

MINUTES OF THE
TENNESSEE ONSITE WASTEWATER ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
May 5, 2009

The Tennessee Onsite Wastewater Association (TOWA) met on May 5, 2009, at the Lentz Public Health Center, Nashville, TN. Members present were: Theo Terry-President, Spencer Hissam-President-Elect, Scott Fellwock-Past-President, Gregg Clingerman-Secretary, Directors – Jim McClain, Tom Petty and call in member Louan Tillman. Since there was not a majority of the Board present no board approval of items being discussed will be voted on.

1. The Board Meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by President Theo Terry. The agenda for the May 5th Board Meeting was presented.
2. **Minutes** from the March 24, 2009 Board Meeting were presented, Scott Fellwock had one comment concerning the misspelling of Kevin Raley's last name, after the reading of the minutes they were tabled for approval until the July board meeting.
3. **Treasurers Report** was unavailable due to the absent of the treasurer. The treasurers report will be presented at the July Board meeting for discussion and approval.

4. Committee Reports

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

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. At this time no golfers have signed up to participate, however Scott has received several verbal commitments for teams. Currently there are six hole sponsors and Jim McClain said that he will probably have three more hole sponsors. It was discussed on putting out an e-mail to all persons on the TOWA mailing list reminding them of the golf scramble and hole sponsorship. Theo Terry will get the mailing list to Scott so that this e-mail can be sent out.

Conference – Theo Terry reported that all the exhibitors were pleased with the turnout to the conference and thought that it was one of the better ones that TOWA has held. Theo reported that we took in \$11,575.00 for membership, exhibitors fees and sponsorships, and the total expenses for the conference were \$10, 562.75 which left TOWA with a \$1,012.25 profit. It was discussed about two memberships to TOWA being included in the exhibitors fee. Tom Petty explained how this originated when the organization was first being started up to help raise membership in the organization. It was agreed that

TOWA should keep with this policy and that Theo Terry was going to get with Brian Corwin on this since we have received some membership fees from exhibitors.

The 2010/2011 Conference was discussed and Spencer Hissam will be checking with the Embassy Suites Hotel in Murfreesboro to see about using there facilities in 2010 and 2011. Since we do have some information on the number of room nights for this years conference Spencer will see if we might be able to get a break in the room rates for next years conference. It was also discussed to possibly have a golf tournament in Murfreesboro on the day before the conference so if exhibitors or attendees came in the day before the conference that they could associate with some of the attendees. Spencer will be checking on this to what kind of costs would be involved and what golf facilities would be available. Spencer will try to have the dates and costs for the 2010 conference at the next Board meeting.

Web Site – Spencer Hissam reported that if we wanted to offer advertising space on our web site that it would be a relatively easy thing to accomplish. Spencer has spoken with the person serving our web site and he also said that we could provide a banner for the advertiser and a link to the advertisers site. It was discussed on how we should charge this service whether it was a set fee or a fee based on how many times the advertisers site was visited. Spencer was going to discuss this possibility a little more with the web provider to get more details. The Board will discuss this more at the next Board meeting and what and how we should charge for this service.

Newsletter – Gregg Clingerman reported that the next newsletter is scheduled to be published in late summer or early fall. Articles for the next newsletter will need to be submitted by August 14th in order to meet this deadline. It was also discussed whether to reduce the cost for advertising space since our production costs have decreased by putting the newsletter on the web site. This will be discussed further at the next Board meeting.

No further business came before the Board. The next Board meeting is July 7, 2009 from 4 -6 p.m. at the Lentz Public Health Center. Mr. Terry adjourned the meeting.