



Minutes

Thursday, December 07, 2017

Greenville City Public Works, 475 Fairforest Way, Greenville, SC

President	Eric Rekitt (York County)
President Elect	Ben Carroll (City of Greenville)
Vice President	Thulasi Vinayagam (Anderson County)
Treasurer	David Dickson (City of Rock Hill)
Secretary	Oni Maxey (City of Greenville)
Director, 3yr term	Ryan Blancke (York County)
Director, 3yr term	Terrence Nealy (City of Rock Hill)
Director, 2yr term	Angela Jordan (City of Rock Hill)
Director, 2yr term	Wayne Owens (City of Greenville)
Director, 1yr term	Charles Pinson (Anderson County)
Director, 1yr term	Jim Burati (Clemson University)
Immediate Past President	Hesha Gamble (Greenville County)

Attendees: Eric Rekitt, Ben Carroll, Thulasi Vinayagam, David Dickson, Oni Maxey, Ryan Blancke, Terrence Nealy, Angela Jordan, Wayne Owens, Charles Pinson, Hesha Gamble, Jessica Cwynar, Thomas Bell, Lee Brackett, Jayson Jordan, Matt Hogan, Joe Stone, Megan Young, Holt Hopkins, Albert Beedie, Matthew Morris, Jennifer Mustar, Jonathan Chasteen, Keith Bishop, Chad Thompson, Deanna Damato, Richard McClure, Clint Moore

Meeting was called to order by Eric Rekitt and the October 12th meeting minutes were reviewed. Hesha Gamble had a correction in attendees, to add where she was present. Hesha moved for approval of minutes as amended with Charles Pinson providing the second for the motion. Minutes were approved unanimously.

President's Report: Eric Rekitt reported that the upstate branch is still in its infancy with the branch forming approximately 3 years. The goal for the year was to grow the membership and we have achieved that goal. He stated we are moving ahead with funding to help grow the branch and offer scholarship.

Treasurer's Report: David Dickson presented the account as of July 2017 was \$ 10,281.24. The branch's account has \$ 267.47 added from the National for chapter dues and an expense of \$ 131.61 for award plaques. David is going to establish a PO Box near his location for bank correspondence. Should the treasurer change in the future the PO Box will be change to be near the treasurers' location.

New Business

A) Reports from Committees

Audit: No report given.

Awards: Charles Pinson thanked the award committee for their assistance and hard work. Mr. Pinson also thanked those who submitted nomination.

Continuing Education and Training: No report given.

Student Outreach: Thulasi Vinayagam reported on partnership with ASCE Popsicle Bridge Competition to be held February 24th @ TD Convention Center. Thulasi stated more focus needs to be given to outreach at the middle school and high school levels.

Legislative Government Affairs: Lee Bracket reported on the tax form bill at the federal level may eliminate funding for infrastructure projects. Everyone is able to sign up for the Washington Report Email from the APWA by selecting it from their option on the national website.

Membership: Wayne Owens reported the website is currently down. Pickens City is looking to join after they hire a new Public Works Director. Belton City is interested in joining the City Administrator and 2 other key personnel.

Nominating: No report given.

Young Professionals: No Report.

State Conference Committee: Oni Maxey reported the state conference is to be held in August 2018 at the Hyatt. The conference for 2019 will be held in June. Anyone interested in helping the state conference committee are asked to reach out to Oni Maxey or Ben Carroll.

By-Law Committee: Terrence Nealy reported there are no current changes proposed for our branch, however; at the state level there is a change being considered to extend the state president from a one year term to a two year term. The state meeting it was discussed that the National Conference will be transitioning from a back hoe rodeo to a mini excavator challenge. The state is also looking a Pace Award to recognize branches.

B) Inflatable Mascot Rental

Thulasi Vinayagam presented the opportunity to rent a nine foot inflatable APWA mascot from the national branch for \$500 refundable deposit and the requesting branch pays for shipping \$78 each way for the Popsicle bridge competition February 24, 2018. Charles Pinson made a motion to rent the mascot for February 24, 2018 event. Hesha Gamble seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C) Election of Officer for 2018

Eric Rickett presented the list of nominations received for the 2018 Board of Officers. Mr. Rickett asked if there were any additional nominations, none were given. Charles Pinson motioned to accept the officers as nominated, Hesha Gamble seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

D) 2017 Upstate Award Presentation

Charles Pinson presented the awards for the 2017 year. Employee of the year was presented to Deanna Damato. Manager of the year was presented to Holt Hopkins. Project of the year was presented to Bristol Park Stormwater Improvement Project of Rock Hill.

E) Membership Presentation

Charles Pinson gave a PowerPoint presentation on the benefit of joining the APWA. The presentation is available via email request for others who would like it.

F) Tour of City of Greenville Public Works

City of Greenville Safety Training Officers lead 2 tours of the new Public Works Facility

Ben Carroll announced the meeting Adjourned.

The next meeting will be held February 8, 2018 at City of Greenville Public Works, 475 Fairforest Way.

The meal for the meeting to be hosted by Greenville County.