

MINUTES

The Georgia Highway Contractors Association Board of Directors met on Tuesday, August 21, 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
Bruce Melton	David Snell
Mike Williams	Don Stewart
Bill Hammack	Charles Matthews
Max Carnes	
Mike Copeland	
James Cornett	
Ricky Dykes	
Cecil Pearce	
Will Peek	
Dan Garcia	
	Staff:
	Steve Parks
	Lisa Haden
	Bob Chambers

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

James Ridings	
Gerald Ross	David Moellering

President Pittman discussed the recent GDOT Board Meeting. The topics for discussion included supplemental agreements, semi-monthly payments and DBE goals. Arnie stressed again that Greg Mayo of GDOT wants to hear from contractors. He additionally asked that GHCA staff put out a memo to the membership regarding semi-monthly payments.

President Pittman then introduced Gerald Ross, GDOT's new Chief Engineer. Gerald said his major hurdle was delivery of the program. His goals was to present better plans and good delivery of program. He asked that contractors please let him know if there is information that they would like to see added or deleted from design plans to make their job easier.

A motion was made and seconded approving the minutes of the July 24, 2007 Board Meeting.

Treasurer, Max Carnes presented the Treasurer's Report to the Board.

Executive Director, Steven L. Parks further discussed last week's GDOT Board Meeting. He stated that he is still working closely with the Contractor Relations Committees and that the fuel index discussion is evolving to include more items under the index specification.

The DOT Board passed a resolution to direct the Commissioner to solicit a PPI for a comprehensive transportation system for Atlanta.

Mr. Parks advised the Board that he is attending the meetings of the Joint Transportation Study Committee. No recommendations have been forthcoming as yet.

He advised that the Governor has appointed Janine Miller as transportation liaison and has appointed a task force under the New Georgia Commission to look at bids and capacity.

Immigration was readdressed and Bob Chambers noted that GUCA is challenging the Gwinnett

County rules as illegal and that following GA Law is enough.

Executive Director Steve Parks updated the Board on his recent CSE (Council for State Executives) meeting. During the event they had a conference call with Minnesota regarding the recent bridge collapse, but no details were readily available regarding the cause.

The general feeling of the various associations at the conference was that there will be little likelihood of a major funding initiative at the national level, but the discussions regarding critical commercial corridors is on-going.

Mr. Parks updated the Board on his recent ATL Chamber of Commerce meeting and stated that the 1% sales tax was the most viable solution to the funding crisis at this time and not the motor fuel tax. There is a meeting at the end of the month in Cumming GA that will have a "town hall" format and GHCA & GAPPA have been asked to and will attend.

Q. William Hammack, Jr., Secretary

Steven L. Parks, Executive Director

