

**FACERS Board of Director's Meeting  
Orange County Public Works  
Orlando, FL**

**March 3, 2017**

**Attendees:** John Goodknight of Goodknight Consulting, Ben Bartlett of Volusia County, Steve Ferrell with HDR Engineering, and Lisa Baker of Locklear & Associates.

**Attendees via telephone:** Shelby Dotson with FAC, Maria Cahill T2 Center Director, Fred Schneider of Lake County, Tracy Straub of Marion County, Judith Clark of Monroe County, Shane Parker of Hendry County, Scott Herring of Nassau County, Faith Alkhatib of Flagler County, Ramon Gavarrete of Alachua County, Doug Gable of Polk County, and Amy Blaida with Whitaker Contracting

**Call to Order:** John Goodknight called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM as President Doug Gable was at a Board of County Commissioners meeting in Polk County.

**Secretary's Report:** Secretary Shane Parker informed the Board that he would provide the minutes at the next Board meeting. John Goodknight asked that the minutes be emailed out in advance.

**Treasurer's Report:** Shelby Dotson gave the financial update in Treasurer Joe Kunkel's absence. Shelby stated FACERS had an ending balance of \$50,192.70 as of January 31, 2017. The Board accepted the financial updated. John Goodknight welcomed Shelby to FACERS.

\*\*\* President Doug Gable joined the Board meeting at 10:07 a.m.\*\*\*

**Committee Reports:**

**Membership** – Minor discussion about membership. Doug Gable reminded everyone to check their membership status in FACERS.

**Conference Agenda** - Faith Alkhatib stated she has not had a chance to work on the conference agenda due to computer problems and asked that some old emails regarding the conference agenda be forwarded to her. Amy Blaida and Shelby Dotson will forward the emails they have to Faith.

Scott Herring asked if the Interim FDOT Secretary could speak to FACERS. Faith stated it is possible and that a request could be made to the Governor.

John Goodknight mentioned FDOT District Board Secretary Gerry O'Reilly would be a good speaker. Steve Ferrell stated he would make contact with Mr. O'Reilly.

John mentioned Escambia County bridge issue being a good presentation topic. Amy Blaida stated she would make contact with Escambia County.

Tracy Straub mentioned B-mapping efforts at Indian River Lagoon may be a good presentation topic. Tracy also suggested the new septic tank rules from the Department of Health (DOH) as a presentation topic and stated she would contact with DOH to arrange a presentation.

Ramon Gavarrete would like to hear utility issues as we do more than just roads. Ramon also suggested we send a letter to the Interim Secretary of FDOT.

Faith wants to keep speaking times on schedule and not wavier from the time slots. Ramon stated he liked the meeting schedule of times from the last November meeting. Faith concurred with Ramon.

Faith is working on a presentation regarding dune erosion.

Tracy wants to know if FEMA and FDOT can give a presentation where everyone is on the same page regarding contracts for reimbursement from disasters. John suggested inviting Nick from FHWA to speak. Faith suggested inviting Nick along with FEMA and FDOT to our meeting as a refresher is due.

Fred Schneider stated Rachel Cone is the Interim FDOT Secretary and is not interested in becoming the FDOT Secretary. Steve Ferrell stated reaching out now and sending a letter to the Interim FDOT Secretary is appropriate.

Scholarships - Steve Ferrell provided an update on the document he emailed out on the four FACERS scholarship programs. Steve had no FIU scholarship updates. Steve wants to hand the scholarship program for UCF over to Ben Bartlett, since he graduated from UCF. Steve stated that USF will no longer hold a formal scholarship ceremony, but will instead give recipients a Golden Envelope. Fred Schneider wants to send a formal congratulations letter out to scholarship recipients. Doug Gable was in favor of this letter.

LAP – John Goodknight said there has been no activity since the last Board meeting.

NACE – Scott Herring stated there was not much to report on. Scott Herring said he will have a report at the next Board meeting which can be included in the NACE newsletter.

Ramon Gavarrete stated NACE is working with Rural Road Safety, and mentioned that streamlining is being discussed and not just from an environmental perspective.

T Squared (T2 Center) - Maria Cahill with the T2 Center stated they have developed a local specifications technical writing course. They are targeting the month of May for the course to be given.

Maria stated she presented to the Florida Greenbook Committee in February 2017 the possibility of offering a Greenbook training course. Maria stated the idea was well received by the Committee and that the Committee wanted the training to include case studies.

Maria discussed pavement preservation. Ramon Gavarrete and John Goodknight are working on a FACERS representative for the Pavement Preservation Council. Doug Gable mentioned that Polk County has a knowledgeable engineer on staff that is involved in pavement preservation.

Greenbook – Faith Alkhatib who is the FACERS representative on the Greenbook Committee stated she has not received any notifications regarding the Florida Greenbook Committee. Maria Cahill suggested that Faith contact Mary Anne Koos of FDOT directly to receive notifications.

Maria stated the 2016 version of the Florida Greenbook is going through approval now. Maria stated in July 2017 the FDOT Complete Streets will be issued for public comment. Maria stated the Complete Streets Committee will review the Florida Greenbook for any design changes.

Newsletter – Lisa Baker gave an update and said she emailed the deadlines for the newsletter.

Discussion ensued about who to have in the next member spotlight. It was agreed by all to have George Webb of Palm Beach County in the next member spotlight followed by Jim Stivender of Lake County as both individuals are nearing retirement.

Maria Cahill suggested in regards to the next project spotlight that it be a road diet project. Scott Herring mentioned a road diet was done in the City of Gainesville and that it may be a good candidate for the project spotlight.

John Goodknight mentioned Pinebrook Road was a joint FDOT and Sarasota County project which may be of interest for a project spotlight. John stated this project involved FDOT constructing two new lanes of south bound I-75 and giving the former two lanes to Sarasota County to construct Pinebrook Road.

Lisa Baker asked about the sponsorship recognition publication. Shelby Dotson of FAC stated she will coordinate and handle that issue with Amy Blaida.

Tracy Straub mentioned about providing a block of contact information in the newsletter for the FACERS Board. This block would include email contact information for the FACERS Directors and Officers.

Tracy also stated it was hard to find the FACERS webpage on the FAC website. Shelby Dotson said they are working on making the FACERS webpage easier to find and explained how to find the link to the FACERS webpage on the FAC website.

Legislative Issues - John Goodknight stated the legislative session commences Tuesday March 7, 2017.

John also appreciated all the responses that were submitted to Eric Poole of FAC regarding legislation about cell towers in the road right-of-way. Ramon Gavarrete says this bill as worded will allow antennas on signs and other structures such as signal mast arms. Ramon stated the bill takes away our ability to say “no”. Ramon said the bill excludes costs of reimbursable expenses such as having a structural engineer to review if a structure can accommodate an antenna.

Ramon stated there are two separate bills. One for cell towers in the road right-of-way and one for wireless facilities in the road right-of-way. Shane Parker mentioned that prior to a jurisdiction issuing a denial letter for towers in the road right-of-way that coordination should occur with their attorney when denying applications as there are timeframes in place.

Continuing Education - Amy Blaida stated we are still approved to issue Professional Development Hours (PDHs).

Website – John Goodknight gave an update on the webpage and stated FAC is working on the webpage. John stated the webpage is fairly basic and that he emailed everyone a list of past items that were on the previous webpage.

Shelby Dotson said it will cost \$2,500 for a separate website with a link on the FAC webpage. John inquired as to whether the \$2,500 was a one-time fee or an annual fee. Shelby stated she did not know and would get back to the Board with an answer. John stated he would like this information so that it could be discussed at the June Board meeting.

FAC: Shelby Dotson discussed the various levels of sponsorship. Shelby suggested a platinum exclusive sponsorship for \$3,000 which would consist of a box luncheon with FACERS at the tradeshow in an effort to expand our sponsorship opportunities. Shelby also discussed sponsored breaks in between the meetings.

Awards – Lisa Baker will get with Rebecca Price to make sure she is invited to the next Board meeting. Lisa will email everyone what was discussed by the awards committee.

### **Old Business:**

FDOT LED Lighting Conversions and Reimbursement Rates for Maintenance Agreements – John Goodknight suggested reviving the lighting committee. Ramon Gavarrete would like to participate in the lighting agreement negotiations.

### **New Business:**

New FACERS Logo - Ben Bartlett wants to know if shirts with the new logos will be ready for the next Board meeting. Amy Blaida stated she will work on that issue.

Steve Ferrell inquired about providing the letterhead with the new logo on the FACERS website for the members to access.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 12:03 pm.