

# NORTHWEST FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR AUTHORITY MONTHLY MEETING

## Meeting Minutes

December 18<sup>th</sup> 2008

1. Call To Order-Chairman McElheney called to order the meeting of the Northwest Florida Transportation Corridor Authority at 10:00am CST on December 18, 2008 at Council Chambers in Gulf Breeze, Florida.

### **Members Present:**

Randall A. McElheney, Chairman

Jay Odom/Vice Chairman

Robert B. Montgomery, Secretary/Treasurer

Eddie Dixon

Cheryl Sanders

James Anders

Stephen Norris

Jason Alderman with FDOT

**Staff Present:** Nick Beninate, General Counsel

**Members Absent:** Maurice Langston

2. **Welcome** Chairman McElheney welcomed everyone to the NFTCA meeting in Gulf Breeze, Florida.
3. **Approval of Minutes** Monthly Meeting November 20, 2008.

**Motion by** Stephen Norris To approve minutes as amended.

**Second by** Eddie Dixon

**Approved:** 7-0

#### **4. New Business**

##### **A. 2009 Budget – Passed as a Resolution**

**Motion by Cheryl Sanders** To approve

**Second by Eddie Dixon**

**Approved 7-0**

##### **B. NFTCA Meetings 2009**

Discussion was held regarding the 2009 Meeting Schedule. Multiple options were given including quarterly meetings presented by Chairman McElheney and 8 meetings per year presented by Vice Chairman Odom. The Board Members agreed upon having 8 regular meetings per year, one in each county. Revised 2009 Meeting schedule to reflect Board Member comments to be presented and adopted at January NFTCA meeting.

**Motion by Cheryl Sanders** To approve

**Second by Robert Montgomery**

**Approved 7-0**

##### **C. Port St Joe Resolution**

Mr. Stephen Norris gave brief discussion on Resolution 08-06, Port St. Joe. Resolution was read aloud by Chairman McElheney.

**Motion by Cheryl Sanders** To approve

**Second by Stephen Norris**

**Approved 7-0**

#### **D. Invoices Resolution**

Resolution 08-05 was read aloud by Chairman McElheney, and brief discussion was held regarding resolution items. Invoices to be approved by Executive Committee, whereas the Executive Committee will brief Board Members on all approved invoices. General Counsel gave comments that meetings will still be made public.

**Motion by James Anders** To approve

**Second by Stephen Norris**

**Approved 7-0**

#### **E. Status Report Franklin Co**

Update was given on US 98 Franklin County by Nick Arnio. The current Environmental Impact Study (EIS) was discussed as well as the Corridor Feasibility Study. Discussion was held regarding prospective Franklin County website – Franklin County Website was TABLED.

#### **F. Status Report Eglin Bypass**

Vice Chairman Odom gave update on current status of Eglin Bypass, discussing four potential alignments, and the Eglin Bypass working group meeting. Resolution 08-04 was presented and read by Vice Chairman Odom.

**Motion by Eddie Dixon** To approve

**Second by Robert Montgomery**

**Approved 7-0**

#### **G. Harrison Sale Invoice**

Motion to pay outstanding Harrison Sale Invoices up to \$1,500.00

**Motion by Jay Odom** To approve

**Second by Eddie Dixon**

**Approved 7-0**

#### **H. Invoice Franklin Co No. 46088-H**

Board Member Cheryl Sanders mentioned to concern of the Franklin County websites and wanted to ensure that the Authority was looking at possible North/South routes. Mr. Ray Reissener confirmed that all alternatives, including a no-build alternative, would be addressed.

**Motion by Cheryl Sanders** To approve

**Second by Stephen Norris**

**Approved 6-0**

Chairman McElheney abstained from voting due to a potential conflict of interest. Chairman McElheney stated he owns real estate with some of the owners of Preble-Rish, Inc. and Preble-Rish, Inc. is a sub-consultant to HDR on the Franklin County project. To be cautious, Chairman McElheney abstained from voting because it is possible that this relationship could be considered a conflict with regard to the vote. He further stated he would submit Form 8B, "Memorandum of voting conflict for County, municipal, and other local public officers", to HDR to add to the public record.

#### **I. Invoice Franklin Co. No. 51425-H**

**Motion by Cheryl Sanders** To approve

**Second by Eddie Dixon**

**Approved 6-0**

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**J. Invoice Franklin Co. No. 60568-H**

**Motion by Cheryl Sanders** To approve

**Second by Jay Odom**

**Approved 6-0**

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**K. Invoice Franklin Co. No. 68207-H**

**Motion by Cheryl Sanders** To approve

**Second by Stephen Norris**

**Approved 6-0**

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**Board Member Comments-**

Stephen Norris gave presentation on the Federal Stimulus highlighting the Gulf to Bay Highway. Would like to have the Board complete a priority list for the stimulus.

Further discussion was held by Ray Reissener and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) regarding where the Northwest Florida Transportation Corridor Authority projects were in the system. Cheryl Sanders posed a question of whether there was Federal legislation for the funds.

Tommy Barfield with the Florida Department of Transportation gave response to Mr. Reissener's and Ms. Sander's questions and commented that he would like to step up

permitting in order to submit the Authority Priority list on the next stimulus priority list submission.

**Public Comments-**

**Missy McKim expressed her thanks to Vice Chairman Jay Odom and his involvement with the Eglin Bypass, and commented that she would like to see current information on the Northwest Florida Transportation Corridor Authority Website.**

Chairman McElheney stated that the next NFTCA Meeting would be: **1/22/09 in Panama City**

Chairman McElheney called to adjourn the meeting.

**Motion by Eddie Dixon** : To adjourn the meeting.

**Second by Jay Odom**

**Approved 7-0**

The meeting adjourned at 11:14 p.m. CST