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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES**

Tuesday, April 18, 2006
Room 150, Transportation Building

Members present: Lyndo Tippett, Chairman
Lanny Wilson, Vice-Chairman
Perry Safran, Secretary/Treasurer
John Culbertson
Allan Dameron
Anthony Fox
Sang Hamilton, Sr.
Robb Teer

Members absent: Bob Spencer

Also attending: David Joyner, Executive Director

Chairman Tippett called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. He read the Governor's ethics statement. Board member Anthony Fox noted that he would not be involved with any discussions relating to bond counsel selection because his law firm, Parker, Poe, Adams & Bernstein, LLP, is a named participant for bond counsel. Board member Lanny Wilson stated that he was supposed to serve on the selection committee; however, because he had relationships with two of the firms named, he asked to be excused. Board member Robb Teer also noted that he had relationships with the firms involved and asked to be excused. Board member Perry Safran made a motion that Board members Fox, Wilson and Teer be recused from bond counsel discussions. The motion was approved unanimously.

Chairman Tippett called on Board of Ethics Executive Director Perry Newson, who provided information on the NC Ethics Policy.

Chairman Tippett called on Board member Safran to present the March minutes for approval. The minutes were approved as presented.

Executive Director David Joyner reported that the NCTA is conducting traffic and revenue studies for the Monroe Connector, Gaston East-West Connector, Triangle Parkway and Cape Fear Skyway. Focus groups were held in Raleigh and

Wilmington, and a DVD of these sessions will be created. Mr. Joyner called on Karen Simon who facilitated the focus groups to provide information on the sessions.

Ms. Simon discussed how the focus groups were formed and the questions that were posed to the participants and provided a general overview of the response to toll roads received from the sessions. She said that the overall reaction was that the public is aware of transportation funding issues and believed that in time, the public will support the toll roads. However, she stressed the importance of educating the public about toll roads.

Committee Reports:

Executive Committee: Chairman Tippet reported that the May board meeting would be cancelled and that the next board meeting would be held June 13 at 2:30 p.m.

Plans and Programs Committee: John Culbertson reported that the committee approved the project approval process at its meeting earlier in the day. Mr. Culbertson made a motion to adopt the project approval process, which was seconded by Mr. Teer. The motion was approved. He stated that Mr. Joyner introduced Steve DeWitt as the part-time Chief Engineer for the NC Turnpike Authority. Mr. Culbertson said that Grady Rankin provided an update on the NCDOT/NCTA agreement to the committee. Also, Craig Deal with HNTB gave an update on all of the projects and the status of the merger process discussions.

Finance Committee: Robb Teer made a motion that the NCTA Board approve the Annual Work Plan which will be presented to the Board of Transportation at its May meeting for their approval. The motion was approved unanimously.

Personnel Committee: Allan Dameron reported that the Personnel Committee met but had no action items.

Executive Director Report: Mr. Joyner stated that the May Board meeting was cancelled and that the next meeting would be held on June 13th at 2:30 p.m. He asked that any Board members interested in business cards contact Julia Jarema.

Chairman Tippet adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: Jane Strickland