Arkansas Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Commission

February 20, 2018

Minutes

The Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Commission met on February 20, 2018 at 1:03 p.m. at the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management in North Little Rock, Arkansas.

Members Present:

Capt. Jason Morris Holiday Island Fire Service

Kenny Harmon, Arkansas Department of Emergency Management

Robert McGowen, Benton County OEM

Sontyna Dixon, Arkansas Dept. of Environmental Quality

Shirley Louie, Arkansas Dept. of Health

A.J. Gary, ADEM

Members Absent:

Rachel Nix, Arkansas Fire Training Academy

Capt. Keith Eremea, Arkansas State Police

Richard Dawe, Ozark College

LTC. Michael Washington, 61st CST, AR ARNG

Skot Covert

Trent Minner

Others Present:

 Latryce Robinson, ADEM

 Mark Hooker, ADEM

Sheila Annable, ADEM

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 pm by Mr. Jason Morris. Mr. Morris asked if everyone had a chance to review the previous meeting minutes and if there were any necessary corrections to these minutes. Mr. Morris moved to have the previous meeting minutes approved as distributed, Robert McGowan moved the motion and Shirley Louie seconded the motion, all were in favor and the minutes were approved. Mr. Morris then turned the floor over to Kenny Harmon to update the Commission on the status of the SARA Tier III report for the Haz Mat Program. Robert McGowan made the motion of giving the adjunct Instructors a pay raise

Training Numbers, Conferences, Fees and Reporting:

Mr. Harmon made reference to a handout reflecting the total number of classes that have been taught and total number of students that have attended Haz Mat training from October 1, 2016 – September 30, 2017 for a total of 253 activities and 5,466 participants.

 Mr. Harmon stated that HotZone was scheduled for October 17 -21, 2018 in Houston, TX and he will be in attendance. NASTTPO (National Association of SARA Title III Program Officials) is April 16-19, 2018 in Oklahoma City, OK. The NASTTPO Mid- Year conference is scheduled for Oct. 15-17, 2018. We will be sending 20 students to the Midwest Conference in Chicago, IL May 4-5, 2018. The Rail Car Tank class is April 8-13, 2018 in Longview, TX and we are sending 12 students this year. Meeting was adjourned at 1:25 pm.

Old Business:

 N/A

New Business:

Election of new board member for Chair & Vice Chair

Robert McGowan nominated Jason Morris for Chair Sontyna seconded the motion

Jason Morris nominated Robert McGowan for Vice Chair and A. J. Gary seconded the motion

The Chair & Vice Chair will serve for 2 years

Pay raise for Adjunct Instructors from $30.00 to $40.00