



Board of Transportation Safety

Meeting Minutes

06/23/11

DMV Headquarters, Richmond, Virginia

Chair: Walter Yeatts

Recording Secretary:

Audrey Odum

Board Members Present: Walter Yeatts, Selden Rhodes, Charlie Quillin, Bruce Wingo, Rebecca Martin, Richard Baugh, Tom McGrath, Ken Butler, Paulette Benson

Board Members

Absent: Charles Rosemond, Melvin Robertson, Curtis Carr

DMV Staff:

David Mitchell, Audrey Odum, Angelisa Jennings, Bob Weakley, Bruce Biondo, Steve Goodwin, Dwight Jenkins, Butch Letteer, Eula Moore-Anderson, Ernestine Barrett, Shuron Booker, Darlene Kelley

Special Guest(s):

Kristen Allen – NHTSA Regional Program Manager
Allen Muchnick – Former Board Member

Chair Walter Yeatts called meeting to order and thanked everyone for attending and recognized Kristen Allen from NHTSA as our new and returning Region III representative.

Secretary to the Board, David Mitchell congratulated Vice-Chair Selden Rhodes on his re-appointment to Board and announced the Board's new member Kermit Shaffer would join the Board on July 1, 2011. Melvin Robertson's completed his second term on June 30, 2011.

Public Comment - None

Board Business

Chair Walter Yeatts asked Secretary to the Board, David Mitchell to call roll. Representation was sufficient for a quorum.

Chair Walter Yeatts asked the Board for approval of the minutes from the February 2011 meeting. Approved with no amendments.

David Mitchell addressed past action items/legislation:

- No past action statements or updates on legislation to report. The Secretary stated that the DMV legislative staff was working on implementation of legislation from this year's session. July 1st deadline.
- The upcoming grant workshops including the Click it or Ticket awards were announced. Board members to be invited to workshops in their districts. **Action:** Provide Board with dates to workshop.
- David Mitchell announced Selden Rhodes on his reappointment and mentioned the new Board member; Kermit Shaffer would be joining us for the fall meeting. Mr. Shaffer will be the new Pupil Transportation representative.

Kristen Allen provided an update on NHTSA's new 2011 Impaired Driving Campaign.

Charles Quillin, Chair of the Awards Committee provided an updated on the 2011 Governor's Transportation Safety Awards Ceremony. He recognized committee members Melvin Robertson and Richard Baugh. This year's ceremony was held on June 8th at the Capitol.

Standing Reports

Angelisa Jennings provided an overview of current crash statistics.
Eula Moore-Anderson gave an update financial report.

Presentations

David Mitchell addressed the Board regarding the 2012 grant process. He discussed how federal funds would be allocated by district and funds distributed based on data, which identified the specific highway safety related problems for that geographic region.

Dave Rhodes, Chair of the Allocations Committee, gave a brief overview of the May 19th grants review meeting and recognized committee members, Kenneth Butler and Curtis Carr. Dave also recognized staff for all their hard work in making the process easy for the Board. He acknowledged the grants process and how far it has progressed.

Bob Weakley reviewed two FY2011 out of cycle grants: (Grant applications on file.)
Board Approved.

- Franklin County Sheriff's Office - \$38,614. Recommended not to fund due to grant expenditures timeline. FY2012 grant request was approved.
- Martinsville Police Department - \$10,000. Recommend approval.

Mr. Weakley began the review of the 2012 grant requests. Grants approved with minor changes.
Portsmouth Region – Drive Safe Hampton Roads - \$42,300
Richmond Region 3 – Louisa Town - \$3,640
Richmond Region 3 – Piedmont ASAP- \$9,000

The Board's recommendations for funding will be forwarded to the Secretary of Transportation for final approval. A news release will be generated once grants have been approved through the Secretary.

New Business from Floor

Chair Walter Yeatts recognized former Board member Allen Muchnick for his service to the Board and the Commonwealth. A plaque was presented. The Chair asked the Board for approval to request staff to prepare a resolution for former Board member, Melvin Robertson. Board agreed.

Chair Walter Yeatts asked for volunteers to serve on the Nominating Committee. Charlie Quillin and Rebecca Martin volunteered and the Chair contacted Charles Rosemond prior to meeting about serving as Chair of the Committee and Mr. Rosemond agreed.

The Chair asked that any member interested in serving as either Chair or Vice-Chair, should notify one of these committee members by July 31st. At the upcoming fall meeting, the Nominating Committee will bring forth a slate of officers to be voted on by the full Board. The new Chair will begin serving at the first meeting of 2012.

Bruce Biondo presented the motorcycle training simulator at the meeting and offered to the Board a chance to test their skills on driving a motorcycle. Mr. Biondo also mentioned that Virginia qualifies for a grant from NHTSA, strictly to be used for motorcycle safety that would be brought forth to the Board in the future.

Dates of Future Meetings

September/October 2011 – Board Meeting
December 7-9, 2011 – Transportation Conference in Norfolk.

More details forthcoming on both events.