

NORTHWEST FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR AUTHORITY MONTHLY MEETING

Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2009

1. Call To Order: Chairman McElheney called to order the meeting of the Northwest Florida Transportation Corridor Authority at 10:03am CST on September 9th 2009 at the Panama City Commission Chambers, Panama City, FL 32401.

Members Present:

Randall McElheney/Chairman

Stephen Norris/Vice-Chairman

Robert Montgomery/Secretary/Treasurer

Maurice Langston

James Anders

Eddie Dixon

Jason Alderman with FDOT

Staff Present: Mike Duncan, General Counsel

Members Absent: Cheryl Sanders

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

3. Approval of Minutes

A. Regular Authority Meeting & Executive Committee Meeting June 25th 2009

Motion by Eddie Dixon To approve Regular Authority & Executive Meeting Minutes
Second by Maurice Langston
Approved 6-0

B. Regular Authority Meeting July 16th 2009

Motion by Eddie Dixon To approve Regular Authority Meeting Minutes
Second by Maurice Langston
Approved 6-0

C. Regular Authority Meeting August 20th 2009

Motion by Eddie Dixon To approve Regular Authority Meeting Minutes
Second by Maurice Langston
Approved 6-0

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.

Chairman McElheney commented on Project No. 38 being a Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) PD&E () Study, and has been included into the Master Plan since there is a working coordination between the NFTCA and the FDOT.

Mr. Anders inquired if the Eglin Bypass was now being called the North West Florida Bypass. Mr. Reissener responded that the Department of the Airforce requested the project name change.

Chairman McElheney commented that he strongly supported the adding of the Port of Port St. Joe to the 2009 Master Plan since it is such a vital project for Gulf County residents.

Vice Chairman Norris thanked the Florida Department of Transportation for their assistance with the Port of Port St. Joe.

Mr. Anders asked if the Gulf Coast Parkway project ended at Windmark Beach. Vice Chairman Norris responded that the Gulf Coast Parkway did not end at Windmark Beach, but rather at Hwy 386, at the Gulf to Bay Highway, which will be Segment 1 and Segment 2 of the project.

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

No Public Comments

C. Adoption of 2009 Master Plan & Updated Priority List

Motion by	Stephen Norris	To Adopt 2009 Master Plan & Updated Priority List
Second by	Eddie Dixon	
Approved	6-0	

Mr. Jason Alderman with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) inquired if additional maps of the 2009 Master Plan and Updated Priority List would be printed. Chairman McElheney commented that funding would be an issue. Mr. Tommy Barfield with the FDOT offered to print some copies if provided with the 2009 Master Plan in a printable format.

Vice Chairman Norris commented that at the last NFTCA meeting, there was a comment made regarding US 98 projects included in the FDOT workplan. Vice Chairman Norris inquired if the NFTCA would be able to obtain a copy of those projects. Mr. Jason Alderman with the FDOT responded that he would provide a copy.

Chairman McElheney opened up discussion a second time for Public Comment on the 2009 Master Plan & Updated Priority List. No public comments were given.

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

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

F. Approval of US 98 Franklin County Invoice No. 133908-H for \$187,200.54

Motion by	Stephen Norris	To approve Invoice Items D, E, & F
Second by	Eddie Dixon	
Approved	5-0	
Abstained	Randall McElheney	

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.

G. Approval of Audit Engagement Letter from Carr, Riggs & Ingram

General Council, Mike Duncan, gave an overview of the auditing services required as well as the process and which years would be covered under the new contract.

Motion by Maurice Langston To approve Audit Engagement Letter from CRI
Second by Robert Montgomery
Approved 6-0

H. Next Regular Authority Meeting Determination

Motion was given to amend the current 2009 Board Meeting Schedule to add a regular scheduled meeting on Thursday, November 19th 2009 in Franklin County, FL.

Motion by Maurice Langston To adopt November 19th meeting into schedule
Second by Robert Montgomery
Approved 6-0

Public Comments:

No Public Comments

Board Comments:

Mr. Jason Alderman (FDOT) reminded the public about the upcoming Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) Workshop Meetings, and directed those interested to the SIS website (www.sisupdate.org) for further information.

Chairman McElheney called to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:27 am CST