

Association of West Virginia Solid Waste Authorities  
Minutes  
General Board Meeting  
At  
Governor's Conference, Charleston WV  
March 16, 2003

Chair Michael Grunau called the Board Meeting to order at 5:30. The meeting convened an hour late due to Mike being detained by a traffic accident. Since the planning meeting was scheduled to begin at 5:30, a motion was made to hold the executive meeting on Monday, March 17 at 4:15 p.m.

Motion to reschedule meeting – John Tuckwiller.

Second: Curt Keese.

Discussion: None

Vote: Majority voted ayes with no nay.

Motion: Gary Bledsoe moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Second: Ron Singleton.

Discussion: None

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**1. CALL TO ORDER-DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**

Chair Michael Grunau called the Board Meeting to order

The agenda and minutes from the February and annual business meetings were passed out.

Officers present in addition to Chair Grunau were, Vice Chair Gary Bledsoe, Secretary Burl Smith, and Treasurer Curt Keese

The criteria needed to meet a quorum were discussed. The by-laws had been changed to read 15 member authorities present or one half of the board members present. It was determined that there was a quorum of the board members present. See the attached sign-in sheet for other persons present.

**2. WELCOME GUESTS**

### 3. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Mike announced a retirement reception in honor of Edmund B. Collins from WVU Extension Service. Ed was fundamental in help get this association off the ground.

A thank-you has been received from the Mid-Western Children's Home for the donation we sent in memory of Past Chairman Roger King.

Director Larry Johnson has suffered a couple of strokes and a heart attack. Cards have been sent to him from the association. Anyone wishing his address is to contact Judy Lewis.

### 4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the Annual Board Meeting were reviewed. Mike corrected the determination of quorum to read ½ of board members present.

Motion: Ron Singleton moved to approve as amended.

Second: Alice Jo Buzzard.

Discussion: None

Vote: Majority voted ayes with no nay.

The minutes of the February 12, 2003 meeting were reviewed. Mike corrected the determination of quorum to read ½ of board members present.

Motion: Gary Bledsoe moved to approve as amended.

Second: Ron Singleton.

Discussion: None

Vote: Majority voted ayes with no nay.

### 5. FINANCIAL REPORTS-DUE BILLS

Curt Keesee passed out copies and made a report on financials for February 28, 2003

Curt Keesee passed out copies. **A copy of which is attached.** Curt reported that he had three bills presented for payment: Phase 1 of Judy's Coordinator contract and expenses, two months of Judy's secretarial fee and reimbursement of expenses to produce cd's of last years conference to send to SWA's.

Motion: Melvin Egbert moved to approve the financial report as given.

Second: Wayne Eads

Discussion: None.

Vote: Majority voted ayes with no nay.

Motion: Gary Bledsoe moved to pay due bills as presented.

Second: Melvin Egbert

Discussion: None.

Vote: Majority voted ayes with no nay.

## 6. OLD BUSINESS

### a. 2003 Legislative Report

Mike discussed a couple of bills that were discussed during the session. One never made it out committee and the other reinvented the term fast track. He will get copies of these bills to get to the authorities.

### b. Joint Conference-DNR/AWVSWA

Mike recounted that at the February planning meeting, it was discussed to merge our conference with the DNR's Governor's Conference. After that meeting, Judy sent out letters to member authorities letting them know that this was going to be discussed at our March meeting. If they were not able to attend, they were to send any comments or questions to Judy prior to this meeting. Due to budget constraints, the DNR was looking at discontinuing the Governor's Conference. The discussion was held to merge the two conferences in a cost saving measure. The DNR would be a co-sponsor in our conference. Being a government entity they may be able to assist us in getting government rates and helping attract speakers. Attendees that normally attend both conferences would be saving money for their associations by only going to the combined conference. This merger would be a trial project as a conference for 2004. Judy received two responses, one from Brooke Co SWA and the other from Cabell Co SWA in favor of the combined conference. It was discussed at the Harrison Co meeting and they are in favor as well. Jim Hill from DNR added that he felt this would be a win-win situation for both associations. Jim presented a proposal from DNR. Motion: Gary Bledsoe moved to have a combined conference with DNR in 2004.

Second: ?

Discussion: None

Vote: Majority voted ayes with no nay.

The Executive Committee will work out the details with DNR. Our current planning committee will continue working. The main concern is if the association would lose its identity. DNR is not interested in being in the conference business. DNR currently is assisting in planning and co sponsoring our conference. This merger would only eliminate the Governor's Conference. The conference may have separate sessions for DNR dealing with litter control while our associations may meet on recycling. Their "Make It Shine" banquet can be held at a separate time.

DEP, PSC and the SWMB are currently co-sponsors as well and will continue in that capacity.

### c. 2003-2004 AWVSWA Budget

Curt will have the budget ready for the next meeting.

### d. Director Appointment

Mike is working on a new director

7. New Business

a. Volunteer of the Year Award

The Volunteer of the Year Award is listed under new business so it can be moved to old business at the May meeting.

b. Membership/Membership Coordinator

Mike proposed contracting someone to Member/Membership Coordinator. There are currently 50 authorities. We have paid memberships from 27-28 authorities. We would like to have someone get more memberships involved.

c. AWVSWA Endowment Fund

Mike proposed creating an endowment fund for the association with authorities pledging funds. Harrison County has discussed pledging \$2500 for 4 years. This is to promote the association and to have someone act as a spokesman for the association.

d. AWVSWA Bylaws Changes

Any bylaws changes need to be proposed as soon as possible. Any proposals need to be mailed to the membership 30 days prior to the annual meeting. Mike would like to see the position of Past Chair added to by the by-laws. That they would remain on the board to serve after their term as chairman has expired. Mike would also like to see the wording changed on determination of a quorum. Right now it reads 15 paid authorities. He would like to change it to 50 % of the paid membership.

8. Adjournment

Motion: moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Second:

Discussion: None

Vote: Majority voted ayes with no nay.

The next Executive Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 7, 2003 at 1:00 p.m. at the Stonewall Resort in

Approved By:

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Michael Grunau, Chairman

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Burl Smith, Secretary

