

November 6, 2003
North Carolina Turnpike Authority Board
Raleigh, North Carolina

Chairman Lyndo Tippet called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. He welcomed all members and visitors. All board members were in attendance. Chairman Tippet read the Governor's ethics statement. Board Member Perry Safran made a motion to approve the minutes as presented.

Board member Bob Spencer gave an update on the December 5, meeting to be held in Gastonia at the Stowe Botanical Gardens beginning at 9:00 a.m. Mr. Spencer stated that Secretary Tippet had been asked by the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce to speak at their First Friday breakfast at 7:30 a.m. on December 5. Mr. Spencer will send more information as the meeting arrangements are finalized.

Bob Crawford reviewed the changes made at the October Meeting to the bylaws for the Turnpike Authority. A final copy was sent to all members for review. Lanny Wilson made a motion to authorize the DOT staff to transmit the bylaws to the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee (JLTOC), and Rob Teer seconded the motion with unanimous vote by all members. Governing statutes require a minimum 45-day review by the JLTOC and the Board of Transportation. The Bylaws will be presented to the Board of Transportation at their next monthly meeting in December, and will be brought back to the Authority Board for adoption in February. Future amendments to the Bylaws will need to go through the same process and sent to JLTOC and Board of Transportation for a 45-day review period prior to adoption. Bob noted the Authority Board approved the Ethics Policy at their October meeting, and he was waiting for the proper signatures. Mr. Crawford also addressed concerns previously raised regarding Board member liability, and distributed information summarizing legal principles and statutory provisions covering liability, insurance, and legal representation.

Mark Boggs from Post, Buckley, Schuh, & Jernigan discussed business plan development, project selection process, the environmental challenges of a project etc. He also provided a summary of the I-95 Toll Feasibility Study that was presented to the JLTOC on October 21, 2003.

Vic Poteat introduced John McCuskey Deputy Executive Director and CFO of the E-470 Highway Authority. He gave a presentation and discussion of the history and lessons learned developing the E-470 toll highway project in Colorado.

Debbie Barbour, Director of Preconstruction gave a presentation on the preconstruction process for NCDOT projects.

Vic Poteat gave a brief review of near-term tasks and resource requirements.

Chairman Tippett asked for a presentation for the Gastonia meeting similar to the one Mr. McCuskey gave to the Turnpike Authority Board today. Chairman Tippett reminded everyone to complete the interest survey for committee assignment.

Chairman Tippett made a motion, seconded by Lanny Wilson to reserve the January and February meeting agendas to address staffing needs, to get internal work organized and to develop a Request for Proposals for outside staff support.

Chairman Tippett said the Authority Board would continue discussion on future meeting dates.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Minutes prepared by:
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