

NORTHWEST FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING

Meeting Minutes
October 23, 2014

1. Call To Order

Chairman Montgomery called to order the meeting of the Northwest Florida Transportation Corridor Authority Financial Committee at 10:00am EST on October 23, 2014 in the Wakulla County Commission Chambers, Crawfordville, FL.

Members Present:

Robert B. Montgomery, Chairman
James F. Anders, Secretary/Treasurer
Scott Gaby
Cheryl Sanders
J. Carey Scott, III
Gordon Sprague
Mike Lewis, FDOT

Staff Present: Nick Beninate, General Counsel and Alicia Stephen, Administration

Members Absent: Steve Norris, Vice Chairman

2. Pledge of Allegiance & Welcome Chairman Montgomery welcomed everyone. The Chairman mentioned that one of the Board members was on their way so the suggestion was made to adjust the agenda accordingly and delay any agenda items that required a vote by the Board.

* **Item 5.E.** At this point in the meeting, the West Bay Parkway Extension Corridor Feasibility Study was presented by Brian Russell and Jesse Blume of CH2M Hill and Lynn Cherry of Carpe Diem. The Study is being done to determine the potential of new or enhanced roadway connections within the study area. The study area includes SR 77, the planned West Bay Parkway to the west, SR 75 (US 231) or the planned Gulf Coast Parkway to the east in Bay County. The consultants said that these projects are beginning to get a lot of attention because eminent domain letters are currently being received. Board Member Jim Anders mentioned that he has already received one. Mr. Russell and Mr. Blume said that the first Project Advisory meeting is being held in Chipley on 11/12/14. They suggested that anyone interested in attending the meeting needed to let them know quickly as seating was limited. (PowerPoint presentation and Project Newsletter #1 attached.)

Chairman Montgomery inquired about the present status of FDOT developing a toll feasibility study for the West Bay Parkway study extending from US 98 to SR 77. Mr.

Mike Lewis, FDOT, mentioned that the Turnpike Authority has a consultant currently doing a toll feasibility study on the project. These studies are very involved so they are hoping to have results in approximately 6 months. Mr. Kent Wimmer asked if FDOT is looking to toll all segments of the West Bay Parkway Extension. Mr. Lewis said yes.

Bob Kellner, HDR, then gave a brief presentation of the Eglin Bypass, a project included in the NFTCA Master Plan. It is presently being reviewed to potentially redefine its limits.

The Board Member who had been delayed arrived at the meeting. Since the member represented Bay County, the West Bay Parkway Extension Corridor Feasibility Study project presentation was repeated for his benefit.

3. Approval of Minutes

Monthly Meeting: April 24, 2014

Motion made by Gordon Sprague to approve the April 24, 2014 meeting minutes.

Motion was Seconded by Cheryl Sanders. The Motion was unanimously Approved.

4. Financial Report

A. Financials – Carey Scott asked Alicia Stephen if the format was the same as requested previously by the Board and created by Anita Mayer. Alicia replied that it was. Carey Scott made a Motion to Approve the Financials; Cheryl Sanders Seconded and the Motion was unanimously Approved.

B. Adoption of 2015 Budget – Nick Beninate said that the format of the budget was fine and the numbers came straight from the Agreement between the Authority and FDOT. The only issue is the money in the bank and that is being discussed. Chairman Montgomery said that the Board needed to see if there was a project worth doing for next year and suggested that this needed to be discussed and decided at the next meeting. Cheryl Sanders made a Motion to Approve the 2015 Budget as presented. Carey Scott Seconded the Motion and it was unanimously Approved.

5. New Business

A. Approval of Invoice – Carr Riggs & Ingram, \$ 6,000.00

B. Approval of Invoice – Harrison Sale McCloy, \$ 1,155.00

C. Approval of Invoice – Harrison Sale McCloy, \$ 297.50

D. Approval of Invoice – HDR, \$ 4,325.03

Gordon Sprague made a Motion to approve Invoices A through D. Cheryl Sanders Seconded the Motion and the Motion was unanimously Approved.

E. *West Bay Parkway Extension – Presentation was given earlier.

F. 2015 Board Meeting Dates and Proposal Locations

Proposed meeting dates were:

- January 22, 2015
- April 23, 2015
- July 23, 2015
- October 22, 2015

Proposed locations were:

- Pensacola, FL
- Navarre, FL
- Ft. Walton Beach, FL
- South Walton County, FL
- Panama City, FL
- Port St. Joe, FL
- Crawfordville, FL
- Apalachicola, FL

The Chairman said that the dates were consistent with our quarterly dates and suggested that we consider using the first 4 locations, accordingly. Cheryl Sanders made a Motion that we vote on the Chairman's suggestions; Gordon Sprague Seconded the Motion and the Motion was unanimously Approved.

6. Public Comments

Chairman Montgomery welcomed Rick Gallant of the Florida Transportation Commission to the meeting.

7. Next Meeting Date: January 22, 2015 in Pensacola

8. Adjournment:

Motion made to adjourn by Gordon Sprague, Seconded by Jim Anders and unanimously Approved. The meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m. EST.