PREVAILING WAGE COMMISSION MEETING NOVEMBER 19, 2009 MINUTES

PRESENT: Robert Henningsen

R. T. Summers

Mike Fitts Randy Lovett Brent Hall

Additional Attendees (See attached sign in sheet)

Recorded by: Mary Ellen Grace

Please note this transcript is not a word-for-word account. Some general discussions and comments have been omitted for the sake of brevity.

Deputy Commissioner Robert Henningsen called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. with all Commission Members or their designees present.

First order of business is to review the minutes from the September 3, 2009, meeting.

Motion was made by R. T. Summers (motion) I move we approve the minutes from the September 3, 2009, meeting.

Mike Fitts seconded.

All approved. Motion passed.

The purpose of this meeting is to review this year's survey data and establish preliminary Highway Prevailing Wage Rates for 2010.

Mary Ellen Grace went over some classifications and a number of the Highway forms where she has some concerns. A discussion ensued and the Commission agreed that after calling the contractors and verifying type of work and equipment that some of the data should be removed. The Rogers Group had been contacted, they asked that all data reported on classes 13 Heavy Duty and 14 Light Duty Mechanic be removed. Also all data from Diamond Specialist Inc., has been contacted and the work was done with a specialized machine not a 2 axel truck as reported. Mary Ellen said she would remove the data in question and do another calculation.

The Commission members review each classification and noted the increases and decreases reported. A discussion of the Highway forms from Traffic Specialists, Inc. also arose. The form reported hours under Unskilled Laborer for persons who are marking/re-lensing markers. Ms. Grace questioned if this should be under Unskilled Laborer. The Commission was not able to come to a consensus as to which classification it should be reported on. A decision was made that Ms. Grace would try again to verify the work. Ms. Grace will contact the employer to attempt to clarify the issue.

After much discussion R. T. Summers (motion) I move we utilized the 6% allowable by the statute, Mike Fitts seconded, all approved. Motion passed.

R. T. Summers (amended motion-Highway Rates) I move that in all Crafts with four or fewer responses that the data be deleted. The rate for all crafts with insufficient data or showed a negative will be left at the current 2009 rate those being Crafts 01, 08, 11, 12, 15, 16, 19, 22. On all crafts that show an increase of less than 10 % will be adjusted up or down for an increase of 2%. Craft 09 Electrician and Craft 18 Survey Instrument Operator having shown percentage change of plus more than 15% will have a change of 6% of the current rate applied to the survey rate. The new Craft # 25 Heavy Duty off Road Truck Driver rate will be set at the survey rate of \$12.98.

Mike Fitts seconded.
All approved. Motion passed.

Note Correction Made During November 30, 2009:

After a review of the minutes of the November 19th, 2009 minutes the following corrections was noted and corrections made. After reviewing the minutes Mr. Summers, Mr. Hall, Mr. Fitts and Mr. Lovett clarified the motion made during the November 19, 2009 meeting to the following: "on all crafts with four or fewer responses the data be deleted and not used to determine the final rate for those crafts". Clarification by the commission members to those Crafts that showed an increase would be adjusted down to show an increase of 2%. Crafts 1,11,16 & 22 would stay the same as the previous years rates, crafts 8, 12, 15, & 19 would also stay the same because there was insufficient or no data. Crafts showing and increase of over 15% would be decrease by 6% of the old rate and all others plus 2%". Mr. Fitts and Commission Members agreed this was correct. Ms. Grace reported 3 companies' data could not be verified and it had been removed and had dropped the over all increase.

Mr. Summers questioned the calculations for craft 20, Two Axle Truck Driver from \$13.90 to \$13.40 making it a \$.50 an hour difference which would put it under 8%. Mary Ellen Grace stated that she had only applied 2% to this rate. So the rate should be \$13.40 for class 20, two axel truck driver. Additionally new craft will add Truck Driver/Heavy Duty off Road. There was further discussion to set a rate for the new classification "Truck Driver/Heavy Duty off Road". This craft was surveyed and the survey rate came out as \$12.98.

Motion was made by R.T. Summers to approve the minutes from the November 19th, 2009 meeting with the corrections mentioned. Mike Fitts seconded the motion, All approved. Motion was passed.

The next meeting of the Prevailing Wage Commission was set for November 30, 2009, at 1:30 pm. The purpose of the meeting will be to review the Preliminary Prevailing Wage Rates, consider public comment, and establish the final rates for Highway Construction.

Mike Fitts I move we adjourn. R. T. Summers seconded. All approved. Motion passed.

Meeting was adjourn.

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