

MINUTES OF THE  
TENNESSEE ONSITE WASTEWATER ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
July 13, 2010

The Tennessee Onsite Wastewater Association (TOWA) met on July 13, 2010, at the Lentz Public Health Center, Nashville, TN. Members present were: Christopher Michie-President Elect, Scott Fellwock-Treasurer, Gregg Clingerman-Secretary, Directors – Brian Corwin, Alan Rather, Tom Petty, Kevin Raley and call in members Theo Terry-Past President and Director Tim Burcham.

1. The Board Meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by President Elect Christopher Michie. The agenda for the July 13<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting was presented.
2. **Minutes** from the March 23, 2010 and May 11, 2010 Board Meetings were presented by Gregg Clingerman. The minutes were presented and discussed. Brian Corwin made a motion for approval of the March 23<sup>rd</sup> and May 11<sup>th</sup> minutes as submitted, Tom Petty seconded the motion. After a full discussion the minutes were approved by the Board.
3. **Treasurers Report** from the March 23<sup>rd</sup> and May 11<sup>th</sup> was presented to the Board by Scott Fellwock. It was reported that the current balance as of July 13, 2010 was \$10,002.14. The expenditures from the May meeting to this meeting include \$17.60 for postage stamps and \$675.00 to Parker, Parker & Associates for the Association's 2009 tax preparation. Allan Rather made a motion for approval of the March 23<sup>rd</sup> and May 11<sup>th</sup> treasurer reports as submitted, Brian Corwin seconded the motion. After a full discussion the treasurer reports were approved by the Board.
4. **Committee Reports**

**Conference** – Christopher Michie reported that he has not been able to confirm the dates for the 2011 Conference with Embassy Suites in Murfreesboro, TN. Based on comments received from the 2010 conference the date for the conference will be moved to February. Brian Corwin reported that he had some questions from exhibitors on how many exhibitors were registered in the payment of there fee. The exhibitor's fee only covers the registration of two (2) attendees, if any additional attendees wish to come with as exhibitors they will be charged the \$100.00 registration fee. Christopher said that he would reword the exhibitor's information so that this issue is made clear when the exhibitors register. Christopher suggested that all the fees from the 2010 conference remain the same except that the registration fee is revised so that it is \$100.00 up to within two weeks of the conference date. If the registration is received within two weeks of the conference date then a late

fee of \$50.00 will be accessed making the registration fee \$150.00. This was suggested since we need to inform the conference host two weeks in advance on how many attendees will be served for breaks and lunch. If we change this after the two weeks notice then TOWA would be charged an extra fee. Scott Fellwock made a motion that the registration fee of \$100.00 per attendee be increased to \$150.00 per attendee if received within two weeks of the conference date, Tom Petty seconded the motion. After a full discussion the motion was approved by the Board.

**Newsletter** – Scott Fellwock has been trying to contact newsletter advertisers to get their feed back on what type of advertising that they would support and or prefer. At this time he has not been able to contact all the previous advertisers to see if they would rather have there ad in a mailed newsletter or on TOWA's web site or both. It was agreed by the Board that as long as we are not losing money we will publish the newsletter and keep on mailing it out. Tim Burcham suggested telling the advertisers that if they advertise in the newsletter that we will also give them a banner ad on the TOWA's web site. Once we start getting numerous hits on the web site then the Board may want to discuss charging for banner advertising on the web site. Tom Petty suggested putting advertiser's web address in the links section that is currently on the web site. If this is done the advertisers must be contacted first and permission obtained to list there web address. Gregg Clingerman will need the advertising ads and articles for the newsletter by August 20, 2010 in order to get it printed and mailed out in early September. If anyone can supply an article please e-mail him to let him know that one will be coming or if anyone knows of a company where an article could be obtained please forward this information as well.

**Old Business** – No old business was presented to the Board for discussion.

**New Business** – Scott Fellwock and Kevin Raley reported that licensing for Soils Scientists has passed the legislature and has been signed into law by Governor Bredesen. The Commerce and Insurance Department will set up an advisory board to draft rules and regulations to become effective by July 1, 2011. This may be possibility for TOWA to provide continuing education requirements for all the licensed Soil Scientists.

Brian Corwin reported that Alan Schwinderman has been made Director of Division Water Supply and Britton Dotson has been made the Interim Director of Ground Water Protection.

Tom Petty reported that Clearstream has obtained approval from the State for there ATU to be used for residential applications.

Scott Fellwock reported that TOWA will not be sponsoring a golf scramble this year. He is currently working with the Goodlettsville Help Center in

organizing a scramble golf tournament to be held on August 6, 2010 at the Legacy Golf Course in Springfield, TN. All the proceeds from the tournament will go towards the purchase of a new van for the Goodlettsville Help Center, which is a non profit organization, to provide transportation of those needing help in the community. TOWA has sponsored three golf scrambles to support the Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Nashville in the past and have been a hole sponsor for those events. Scott Fellwock made a motion for TOWA to be a hole sponsor at \$250.00 for the Goodlettsville Help Center golf scramble, Allan Rather seconded the motion. After a full discussion the motion to sponsor a hole was approved by the Board.

No further business came before the Board. The next Board meeting is September 14, 2010 from 4 -6 p.m. at Lentz Public Health Center, Nashville, TN. Mr. Michie adjourned the meeting at 4:40 p.m.