

NORTHWEST FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR AUTHORITY MONTHLY MEETING

Meeting Minutes

May 2, 2007

Call To Order- Chairman McElheney called to order the meeting of the Northwest Florida Transportation Corridor Authority at 9:30am on May 2, 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

Jason Alderman with FDOT

Staff Present: Mike Duncan, General Counsel

Members Absent: Cheryl Sanders

Pledge of Allegiance-

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

V. **New Business**

- a) **Administrative Challenge-** Chairman McElheney opened discussion on the Petition for Administrative Hearing filed by the Cleanwater Network of Florida, Inc. Mr. Odom said the board wanted to be clear that before implementing any project, due process will be there. He said there would be ample opportunity to challenge the Authority, however now was not the time.

Mike Duncan, General Counsel, stated the legislature does not allow the Authority to avoid federal, state, or local legislation. He said there will be due

process of studies required for any project and this is the beginning of the process.

Mr. Norris said this is a blanket complaint to stop anything from happening. He stated he agreed to deny the hearing and move forward.

Motion by Mr. Norris: To Deny Petition for Administrative Hearing.

Second by Mr. Dixon

Approved 6-0

Mr. Odom stated this can still be appealed to the District Court. This is not the only remedy.

VI. Public Comments-

1. Meg Nelson spoke on behalf of M.C. Davis. She said there has been lack of public participation. She asked if the Authority's response would be available to the public.

Mr. Odom replied it would be posted on the website.

2. Diane Brown stated the public has the right to participate prior to a decision being made. She said this is only going to incur more expense. She asked the Authority to stop and take a look at their position before further actions are taken.
3. Carl D. Peterson stated this would go to the courts. He said environmental groups would be challenging the Authority and they've made more people angry than the ones that filed the petition. Mr. Peterson said the Authority was in this for the long hall and better treat people right

Motion by Mr. Odom: To adjourn

Second by Mr. Norris

Approved 6-0

Chairman McElheney adjourned the meeting at 9:45AM.