

NORTHWEST FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR AUTHORITY MEETING

Board Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2018

1. Call To Order & New Business

Chairman Montgomery called to order the meeting of the Northwest Florida Transportation Corridor Authority at 1:00 p.m. CT on May 8, 2018 at Walton Area Chamber of Commerce in Santa Rosa Beach, FL.

Members Present:

Robert B. Montgomery, Chairman
James F. Anders, II, Vice-Chairman
Cheryl Sanders, Member
Gordon Sprague, Member

Staff Present:

Nick Beninate, Attorney
Alicia Stephen, Administration
Robert Kellner, HDR Vice President

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Montgomery welcomed everyone.

3. Approval of Minutes

Due to the lack of a quorum, the previous meeting's minutes weren't discussed.

4. Financial Report

Due to the lack of a quorum, the financials and Budgets were not discussed.

5. New Business

Chairman Montgomery opened the New Business discussion with news that he had a good meeting with District Secretary Phillip Gainer and there was a favorable discussion regarding the possibility of FDOT funding the Authority. Unfortunately, not long after this meeting, details changed and Secretary Gainer told the Chairman that he was no longer in favor of providing the funding. Chairman will try to get additional details as to why FDOT changed their mind. Cheryl Sanders said that she will reach out to Rep. Jayler Williamson for help and the Chairman agreed that this would be a good thing to do.

The Chairman said that he'd spoken w/Jay Trumbull, Chairman of the Florida Transportation Commission and discussed funding but we need to come up with an amount. Jay has always been a friend of the Authority and appreciates the value that the Authority brings. Jay also mentioned that we should apply for Triumph funds. Nick said that we qualify.

Chairman then asked Nick Beninate what the options were for the Board to have the quorum number reduced from 5 Board members present to 4. This has been a consistent problem for the Authority. Nick said that the only way to modify this would be legislatively. The Chairman mentioned that he'd also discuss this with Mr. Trumbull.

Bob Kellner mentioned his and Gordon Sprague's meetings with Triumph Board members and attendance at their monthly Board meetings.

5.A. & B. Gordon Sprague addressed the group stating that the Board was compliant in its contract with HDR. He requested a future discussion of the draft Resolution 18-02 for the continuation of HDR Engineering as the Authority's consultant. Nick mentioned that the Resolution should be modified to allow an Amendment to the Contract. Bob Kellner said that he'd modify the Resolution and forward to Nick for review/presentation to the Board.

5.C. Bob Kellner mentioned that he spoke w/Board Member Peter Bos, and Peter said that he spoke with Lt. Governor Carlos Lopez-Cantera regarding the reappointment of the current Authority Board members. Mr. Bos had already emailed a letter to the Lt. Governor and the phone call was a follow-up requesting assistance in getting the Governor to finalize the reappointments. According to Mr. Bos, this would be done. Alicia Stephen and/or Bob Kellner will follow up with Mr. Bos upon his return to the area.

There were no public comments.

The meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m. CT.