

MINUTES

The Georgia Highway Contractors Association Board of Directors met on Saturday, February 23, 2008, in Ballroom C of The Atlantis Resort, Paradise Island, Bahamas at their 70th Annual Convention. Those who attended were:

Bruce Melton
Mike Williams
Ricky Dykes
Bill Hammack
Max Carnes
Mike Copeland
Dan Garcia
Charles Matthews
Will Peek
Darrell Robinson
Sandy Sanford
Ferrell Scruggs
David Snell
Don Stewart
Bob White
Arnie Pittman

Guests:

David Moellering
Therol Brown
Emory McClinton

President J. Bruce Melton called the meeting to order and recognized the guests in attendance.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the January 22nd Board Meeting.

Treasurer Max Carnes gave the Treasurer's Report for the operating and PAC accounts.

GHCA Executive Director, Steven L. Parks welcomed Bob White as a new board member.

He told the board that the GDOT Board had met last week and had approved a resolution to sell bonds in the amount of \$600 million. Mr. Parks indicated that subsequent discussions with DOT staff indicated that this sale would not have any impact on the projected contract work program for this year.

He further stated that DOT Board Member Bill Kuhlke has scheduled a contractor task force meeting for March and that Commissioner

Abraham is expected to attend and will become a member of the task force in the future.

Mr. Parks stated that he thinks the fiscal adjustments being made by the Commissioner will be a good thing in the long run. Motor fuel tax is only bringing in about \$900 million per year with about half coming from gallonage tax and half from retail tax. The current year work program has been reduced from an original projection of about \$1.8 billion to about \$1.1 billion over the past several weeks. It is becoming more critical for DOT to manage project size and distribution as these cuts are made. Mr. Parks indicated that he is expecting action to reduce the number of projects out for consultant design.

Regarding legislative activity, Mr. Parks indicated that design/build legislation continues to be an issue to be watched. The current plan is to pass enabling legislation this session, but to flesh out the details over the summer.

On other legislative news, there is a house bill that would provide for a statewide implementation of a 1% sales tax for transportation. Mr. Parks feels that its passage is not likely. He feels that it is more likely that some form of regional tax will be enabled by constitutional amendment. The Get Georgia Moving Coalition is continuing to work diligently to get something through the process.

Mr. Parks advised that we have applications for three new members: The LPA Group Incorporated, Thrift Development Corporation and SemMaterials (re-joining). All were accepted without objection.

Meeting adjourned.

Q. William Hammack, Jr., Secretary

Steven L. Parks, Executive Director