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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
MINUTES**

Thursday December 20, 2006  
Board Room, NCTA Offices

Members Present: Lyndo Tippett, Chairman  
Lanny Wilson, Vice-Chairman- via conference call  
Perry Safran, Secretary/Treasurer  
John Culbertson – via conference call  
Sang Hamilton, Sr. - via conference call  
Bob Spencer – via conference call  
Anthony Fox – via conference call  
Robb Teer- via conference call

Members Absent: Allan Dameron

Also attending: David Joyner, Executive Director

Chairman Tippett called the meeting to order at 1:32 pm in the Board Room of the NCTA offices. He noted that Allan Dameron was not participating due to health issues. He then read the Governor's ethics statement.

Secretary-Treasurer Perry Safran presented the November minutes which were approved as presented.

David Joyner announced that the NCTA would accept contributions to the American Cancer Society in Allan Dameron's name. Perry Safran circulated a card for Board and staff to sign for Mr. Dameron.

*Annual Plan of Work:* NCTA Chief Financial Officer Grady Rankin presented the draft Annual Plan of Work (APW) that includes project and administrative budgets for July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008. Mr. Rankin will provide a revised APW at the January board meeting,.

*Akin Gump contract extension:* The NCTA retained Akin Gump as the NCTA environmental attorney in early 2006. The contract expires December 31, 2006. The Board discussed extending the contract through the end of 2007 at an estimated cost of \$250,000.00, subject to approval by the Attorney General's Office. Mr. Rankin clarified that the 2007 rates will take effect in January 2007. Mr. Fox inquired whether we receive a rate discount. David Joyner stated that we receive a 10% to 15% government discount. Mr. Fox suggested that we conduct peer comparisons on professional services fees. Chairman Tippett suggested that Mr.

Joyner conduct further negotiations with Bill Malley. Mr. Joyner suggested extending the contract for thirty days to allow time for additional negotiations. Lanny Wilson made a motion to extend the contract for thirty days. Robb Teer seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

*Bond Underwriter:* The bond underwriter RFQ was sent to thirty-five individuals in approximately twenty firms including eight minority firms. The RFQ is being published December 20-22 in the *Bond Borrower* and is also posted on the NCTA website.

*I-74 financial studies:* Grady Rankin discussed the I-74 studies in Brunswick County. Wilbur Smith Associates has been engaged to do the traffic and revenue study. The preliminary study will take approximately six to seven months to complete. Since there is little modeling information available, a sketch-level traffic and revenue report will be submitted in March 2007. This information will be used to determine whether to take the study to the preliminary level.

*Mid-Currituck:* The Traffic and Revenue study for Mid-Currituck is underway and in the next 2-3 weeks. The cost estimate from HNTB will then be used to do a financial analysis to be presented at the January or February Board meeting.

*Cape Fear:* The Traffic and Revenue study for Cape Fear is also underway. It has been delayed due to modeling updates.

*Turnpike 101:* Gail Grimes and Steve DeWitt discussed the Turnpike 101 session. Issues discussed were project development, environmental processes, and NCTA's vision and plans. Ms. Grimes stated that NCTA expected to have aggressive schedules and design-build and are not compromising on environmental stewardship. Chairman Tippet asked how the agencies were approaching the 6002 process. Mr. DeWitt responded that the agencies were participating in discussions regarding 6002 and were moving forward with optimism.

John Culbertson asked if NCTA was going to follow up with Turnpike 102. Mr. DeWitt stated that we may do another Turnpike 101 for those who were not able to attend. Mr. Culbertson asked if NCTA should meet with the agencies on a smaller scale to follow up. Mr. DeWitt advised that a schedule has been set up for 2007 for monthly meetings with the agencies. The goal is to get decision makers to attend and to have an efficient system in place consisting of e-mailing meeting information two weeks in advance, displaying slides on the NCTA website and providing a question and answer follow-up. Mr. Culbertson stated that NCTA needs to collaborate with the objectives of the agencies.

David Joyner recognized thanked staff from Akin Gump, HNTB, and the NCTA for planning and executing the session. Mr. Joyner stated that the agencies have some reluctance and reservations regarding NCTA. He said that we will follow the rules and be sure to keep everyone informed as NCTA does not want to compromise integrity.

*Toll Enforcement:* Chief Operations Officer Jim Eden discussed toll enforcement and types of toll systems. Mr. Eden stated that it was important to have legislation for many reasons including fairness in collection, payment of NCTA debt, and capturing all revenues. Anthony Fox asked if legislation would be flexible enough to include contracting out enforcement. Mr. Eden stated that it would.

*Executive Director Report:* David Joyner discussed his meeting with the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee. The presentation from that meeting has been added to the NCTA website. The main message of the presentation was the mission of the NCTA for the next year is getting gap funds. Gap funds are critical for the NCTA. Don Voelker helped get the 129 agreement signed by FHWA. The Traffic and Revenue study for Mid-Currituck should be completed by December 2006. Cape Fear should be completed by March 2007.

Chairman Tippet announced the next Board Meeting would be January 17, 2007 in Charlotte, NC. He again recognized Allan Dameron and wished all happy holidays.

The meeting adjourned at 3:38 pm.

***Minutes prepared by: Julie Ryan***