

## MINUTES

The Georgia Highway Contractors Association Board of Directors met on Tuesday, June 26, 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:

L. Arnie Pittman, III  
Bruce Melton  
Max Carnes  
Mike Copeland  
Richard Dykes  
Charles Matthews  
Darrell Robinson  
Sandy Sanford  
Ferrell Scruggs  
Don Stewart  
Frank Whitaker  
Robert Chambers  
Steve Parks  
Joe Street  
Lisa Haden  
David Moellering  
Mark Gilbreth  
Buddy Gratton  
David Rawson

Guests:

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President Arnie Pittman called the meeting to order. A motion was made and seconded approving the minutes of the May 22, 2007 Board Meeting.

Treasurer Max Carnes gave the Treasurer's Report.

President Pittman reported that there was a contractor relations committee meeting last week. The discussion included three guidelines that the Association would like to see addressed: DBE's, dispute resolution and funding. It was decided that a quarterly meeting would be set up to address issues and get the process working better.

Executive Director, Steven L. Parks discussed the high bank balance and stated that we had yet to receive the final convention bill from The Ritz. He expects that once the final bill is received the balance would drop considerably.

On the legislative front, a Joint Senate and House Study Committee has been appointed and the first meeting is Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup>. This is the first of six meetings to discuss the needs of the transportation industry.

Mr. Parks informed the Board that GDOT has rolled out an efficiency study and it is available online. He stated that it mostly covered the pre-construction phase with an emphasis on environmental clearances. He noted that the consultant had specifically stated the delays in contracts are not usually the fault of the contractor, but are the result of other factors. His main concern with the report is that it seems to indicate that the larger projects tend to receive a greater number of bids.

Steve further discussed the transportation board elections and stated that Mike Evans would remain as Chairman and Garland Pinholster as Vice Chairman.

He went on to discuss the next convention in February 2008. The Association is considering chartering a plane and are creating a convention survey for the membership to complete and return to the office. He updated the board members on what projects we are currently working on in the office including more use of our web site, updating the format for membership directories, and producing a newer membership brochure.

Joe Street discussed the new immigration law and stated that implementation starts with the June Letting (July 1, 2007). He stated that all new employees have to be accounted for. A program is available online to allow you to sign up and a news bulletin will be sent via email to the membership.

Bob Chambers stressed the fact that once you are in compliance, you must worry about your sub-contractors who may or not be in compliance and that you may find yourself responsible. He urged that care be exercised when engaging sub-contractors.

Buddy Gratton, GDOT spoke about transportation funding, DBE's, and dispute resolution. He indicated that we expect another record year for letting, payout, and motor fuel tax collections.

However, there remains some concern that funding at the federal level will drop slightly due to the exhaustion of the federal trust fund.

He asked that the industry give early feedback to him and staff when having difficulty meeting DBE goals on projects. DOT needs to know the full impact of DBE goals on ability to bid projects.

He indicated that we will continue to work toward some equitable dispute resolution process.

President Pittman thanked everyone for attending.

Meeting adjourned.

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