**Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, September 8th, 2022

4-5PM

In Person in Wilmington, Virtual elsewhere

**AGENDA:**

1. **Welcome/Good News & Review/Approve Meeting Minutes (All-5min)**
2. **Board/Administrative Updates (NA)**
   1. **Future Presentations?**
3. **Legislative Update (Jim/David-15min)** 
   1. ACEC Survey results – 48 participants in survey. #1 issue Motor Fuels Tax; #2 Infrastructure Bill Funding Allocations; #3 Infrastructure Funding (Other than Highway/bridge); #4 Water/Sewer Funding; #5 Great Trail Initiative; #6 Military Funding; #7 E-Signatures (e-notary took about 2 years to get through; Jim Smith to setup meeting with NCBELS) ;
   2. 2023 has been deemed “The Year of the Trail” by the legislature ;
   3. David Ferrell – Senate has NCTEN commission spearheaded by Senator Sawyer, two meetings planned in 2022. Gas tax items may be able to be included in analysis. They are also going to take a look at toll lanes again. House does not have formal effort that senate has. David trying to get house and senate on the same page. Not as clear on what house priorities will be. There is continued discussion about EV registration fee and discussion about EV infrastructure buildout. These items could be part of transportation package. Continue to evaluate ways to get broadband out. Could change right of way laws to help this challenge.
   4. Jim Smith - NCTEN 4 initiatives – two involve additional fees for electric and hybrid vehicles. Fees attached to transportation service providers (uber/lyft). Fee attached to package delivery (amazon, etc).
   5. Josh Dalton – would like to see all those fees indexed to CPI so they keep up with inflation.
4. **PAC Updates Fundraising (Brock/Jim 10min)** 
   1. **National PAC 2022 Funds Status –** About 90% of annual goal. Summer conference raised $18k; Currently at $30k of $35k goal.
   2. **State PAC 2022 Funds Status –** Around $12k in account. Have made contributions at various fundraisers. Contribution list to be updated soon. ACEC believes in supporting legislators that support the issues we care about. ACEC also tries to support the leadership.
   3. **ECNC (IE) Update**
   4. **Events and other PAC Updates**
      1. **Future: Virtual Wine Tasting Sept 15 (State)-** 10 people participating; **Sept 28-29 Member Delegation in DC (**around 20 folks registered**); Oct 13 -Pitch for the PAC-Drive Shack Raleigh; Nov 17 Engineering Excellence Awards in Pinehurst (**Room block not sent out yet)
      2. **ACEC Fall Conference at Broadmoor** (20 people registered); **Oct 16-19; Joint ACEC/NCDOT Conference, Nov 30-Dec 1 –** Sponsorship opportunities will open end of September
5. **Subcommittee Updates (15min)**
   1. **Federal Subcommittee (Joe/John W) –** 2nd Largest market in state of NC (#1 is not transportation). There is a lot of money flowing through our state but we are not clear on how it is going to be executed, what types of contracts will be used. Strategic partnerships being developed. The more organizations working together, the greater influence we can have. 9/17 – NC Defense Summit; Society of Military Engineers Nashville Tn in November. NC Business Center Summit April 12-13 in 2023 Wilmington
   2. **Funding Subcommittee Update (NA)**
   3. **Transportation Subcommittee (Josh/Neil) –** Adjusting our legislative day scheduling. Would like to start earlier in the day and have reception/PAC event the evening before so out of town people can come in the night before. Then wrap up 2:30-3 PM. More details to come.
   4. **Other Subcommittee Updates (Brock) –** Would like to start Economic Development Subcommittee
6. **Legislative Initiatives** **(Brock 5min)**
   1. **401 Permitting**
7. **Other Committee Updates (Open - 5min)**
8. **Open Discussion (5min)**

* NCEDA – Patrick attended conference and will share survey
* Charlotte released BOND act today.
* Patrick and Jim attended event for Senator Craven. Event was very well attended.
* Senator Todd Johnson having an event in Weddington next week.

1. **Future Meeting Dates –Nov 10 (Raleigh), Jan 12 (Greensboro), Mar 9 (Charlotte), and May 11 (Asheville).**