

**SWANA Roadrunner Chapter
General Membership and Officer's Meeting**

Tuesday, May 3, 2011
Cerro Colorado Landfill
Albuquerque, NM

Submitted by JoAnne Weaver, Executive Secretary
Reviewed by Danita Boettner, Secretary & Jerry Kamieniecki, Communication
Chairman

**Asterisks indicate handouts filed with the copy of these minutes*

General Membership Attendance: Phill Westen, Jack Chappelle, Charles Fiedler, Jerry Kamieniecki, Terry Nelson, Teri Monaghan, Connie Pasteris, David Robinson, Sarah Fretz Schnell and JoAnne Weaver

I. Call to Order and Welcome

Vice President Phill Westen called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m.

II. Approval of Minutes *

MSC: David Robinson and Terry Nelson moved to approve the March 8, 2011 meeting minutes as written with the correction under **IV. Old Business, A.**

Legislature Items, 1 Status of 10/20 year Renewal of Permits for Public/Private, Jerry Kamieniecki explained that currently current solid waste permits...

III. Approval of Treasurer's Report *

David Robinson, Treasurer, reviewed the April 30, 2011 Balance Sheet and the Actual to Proposed Budget Summary Report as follows:

- Rio Grande Credit Union accounts: \$23,050.39
- SWANA National E-Business account: \$10,953.53
- Accounts Receivable: \$3,580.00 (Open invoices less prior class credits of \$700.)
- Total Income for April 2011: \$2,817.86 (Budget: \$3,121.00)
- Total Expenses for April 2011: \$1,203.84 (Budget: \$3,230.00)
- Year-to-Date Net Profit: \$2,452.15 (Budget: (\$460.60))

MSC: Terry Nelson and Jerry Kamieniecki moved to approve the Treasurer's report as presented.

IV. Old Business

A. Funding of NMED-SWB

Jack Chappelle presented a proposed plan of sequential action items to improve funding for NMED-SWB services as follows:

Action Item 1. Commitment

1. Meet with Solid Waste Bureau to obtain their agreement



2. Meet with other important organizations to gain their support

Most Important

- a. NSWMA
- b. Municipal League
- c. Association of Counties

General Contractors

- d. NMRC
- e. AGC

Cities

- f. City of Albuquerque
- g. City of Santa Fe
- h. City of Las Cruces
- i. City of Roswell
- j. City of Farmington

Organization

- k. ASCE

Action Item 2. Legislative Commitment

1. Find lobbyist or similar support (Jack indicated he had spoken with English Bird, Director of NMRC and she has interest in being involved but thinks 2013 is a better year for the bill to be presented to the Legislature as 2012 is a short legislative session.)
2. Find supportive legislators
3. Write bill

Action Item 3. Take to Legislature

1. Establish legislative “Bird Dog” Team (To shepherd through Legislature once everything is in order)
2. Identify legislative sponsors (Hopefully Republicans and Democrats in both the House and the Senate.)
3. Provide supporting testimony (Line-up people who speak well and clearly.)

The question was raised as to how this project will be funded. It was noted that for the most part, the individual or their company would pay for the expenses incurred in developing and implementing this plan.

Terry Nelson spoke of the importance of noting that the bottom-line for the SWB as they are the only state department with no matching federal funds. Therefore, all monies must come from the General Fund.



Jack indicated that the plan would be to have the General Fund match the tipping fees.

Following a full discussion of the pros and cons of the plan the following motion was made to take the first step in implementing this plan:

MSC: Terry Nelson and Connie Pasteris moved that Jack Chappelle and the NM SWANA officers, as a first step, meet with Auralie Ashley-Marx, NMED-SWB Chief, to obtain her buy-in on this plan.

It was indicated that the Roadrunner Chapter Officers and Jack Chappelle would work out the plan to meet with Auralie.

B. Status of Regional Roundtable 2011 Schedule

There was no action reported as to whether or not there will be regional roundtable meetings this year with the exception of holding one in Las Cruces on Tuesday, October 11 and possibly following the Annual Meeting on Friday, December 9, 2011.

C. Consideration of Training Conferences to Replace Current Four Classes

For those not present at the January 14, 2011 monthly meeting, Jack Chappelle reviewed his recommendation and how the Kansas Chapter is handling their training sessions as follows:

1. Hold all training at a 3-4 day conference, once or twice a year, probably at a hotel in the Albuquerque area.
2. Use a variety of trainers including consultants who would offer their services
3. Seek sponsor support as well as vendors to offset the cost of the event(s).
4. Hold these trainings in a centralized location such as Albuquerque beginning in 2012.

This type of plan would save time and money for NMED while still bringing the needed revenue for the Roadrunner Chapter, as the sponsorships would bring in the needed funds.

It was decided that an exploratory committee should be formed to look into this type of training plan. The following volunteered to serve in this capacity:

- Connie Pasteris – Chair
- Terry Nelson
- Jack Chappelle
- Joseph Ellis
- Marcia Pincus or Phill Westen, possibly

D. Status of Possible 2012 ACS and NMRC Conference



Connie Pasteris reported that NMRC is open to having a combined NMRC conference with the Arid Climate Symposium. However, 2012 would not work as grants have been awarded to NMRC with stipulation that certain goals be met at the 2012 conference.

E. Selection of New Officers for 2011

It was noted that the current officers will move up for the two year term of 2012 – 2013 as follows:

- Marcia Pincus to become Past President
- Phil Westen nominated as President
- David Robinson nominated as Vice President
- Danita Boettner nominated as Treasurer
- Ramona Torres-Ford to be replaced by Terry Nelson as IB Representative

The election of these officers will take place by email or mail ballots sent to the membership at least 4 weeks prior to the December 9, 2011 Annual Meeting.

It was also noted that the registration for the Annual Meeting is to include whether or not the attendee will stay for a Regional Roundtable session in order to determine the length of time to reserve the La Ventaña Room at the Embassy Suites Hotel.

These nominations and plans were decided by consensus.

V. Committee Reports

A. Education

Connie Pasteris, Chairman, reported as follows:

Landfill Course held on March 29 – April 1, 2011 had 30 people in attendance. Fourteen students took the test and 12 passed. One of the two that failed has now re-taken a proctored exam and passed. The remaining student is not proficient in English and a conclusion on how to handle his retesting will be determined.

B. Communications

Jerry Kamieniecki, Chairman, reported on the April 2011 *Let's Talk Trash* and the Roadrunner Chapter website as follows:

1. The April newsletter had a good variety of articles and the next newsletter is to be published in July. Details for this newsletter will be discussed at the June 14, 2011 monthly meeting.
2. Upon Jerry's questioning, Phill Westen confirmed that he had taken photos at the 2010 Annual Meeting.

Action: Phill to send 2010 Annual Meeting photo's to Jerry to complete the posting of the last annual meeting.



3. It was confirmed that the two jobs listed on the website have not been filled and should remain posted.

Action: Terry Nelson to send Jerry and JoAnne open state positions.

4. Jerry led the discussion on scheduling locations for the remainder of the 2011 monthly meetings as follows:

- Tuesday, June 14, 2011 – NMED District I Sandia Room
- Tuesday, July 12, 2011 – Cerro Colorado Landfill Admin Bldg
- Tuesday, August 9, 2011 – CDM Conference Room
- Tuesday, September 13, 2011 – The Lodge at Santa Fe
- Tuesday, October 11, 2011 – Regional Roundtable – Las Cruces
- Tuesday, November 8, 2011 – NMED District I Sandia Room
- Friday, December 9, 2011 – Embassy Suites, La Ventana Room

Action: DGS to update the website by posting the April Newsletter, March minutes and update the training schedule as well as posting all new locations for the Membership and Officer Monthly meetings.

C. IB Board

There was no new report but the board was reminded that the Executive Committee and the International Board is meeting on May 14-15, 2011 in Lancaster, PA.

D. Membership

Teri Monaghan, Chair, reported as follows:

1. Teri has received her membership card and is now an official member of SWANA.
2. The revised membership form has been posted on the Roadrunner Chapter website and linked to the national website.
3. Teri will appreciate ideas for membership recruitment.
4. Membership forms will be distributed at the trainings course sessions.

E. Legislature

Phill Westen, Chairman, had nothing new to report since the passing of the 20-year private solid waste permit bill.

VI. New Business

It was suggested and discussed as a good plan to have the 2011 Annual Meeting presenters feature owner/operators whose projects received state grant funding from a variety of sources including:

1. Solid Waste Facility Grant Program
2. Recycling Grant Program
3. Tire Grant Program



Tim Gray, NMED-SWB, is the best contact person for obtaining a list of grant recipients.

VII. Adjournment

Phill Westen declared the meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m. The June 14, 2011 Membership and Officers meeting will be held at the NMED District I Sandia Room beginning at 11:00 a.m.

