



MINUTES

Board of Directors Meeting

Volusia County NE Public Works Facility/Teleconference
3771 W. International Speedway Blvd, Daytona Beach

February 25, 2022

10:00 am

1. **Call to Order:** Benjamin Bartlett, President-Welcomed all for attending and then introduced the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Staff.
2. **Presentations.**
 - a. FDOT Safety Discussion (Michael Shepard, P.E. and Alison Stetner)
 - Michael discussed the reorganization of Roadway Design Office teams to work closer together on the Florida Design Manual (FDM) and the Manual of Uniform Minimum Standards for Design, Construction and Maintenance (a.k.a. Florida Greenbook). The goal is to publish the Florida Greenbook more frequently than allowed by the current process.
 - We spent the majority of the time discussing the new Greenbook requirement to require audible/vibratory pavement markings on any rural two-lane road posted 50 miles per hour (MPH) or greater, regardless of jurisdiction. In the next edition of the Greenbook this will be a mandatory condition and FDOT staff wanted FACERS support of this requirement. FDOT Program Management Bulletin 22-01 attached. FDOT stated local jurisdictions can apply for a Greenbook Design Exception/Variation. FACERS members absolutely support the safety countermeasure. FACERS members' concerns are because it is mandatory with no funding being provided with the mandate. Also, there is no minimum volume threshold listed in the requirement. FACERS recommendation would make this "highly recommended" but not mandatory.
 - **ACTION ITEM:** FACERS members to send comments regarding discussion and Program Management Bulletin 22-01 to FDOT. FDOT to review the volume threshold request. We will hold a separate meeting once FDOT is complete with research and FACERS submits comments. Time frame for follow up meeting is late March and early April 2022.
3. **Officer Reports.**
 - a. Secretary's Minutes, Deborah Snyder-Updated minutes sent prior to the meeting. Motion to approve (MTA) by George G., Second by Neil: unanimous approval. **ACTION ITEM:** Deborah and Faye to work on stationary with current officer's names to make it user friendly.
 - b. Treasurer's Report, Gator Howerton-Gator sent out membership list and Financial Information prior to meeting. Gator/Ramon G. presented financial and budget reports. MTA Neil, Second by Chad: unanimous approval. **ACTION ITEM:** All members to send updates to membership list directly to Gator.
 - c. Vice President's Report (Annual Conference 2022 Orlando), George Gadiel. George stated he had two slots to fill for the Summer Meeting, June 29 to July 1, 2022.
4. **New Business.**
 - a. Nominating Committee for next year's officers–Tracy Straub, John Goodknight, and Scott Herring.

- b. FACERS Business Procedures-John Goodknight sent out updated business procedures prior to the meeting. **ACTION ITEM:** All FACERS members to review and use the Track Changes Feature in MS Word to send comments back to John. Some items needing discussion require action by entire membership and will be discussed and voted on during Annual/Summer Meeting.

5. **Committee Reports and Updates.**

- a. Membership, Gator Howerton-discussed in Officer Reports 3b.
- b. Budget, Ramon Gavarrete-discussed in Officer Reports 3b.
- c. FAC Update-discussion of the levels of sponsorship to advertise for the Annual/Summer Meeting. Levels of sponsorship to stay the same.
- d. NACE, Scott Herring/Ramon Gavarrete-Scott is working on the Annual Report to present at April meeting in Niagara Falls. Scott, Ramon, and George to attend. Ramon attended the NACE legislative conference in Washington DC. NACE attempting to get FHWA to be the reimbursing agency for emergency events instead of FEMA. The federal infrastructure legislation, a.k.a. BIL, although passed funds have not been appropriated for all items in legislation yet.
- e. Legislative, John Goodknight-Gas tax indexing bill died. The bill for the Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacons (RRFBs) will not be put forward again. Ben stated the Governor recommended a gas tax holiday which is now scheduled for October 2022. House Bill (HB) 53 has not been extended even though the wastewater spreadsheets were published in February.
- f. Awards, Judith-no updates, but the forms on the website will be updated.
- g. Scholarships, Steve Ferrell-left meeting, no updates.
- h. Green Book, No updates as meeting has not been held yet.
- i. LAP Community of Practice, John Goodknight-Meeting is March 31, 2022 at Turnpike Headquarters at Turkey Lake Service Plaza. Suggested easy Local Agency Program (LAP) project is bundling rural high speed roadways for vibratory/audible pavement markings.
- j. LTAP, CUTR, Kiryanna Stanley-Updates.
 - Continuing On-line webinars.
 - First in-person training for Traffic Signal Timing with FDOT District Seven staff. Forty people attended, and the training went well.
 - Continuing to work with FDOT and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for Low Cost Safety Countermeasures and other Safety Training.
 - Bi-monthly meetings/trainings with the American Public Works Association (APWA) Chapters.
- k. T-Squared, Nithin Agarwal-left meeting, no updates.
- l. Website, John Goodknight-working to archive old meeting minutes and the last three years of Board Meeting Agendas.
- m. Sponsorships, Amy Blaida-Not Available.
- n. Newsletter, Amy Blaida-Not Available.

6. **Open Forum.** No discussion.

7. **Next meeting:** TBD.

8. **Adjournment at 12:02 PM.**

Attendees:

Benjamin Bartlett–President
George Gadiel–Vice President
John Goodnight
Chad Williams
Neil Shinkre
Arden Fontaine

Via GoToMeeting:

Gator Howereton–Treasurer
Deborah Snyder–Secretary
David Ricks
Brian Singleton
Steve Ferrell
Ramon Gavarrete
Judith Clarke
Scott Herring
Nithin Agarwal, UF
Faye Brainard, FAC
Eric Poole, FAC
Tim Lattner, FDOT
Alison Stetner, FDOT
Michael Shepard, FDOT
Kiryanna Stanley, CUTR