

**NORTHWEST FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR  
AUTHORITY MONTHLY MEETING**

Meeting Minutes

August 20, 2009

**1. Call To Order:** Vice-Chairman Norris called to order the meeting of the Northwest Florida Transportation Corridor Authority at 10:00am CDT on August 20<sup>th</sup> 2009 at the Hagler Mason Room, Pensacola City Hall.

**Members Present:**

Stephen Norris/Vice-Chairman

Robert Montgomery/Secretary/Treasurer

James Anders

Eddie Dixon

Jason Alderman with FDOT

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

**Members Absent:** Randall McElheney/Chairman, Cheryl Sanders, Maurice Langston

**2. Welcome** Vice-Chairman Norris welcomed everyone to the NFTCA meeting in Pensacola, Florida.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

**A. Regular Authority Meeting & Executive Committee Meeting June 25<sup>th</sup> 2009**

**B. Regular Authority Meeting July 16<sup>th</sup> 2009**

Quorum not present – No vote on Meeting Minutes

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

##### **A. Discussion of 2009 Master Plan & Updated Priority List**

Discussion by Mr. Ray Reissener on the 2009 Master Plan and updated Project Priority List was held.

##### **B. Public Comments on 2009 Master Plan & Updated Priority List**

Ms. Linda Young asked which additions, if any, have been made in the Port St. Joe area in the 2009 Master Plan and Updated Priority List. Vice-Chairman Norris responded that the Port of Port St. Joe has been added to the Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), and was added due to transportation planning purposes. Jason Alderman (FDOT) added that the Port of Port St. Joe was added to the SIS due to its designation as an emerging sea port facility. Ms. Young then inquired whether there would be the addition of a toll road in Port St. Joe. Vice-Chairman Norris responded that there were no plans or discussions for a toll road facility in Port St. Joe, Florida. Ms. Young asked why the Port of Port St. Joe was added to the 2009 Master Plan, and Vice-Chairman Norris responded that due to the Port of Port St. Joe being an emerging sea port with high interest, as well as the fact that sea ports are considered major transportation facilities, were the reasons the Port of Port St. Joe was included into the 2009 Master Plan Map.

##### **C. Adoption of 2009 Master Plan & Updated Priority List**

Quorum not present – No vote on 2009 Master Plan & Updated Priority List

##### **D. Approval of US 98 Franklin County Invoice No. 118962-H for \$166,400.48**

Quorum not present – No vote on Invoice No. 118962-H

Vice-Chairman Norris recommended to the Board that a special meeting be held in September to conduct regular business and approve invoices. General Council Nick Beninate indicated this would be acceptable, and that the meeting will need to be advertised and open to the public.

##### **E. Approval of US 98 Franklin County Invoice No. 126005-H for \$124,800.36**

Quorum not present – No vote on Invoice No. 126005-H

##### **F. Approval of Audit Engagement Letter from Carr, Riggs & Ingram**

Quorum not present – No vote on Audit Engagement Letter

**Public Comments:**

Ms. Linda Young commented that she has observed that the NFTCA has not had a quorum present at the recent meetings, and inquired if there was currently a process to review the authority and measure need. Ms. Young stated that she could not see where there was anything being completed as well as issues not being addressed regarding US 98. Ms. Young stated that she felt there should be a self-examination conducted by the Board.

Vice-Chairman Norris thanked Ms. Young for her comments and commented that he understood the process of improving transportation could prove frustrating due to the time involved. Ms. Young stated that there are significant costs involved in having the regular Board Meetings, with attorneys and consultants present. Ms. Young stated that she along with others participating in public work would like to see the goals set forth by the legislature come to pass. Ms. Young also requested to see some alternatives which included public transportation. Mr. Norris thanked Ms. Young for her comments.

**Board Comments:**

Mr. James Anders read aloud to the board and public an article published regarding former board member, Jay Odom, and his vital contributions to the NFTCA. Mr. Anders encouraged the board to stay active in the process and in their local communities and with their local representatives.

Mr. Jason Alderman (FDOT) reminded the public about the upcoming Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) Workshop Meetings to be held August 22<sup>nd</sup> in Tallahassee, September 14<sup>th</sup> in Milton, and September 15<sup>th</sup> in Marianna. Mr. Alderman asked that everyone who could, please attend and noted that for more information, the public could visit [www.sisupdate.org](http://www.sisupdate.org).

Vice-Chairman Norris called to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:24 am CST