

NDOT/Construction Industry Liaison Committee
10:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 28, 2008
Nevada Chapter AGC Conference Room
5400 Mill Street, Reno

Draft Minutes

1. Meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m., by Co-Chairs Susan Martinovich and Rod Cooper. Lance Semenko of Q & D construction was welcomed to the group as a new member as well as Jim Souba with NDOT
2. Ms. Martinovich briefly reviewed the purpose of the committee and asked for reports of the subcommittee working groups.
 - a. Administrative Subcommittee**
 - i. Craig Holt and Rick Nelson reported on the subcommittee, which met Tuesday, May 27, 2008. Two top recommendations were identified:
 1. Enhance the partnering culture of NDOT and The Construction Industry contractors doing business with NDOT. Recommended that NDOT staff and the Administration Subcommittee work with Sam Hassoun to develop a partnering implementation plan for NDOT and contractors which could begin in the 2009 construction season and be fully implemented in 12 – 18 months.
 2. Also recommended that closeout of completed job needs to be the second key priority for the subcommittee. Gary Selmi with NDOT reported that since beginning of the year, 22 of 80 completed jobs have been closed out, beginning with the oldest first. Subcommittee will recommend a package on further improving closeouts at the next meeting in August.
 - ii. Additional contractor involvement is needed on this subcommittee.
 - iii. Next Administrative Subcommittee meeting scheduled for 3:00 p.m. Thursday, June 26 at the AGC office in Reno.
 - b. Structures Subcommittee**
 - i. Gary Janco gave report since Co-Chair Mary Martini was unable to attend. Subcommittee discussed ten specifications. Identified two specification changes as priorities:
 1. Handling and placing of concrete should be reviewed and revised to specification changes which have been made in other states.
 2. Pre stressed concrete bridge duct vents also need to be reviewed for specification changes.
 - ii. Committee membership needs to be expanded to include appropriate personnel from NDOT and additional contractor representatives.
 - c. Roadway Subcommittee**
 - i. Jim Austin and Gary Selmi reported that ten people expressed an interest in serving on the committee. Next meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 6 at 10:00 a.m. at NDOT headquarters in Carson City. Topics will include plan quality, traffic control and electronic timesheets.
 - d. Safety Subcommittee**
 - i. Rod Cooper and Kevin Lee reported that a teleconference was held for one hour with approximately ten participants. Subcommittee will meet by telephone conference one or two times each quarter between NDOT/Industry committee meetings.

- ii. Discussion items included:
 - 1. Standardizing safety training requirements for highway workers between agencies and contractors.
 - 2. To enforce speed limits on construction work sites.
 - 3. Look at “Operation Hard Hat” in California that provided traffic enforcement imbedded in work zone.
 - iii. Susan Martinovich to email Colonel Perry at NHP for participation in subcommittee.
- e. Roadway Materials Subcommittee**
- i. Rich Buenting reported since Dean Weitzel was unable to attend. The following items were identified as priorities:
 - 1. Oil content of AC designs, especially open grade and discrepancies between private labs and NDOT designs.
 - 2. Failures since specification change to 4% air avoids and richer open grade designs
 - 3. Alternative to MC prime coats due to availability/environmental laws
 - 4. Quality control testing by certified labs and their use to NDOT
 - 5. Alternative burner fuels (ASTM D396)
 - 6. MSE source acceptance versus project control tests
 - 7. Consultant resident engineers comfort level with daily material issues
 - 8. Bughouse fines reintroductions
 - 9. Hot drop drum mix plants
 - ii. It was suggested that steel cost increases and indexing also be addressed.
 - iii. Additional individuals will be recruited to serve on the subcommittee which will include Dean Weitzel and Darren Tedford.
- 3. Rudy Malfabon suggested that the subject of electronic bidding be added to the Administrative Subcommittee as a subject for the next meeting.
 - 4. Jim Souba discussed whether the detailed information supporting the engineer’s estimate was necessary to distribute to contractors for future projects. Also mentioned that NDOT would request bill draft to permit electronic signature on plans for consultants.
 - 5. Susan Martinovich reported on the financial challenges facing the state with limited revenues and uncertainty of Federal highway funding. Ms. Martinovich also reported on the public private partnership project being proposed for Southern Nevada.
 - 6. Rick Nelson reported that he will work on contractor bulletins being included on the NDOT website.
 - 7. Susan Martinovich suggested that all subcommittee chairs and co-chairs advise John Madole of meeting times and dates so they may be distributed and notices. Holli Stocks to put meetings on NDOT website calendar.
 - 8. NDOT briefly discussed the transportation incident management plan being implemented in Southern Nevada. Plans are being made to implement the same plan in Washoe County soon.
 - 9. Susan Martinovich suggested the following items as future agenda items for meeting scheduled for 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 27, 2008 at the AGC office in Reno.
 - a. Increase membership on bridge and other subcommittees.
 - b. Contact Nevada Highway Patrol to involve them and safety efforts of Safety Subcommittee.
 - c. Incorporate contractors bulletin and improve web site – Rick Nelson.
 - d. Add legislative item for Federal and state to next agenda
 - 10. Meeting adjourned at 12:34 PM