
OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Michael S. Barnhart, Garrett Ferry, Brian Payne, Randy Hamilton, Mike Rotella, Charlie Howard, Rebecca Alcorn,

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jay Price, Steve Crouch, Melanie Reese, Candice Sheehan

GUESTS / PROXY(S) / MINUTES TAKER(S)

Josh Walker, Brad Moats, Jonathan Sawyer, Rick Cannon (in place of Candice Sheehan), Shannon Loyd (minutes taker)

HANDOUTS

Q1 – 2024 ECC Meeting Minutes (summary); ECC 2023 Annual Report

1. WELCOME/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Michael Barnhart, Program Leader, Environmental Programs (EHS), welcomed everyone to the meeting. Guest members and new people were introduced.

2. REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

(Q): Michael Barnhart asked if there were any questions or concerns regarding the previous meeting minutes?

(A): No.

Michael Barnhart moved (motion) to finalize the minutes.

3. NEW BUSINESS

a. 2023 Annual Report for ECC.

Mr. Barnhart asked if everyone had looked at it. Participants added data.

Move to finalize ECC Annual Report. Finalized.

Motion approved.

b. EnSafe Third Party walk-through & Lead Based Paint Coordination

i. Charlie Howard stated things were slowing down a bit. Mr. Howard will get with everyone regarding asbestos document.

ii. Staff in EHS are getting certified as Lead Based Paint Risk Assessors. Will report to Jonathon and Randy regarding the next inspection results. Next inspection scheduled for June 2024.

c. Mr. Barnhart discussed looking into Tier 2 or Title 5 changes. Updates coming.

Q: (Mr. Ferry) Is EHS doing the Air Quality reports?

A: (Mr. Sawyer) Candice is. (Mr. Barnhart) Candice is POC for annuals/inspections.

d. EHS & FS Staff Departures/Reorganization Discussion

- i. Brian Payne discussed staff departures including Kim Harmon, Chris Gilbert, and Sandra Prior. Anything that Kim was doing for you please contact Mr. Payne if there are any interruptions. Mr. Payne will be interim Director while an active search to fill the position is ongoing. Position should be filled by the end of July 2024.
- ii. Mr. Barnhart stated our Certified Asbestos employee (Melissa Longpre) will be leaving on Friday April 19. A new Haz Waste Specialist will be hired; cannot start until the fiscal year starts in July. The new specialist will kickstart an initiative of inspections of Satellite Accumulation areas.
- iii. Mr. Ferry discussed multiple staff members leaving FS along with department reorganization. Ms. Alcorn mentioned the retirement of Terry Ledford. Jason Cotrell has left as well. Compost is under Jay Price. Recycling, Uni Waste, used cooking oil disposal under Brad Moats.

4. REGULATORY COMPLIANCE AND OPERATIONS

a. Regulatory Compliance and Operations Discussion-All

- i. Mr. Moats discussed issues with Aramark and the disposal of used cooking oil. Amanda and Mark are currently overseeing kitchen staff. Mr. Moats stated oil containers are being relocated away from easily accessible areas to deter dumping of non-oil products. Aramark will pay for a contracted service with Bin Blasters of Knoxville to pressure wash oil container areas. Mr. Hamilton suggested doing a bid process for yearly cleaning. Facilities cannot do pressure washing and cleanup of these areas. There are two sites (Sorority Village and Clements) that do not have easily accessible water hook ups. Mr. Hamilton stated facilities have meters to hook up to fire hydrants. Mr. Moats stated there are no ¾ fittings.

Q: (Mr. Hamilton) Did you check in ground?

A: (Mr. Moats) No.

Q: (Mr. Moats) Is there an area in the ground to look?

A: (Mr. Hamilton) Check with Wayne from Maintenances

Q: (Mr. Barnhart) Should Wayne from Maintenance be a frequent guest to ECC meeting?

A: (Mr. Ferry) Yes that would make sense.

- ii. Mr. Payne suggested monetary fines to address the issues. Mr. Sawyer stated there is no mechanism for accountability with Aramark.

b. Regulatory Compliance Discussion-EHS

- i. New Haz Waste employees will focus on SAA inspections.
- ii. Per TDEC inspection-additional SAA inspections are to be conducted (approximate start date in July 2024) and a new updated Hazardous Waste Training module updated specifically for GSM-will be delivered through KATE.
- iii. Moved the CAA from the external shed building to inside GSM (room R226).

c. Operations Discussion

- i. (Mr. Barnhart) Motions for member changes
 1. Brad Moats replaces Jay Price
 2. Candice Sheehan replaces Terry Ledford
 3. Jonathon Sawyer replaces Randy Hamilton
 4. Randy Hamilton replaces Jason Cottrell

5. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Biohazardous sharps containers

Q: (Mr. Barnhart) Anything else on the facilities side?

Q: (Mr. Moats) Does EHS handle/dispose of biomedical sharps?

A: (Mr. Barnhart) Yes.

- b. Mr. Moats stated there is a need for biohazardous sharps containers in the Neyland Stadium and Thompson Boling Arena for patrons. Mr. Rotella stated that TBA needs to purchase the sharps containers themselves and contact EHS to have our BIO waste contractor collect them.

6. ROUND TABLE EVALUATION

Q: (Mr. Barnhart) Anything else?

- a. Coal pile

Q: (Mr. Ferry) And bids for the coal pile?

A: (Mr. Barnhart) Logan from Purchasing Procurement are about to award bid. Still in process.

- i. Mr. Payne stated he believed the pile was being worked on. Mr. Barnhart stated we helped UTSI with the bid process.

Q: (Mr. Moats) Did we look at other ways to divert other waste in a responsible way?

A: (Mr. Barnhart) We gave reuse options to UTSI. They are still being evaluated.

Q: (Mr. Ferry) Are they taking the fly ash?

A: (Mr. Barnhart) They are not taking the fly ash. They are looking into embedding into concrete. The bid was for coal and pitch.

- b. Safety Stratus

Q: (Ms. Alcorn) Any updates on Safety Stratus?

A: (Mr. Payne) It is coming along. We are 8 months behind. The modules were heavy. Modules are now moving quicker. The inspection module is finished. Anyone is welcome to use it and should have access.

Q: (Ms. Alcorn) Are we not using dash for chemical inventory?

A: (Mr. Payne) Dash is integrated into the program.

Q: (Ms. Alcorn) Any environmental modules that we would need to train our staff on?

A: (Mr. Payne) Not other than the inspection module. There is a workflow permit module we are about halfway through. Before the end of the year, we will have all the modules implemented.

- c. (Mr. Hamilton) The last testing for N Carrick will be May 7, 2024.

7. ADJOURNMENT

- a. REMINDERS

- i. Next meeting for Q3 to be held Tuesday, July 16th, 2024, at 9:00am.
- ii. Please email questions to Michael S. Barnhart (mbarnha4@utk.edu)