

# NORTHWEST FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR AUTHORITY MONTHLY MEETING

Meeting Minutes  
July 28, 2011

1. Call To Order - Chairman Montgomery called to order the meeting of the Northwest Florida Transportation Corridor Authority at 10:00 am CST on July 28, 2011 in Panama City, Florida at the Bay County Commission Meeting Room.

## **Members Present:**

Robert B. Montgomery, Chairman

Stephen K. Norris, Vice Chairman

James F. Anders, Secretary/Treasurer

J. Carey Scott III

Cheryl Sanders

Wakulla County (Vacant)

Escambia County (Vacant)

Jason Alderman with FDOT

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

**Members Absent:** Bob McGill

2. **Welcome** Chairman Montgomery welcomed everyone to the NFTCA meeting in Panama City, Florida
3. **Approval of Minutes** Monthly Meeting April 28, 2011  
Mr. Scott made motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Norris and unanimously approved.

#### **4. Financial Report**

Chairman Montgomery asked if anyone had any questions regarding the Financial Report.

#### **5. New Business**

##### **A. Approval of Invoice – Harrison, Sale, McCloy, Duncan & Jackson, General Counsel, \$962.50**

Mr. Norris made a motion to approve, seconded by Mrs. Sanders & unanimously approved.

##### **B. Approval of Invoice – HDR/GCI, \$17,119.52**

Mr. Scott asked if this invoice included the Administrative costs. Chairman Montgomery stated that Jason Alderman had seen the invoices. Mr. Alderman stated the format may have to be changed. Bob Kellner stated everything on the invoice was separated out with details. Mr. Norris made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Scott & unanimously approved.

##### **C. Approval of Invoice – HDR/GCI, \$9,073.98**

Mr. Scott made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Norris & unanimously approved.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Nancy Model with Santa Rosa County stated she was glad to hear the Eglin discussion because the congestion on US 98 was so bad. She stated that complaints about the congestion were increasing. She asked what steps the Board would take now that the study was complete. Chairman Montgomery stated the counties needed to get involved in obtaining funding. Mr. Anders stated they needed the support of the Transportation Commission, TPOs and the state leadership. Ms. Model stated the Eglin bypass is on their top three priority list. Bob Kellner stated it was a project that was worth pursuing and the Board should plan to work towards that for the future.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Chairman Montgomery stated he had attended the Transportation Commission meeting in May. He discussed the study that was done. He also stated the new DOT Secretary wants him to schedule a meeting in August to discuss Authority issues. Chairman Montgomery stated the Secretary felt a lot had been accomplished with the toll feasibility study. Mr. Anders stated there was a lot of traffic that would use an Eglin bypass, but that wasn't taken into consideration. Jason Alderman stated traffic numbers should have been included in the study. Chairman Montgomery stated the Board should take a broad view and look at all projects for the eight counties represented on the Master Plan. He also stated he wanted to develop a contact list for all TPOs and MPOs.

Mr. Norris stated that he would like for Larry Kelley to do a presentation on the Port of Port St. Joe at the next meeting in Port St. Joe.

Mr. Scott stated the speed limit on the road to the airport is 55mph. He asked who dictates the speed limit on county roads. Jason Alderman stated that Keith Bryant would be a good contact for speed limit information.

Mr. Anders asked if someone could give the Board an update on the Gulf Coast Parkway at the next meeting.

Chairman Montgomery stated there wasn't any progress made on the new board members for Wakulla and Escambia counties. Mrs. Sanders stated those positions needed to be filled because those areas may be affected by the upswing in the economy.

Chairman Montgomery announced the next meeting would be held in Port St. Joe on October 27, 2011.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30am, CST.