

MINUTES

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

Buce Melton
Mike Williams
Ricky Dykes
Bill Hammack
Max Carnes
Dan Littlefield
Charles Matthews
Dan Garcia
Steven Parks
Lisa Haden

Darrell Robinson
Sandy Sanford
Jeff Satterwhite
Ferrell Scruggs
Clyde Shepherd
David Snell
Don Stewart
Will Peek
Bob White
Roger Dill
Joe Street

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

David Moellering
Mike Kenn
James Ridings
Bob Chambers
Robert Ansley

Georgia Asphalt Pavement Assoc.
GBT
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Smith, Currie & Hancock
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President Melton opened with his desire as GHCA President to continue what his predecessors have started, to resolve the current funding issues, to maintain and initiate new members and to work with the new GDOT Commissioner and have her work with us.

A motion was made and seconded approving the minutes of the February 23, 2008 Board Meeting. Treasurer Max Carnes gave the Treasurer's Report. A motion was made and seconded approving the report as read.

Executive Director, Steven L. Parks gave an update from the GDOT Board Meeting last week. It was announced that Billy Langdale is retiring.

Chairman Bill Kuhlke held a Construction Task Force meeting with Commissioner Abraham in attendance.

There was a discussion about those items that GDOT is in competition with the industry. The Commissioner stated that her opinion is that GDOT should not be in the asphalt production business and has asked staff to justify why they should continue.

Greg Mayo reported that the supplemental specification book would be in effect in the April letting.

Greg also reported that the threshold for semi-monthly payments would be raised to \$300,000 in the June letting and to \$500,000 in the December letting.

A discussion was held regarding the delay in approval of supplemental agreements. Commissioner Abraham stated that she is committed to paying accurately and on time and

has no supplemental agreements held on her desk at this time.

Mr. Mayo stated that they have developed an escalation process for resolving contract differences in a timely manner. Mr. Parks stated that this is crucial as we move more toward design/build processes. Greg indicated that they will also have a tracking process in place in the very near future.

There was a discussion regarding why DOT did not place the index specification in the March letting. The Commissioner stated she felt the projects were of such short duration that it is not necessary.

Mr. Parks asked Commissioner Abraham if in the examination of consultant contracts if the Department is also looking at CEI contracts as well. She indicated that they are.

Mr. Parks also noted that both Commissioner Abraham and Transportation Board Chairman Mike Evans would attend the GHCA April Board Meeting in Savannah, GA.

Legislative Report – The state infrastructure bank is a go with about \$50 million in funding the first year. The bill regarding EPD fines was stopped, apparently by EPD themselves. Design Build has been put off for a year, leaving that time for further debate, but is expected to re-appear at the beginning of next year's session.

The Lt. Governor put out a constitutional amendment for a county by county TSPLOST (SR 845). Chairman Smith proposed a 1% statewide sales tax, but his proposal never took wings. He has since proposed an amendment to the Lt. Governor's TSPLOST. It is expected to go to conference committee for debate.

Mr. Parks thinks this will pass and get to study committee. The debate will be very difficult.

Mike Kenn, GBT, spoke about SR 845 and explained that it went to the house and there will be ample opportunity in future to work out the issues and vote on it. He suggested that members contact their Representative.

Roger Dill announced the Dr. Peter Wu would provide a Warm Asphalt Demonstration in Washington County in May.

President Melton thanked everyone for attending. Meeting adjourned.

Q. William Hammack, Jr., Secretary

Steven L. Parks, Executive Director

