

ACEA Board of Directors Meeting

April 5, 2011

Attendees

Chris Champion	Henry
Patrick McDougald	Barbour
Josh Harvill	Chambers
Ben Luther	Dekalb
Philip Widner	Jackson
Richard Spraggins	Blount
Ricky Mitchell	Mobile
Dennis McCall	Butler
David Bufkin	Autauga
Sky Hallmon	Pickens
Anthony Crear	Sumter
Donna Key	ACCA
Henry Hawkins	Chambers
Benjie Sanders	Crenshaw
Dan Dahlke	St. Clair
Daniel Overton	Clarke
Jeremy Robison	Colbert
John Bedford	Colbert
Brian Smith	Clay
Kevin Boone	Elmore
Luke McGinty	Elmore
JD Smith	Macon
Joe Ruffer	Mobile
Randy Cole	Shelby
Rickie Beyer	Elmore
Justin Barfield	Geneva
Wayne Sullivan	Jefferson
Bill Bridges	Escambia

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Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Bridges. A roll taken was taken via sign in sheet and a quorum was established

A motion was made by Patrick McDougald, seconded by Richie Beyer to accept the Minutes of the August 24, 2010 Board meeting. Motion passed on a unanimous vote.

A brief financial report was presented by President Bridges. Report showed a year-end (February 28, 2011) balance of \$105,773.00. On a motion made by Dennis McCall, seconded by Randy Cole, the financial report was approved with a unanimous vote.

President Bridges reported on counties that had not paid their yearly dues and reminded them to pay as soon as possible.

Donna Key reported on future ACEA conferences. The 2012 ACEA conference is scheduled for May 15-16 at the Perdido Beach Resort. The 2013 conference is scheduled for May 8-9 also at Perdido Beach Resort.

In Sonny Brasfield's absence, Donna gave a brief legislative report about bills affecting county engineering/road departments. Included in the report were bills concerning Subdivision Regulations, Local Gasoline and Diesel Fuel Referendum, and Tax at the Rack.

A discussion was held concerning the Forestry Association and Statewide Logging permits. President Bridges appointed a subcommittee to study draft legislation and work with the ACCA staff and the Forestry Commission to develop an acceptable, standardized permit process for logging on county roads. The subcommittee consists of the following members: Richie Beyer, John Bedford, David Bufkin, Richard Spraggins, Benjie Sanders, Henry Hawkins, and possibly Darren Capps of Covington County.

Randy Cole reported on legislation pending the Alabama Legislature concerning limiting liability for engineers, architects, and builders. Any additional information will be distributed to the membership through ACCA.

President Bridges made a statement encouraging participation in the 2012 NACE Conference to be held in Lexington, KY. This conference is important to our Association because Richie Beyer will be installed as President of NACE at this conference. It was stated that Richie will be the 4th NACE President from Alabama following Randy Cole, Floyd Lawrence, and Blake Livingston. Richie encouraged members to participate in the NACE conference by presenting technical topics or moderating over technical sessions.

Patrick McDougald mentioned the possibility of ACEA sponsoring or helping will some of the costs of attending the conference as an encouragement to attend for the membership. This item will be looked at by the ACEA leadership and a report presented to the board at the August 2011 board meeting. Patrick also requested that ACCA training sessions for County Commissioners emphasize the important of participation in national associations and conferences.

Richie Beyer gave a NACE/NACO update and mentioned ACEA membership involvement in the FHWA Every Day Counts initiative.

Richard Spraggins stated that he serves on the NACE award committee responsible for awarding the Rural/Urban Engineer of the Year award. He suggested to Richie that due to the quality of the applicants, the standards and qualifications for the award should be reviewed and possibly changed in the future.

Chris Champion cautioned members to be aware of an ALDOT policy which requires private entities to have an off ROW Cooperative Maintenance Agreement with a County or City before ALDOT will allow certain maintenance work on its ROW's.

There was no further business to come before the Board.

On a motion by Randy Cole, seconded by Richie Beyer and approved on a unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Chris Champion, ACEA Secretary/Treasurer