



**SCDOT/CAGC Joint Committee Meeting
July 27, 2011
Minutes**

Attendees

**Marty McKee, Thrift Development Corp., CAGC Co-Chair
Ben Whetstone, CR Jackson/Satterfield
Leslie Hope, CAGC
Grady Wicker, Eagle Construction Co,
Danny Shealy, CAGC Liaison
John Jordon, Cherokee Construction
Chris Davis, Sanders Bros.
Greg Cook, Mountain Creek
Jim Triplett, UIG
Ken Atkinson, Palmetto Corp.
Ted Geddis, HRI Bridge Co.
Mark Ashmore, Ashmore Bros.
Sally Paul, SPC, Inc.
David Fletcher, REA Contracting**

**John Walsh, SCDOT
Leland Colvin, SCDOT Co-Chair
Jason Johnston, SCDOT District #4
Clem Watson, SCDOT
Charles Eleazer, SCDOT
Kyle Berry, SCDOT District #5
Jim Porth, SCDOT District #7
Tim Henderson, SCDOT District #6
David Glenn, SCDOT District #6
Kevin Harrington, SCDOT construction
Milt Fletcher, SCDOT OMR
Bryan Jones, SCDOT District #1
Todd Steagall, SCDOT
Lee Neighbors, SCDOT District 2
Dennis Garber, SCDOT
Merrill Zwanka, SCDOT OMR
David Rister, SCDOT Bridge Construction
Mark Attaway, SCDOT Utilities
Claude Ipock, SCDOT Construction
Mike Hannah, SCDOT District #2
Doug McClure, SCDOT construction
Vann Merritt, SCDOT construction**

Jay Hawkins, SCDOT construction
Susie Lominick, SCDOT Contracts
Mitchell Metts, SCDOT Preconstruction
Christy Hall, SCDOT District #2
Kevin Dubose, SCDOT District #5
Patti Gambill, SCDOT construction
Steve Ikerd, FHWA

The meeting was called to order by Leland Colvin with introductions.

Old Business

Contractor Status

Issue: The Contractors would like to see a Monthly Status Report at each meeting.

Discussion: Leland Colvin handed out a few graphics which are part of the report provided to SCDOT senior staff every month. Current report showed 312 active projects valued at \$1,431,922,981.94 with 230 (74%) on time, 31 (10%) projects between 10 and 25 percent behind and 52 (16%) projects greater than 25% behind.

Action: Leland will provide updated handouts at every meeting.

Update Prompt Payment Issues for Subcontractors

Issue: Because of prompt payment clause, Contractors are required to pay the subs in a timely fashion. SCDOT says the Prime Contractor still has to pay even if the subcontractor walks off the job. Due to Federal and State requirements SCDOT has to include Prompt Payment verbiage in the contracts and don't have much wiggle room.

Discussion: SCDOT legal has made some revisions to the proposed language submitted by AGC.

Action: SCDOT will forward to FHWA for review.

Update SCEIS Accounting System

The implementation was delayed due to some issues with the FHWA reimbursements and site manager. The implementation is scheduled for October 1, 2011 and there will be a two week black-out period during this implementation beginning the middle of September. Time frames will be posted on the website for estimate submissions

Update Concrete plant specific mixes

Issue: Duplication of sampling and reporting for concrete mixes being used on multiple projects from the same concrete plants.

Discussion: Can concrete plants be handled similar to the way asphalt plants are handled with plant specific mixes. Concrete plants handle their own QC and have mixes approved in advance so it can be used on any DOT projects. Approved concrete plants are listed on the qualified products list and can be used for any project as long as they are on the list.

Action: Joint committee referred this to the concrete quality improvement committee (QIC) which will meet on October 12th. AGC to send information to Milt Fletcher concerning concrete plant specific mixes in lieu of project specific mixes.

NEW BUSINESS

Safety Topic

Lightning strikes is the second highest storm killer behind floods. There are 100 strikes per second worldwide. Lightning strikes can occur as far as 10 miles from the storm. If in the vicinity of a storm, get into vehicle with metal body and roof for protection or move to lower elevation. If someone is struck by lightning, administer CPR.

Contractor Payments

Issue: Contractor payments are late in being paid.

Discussion: Angela Feaster explained why the contractor payments are being delayed. SCDOT's cash balance is extremely low. Last year the cash balance was around \$89 million whereas this year it is around \$29 million. There has been a 4% drop in motor fuel revenues since 2007. Also in 2010, the legislature took \$10 million and put into the general fund. With the ARRA program there was \$36 million in state match that had to be used. Currently there is \$86 million of contractor payments in the accounting office waiting to be paid. The motor fuel revenues received on the 4th of each month is around \$36 million. This money is used to pay the oldest construction estimates first. Then SCDOT gets reimbursed from FHWA about 82% of these payments in approximately 10 days. This money is then used to make more contractor payments. Payment on construction contracts is taking approximately 45 days. SCDOT has agreed to post on the website when a contractor can expect payment on contracts as they are received in the accounting office. This information is listed on pages 3 & 4 at the following website' http://www.scdot.org/Electronic_Vendor_Payments.pdf

SCDOT is meeting with the treasurer's office to find out if any funds can be used by the DOT to help cash flow.

Some projects in the upcoming July Letting may not be awarded and the August letting may be deferred or delayed.

Action: SCDOT to set up meeting next week to talk about the options available for the July, August and September Lettings.

Sidewalk cross slope

Issue: Tolerances in sidewalk cross slope.

Discussion: There is a 2% maximum cross slope stipulated in the standard drawings but there is no minimum cross slope specified. Sometimes the tolerances are being required to be within ¼ inch.

Action: This is being referred to the road subcommittee to establish a minimum cross slope.

Design-Build website

Claude Ipock reported that the design build information is now posted on the website. (handout attached) <http://www.scdot.org/doing/designbuild.shtml>

Also he reported that the Contact Administrator, Susie Lominick will be handling the RFQ and RFP submittal process.

Utility Locates

Issue: Locator services having to mark utilities outside the begin and end construction limits for advanced construction signs.

Discussion: When calling PUPS for utility locates on construction projects, if the advanced construction signs can be staked, then the locating services will not have to identify anything between these sign installations and thus save time and money.

Action: Mark Attaway to coordinate with PUPS for spot marking for advanced construction signs.

Heavy Highway Division meeting

Marty thanked the DOT folks for attending and providing valuable information in their presentations. There were 320 attendees at the meeting. Next years meeting will be in Hilton Head.

Subcommittee Reports:

Roadway Subcommittee:

No Report

Bridge Subcommittee:

No Report

Project Development

Committee discussed the ordinances of some counties requiring that sign structures that have to be relocated are designed by a professional engineer in accordance with the latest building codes. Special provision will be in the proposal if required by the counties. Other option to be investigated is for the sign structure to be handled by the property owner in the right of way agreements and if not move at time of construction, it would be a demolition item.

Utility Subcommittee:

The AGC is looking into the possibility of providing railroad protective insurance for its members. The committee also discussed the new items or changes in the accommodations manual.

Supplier Subcommittee:

The committee met May 17th and discuss National Transportation Product Evaluation Program (NTPEP) for reinforcing steel and welded wire, mechanical couplers and butt well splices, thermo plastic availability ok but with price increases, fractionation and blending at quarries, quarry supplies are not an issue, liquid asphalt prices increases, and cement production issue for plants that burn tires for fuel.

Design-Build Subcommittee:

Other items of discuss, consider a draft RFP process to allow review by contractors, establish one on one confidential meetings, established beneficial information to be included in the RFP package, D-B link on the internet showing projects for this year and next year (5 projects this year and 3 next spring).

Next meeting Wednesday, September 28, 2011

Adjourn