**Legislative Committee Meeting**

Thursday, July 8th, 2021

11:30 AM – 12:05 PM

ACEC Office, 150 Fayetteville Street, Ste. 1340, Raleigh, NC 27601 and Asheville (WithersRavenel Office) and Virtual attendance

**MINUTES:**

1. **Welcome/Good News**
2. **Review/Approve Meeting Minutes -** Approved
3. **Board/Administrative Updates** 
   1. Meeting schedule (see below) – When meetings are offered in cities other than Raleigh, the Raleigh ACEC office will continue to host in-person meetings as well.
4. **Legislative Update** 
   1. **Current Session Update** – Legislative break, off week after 4th. Will be back next week. Focus is on budget. Senate has passed budget and sent to the House for consideration. House to try and have budget to Senate by end of July. Budget will then be negotiated and sent to Governor once agreed upon. Senate included transfer of short term rental car taxes (Approx. $70 million) to transportation fund. // Senate has formed NC-TEN committee. Committee is investigating 10-year plan to shore up NCDOT funding long term. Jim Smith is on that committee. Committee has held 2 meetings and made a couple of recommendations. Recommendations may make it into bill this year, or may be included next year. Ideas to come from that committee - Raise registration fee on electric vehicles. Adding registration fee for hybrid vehicles (currently not a fee). Adding fee to delivery companies (amazon, etc) ($0.25 per delivery for example).

There has also been general discussion about taking sales tax from transportation related items (tires, etc) and transferring that money to the highway fund (currently goes into the general fund).

Some have suggested a bond to help with transportation funding. Senate is anti-bond so this does not seem realistic at this time.

* 1. **NC Bills** – Carolinas AGC pushing a bill that would make small changes to indemnity bill that passed a couple of years. AGC also pushing bill that would make changes to design-build contracts. ACEC has reviewed both bills and does not have concerns about either at this time.
  2. **National Bills** – No update at this time.
  3. **NC/US Representative Updates** – No update

1. **PAC Updates Fundraising** 
   1. National PAC 2021 – Currently at approximately $15,000 (Goal $35,600). Golf tournament had 88 participants. Raised over $4,000.
   2. State PAC 2021 – Currently at approximately $10,000 (Goal of $25,000 by next November).
   3. ECNC (IE) Update
      1. Around 50 people attended event at Pinehurst. Speaker Moore addressed the group.
   4. Events and other PAC Updates
      1. NC Summer Conference – Wrightsville Beach (will include silent auction)
      2. Drive Shack – Raleigh
      3. Bourbon Tasting Update coming soon
2. **Subcommittee Updates** 
   1. Federal Subcommittee Update – No update since last meeting. Should have update at next meeting.
   2. Funding Subcommittee Update– No update since last meeting. Still developing agenda for subcommittee
3. **Legislation Initiatives** 
   1. Electronic Seals Update – No update
   2. Transportation Update – No update
4. **Board Liaisons** 
   1. Liaison Updates – No updates
      1. Board: Iona Thomas
      2. Environmental & Energy: Ryan Mitchell
      3. Transportation: John Adams
      4. Business Practices: Patrick Waterman
      5. B & I (Econ. Dev.): Walt Gray
      6. Senior Leaders Forum: Jim Smith
5. **Open Discussion** 
   1. Legislative Day in DC is scheduled for September 22-23
   2. Nick Tennyson (received sitting ovation) – NCDOT board members reviewing how much has been programmed and money spent.
6. **Future Meeting Dates –** Tentative and times may change for out-of-town visits. Note that host site is listed, but Raleigh ACEC location will be open for in-person meetings during all meetings. September 9 – Raleigh; November 18 – Charlotte (Or September 9); January 6, 2022 – Greensboro; March 10, 2022 – Raleigh; May 19, 2022 - Wilmington