



# The Lone



## MEETING MINUTES

### TXSWANA Board of Directors Meeting

El Paso, TX

Friday November 17, 2017 10:00 a.m. Mountain Time

**Present:** David McCary, Richard McHale, Jeff Mayfield, Ellen Smyth, Lonnie Banks, Paul Gosselink, Brenda Haney, Harry Hayes, Holly Holder, Michael Rice

**Phone:** Morris Williams Jr., Frank Pugsley, Elvira Alonzo, Lawrence Mikolajczyk, Catrennia Williamson

**Absent:** None

**Guests:** Tiana Lightfoot-Svendsen, Jeff Reed, Nick Ybarra, Ty Embrey

**CALL TO ORDER:** David McCary called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m., Mountain Time. A quorum was present.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion made by Harry Hayes to approve the minutes for the October 20, 2017 meeting. Holly Holder seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

#### **FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

Morris Williams, Jr. presented the financial report for October 1, 2017 through October 31, 2017.

October 31, 2017 balances for each account were as follows: \$188,586.57 for the checking account, \$30,265.88 for the savings account, \$6,386.00 for the conference account, and \$5,000.00 for the State Road-e-o account. Motion made by Holly Holder to approve the October 31, 2017 financial report, seconded by Richard McHale. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **CHAPTER BUSINESS:**

**2018 TxSWANA Conference (Denton)** – Tyler Hurd was not present but emailed an updated to Brenda Haney who reported that registration should be ready by November 24. A call for papers will go out soon.

**2018 Road-E-O Site (El Paso)** – Ellen Smyth reported the hotel has been secured, and the Saturday evening event will be held at Indian Cliffs Ranch.

**Newsletter/Website** – Frank Pugsley reported the newsletter was emailed November 16. He noted the webinar code wasn't working but that SWANA should have it fixed by now. Michael Rice reported the next newsletter should go out late January/early February and will feature the upcoming state conference and road-e-o, and recognize the winners from the international road-e-o.

**Legislative/Regulatory** – Paul Gosselink reported his firm completed SWANA's landfill gas spreadsheet to the best of their ability and submitted it to SWANA. Jeff Reed reported the Texas Supreme Court agreed to hear the Laredo bag ban and New Braunfels "can" ban cases. Jeff Reed reminded the Board a summary of the Chapter 312 stakeholder meeting was emailed out November 15. He also reminded the Board of the email he sent November 8 regarding the panel discussion in Houston on the federal effort to update rainfall intensity, duration, and frequency estimates for Texas.

Ty Embrey reminded the Board of the Texas House Speaker charges to the House and the Lt. Governor's charges to the Texas Senate that he emailed to the Board on October 23. He reported that Representative Thompson will be named chair of a Texas House charge subcommittee to study the regulation of landfills in Texas. Representative Thompson wants to meet with TxSWANA as part of the hearing process. Brenda Haney reported she had been asked to meet. After discussion, the Board agreed that Ty Embrey, Brenda Haney, Holly Holder, Jeff Mayfield, Michael Rice, and Ellen Smyth would be possible attendees representing TxSWANA, depending on availability but that not all listed would need to attend.

Paul Gosselink provided a briefing on the 130 Environmental Park application. The applicant's motion for a rehearing was filed, but was overruled by operation of law. Additionally, it has been argued that the Plum Creek Drainage District wasn't properly noticed as part of the 130 Environmental Park application process which has raised potential legal issues. Paul also briefed the Board on the Post Oak Landfill and a Memorandum of Understanding between the US Air Force and the applicant which agrees to limit the hours of operation to night time; the application is for 24/7 operation. The applicant will argue at the remand before the Administrative Law Judge that the MOU isn't enforceable and shouldn't be incorporated into the operating hours of the permit.

Paul updated the Board on the status of the upcoming China waste ban and stringent regulations on waste content for recyclable material, referencing an email his firm emailed to Board members today regarding SWANA's latest Advocacy Alert on the issue.

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:04 pm and reconvened at 12:35 pm, Mountain time.

**Young Professional** – Tiana Lightfoot Svendsen reviewed the draft tri-fold brochure she prepared for handout at various conferences and events. David McCary requested the brochure be reviewed by the Board and any comments provided to Tiana. The Board desires to final the brochure in January.

**IB Report** – Frank Pugsley reported SWANA passed 9,500 members recently, of which over 1,000 are Young Professionals. SWANA has greater than \$2.1 million in assets.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Richard McHale presented a proposed schedule for the calendar year 2018 Board meetings. Brenda Haney made a motion to approve the following dates and locations, seconded by Harry Hayes and unanimously approved: January 19-San Antonio, February 16-Corpus Christi, March 16-Dallas, April 18-Denton (Annual Conference), May 18-Austin, June 8-El Paso (Road-e-o), July 20-Garland (also Annual Meeting), August 25-Nashville (WASTECON), September 21-Houston, October 19-Irving, November 16-Austin.

The Board presented Paul Gosselink an award and gift certificate for his service to TxSWANA as he is retiring at the end of the year and today is his last Board meeting. Congratulations Paul, and thank you for your friendship, advice, and service!

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** - Paul Gosselink reported his firm recently hired Tricia Jackson who will be working with Jeff Reed on TxSWANA projects. Ellen Smyth was elected President of the Texas Public Works Association. Richard McHale was appointed, Jeff Mayfield was reappointed, and Holly Holder was appointed President of the TCEQ Municipal Solid Waste Management and Resource Recovery Advisory Council.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

Rolling Action Items Until Complete: Add safety as a recurring meeting agenda topic. Brenda Haney will contact TETC to determine how many driver simulation locations they are interested in participating in. Scholarship Criteria Update – Richard McHale has researched what other chapters are doing for scholarships including amounts awarded; he compiled the information and reported he will have an update by the January Board meeting. Discuss Call for Papers for Annual Conference.

**ADJOURN:**

The meeting adjourned at 1:06 p.m., Mountain Time.

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next TxSWANA Board of Director's meeting will be held at 10:30 a.m. Central time on Friday January 19, 2018, in San Antonio.