STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD OF GEORGIA
MINUTES

Blue Ridge Mountain Arts Association
Historic Fannin County Courthouse
420 West Main Street
Blue Ridge, GA 30513

May 19, 2016
9:00 a.m.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:
Emily Dunn, Chair
Robert Brown, Vice Chairman
Jamie Boswell, Secretary
Ann Purcell
Johnny Floyd
Sam Wellborn
Tim Golden
Jeff Lewis
Don Grantham
Dana Lemon
Roger Williams

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:
Stacey Key
Mark Burkhalter
Rudy Bowen

DOT STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:
Russell McMurry, Commissioner
Mike Dover, Deputy Commissioner
Angela Whitworth, Treasurer
Meg Pirkle, Chief Engineer
Matt Cline, General Counsel

Chair Emily Dunn called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Jeff Lewis gave the invocation.

Chair Dunn asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the April 2016 meetings. Roger Williams made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Sam Wellborn and unanimously approved.*

Meg Pirkle, Chief Engineer, presented the projects proposed for the June 2016 Letting for approval. Chair Dunn asked for a motion to approve. Don Grantham made a motion to approve the projects proposed for the June 2016 Letting, seconded by Johnny Floyd and unanimously approved.*

Commissioner Russell McMurry gave the monthly Department report, including state fund collections; total employment figure for the month ending April 2016; updates on the FY 2017 budget and the 3% merit increase; major projects opened to traffic; the dedication of Mark Burkhalter Highway in Fulton County; the upcoming opening and dedication of Jimmy DeLoach Parkway in Savannah; the number of fatalities on Georgia roads this year; the incident involving a GDOT maintenance foreman, Curtis Lewis, in Polk County and the efforts the department is putting forth to keep workers safe as construction projects take place this summer and helping get the message out to watch for workers with the hashtag #Safeguardus; the Commissioner announced that GDOT is also partnering with GRTA and the Governor's Office on the importance of seatbelts and also to get the message out there of "please pardon our progress" as construction takes place; and an update on the Drive Alert, Arrive Alive campaign.

Commissioner McMurry presented a comprehensive rezoning resolution. Don Grantham made a motion to approve the following resolution, seconded by Johnny Floyd. The motion to approve passed with Jeff Lewis abstaining.*

RESOLUTION OF THE STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD OF GEORGIA

WHEREAS, the State Transportation Board did, in regular session on November, 18, 1971 adopt a policy on outdoor advertising; and

WHEREAS, said policy adopted by the State Transportation Board contained a Schedule "A" pertaining to cities and counties in Georgia which maintained comprehensive zoning plans; and

WHEREAS, that State Transportation Board has directed its staff to make necessary recommendations in order that Schedule "A" of the said Outdoor Advertising Policy may be kept current with changing conditions in cities and counties regarding comprehensive zoning plans; and

WHEREAS, the State Transportation Board did, in regular session on December, 18, 1975, adopt a resolution that said that the Board would review all comprehensive zoning plans submitted for initial approval, to ascertain and determine if said zoning plans can be certified for purposes of outdoor advertising consistent with the State and Federal Law or the Federal/State Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation has determined that the following recommendation is appropriate regarding comprehensive zoning plans:

CITY/COUNTY	COMPREHENSIVE ZONING	RECOMMENDATION
City of Brooklet	Initial Comprehensive Zoning Plan	Approve

NOW, THEREFORE, be resolved that the State Transportation Board, in regular session this date does hereby amend Schedule "A" of the Department of Transportation Outdoor Advertising Policy by including the above recommendations.

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Ann Purcell gave a report from the Finance Committee.* Ann Purcell made a motion to approve the attached Bond resolutions, seconded by Sam Wellborn and unanimously approved.*

Matt Cline, General Counsel, proposed the Board adopt the Green Book standards of control. Sam Wellborn made a motion to adopt the Green Book, seconded by Tim Golden and unanimously approved.

Don Grantham gave a report from the Legislative Committee.* There was no action taken at the meeting.

Sam Wellborn gave a report from the Program Delivery Committee.* There was no action taken at the meeting.

Chair Dunn asked for a motion to go into Executive Session. Robert Brown made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Sam Wellborn and unanimously approved.

Ann Purcell made a motion to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Jamie Boswell. Chair Dunn stated there was no action taken in Executive Session, and said the Board would take up discussion of increasing the Commissioner's salary to $250,000 after 30 days. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

Approved:

Emily Dunn, Chair

Respectfully submitted:

Jamie Boswell, Secretary

**Denotes documentation in file.*