



Scenic Sumter Heritage Byway
Byway Organization Meeting
Minutes –August 15, 2017 - 11:00 AM
UF/IFAS Extension Office
SR 471, Bushnell, FL

- I. Call to Order and introduction of guests:** Meeting was called to order by Chair, Kelly Williams (Private Citizen). Others in attendance include: Judie Mueller (Treasurer and Webster Postmaster); Mike Palozzi (Atkins); Martin Steele (Vice Chair); Jackey Jackson (Sumter County Public Works); Jesse Blovin (FDOT); Lorena Cucek (FDOT); Karen Ford (Atkins/FDOT); Deanna Naugler (City of Webster); Dawn Cary (Secretary); Dan McCormic (Explore Sumter County); Donna Lester (Sumter Extension); Karen Cloud (Sumter County Historical Society); Paul Remis (Mayor of Webster); and Claudia Calzarette (DOT/FSHP).
- II. Review of July 18, 2017 Minutes** – Approval to be moved to next month with pending changes. Motion made by Jackey Jackson; Judie Mueller, 2nd.
- III. Treasurer’s Report**-Judie Mueller reported the beginning balance for July 2017 was \$2,672.32 with no transaction leaving an ending balance of \$2,672.32. Judie still reconciling the difference in the bank balance from prior months. Martin Steele made the motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report with the \$27.00 discrepancy to be corrected. Jackey Jackson 2nd. Approved as is.
- IV. CME Working Committees**–Committee reports are follows:
 - A. Organizational Sustainability-**
 1. Board Manual-Mike and Karen are working on.
 2. Annual Work Plan-final draft to be ready for approval at the September meeting. Mike to email to the attendees of today’s meeting that did not get a chance to review at the committee meeting.
 - B. Coast to Coast Connector Update-** Kelly indicated that Lorena Cucek would cover in their upcoming presentation.
 - C. Transportation Alternative Program (Exit 309 Project)** –Claudia reported that the project is now a #9 in the Candidate Financial Management ranking. She indicated this is good, as we were at #12 last year. Next step is the Feasibility Study, where funds would be allocated. After that follows the PD&E, Design and then construction. Kelly saw the public relations person from Congressman Daniel Webster’s office at the last Sumter County BOCC meeting and she indicated that she is still waiting on our draft for the project and that they fully support it.
- V. Lorena Cucek and Jesse Blovin Presentation-Sumter County FDOT projects**-Jesse took us through the current and upcoming FDOT projects that are happening in Sumter

County, including the SR 50 PD&E from US 301 to CR 33, US 301 from C-470 to SR 44, C-470 PD&E from CR 527 to the Florida Turnpike, SR 471 Safe Routes to School with sidewalks project in Webster, along with the upcoming Complete Streets project on SR 471 from CR 478A to NW 10th Avenue. Also the status on the PD&E on the South Sumter Connector Trail and the Highway 50 Widening project. Lorena explained what a push button project was: when there is no right-a-way issues, projects can be eliminated from the PD&E phase and go straight to Design. There was discussion on a potential pedestrian cross walk at the Webster Elementary School to assist children in safely crossing the street to go to the Public Library. Jesse recommended emailing him with the concern and he would take it to the FDOT Public Safety Department. There was a discussion on the projected route of the C2C Connecting Trail where Jesse explained how the proposed route was selected during the Environmental Study and the status of the PD&E study.

VI. Byway Partners/Business Sponsorship Program

A. Kiosk Location Update-three kiosk panels are underway: Webster Farm Market, VanFleet Trailhead, I-75 NB Rest Area. Mike and Karen are completing the history/write-ups for these locations/themes. Claudia submitted the Northbound I-75 drawing to Deanna Hutchensen with the FDOT Maintenance division for approval.

VII. Media Updates

A. Social Media-Facebook friends up to 612.

B. Ride Sumter Card- finalized. Karen will send the final high resolution camera-ready card to the byway organization.

VIII. Past/Upcoming Events

A. Annual Dinner-Wednesday, October 11, 2017, 5:30-7:30. Sumter County Administrator, Bradley Arnold to be our Guest Speaker. Event to be held at Catfish Johnny's where dinner will be on your own. Claudia to see if Lorena would like to do an update on the C2C Connector Trail at the dinner.

B. Bushnell Fall Fest and Cow Chip Bingo-Saturday, October 21, 2017. Cow Chip Bingo grid to begin getting donations. Kelly to contact Black Kow for event sponsorship; Deanna Naugler agreed to donate the cow. Judie to contact Webster Farm Market for the pen; City of Webster to donate time to mark the grid.

IX. Florida Scenic Highways Program Report-Mike Palozzi and Claudia Calzaretta

I. Annual FSHP Statewide Meeting-Jeff Castor indicated that it will be held in February 2018. Claudia waiting for confirmation in order to schedule her District V Byway Forum.

II. Quarterly Byway Teleconference-September 11, 2017 at Noon. Dial-in information forthcoming.

III. Kiosk Engineering Plans-Claudia received plans from Louis Reis of BMA Consulting and forwarded to Jackey Jackson for comment. Two different plans for future use. A two-pole plan and a five-pole plan, which is currently used in Rutland.

Respectfully submitted by: Dawn A. Cary, Secretary/Treasurer

X. Public Comment/Round Table Discussion-Karen Cloud indicated that there are two gravesites along 470 that belong to the original editor of the Sumter Times and his wife. With the widening project going on there is concern that they might be disturbed. She will email the project manager to see if this has been documented. Kelly Williams attended the last BOCC meeting where Rich Baier was recognized as outgoing Assistant County Administrator. Kelly spoke to the commissioners thanking them for their continued support of the byway and handed out FSHP pins to help promote the byway program at their state appearances. It was well received.

XI. Adjournment-Next Meeting September 19, 2017 at Webster Community Center in Webster, FL.