

TDAC MINUTES FOR
February 27, 2014

ROLL CALL

Meeting was called to order by David Sheppard.

Introductions:

Angela Henry –Team Henry Enterprises
Devon Henry – Team Henry Enterprises/Chair of TDAC
Sandy Hutchens – SanMarCo
Savanna Hutchens - SanMarCo
Marcel Curry- PEMCCO
Prescott Sherrod –PEMCCO
John Kern – Chemung Contracting Corp.
Cheryl Sheppard – Valley Green Landscaping
David Sheppard-Valley Green Landscaping
Stan Moore – K&M Enterprises
Valerie Moore-K&M Enterprises
Joe Lewis- BTG
James Baldwin – QES Pavements
Jay Openshaw – E.V. Williams
Lotta Chi –Chi Associates
Doretha Davis- VDOT
Terrance Graves- GTT Enterprises, LLC
Louisa Strayhorn –BTG/VDOT
Sue Mitchell- Mitchell Utilities, LLC
Judi Williams-BTG
Stacey Comartos-Court One
Greg and Pauline Whirley-VDOT

CURRENT ROSTER

Devon reported the roster consists of 15 voting members. Currently, we have 5 MBE's, 3 Prime, 2 WBE's, 1 VDOT Rep., 1 DMBE, 1 VTCA, and 1 FHWA.

MBE Firms

1. Team Henry Enterprises, LLC
2. PEMCCO
3. Valley Green Landscaping
4. K&M Enterprises, LLC
5. Chi and Associates

Prime Contractors:

1. E.V. Williams

2. Chemung Contracting
3. Lane Construction

WBE Firms:

1. SanMarCo
2. Court One Corporation

VDOT Rep:

1. Shay Ponquinette

DMBE Rep:

1. Ida McPherson

VTCA Rep:

1. Tom Witt

FHWA Rep:

1. Mohamed Dumbuya

ITS Rep:

1. No representative

Affiliates:

1. Gena Burr - GTT Enterprises
2. Loren Glasper - Ty's Hauling and Paving
3. Nicole McGowan - Spivey Paving
4. Willie Lee - Jireh Construction
5. Kathy Dowdy- English Construction
6. Lawrence Easley - LL&G
7. Dan Clydmore – Shirley Construction

4TH QUARTER MEETING MINUTES

There was a change to the 4th quarter meeting minutes referencing Prescott's comment to keep the ITS position, but the ITS person would not have to maintain a web presence for TDAC. The meeting minutes were approved and adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cheryl said no change treasurer's report from the last meeting minutes.

MAJOR PROJECTS UPDATE

Stan stated bypass 29 is shut down. Project 460 is having issues with permits and etc.

Jay said the 64 design build project will be coming shortly. It's valued at \$144 million. Please see the following details:

Location: The project is located on Interstate 64 from approximately 0.50 miles east of Route 238 (Yorktown Road) to approximately 1.55 miles west of Route 143 (Jefferson Ave) in Newport News, Virginia. The proposed improvements include the addition of one 12-foot-wide travel lane and one 12-foot-wide paved shoulder in each direction. The roadway widening will occur in the median of the existing interstate, avoiding impacts to existing interchanges. Existing bridges within the corridor will be widened to the inside.

Description: Furnish Statement of Qualifications to support the design and construction of the Project to include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Roadway
- Survey
- Structures and Bridges
- Environmental
- Geotechnical
- Hydraulics
- Right-of-Way Acquisition
- Utility Relocation
- Public Relations
- Construction
- Quality Assurance and Quality Control

ITEMS OF INTREST

- A. DBE Conference Follow Up- per Doretha there is \$1983.82 left over from last year's event. Per the survey results, many people felt we should have a symposium annually. This year's symposium will be held in November. The Hilton has us penciled in for three available dates in November. If you have any ideas for themes or topics please contact Doretha Davis.
- B. Web Presence/IT for TDAC - Ms. Chi volunteered her company to create a website for TDAC. She stated we should follow the model of VTCA. The site will have TDAC's history, meeting updates and minutes.

John, asked don't we already have a website?

Doretha responded no.

Louisa, asked if Ms. Chi is volunteering to create and maintain the website? Ms. Chi replied yes.

Prescott recommended we put together an adhoc committee to discuss the website and how to maintain it. He volunteered to assist Ms. Chi, if she needed help.

Sandy also agreed to assist Ms. Chi.

C. Additional Items from the Industry- no report

D. Committee Assignments

Legislative Committee- David Sheppard will chair this committee.

Events Committee- Valerie Moore will chair this committee. The events committee will encompass the picnic, symposium and Christmas party.

Communication Committee - Ms. Chi will create the web page. TDAC will need to create a mailing list.

Prescott, asked if the bylaws have been updated? And, if not we need to change the bylaws to reflect the new committees.

AGENCY UPDATES

a. VDOT

Doretha- Civil Rights – Bonding Education Program a 4 week program held at ODU Peninsula center in Hampton from 4-7pm starting March 6th.

In addition, the civil rights division is recruiting for a division administrator.

The BOWD Center is located in Richmond, VA. Its purpose is to offer assistance to DBE's. Unfortunately, the center is not generating enough foot traffic and is currently at risk for being relocated downtown.

Prescott suggested we highlight the BOWD Center during our communication development.

Louisa stated people should know that Doretha will travel to conduct workshops.

Doretha stated effective April 1st the small business resource center at ODU will be closing effective April 1st.

b. DMBE

Calvin said DMBE and Dept. of Business Assistance was eliminated effective Dec. 31st. Those agencies were replaced by the Dept. of Small Business and Supplier Diversity. Ida McPherson is the interim director. The Dept. of Small Business and Supplier Diversity also has the VA loan authority and job investment group.

John, asked what information is giving to a DBE when they become certified?

Calvin said the DBE's receive certification a letter.

Doretha stated they contact all newly certified firms and introduce them to the BOWD Center and their services.

c. FHWA

No Industry Update

X. VTCA

No Industry Update

viii. Open Discussion

Stan introduced Former Commissioner Greg Whirley.

Former Commissioner Greg Whirley thanked TDAC and gave a brief speech.

He acknowledges that we are not utilizing our resources to the best of our capability. In addition, he recognizes VDOT has made great strides in facilitating the DBE and Prime contractor relationship within large projects. However, there are still some difficulties with that model on smaller projects. Mr. Whirley challenged TDAC to speak with the new commissioner and recommend this model be replicated on smaller projects.

He stated upcoming projects will bring \$1.6 or \$1.7 bil over the next six years in the Northern VA area \$1.2 bil in the Hampton Roads area.

He challenges TDAC to come up with very specific recommendations for the new commissioner recognizing what's happening in the future.

Once again, he thanked TDAC for his plaque and stated he would love to join us at a meeting in the near future.

Meeting adjourned.