

NORTHWEST FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR AUTHORITY MONTHLY MEETING

Meeting Minutes

May 17, 2007

Call To Order- Chairman McElheney called to order the meeting of the Northwest Florida Transportation Corridor Authority at 10:00am on May 17, 2007, at Panama City Commission Chambers in Panama City, Florida.

Members Present:

Randall A. McElheney, Chairman

Jay Odom, Vice-Chairman

Robert B. Montgomery, Secretary/Treasurer

Eddie Dixon

James Anders

Stephen K. Norris

Cheryl Sanders

Jason Alderman with FDOT

Staff Present: Franklin Harrison, General Counsel

Members Absent: Maurice Langston

Pledge of Allegiance-

Welcome- Chairman McElheney welcomed everyone to the NFTCA meeting in Panama City, Florida.

3. **Approval of Minutes** - Monthly Meeting April 19, 2007.
Special Meeting May 02, 2007.

Motion by Mr. Montgomery: To approve minutes of meetings.

Second by Mr. Dixon

Approved 6-0

4. New Business -

A. Master Plan Phase II Status Report- Mr. Ray Reissener provided an update on the status of Master Plan Phase II. He stated that the total project completion as of April 30, 2007 is 96.23%.

Mr. Reissener provided a brief update on Task #2, Franklin County PD & E study and Task #3, Eglin study. He said the studies are underway and will have a status report at the next board meeting.

Ms. Sanders asked Ray if he would provide an update on the Franklin County study at the Franklin County Commissioners meeting. He said he would have an update to provide at the meeting.

B. Approval of Invoices – Chairman McElheney asked the board members to review the invoices and make a motion for approval.

Motion by Ms. Sanders: To approve invoices.

Second by Mr. Dixon

Approved 6-0

C. Gulf to Bay Status Reports Segment 2 & 3 – Mr. Reissener gave an update on the percentage of completion of Gulf to Bay Segment 2 and 3. He stated Gulf to Bay Segment 3 was complete.

D. Resolution 07-04 Trip Agreement for Gulf to Bay Segment 3 – Chairman McElheney stated a Resolution was in hand for Trip funds for Gulf to Bay Segment 3.

Mr. Norris provided an overview on Gulf to Bay Segment 2 & 3. He stated how much he appreciates the effort that has been contributed to get to this point. He stated segment 3 was very critical. He said it would provide a way around the beach traffic. He said it would affect Hwy 98 most but would be a great help to Gulf County. Mr. Norris stated he wanted to make a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign Resolution 07-04 Trip Agreement.

Motion by Mr. Norris: To approve the Chairman to sign Resolution 07-04.

Second by Ms. Sanders

Approved 6-0

E. Discussion of Future Meeting Dates and Locations – Chairman McElheney stated that due to not having many items on the Agenda, the board needed to consider if the board wanted to continue meeting monthly. He stated the meeting scheduled in June would remain the same. The board would need to decide on what type of schedule they wanted for future board meetings. The board discussed the schedule and decided to continue to have monthly meetings in different counties through October 2007 due to the Franklin County study and Eglin study just getting underway among other projects ready to begin such as Gulf to Bay Segment 3.

Mr. Reissener spoke briefly on the fold out map and asked the board members to review the map. He said he would be contacting them to discuss any suggestions they may have about the fold out maps. He also mentioned the projects on the map were prioritized.

Mr. Odom commented he would like to review the map and discuss prioritization of the projects at the next board meeting. He stated he thought the board should continue to have at least two or three additional monthly meetings before changing the monthly schedule. He suggested removing the prioritizations of the projects from the map.

Mr. Anders asked the purpose of ranking the projects. Ray replied the projects were ranked by the biggest impact according to the goals and objectives. He said that is why it was created. He stated these were for discussion to change or format as the board would like.

Mr. Norris stated project #56 was not on the map.

5. Public Comments-

1. Jean Wallace with The Scenic Highway Foundation requested to leave a letter with the board and asked that they read it.
2. Linda Young with the Cleanwater Network of Florida stated she was concerned because it seems that the board has lack of interest of the public opinion. She said she has not received responses to questions she has submitted as well as others she knows have not received answers to their questions and concerns. Ms. Young requested a copy of the Master Plan fold out map and the CD of the

Master Plan Presentation. She asked where the Invoices were located that the board approves at the meetings. She stated the public has the legal right to know and have access to everything the board has.

Chairman McElheney told Ms. Young a CD of the presentation would be mailed to her. He gave Ms. Young his fold out map. He also stated if she had a specific request such as invoices, presentations, etc., to contact Denise Curry at HDR Engineering and it would be provided to her. Chairman McElheney asked Ms. Young to provide him with her questions and he would make sure they were answered.

Mr. Odom stated Gulf to Bay is not the NFTCA. He said that was a project under the FDOT and the NFTCA is not the entity to come to on that.

Mr. Odom asked HDR if the website was checked on a daily basis to assure it was operating properly because the website had been down for a few days.

Chairman McElheney told Mr. Odom that Ray Reissener with HDR had contacted him to let him know the website was down due to server problems while updating the website.

Chairman McElheney also mentioned that HDR would continue to place the notice of meetings in the legal ads but would also send a Press Release to the newspapers.

Mr. Anders stated that the Walton County Chamber of Commerce will be publishing a story on the Northwest Florida Transportation Corridor Authority.

Motion by Mr. Dixon: To adjourn

Second by Mr. Anders

Approved 6-0

Chairman McElheney adjourned the meeting at 10:40AM.