

MINUTES

The Georgia Highway Contractors Association Board of Directors met on Tuesday, February 20, 2007, in the Brown Room, 18th floor, at the Commerce Club, 34 Broad Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303. Those who attended were:

L. Arnie Pittman, III	Clyde Shepherd, III
Michael G. Williams	Donald B. Stewart, Jr.
Q. William Hammack	A. Frank Whitaker
Max Carnes	Robert C. Chambers
Mike Copeland	Roger C. Dill
Dan S. Littlefield	Joe B. Street
Cecil L. Pearce	Steven L. Parks
J. Donald Peek	

President Arnie Pittman called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for attending. He then recognized the guests in attendance. The guests were:

Arland Carroll	Carroll & Carroll, Inc.
Kimberly Hudgins	Georgians For Better Transportation
Mike Kenn	Georgians For Better Transportation
Frank Nichols	C.W. Matthews Contracting, Co., Inc.
Louie Pittman, Jr.	Pittman Construction Co., Inc.
David Rawson	Yates Insurance Agency, Inc.
Stephen B. Shepherd	Shepherd Construction Co, Inc.
Dan Stracener	Tractor & Equipment Co.
John Sweeney	Reeves Construction Co., Inc.
Mark Williams	Sunbelt Structures, Inc.

A motion was made and seconded approving the minutes of the January 23, 2007 Board Meeting.

Treasurer Max Carnes gave the Treasurer's Report. A motion was made and seconded approving the report as read.

President Pittman stated the GDOT had "graduated" some DBE's from the program thus rendering them unavailable to perform work as a DBE firm. There was discussion and concern regarding the effect this would have on members being able to meet goals, and the general consensus was that the association should pursue goal reductions in upcoming projects.

President Pittman made a motion for approval of the calendar year 2007 budget to include 5% increase for Executive Director Steve Parks. The motion was seconded and approved.

Executive Director Parks reported on the DOT Board Meeting (Contractor Relations Committee).

He had reported earlier that it was expected that we would have a fuel index ready by the end of February, which would have made it available for the March, 2007 letting. However, due to some differences between the GHCA recommendation and the DOT staff draft of the specification, he now reports that it should be ready for the April letting. Regarding dispute resolution, he reports that DOT has made little progress, and staff still seems to be resistant, but Board Members are still supportive.

He further reported on the following legislative activities:

- Senate Bill 19 – DOT's utility bill, enabling DOT to pay for more utility removal is steadily moving along and will likely pass without change.

- House Bill 202 – This bill deals with contractor disqualification for being behind on projects. This is the same bill that was introduced last year and

still contains the language that GHCA asked be included.

- Three Senate Bills 63,64,65 – several members have expressed concerns that these would remove lien rights on private work. Director Parks feels that these bills will not move, but will continue to monitor.

HB 442 – This is the statewide funding initiative and seems to be the bill that will move if anything does this year. We are working with both Transportation Chairs as well as DOT to perfect the language.

Louie Pittman, Jr. reported that the nominating committee has met earlier this date and recommended that the slate of officers remain the same for the coming year. They also recommended retaining the same slate of board members. In further business, Daryll Robinson was recommended to fill the remaining term of Glenda Cole and Sandy Sanford was recommended to fill the remaining term of Gary Rohrer. Max Carnes recommended without objection that James Cornett be considered as an alternate.

Meeting adjourned.

Q. William Hammack, Jr., Secretary

Steven L. Parks, Executive Director

