

NORTH CAROLINA TURNPIKE AUTHORITY MINUTES  
OCTOBER 14, 2004 MEETING  
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

Chairman Tippet called the meeting to order at 1:29pm in the Board Room of the Transportation Building. He welcomed all to the October North Carolina Turnpike Authority meeting. Chairman Tippet read the Governor's ethics statement. Board Member Anthony Fox was absent.

Chairman Tippet called on Secretary-Treasurer Perry Safran to present the August minutes for approval. Mr. Safran thanked Interim Secretary to the Turnpike Authority Jane Strickland for her efforts with the August minutes since it was the first time the two of them worked together on this. Mr. Safran stated that he and Ms. Strickland agreed upon the format of the minutes and asked the Board members to please provide feedback if the format was not satisfactory to them. The Board members were agreeable to the format and the August minutes were approved as presented.

Turnpike Authority members John Culbertson, Bob Spencer and Robb Teer attended the 72<sup>nd</sup> IBTTA Annual Meeting held September 18 through September 21 in Philadelphia and provided an update of the meeting. All agreed that the meeting was very informative.

Chairman Tippet thanked Mr. Culbertson, Mr. Teer, and Mr. Spencer for the report.

Chairman Tippet called for Committee Reports, and began by giving an update on the Executive Committee. He announced that NCDOT would host a Partnerships in Transportation Workshop sponsored by the USDOT and the National Council for Public/Private Partnerships, which will be held in December. Chairman Tippet said the Turnpike Authority members would receive an overview of the preliminary agenda soon, and to please review the information to determine if they would like to attend.

Chairman Tippet said that the Executive Committee asked Beth McKay to work with them on how the current legislation affects the NCTA. Ms. McKay provided a report of her findings to the Board members and explained that the committee was concerned that the Board did not have enough information to decide which projects would go on the construct list and on the study list. Ms. McKay said the statute is set up in a sequence of events, and commented that both lists begin with the same criteria, but differ after developed. Ms. McKay noted that the statute speaks of design and preliminary design, and the two terms may mean one thing to some and something else to others, which made her unable to adequately address that issue. She suggested that Chairman Tippet should get clarification from the General Assembly, because she believes the two terms are different within DOT.

Chairman Tippet announced the Annual TRB Meeting that will be held in Washington, DC January 2005 and said anyone interested in attending to please let him know.

Chairman Tippet proposed the 2005 NCTA meeting schedule, which changed the meetings to the third week of every month instead of the second week in each month. Mr. Teer said that he has a conflict with the third week. Chairman Tippet said that they would revisit the meeting schedule and propose the dates at the November meeting.

Mr. Spencer reported that the Finance Committee discussed items from the IBTTA meeting, and discussed gathering RFQs to hire a financial advisor.

Mr. Culbertson provided an update from the Plans and Programs Committee. He said that Gail Grimes provided a very thorough overview of the three projects the NCTA is reviewing, the Garden Parkway, the Mid-Currituck, and the Monroe Connector. He said Ms. McKay advised the committee that since there is a Bridge Authority, the NCTA must recognize this entity has been tasked to build a bridge across the Currituck Sound. She suggested that they might need clarification on that from the Legislature if they plan to take on the Mid-Currituck project.

Board Member Allan Dameron stated that the Personnel Committee had a couple of items, but he needed to meet with Herb Henderson before having a formal report. The Personnel Committee will meet in November.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25pm

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