared including drainage, slope stability, and leachate management.

At 1:22 p.m., Lawrence Mikolajczyk made a motion to suspend the monthly meeting so the annual meeting may be held. The motion was seconded by Frank Pugsley, and was unanimously approved. At 1:39 p.m., the monthly meeting was reconvened.

Jeff Reed reported that he is preparing comments on the TCEQ proposed Ground Water Sampling and Analysis Plan guidance document and requested any comments be provided to him. He noted the USEPA 90 day moratorium on the NSPS/EG rules will expire later this month. In June 2017, Waste Management DFW Landfill sent a letter to the City of Lewisville expressing a desire to vertically expand the landfill by 50 feet. The City has not responded at this time. The Laredo Merchants lawsuit (bag ban) is still pending before the Supreme Court of Texas, awaiting their decision whether to accept the case. Regarding the Mobile Emission Reduction Credit rulemaking effort by TCEQ, no response to comments from stakeholders have been received. Jeff Reed also reported the BLM case is still ongoing

**IB Report** – Brenda Haney noted Frank Pugsley is set up as our chapter IB representative, effective after WASTECON. She noted SWANA has 9,151 members; the goal for next fiscal year is 9,400 members with 3,500 of those as student members. The proposed structure of the international board is proposed to be reduced to 25. The current board will vote on the proposed structure at WASTECON. SWANA is rewriting all technical policies. SWANA is asking our chapter to focus more on safety as Texas has the most industry fatalities by number, as counted by SWANA, of all states.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**September 25, 2017 Director Meeting at WASTECON** – David McCary reminded the group the next meeting will be held at WASTECON on September 25, 2017 at 8:30 am Eastern time.

**MSWM & RRAC President Recommendation Letters** – David McCary informed the Board he wrote TXSWANA letters of recommendation for Jeff Mayfield and Richard McHale’s application to the TCEQ Municipal Solid Waste Management and Resource Recovery Advisory Council. Brenda Haney made a motion to ratify David’s action, seconded by Harry Hayes. The motion carried unanimously with Jeff Mayfield and Richard McHale abstaining.

**Texas Regional – Ideas for WASTECON** –Brenda Haney reported that upon further research, she recommends the Texas region handout be a trial size sampler of Texas made adult beverages. Lawrence Mikolajczyk made a motion to authorize purchase of 250 samples each of two sample types, seconded by Frank Pugsley. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Young Professional Representative** – Frank Pugsley reported there were four applications received. The applications were distributed to the Board by Frank via email on August 16, 2017. No decision was made at the meeting but the Board narrowed the selection to Kyle Foreman and Tiana Svendsen and directed Jeff Mayfield to send an email requesting each director return a vote to him for one of the two applicants by 5 pm Monday August 21. Michael Rice made a motion to accept the results of the vote once tallied, seconded by Lawrence Mikolajczyk. The motion carried unanimously.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** - David McCary reported the Texas chapter had more new members than any other chapter and will receive an award at WASTECON on September 26, 2017. Ellen Smyth suggested inviting State Representative Joseph Pickett from El Paso to the November Board meeting held in El Paso. The Board agreed.

**ACTION ITEMS:** Harry Hayes suggested safety be added to the Board meeting agenda as a recurring topic. The Board agreed. Brenda Haney asked if TXSWANA has an interest in using TETC’s driving simulator for a future safety event. The Board agreed to continue evaluation of this opportunity and requested Brenda contact TETC to obtain a proposal.

Rolling Action Items Until Complete: Scholarship Criteria Update – Richard McHale has researched what other chapters are doing for scholarships including amounts awarded; he compiled the information and sent 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.

**ADJOURN:**

A motion to adjourn was made by Lawrence Mikolajczyk, seconded by Frank Pugsley. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 2:44 p.m., Central Time.

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next TxSWANA Board of Director’s meeting will be held at 8:30 a.m. Eastern time on Monday September 25, 2017, at the WASTECON conference in Baltimore, Maryland.