

ACEA Board of Directors Meeting

March 27, 2014

Attendees – County

Sallie Gowan - ACCA
Anthony Crear – Sumter
David Bufkin – Autauga
Bill Bridges – Escambia
Dennis McCall – Butler
Larry Kite – Russell
Tim Graves – Etowah
Randy Tindell – Coffee
Randy Cole – Shelby
Richie Beyer – Elmore
Richard Grace – Madison
Sky Hallmon – Pickens
Chris Champion – Henry
John Bedford – Colbert
Dan Dahlke – St. Clair
Derek Brewer – Dale
J. D. Smith - Macon

Minutes:

President Dan Dahlke called the meeting to order and a sign up sheet was passed around with the noted attendees to establish a quorum.

A motion was made by Tim Graves and seconded by Anthony Crear to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as presented. The motion to approve passed unanimously.

There was a discussion of the ACEA Bylaws to be amended with the minor changes. The bylaws with the amendments will be electronically sent to the full membership for review. (A minimum 10 day notice is required for full membership to review). A motion was made by Richie Beyer and seconded by Randy Cole to recommend the revised bylaws as amended to the membership for consideration at the next meeting. The motion received unanimous support.

It was reported that one of ACEA nominees (Richard Grace) to the Alabama State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors had been selected as a finalist. The seat is held by a popular incumbent, and consensus was that the incumbent was likely to be chosen for another term. Grace was thanked for his willingness to serve.

The ACEA Board discussed wholesale road closures in disasters/emergencies and a few counties have an official policy for such, which vary greatly, but many counties have no official policy at all.

A committee consisting of Greg Bodley, Tony Wearren, and Chris Champion will be working on preparing a uniform policy for any interested counties to tailor to their needs and adopt if they so choose. The goal is to have this uniform procedure ready in time for the August ACCA meeting at Orange Beach. A motion, made by Richie Beyer and seconded by Tim Graves, to appoint aforesaid committee and its members was duly approved.

A bill from Alabama Dam Safety Program (House Bill 610) was proposed and died at the 2014 Legislative Session that we need to be aware of. Since Alabama is the only state in the United States without a State Dam Safety Program, it is inevitably coming to Alabama eventually.

The Association of State Dam Safety Officials (ASDSO) is hosting a regional conference in Montgomery on April 16, 2014 at the Renaissance and several ACEA members have volunteered to attend and give a report of the conference to the full membership at the ACEA meeting in May at Orange Beach.

The Board discussed the prospects of MAP-21 Reauthorization. NACE and NACO have advised that the Highway Trust Fund is running out of money, and the past couple of years it has been supplemented by the General Fund. Counties need to prepare for the possibility that federal funding could run out October 1, 2014.

Sallie Gowan briefed board members on the activities of the Alabama Legislature, and she also provided copies of a letter from the Alabama Ethics Commission concerning the appropriate role for vendors who may want to sponsor ACEA division meetings.

Tim Graves made the motion to adjourn and seconded by Anthony Crear. The motion passed unanimously.