

MINUTES

The Georgia Highway Contractors Association Board of Directors met on Tuesday, January 22, 2008, in Ballroom C of the 1818 Club, 6500 Sugarloaf Parkway, Duluth, GA 30097. Those who attended were:

L. Arnie Pittman, III
Bruce Melton
Mike Williams
Charles Matthews
Sandy Sanford
Ferrell Scruggs
Clyde Shepherd
Don Stewart
Will Peek

Staff:
Steve Parks
Lisa Haden
Robert Ansley
Joe Street

Guests:
Greg Evans
Heath Garrett
Mark Gilbreath
Lori Tiefenthaler
Alan Childers

President Arnie Pittman called the meeting to order at 12:15 PM, January 22, 2008, at the 1818 Club.

President Pittman recognized guests in attendance.

A motion was made by Bruce Melton, seconded by Ferrell Scruggs, that the minutes of the November 27, 2007, meeting be approved. Passed unanimously.

In the absence of Treasurer Max Carnes, Executive Director Steve Parks gave the Treasurer's Report for the operating and PAC accounts.

President Pittman, without objection, appointed Bob White to replace retired Cecil Pearce on the Board of Directors.

President Pittman advised that he has had discussion with senior staff at DOT and that they have now lowered their projected contract amount for this fiscal year by about \$200 million dollars. This places the new projected amount at about \$1.6 billion for the year, down from the original projection of about \$1.8 billion.

Executive Director Parks reported that DOT Commissioner Abraham has been announced as Director of the State Road and Tollway Authority in addition to her duties as DOT Commissioner. He noted that this is similar to the structure that was in place several years ago.

Mr. Parks advised the group that he had addressed a meeting of the 5th Congressional District Caucus this past week on behalf of the Get Georgia Moving Coalition. He noted that Commissioner Abraham had addressed the same group, and during her address had stated publicly

that the congressional fund balancing formula is not working. He expects more dialogue on this issue in the future.

Mr. Parks read a resolution that would bring the Association's defined contribution retirement plan into conformity with new IRS rules. He noted that our plan manager has advised that this must be done prior to January 31, 2008, and that there is no change in the benefit or contribution formulas, and that the modification meets the default requirements of IRS rules. The resolution passed unanimously and is made a part of these minutes.

Mr. Parks asked for passage of a resolution granting Past President Louie Pittman the Association's Lifetime Achievement Award. The resolution passed unanimously and is made a part of these minutes.

Mr. Parks advised that we have applications for three new associate members: Roadtec, Caduceus Occupational Medicine and Lowe Engineers, LLC. All were accepted without objection.

Mr. Parks introduced Mr. Heath Garrett, noting that Mr. Garrett is former Chief of Staff to Senator Johnny Isakson, and that he has close working relationships with staff in the Governor's, Lt. Governor's, and Speaker's offices. Mr. Garrett is currently working with the Get Georgia Moving Coalition to advance transportation funding solutions.

Mr. Garrett explained that through the work of the Coalition, that we are now seeing positive movement toward passage of some type of funding initiative this year. The notion of DOT reform being necessary before bringing forward funding has been put aside by the fact that reform is now underway at DOT and that state leadership has recognized that for funding to become available within a two year time frame, that action must be taken now. He told the Board that through the Coalition, a group of business leaders has met with the Governor, and that the Governor has asked for specific information that could determine the appropriate course of action. In addition, the Lt. Governor has produced a draft constitutional amendment for discussion purposes and there are at least two bills that are being drafted by the House. Mr. Garrett cautioned that whatever version emerges must be politically possible to pass both legislatively and by the public. He also noted that some type "hybrid" statewide applicable regional concept is shown by polls to be the most likely to pass as a ballot question.

Mr. Greg Evans, Chair of the Association's environment committee gave an overview of the new water management plan. He noted that the highway contractors have not been a part of the process, but recommends that it may be in our interest to seek seats on the various regional councils.

Meeting adjourned.

Q. William Hammack, Jr., Secretary

Steven L. Parks, Executive Director

