

NORTHWEST FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR AUTHORITY MONTHLY MEETING

Meeting Minutes

July 19, 2007

1. **Call To Order-** Chairman McElheney called to order the meeting of the Northwest Florida Transportation Corridor Authority at 10:00am on July 19, 2007 at the City Hall in Ft. Walton Beach, Florida.

Members Present:

Randall A. McElheney, Chairman

Jay Odom, Vice-Chairman

Robert B. Montgomery, Secretary/Treasurer

James Anders

Cheryl Sanders

Maurice Langston

Eddie Dixon

Stephen Norris

Jason Alderman with FDOT

Staff Present: Robert Fleming, General Counsel

Members Absent:

Pledge of Allegiance-

2. **Welcome-** Chairman McElheney welcomed everyone to the NFTCA meeting in Ft. Walton Beach, Florida.
3. **Approval of Minutes-** Monthly Meeting July 19, 2007.

Motion by Mr. Dixon: To approve minutes of meeting.

Second by Mr. Odom

Approved by 7-0

4. New Business -

- A. Status Report on Task #2, Franklin County Study-** Mr. Ray Reissener provided an update on the status of the Franklin County PD&E study. He stated that historical and environmental information was being gathered at this time.
- B. Status Report on Task #3, Eglin Bypass Study-** Mr. Reissener stated that HDR was working on an evaluation of the corridor provided by Eglin. He said that information had been gathered and problem areas were found. Mr. Reissener said he was meeting with Eglin today to discuss the areas of interest and possible solutions for them.
- C. Status Report on Task #4, Public Outreach –** Mr. Reissener said he would continue to meet with local groups and County Commissioners. He said he would be scheduling to meet with Bay County commissioners in the near future. He stated the next level will be meeting with the County TPO's.

Mr. Odom asked Mr. Reissener to provide the status of the Master Plan itself to update the public that had not been involved in the process up to this point. Mr. Reissener stated the developing of the Master Plan was complete and was adopted by the NFTCA Board Members on April 5, 2007. He showed the map of the Master Plan and what was considered in the decision making process.

Mr. Odom said the last two years consisted of the development of the Master Plan and now was the time to decide what comes next.

- D. Approval of Invoices-** Chairman McElheney stated there were several invoices for approval and usually the invoices are approved all together. He said he wanted present the invoice for Task #2, Franklin County Feasibility Study separately because he was abstaining from voting on this invoice due to a conflict of interest.

Motion by Ms. Sanders: To approve the invoice for Task #2 Franklin County Study.

Second by Mr. Dixon

Approved by 7-0

Chairman McElheney presented the additional invoices for approval.

Motion by Ms. Sanders: To approve the invoices.

Second by Mr. Dixon

Approved by 7-0

- E. Prioritization of Projects-** Mr. Reissener gave an overview of the project prioritization to the board members for them to consider and vote on the priority of the projects specifically for the 3-5 year plan of the NFTCA.

Mr. Odom recommended the board take time to review the Prioritization Chart and consider voting at the next board meeting.

Chairman McElheney agreed with Mr. Odom. He said the board should review and discuss the projects today, ask questions, make suggestions and consider voting at the next meeting. He asked Mr. Reissener to discuss the projects and their prioritization.

Mr. Reissener stated the FWB/Niceville Bypass, Navarre Bypass and the Niceville-Freeport Connector are part of the Eglin Bypass and have already been funded. He said the Mid-Bay Bridge projects have been funded and are under design. Mr. Reissener also stated the Gulf-Bay Parkway project is under construction.

Chairman McElheney asked if anyone had any questions or comments.

Mr. Langston asked about the status of Hwy 319 in Crawfordville. Mr. Barfield with the FDOT stated the design funding was underway for Hwy 319 from Tallahassee to Crawfordville.

Mr. Langston said he was hoping the project for Hwy 319 could be moved from the 5-10 year plan to the 3-5 year plan. He said there was a great need for this due to the amount of accidents and fatalities on highway 319.

Ms. Sanders stated she agreed with Mr. Langston on moving the project for Hwy 319 to the 5 year plan.

Mr. Dixon asked if the project for SR 87 was in the 5 year plan because of hurricane evacuation. Mr. Reissener replied it was because there is high evacuation on SR 87.

The FDOT stated the project design was ready for Hwy 87 but there was no funding at this time for the completion.

Mr. Odom restated the board would take time to review the projects before voting on the priority of the projects.

Mr. Dixon asked Mr. Reissener if the board members should call him with any recommendations or suggestions regarding the projects. Mr. Reissener replied he wanted to speak with each member about the prioritization of the projects whether they had recommendations for changes or agreed with existing prioritization. He told the board he would be contacting them before the next meeting if he didn't hear from them.

5. Public Comments-

- 1. Mike Anderson-** Mr. Anderson stated he was surprised that CR 123 was not on the Master Plan map. Mr. Anderson was informed that CR 123 would be extended to show on the map.
- 2. Mike Lawson-** Mr. Lawson spoke on behalf of the Walton County Chamber of Commerce. He said the Chamber appreciated that Hwy 331 was a high priority of the NFTCA. He thanked the Authority for their contribution to the Business Journal published by the Walton County Chamber for putting the Master Plan in the journal.

Mr. Montgomery commented on the next board meeting to be held in Port St. Joe, FL on August 16, 2007. He asked the board if the meeting time could be changed to 1:00pm EST instead of 10:00am EST due to the different time zone and travel time.

The board voted on changing the meeting time for the August 16, 2007 board meeting.

Motion by Ms. Sanders: To change the meeting time from 10:00am EST to 1:00pm EST.

Second by Mr. Dixon

Approved by 7-0

Mr. Montgomery asked if a Press Release of the board meeting had been sent to the news papers. He was told that one had been sent to the papers.

Chairman McElheney recommended sending a Press Release to the T.V. stations for more advertisement. He stated the League of Women Voters had done that and an announcement was made regarding their meeting.

Motion by Ms. Sanders: To adjourn the meeting.

Second by Mr. Dixon

Approved by 7-0

The NFTCA board meeting adjourned at 10:35am.

APPOINTED OFFICERS (continued)

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I, Randall Adams McElheney, hereby disclose that on July 19, 20 07 :

(a) A measure came or will come before my agency which (check one)

- inured to my special private gain or loss;
- inured to the special gain or loss of my business associate, Philip Jones, William Kennedy, David Kennedy, Clifford Knaver, Christopher Forehand;
- inured to the special gain or loss of my relative, _____;
- inured to the special gain or loss of _____, by whom I am retained; or
- inured to the special gain or loss of _____, which is the parent organization or subsidiary of a principal which has retained me.

(b) The measure before my agency and the nature of my conflicting interest in the measure is as follows:

I own real estate with the above-referenced principals of Preble-Rish. At the July 19, 2007 meeting of the Northwest Florida Transportation Corridor Authority (the "Authority"), one agenda item was an invoice for HDR Engineering, Inc. ("HDR"). HDR has hired Preble Rish as a subcontractor to assist in work for the Authority. Thus, monies paid under the HDR invoice could ultimately be paid to Preble Rish.

Date Filed

8/2/07

Signature



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