

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
ROCKY MOUNTAIN LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE BOARD**

ELDORADO HOTEL & SPA
309 West San Francisco Street
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

April 9, 2008

ATTENDANTS

Board Members:

Ron Curry, New Mexico, Chair
Gary Baughman, Colorado
Leo Drozdoff, Nevada

Barbara Green, Legal Counsel
Leonard Slosky, Executive Director
Sheri Reynolds, Recording Secretary

Others:

Frank Whitaker, U.S. Army Department of Defense
Scott Zoller, Clean Harbors Environmental Services, Inc.
John Parka, New Mexico Environmental Department
Edward Vigil, New Mexico Environmental Department
Gloria Chavez, PhD, Trinitek Services, Inc.
Stanley Fitch, Trinitek Services, Inc.
John Lehman, Lindquist & Vennum P.L.L.P. (via speakerphone)

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting was convened at 10:19 a.m. upon the recess of the Regular Meeting.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Baughman moved to elect Mr. Curry as Chair for fiscal year (FY) 2008-2009. Mr. Drozdoff seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Curry moved to elect Mr. Baughman Vice Chair/Secretary/Treasurer for FY 2008-2009. Mr. Drozdoff seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009 PROPOSED BOARD BUDGET

Mr. Slosky referred the Board to the FY 2008-2009 Proposed Budget memo in Tab M. The budget is proposed to be reduced by 1.52% (excluding the contingency).
Operating, Legal, Contract Services, Furniture/Equipment/Computer, Travel, Audit/Accounting,

Low-Level Waste Forum, and Contingency categories are proposed to remain the same.

Rent is proposed to increase by 7.69% as per the Board's lease. The Board's lease rate dropped significantly several years ago and is now slowly going back up.

With regard to Salaries, staff researched the most recent twelve months (February 2007 through January 2008) Consumer Price Index (CPI) available. The CPI increased approximately 3.59%. Mr. Slosky proposed that the Board provide a 3.59% cost-of-living increase, plus a 1.41% merit increase to the staff for a total increase of 5%. He noted that the salaries were inclusive of all benefits. The Salary category is proposed to decrease by 4.44% since the Administrator's salary during the current FY is less than the budgeted amount.

Taxes are proposed to decrease by 11.65% due to previous over estimates in this category.

Insurance is proposed to increase by 80.66% to include Commercial General Liability coverage and provide for a potential rate increase in 2009.

Mr. Baughman made a motion to approve the budget as submitted. Mr. Drozdoff seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Slosky opened the discussion about a proposed visit to Urenco Netherlands Enrichment Facility. Mr. Curry added that he feels it is appropriate for the Board to pursue this further knowing that the New Mexico facility (modeled after the Netherlands facility) is expected to become the largest commercial generator of low-level radioactive waste in the nation. In order to avoid a potential conflict of interest, Mr. Curry recommended that the Board take action as an official duty under the compact and cover expenses for the trip. He explained that the State of New Mexico signed an agreement endorsed by the NRC, the Attorney General, and the Governor's Office with LES that states that they agree to move the stored waste cylinders out of New Mexico within 18 years. This may become a long range problem considering the volume of waste proposed to be generated beginning late 2010 or early 2011 and considering that the pathway for disposal has not yet been determined. Mr. Slosky added that it would be important to learn from a facility that has been in operation and expressed concern that there may become a variety of issues facing the Board in coming years. The Board agreed to cover the travel expenses and discuss available dates for travel during late summer 2008.

The Annual Meeting adjourned at 10:43 a.m.