

MINUTES OF THE
TENNESSEE ONSITE WASTEWATER ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
January 6, 2009

The Tennessee Onsite Wastewater Association (TOWA) met on January 6, 2009, at the Lentz Public Health Center, Nashville, TN. Members present were: Scott Fellwock-President, Theo Terry-President Elect, Tom Petty-Past President, Gregg Clingerman-Secretary, Brian Corwin-Treasurer, Directors – Alan Rather, Steve Cawthon and Christopher Michie. Call in members Tim Burcham, John Buchanan.

1. The Board Meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by President Scott Fellwock. The agenda for the January 6th Board Meeting was presented. Mr. Fellwock reported that the organization has a web site which can be accessed by going to www.tnonsite.org The web site is still under construction with Mr. Hissam working on getting it up and running.
2. **Minutes** from the November 4, 2008 Board Meeting were presented, after the reading of the minutes Theo Terry made the motion to approve the minutes as presented, Tim Burcham seconded the motion. After full discussion the minutes were approved by the Board.
3. **Treasurers Report** was presented to the Board by Brian Corwin, Treasurer. Mr. Corwin stated that he did not have a current balance at this time due to problems he has had with the bank changing our account and trying to get the organization back to not paying any monthly fees. Mr. Corwin said that he has gotten things worked out with the bank and would have a corrected report at the next Board meeting. Mr. Corwin stated the only activity was the refund of the \$372 to Clearstream for the mistake in the ad in the last newsletter and the payment of \$100 for the creation of the web site. Therefore the approximate balance as of January 6, 2009 was \$7,900.37.

4. Committee Reports

Legislation – Brian Corwin said that Ground Water Protection held a public hearing in December on establishing regulations for the Advanced Treatment System Program which allows the use of biological/mechanical treatment systems for individual homes. The Regulation can be viewed on TDEC web site and any written comments are due by January 15, 2009.

Training Center – No report was given on the training center.

Newsletter – Gregg Clingerman contacted the printers about the Clearstream ad that was printed wrong in the last newsletter. The printers thought the mistake was caused because the ad was in a word format and not a pdf and was converted differently in the computer. Copymatte said that they would give us a \$372 credit on our next printing. It was discussed that the next newsletter be put on the web site and only post cards sent out to let people know where to go to read a copy. We will still use Tonia Pass to layout the newsletter before putting on the web site. The next newsletter will be published in late February and post cards sent out in late February or early March directing members to the web site for looking at the newsletter. Newsletter articles and advertisements need to be sent in as soon as possible in order to get the newsletter published by mid February.

Golf Scramble – The 4th Annual TOWA golf scramble will be held on June 5, 2009. Scott Fellwock reported that the golf scramble was on schedule and that he will be getting with Big Brothers and Big Sisters to get the publicity started for the event.

Conference – Theo Terry reported that the conference will be held at the Embassy Suites in Murfreesboro on March 23rd and 24th, 2009. John Buchanan will be presenting an engineering workshop on the 23rd entitled “What to Do When Basics Don’t Work”. A preliminary schedule for the conference was presented by Mr. Terry and is attached to these minutes. Mr. Buchanan is going to market the conference to engineers and technical people for continuing education credits. Mr. Terry and Mr. Buchanan would welcome any input on the speakers, topics that may be of interest to the attendees.

Nominating Committee – Scott Fellwock presented the Board with a list of possible candidates to fill the vacant positions that will be coming up on the Board. Mr. Fellwock will contact all the possible candidates to see if they would be willing to serve on the Board. Once they slate of nominees have been confirmed Mr. Fellwock will send out the list for approval by the Board vis e-mail. Mr. Fellwock is expecting to get the nominations to the Board within the next couple of weeks. Once the the nominees have been approved by the Board the ballots will be mailed out to the TOWA members for voting.

NOWRA – It was decided to wait until the March 24th Board meeting to discuss and decide whether TOWA will remain a member of NOWRA.

The next Board meeting is March 24, 2009 at the Embassy Suites Motel. A motion was made to adjourn by Brian Corwin and seconded by Tom Petty.

Sunday March 22, 2009

6:00 – 10:00 PM Exhibitor Setup

Monday March 23, 2009

7:00 – 10:00 AM Exhibitor Setup

8:30 – 9:00 AM Registration

9:00 – 9:15 AM Welcome and Opening Remarks
Theo Terry, TOWA President Elect
Dr. John Buchanan

9:15 – 10:00 AM Engineering Workshop

10:00 – 10:30 AM Break in Exhibit Hall

10:30 – 12:00 AM Engineering Workshop

12:00 – 1:00 PM Lunch

1:00 – 1:45 PM Engineering Workshop

1:45 – 2:15 PM Break in Exhibit Hall

2:15 – 4:00 PM Engineering Workshop

4:00 – 4:30 PM Closing Remarks
Dr. John Buchanan

Tuesday March 24, 2009

8:30 – 9:00 AM Registration and Visit Exhibitors

9:00 – 9:15 AM Welcome and Opening Remarks
Scott Fellwock, TOWA President
Theo Terry, TOWA President Elect

9:15 – 10:00 AM Basic Pump Sizing and Application
Pat Medlen, Liberty Pumps

10:00 – 10:30 AM Break in Exhibit Hall

- 10:30 – 11:15 AM New State Regulations
Alan Schwendimann, ~~TDEC~~ Water Pollution Control
- 11:15 – 12:00 AM NSF Standards and Certification
Bob Paulus, NSF International
- 12:00 – 1:00 PM Lunch
- 1:00 – 1:45 PM Alarm and Control Basics
Scott Rietsema, SJE Rhombus
- 1:45 – 2:15 PM Break in Exhibit Hall
- 2:15 – 3:00 PM Evolution of Effluent Filters
Theo Terry, Bear Onsite
- 3:00 – 3:30 PM Closing Remarks
Theo Terry, TOWA President Elect
Scott Fellwock, TOWA President
- 3:30 – 4:30 PM TOWA Board Meeting