

## MINUTES

The Georgia Highway Contractors Association Board of Directors met on Tuesday, May 22, 2007, in the Brown Room, 18<sup>th</sup> floor, at the Commerce Club, 34 Broad Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303. Those who attended were:

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| L. Arnie Pittman, III | Clyde Shepherd |
| Bruce Melton          | David Snell    |
| Mike Williams         | Don Stewart    |
| Bill Hammack          | Frank Whitaker |
| Mike Copeland         | Staff:         |
| Cecil Pearce          | Robert Ansley  |
| Don Peek              | Roger Dill     |
| Darrell Robinson      | Joe Street     |
| Sandy Sanford         | Steve Parks    |
|                       | Lisa Haden     |

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

Peter Wu  
David Faust  
Bob Cathcart  
James Ridings  
Robert Wolford

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President Pittman recognized the new Board Members in attendance: Darrell Robinson, David Snell and Sandy Sanford, as well as Jim Cornett who was not in attendance.

A motion was made and seconded approving the minutes of the April 28, 2007 Board Meeting.

Executive Director, Steven L. Parks presented the Treasurer's Report to the Board.

Steve discussed last week's out of town GDOT Board Meeting and congratulated Roger Dill for assisting in the planning with Tift County and Tifton and for a good job in putting the meeting together.

Mr. Parks stated that David Graham is retiring from GDOT and that it has been learned the he is being replaced by Greg Mayo, and that the industry has a good working relationship with Mr. Mayo and that he expects that strong relationship to continue.

Mr. Parks further stated that he has had discussion with Bill Kulke and Sam Wellborn

of the DOT Board about the possibility that there will possibly be some discussion about decoupling the motor fuel tax during any upcoming debate on tax reform. He informed them that the Association position would be to maintain a dedicated revenue stream.

Steve informed the Board that Mr. Kuhlke, Chair of the DOT Board Contractor Relations Committee has asked that his committee, some DOT staff, GHCA's Executive Committee and Executive Director meet to establish priorities of resolving some of the issues regarding management relationships between the industry and DOT. Steve asked for input from anyone who might see a need to have an issue placed before the DOT Committee.

Mr. Parks noted that a legislative study committee is to be established to look at funding options. Appointments have not yet been made, but he feels that we will have appropriate input. He further noted that he has a meeting with representatives from the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce next week to discuss funding

initiatives, but that our position will remain in favor of some type of statewide solution.

Don Peek noted that with the recent graduations from the DBE program of a number of participants, that it is becoming more and more difficult to fulfill DBE requirements on most contracts. He suggested that it might be prudent for the Association to look at requesting more reasonable goals be established. Mr. Parks noted that for the past three years, DOT has sought to raise the goal, but have not done so. However, he feels that with the recent graduations and with DOT management practices that the issue has risen to a level of importance that we need to revisit it with the DOT Board and he will do so. Don Stewart suggested that we might consider an

independent study to evaluate DBE availability and other factors. No action was taken by the Board, but Mr. Parks asked Consultant Joe Street to get with DOT and see where they think the program is going.

Meeting adjourned.

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Q. William Hammack, Jr., Secretary

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Steven L. Parks, Executive Director

