

NORTH CAROLINA TURNPIKE AUTHORITY MINUTES  
MAY 18, 2005  
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

Chairman Tippet called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m. in the Board Room of the Transportation Building. He welcomed everyone to the meeting. Chairman Tippet read the Governor's ethics statement. Board members John Culbertson and Bob Spencer were unable to attend; however, Mr. Spencer joined the meeting by telephone.

Chairman Tippet called on Secretary-Treasurer Perry Safran to present the April minutes for approval. The minutes were approved as presented.

Chairman Tippet stated that the public input portion of the meeting would begin. He called on Board member Robb Teer to facilitate the input session.

Mr. Teer stated that the input session was to hear comments on the Triangle Parkway project, specifically, the extension from I-540 to McCrimmon Parkway. Mr. Teer introduced Town of Morrisville Manager John Whitson to speak. Mr. Whitson addressed the Board and indicated that he supported the Triangle Parkway Extension project. The Town has adopted a resolution asking the Turnpike Authority to approve to add this segment to the project.

Mr. Teer called on Ed White with the Morrisville Chamber of Commerce to comment on the Triangle Parkway. He also supported the project. They have adopted a resolution supporting the project.

Mr. Teer stated that Joe Milazzo with the Regional Transportation Alliance would like to speak as well. Mr. Milazzo addressed the Board. He also supported the project.

Mr. Teer asked if anyone else would like to speak. No one requested to address the Board. Mr. Teer closed the public input session.

Chairman Tippet thanked the gentlemen for speaking.

Board member Lanny Wilson asked if it would be appropriate to propose a motion to extend the Triangle Parkway project to include the requested extension. Chairman Tippet responded that it would be if there were a second to the motion. Mr. Teer seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Chairman Tippet called for committee reports. He began with the Executive Committee. Chairman Tippet stated that the term for the Turnpike Authority Board officers had expired and they needed to elect a Chair, Vice-Chair and

Secretary-Treasurer for the terms expiring January 2007. Sang Hamilton made a motion that the officers currently in place remain until the 2007 expiration. The motion was approved unanimously.

Chairman Tippet reported that Susan Coward provided a Legislative update.

Chairman Tippet introduced Gail Grimes and said that she had been working with HNTB to move the task orders along. He said that Ms. Grimes would provide a report later in the meeting.

Chairman Tippet stated that Secretary-Treasurer Perry Safran had been working on a Request for Proposals (RFP) for general counsel and asked Mr. Safran for an update. Mr. Safran stated that progress was being made and that HNTB has been asked to assist by making suggestions that may be helpful for the Turnpike to be aware of during this process. He said that the RFP would be submitted to the Attorney General's office through Beth McKay following the meeting.

Chairman Tippet announced that the June meeting would be held in Greensboro at the PART offices at 9:00 a.m. on the 15<sup>th</sup>. He added that the PART Trustees had extended an invitation to the Turnpike Authority Board members and staff to join them for dinner on the evening of June 14 following the committee meetings.

The Board members have been invited to attend a private investment presentation presented by Hunton & Williams. He added that the details were included in their package of information. Chairman Tippet requested that if anyone would like to attend, to please let Diane Berger know as soon as possible.

Mr. Spencer stated that the Finance Committee did not meet, but they are still trying to gather information for the 2005-06 budget. He said they hope to have all the needed information in time to present to the full Board in June.

Board member Allan Dameron thanked the members of the Personnel Committee and Perry Safran, who assisted the committee, for their time and patience over the last six months while searching for an Executive Director. He also thanked the media for their patience during that task. Mr. Dameron stated that the Personnel Committee hopes to bring a candidate to the next meeting for approval. He announced that the Turnpike Authority has one paid staff member, Gail Grimes, and asked her to come up and introduce herself.

Ms. Grimes introduced herself and said that she worked for the Department of Transportation for 30 years, and her last 18 years were working in the Project Development and Environmental Analysis Branch with contracts. She stated that she will be working on a part-time temporary basis to get the contracts underway and facilitate the work until an Executive Director, and staff, is hired.

Chairman Tippet welcomed Ms. Grimes aboard.

Chairman Tippet called on Lanny Wilson for John Culbertson to provide an update on the Plans and Programs Committee. Mr. Wilson reported that all four projects selected by the NCTA are under task by HNTB. He stated that since the environmental work had already begun on the Garden Parkway and the Monroe Connector projects, the NCTA would take over these projects from NCDOT.

Mr. Wilson thanked Ms. Grimes for her efforts with the Turnpike Authority.

Mr. Wilson said the committee discussed Public Private Partnerships (PPP), which was a follow up to a discussion in the Executive Committee, to determine if that may be a viable option for the NCTA to pursue. He added that they hope to obtain some additional information about PPP as well as other alternative means of financing.

The Plans and Programs Committee made a motion to allow HNTB, under Task Order #4, to prepare a work plan on innovative toll financing and a draft business plan, which would include decision points for priority projects. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Wilson made a motion to defer a schedule for cash flow and the development of a long-range budget to the Finance Committee for further consideration. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Wilson made a third motion to explore the feasibility of developing the Goldsboro, Kinston and Havelock Bypasses as toll projects. The motion was unanimously approved.

Chairman Tippet thanked the committees for all the work that they do for the Turnpike Authority.

Chairman Tippet asked if there were any other items to be brought before the Board. There were none.

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

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