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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES**

Wednesday, February 21, 2007
Board Room, NCTA Offices

Members present: Lyndo Tippett, Chairman
Lanny Wilson, Vice-Chairman
Perry Safran, Secretary/Treasurer
Anthony Fox
Sang Hamilton, Sr.
Bill Lackey
Bob Spencer
Robb Teer

Members absent: John Culbertson

Also attending: David Joyner, Executive Director

Chairman Tippett called the meeting to order at 1:36 pm in the Board Room of the NCTA offices. He welcomed all to the meeting. Chairman Tippett read the Governor's ethics statement.

Chairman Tippett called on Secretary-Treasurer Perry Safran for approval of the January minutes. The minutes were approved as presented.

Chairman Tippett introduced new Board member Bill Lackey.

Chairman Tippett called on Chief Financial Officer Grady Rankin who provided a presentation on the financing plan impacts and the consulting engineers report for Triangle Expressway. Jack Finn, with HNTB discussed the five components that compromise the consulting engineer's report, which are description of capital projects, estimate program costs, program schedule, long-term operations costs and long-term maintenance fund deposits. Mr. Finn briefly discussed the key differences in a preliminary traffic and revenue study versus an investment grade study. Tom Lee with Womble Carlyle, NCTA's bond counsel, who discussed the finance team and the role each plays in this process, as well as the documents each would produce. The finance team consists of bond counsel, financial advisor, underwriters, underwriters' counsel, traffic consultant and trustee. David

Miller with PFM, NCTA's financial advisor, discussed the current financial plan and the steps in the debt issuance process.

Chairman Tippet asked if a bond for \$5 million were issued, what percentage of the amount would be available for spending. Mr. Miller said that approximately 90 percent would go towards construction with a remaining balance in reserve. Mr. Lee added that one would hope to never have to touch the money that was in reserve because the money can be taken out at the end of the bond issue to make the last payment or two.

Committee Reports:

Executive Committee: Chairman Tippet reported that the committee did meet but had no action items to report.

Personnel and Operations Committee: Sang Hamilton reported that the committee met and discussed violations issues, a demonstration given by NDI Technology, and the executive staffing study. There were no action items.

Finance Committee: Bob Spencer stated that the Finance Committee met and discussed the possible approval of right-of-way advance purchase for the Triangle Parkway project. Mr. Spencer stated that if the property could be purchased a year or so earlier, \$30 million or more could be saved. Mr. Spencer stated that the committee had one action item, which was to approve a supplemental contract for HNTB in the amount of \$1,400,000.00. The motion was seconded by Board member Robb Teer and approved unanimously.

Plans and Programs Committee: Anthony Fox reported that the committee met and discussed the movement through the NEPA process for the projects as well as the project schedules. He stated that there was a follow up on the design build process drafted by NCTA Chief Engineer Steve DeWitt, which would be put on next month's agenda for detailed discussion and the possibility of a motion for approval. Mr. Fox made a motion for the NC Turnpike Authority to approve to study a 6.8 mile bridge project with the commitment to seek reimbursement from NCDOT Board Member Nancy Dunn. The motion was seconded by Board member Sang Hamilton and approved unanimously as one of its projects.

Executive Director Report: David Joyner reported that he received a very nice note to the Board from Lydia Dameron concerning Mr. Dameron's death and contributions made to the memorial fund.

He welcomed new Board member Bill Lackey and introduced new staff members Communications Director Mike Welton, Director of Outreach Reid Hartzoge, Asheena McMillan who is serving as administrative assistant to Chief Financial Officer Grady Rankin, and Director of Construction Shannon Sweitzer.

Chairman Tippet reminded the Board members that their economic statements of interest are due by March 15; however, if they are up for re-appointment to the

Board, the statements are due now, so to please get them in as soon as possible. Chairman Tippett asked if there was additional business to be brought before the Board. Being none, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30m.

Minutes prepared by: Jane Strickland