

KNIK ARM BRIDGE AND TOLL AUTHORITY
REGULAR BOARD of DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES #4-09

Regular Board of Directors' Meeting, August 13, 2009 at the Wasilla Multi-Use Sports Complex, Conference Room 1, Wasilla, Alaska.

The meeting was duly noticed on August 4, 2009 in the Public Notices sections of the "Frontiersman" and the "Anchorage Daily News," and listed on the KABATA Web site and on the State Online Public Notice system.

The meeting progressed in accordance with the previously established and published agenda.

Chairman Michael Foster called the meeting to order at 1:34pm.

1. Roll Call

A quorum was established with all five voting directors in attendance: Michael Foster, Dave Haugen, Gordon Keith, Jerry Burnett (via telephone), and Janet Kincaid.

Also present were: KABATA Board Members Senator Charlie Huggins; DOT Deputy Commissioner Frank Richards; KABATA Staff Members, Executive Director Andrew Niemiec and CFO Kevin Hemenway; DED Dale Paulson, Project Counsels William Greene and Jim Cantor.

Recorder: Mary Ann Pease, KABATA Public Outreach Consultant.

There were 11 members of the public in attendance.

2. Approval of Agenda

Agenda was approved as presented.

Approved by unanimous vote.

3. Approval of Minutes from Meeting #3-09

There was a

Action #113-4-09

MOTION by Kincaid, second by Haugen, to approve Minutes as submitted.

Approved unanimously.

4. Chairman's Report

Foster briefly summarized the change in events that took place from the law suit brought forth by The Cities of Houston and Wasilla for an injunction in which KABATA joined to Administration changes with Municipality of Anchorage and the State of Alaska.

He has presented Governor Parnell and his staff our briefing package, letting them know where we are and what we need to get a Record of Decision. Governor Parnell will have his response to KABATA by the end of August weighing in on his position of what needs to be done next on the Knik Arm Crossing Project.

Foster continued on about the meeting with the Alaska Rail Road Corporation and rail compatibility of the structure.

5. Executive Director's Report

Niemiec mentioned additional meetings with the Matanuska-Susitna Borough and the Municipality of Anchorage. He announced that Betty Fauber has moved to the Sullivan Administration and that we are in the process of filling that vacancy and as required by the Programmatic Agreement we are in the process of fulfilling its obligation to hire a 106 Liaison. The staff is focused on completing the NEPA process by obtaining the Record of Decision. Niemiec went on to talk about the five Memorandums of Understanding KABATA has in place under the Section 106 Programmatic Agreement for historic preservation. Three documents were provided to the Board and reviewed in the meeting; The NEPA Status Report, the Staff Travel Report and a Treasures Report.

6. Legislative Reports

Senator Huggins talked about the new ferry being built. He also emphasized the importance of working on Regional Transportation.

7. Old Business

None.

8. New Business

None.

9. Other Matters to Properly Come Before the Board

Niemiec on behalf of KABATA and its Board introduced a Resolution for consideration titled Resolution of Commendation and Appreciation to Darcie K. Salmon. A draft of

Resolution #3-09 was provided to the board for review. A

MOTION was made by Keith, second by Haugen to approve; it was

Approved by unanimous vote.

10. Board Members' Remarks

Kincaid mentioned how impressed she is with all of the articulate comments from the audience at the August 11th Assembly Meeting. It reaffirmed the amount of support for the Knik Arm Crossing project. She went on to thank Mayor Purcell and Mayor Rupright for their support.

Senator Huggins encouraged KABATA to keep information in front of the public about what is happening with the project.

Keith spoke about continued pressure from the Administration on KABATA's costs and total expenditures and what can be done to reduce costs. There was a

Action #114-4-09

MOTION by Keith, second by Burnett, to instruct the Executive Director to report back to the Board opportunities to save money such as office space and location, the number of staff including vacancies and other review factors.

Foster discussed wanting to throttle up activities not back and why KABATA needs to keep moving forward.

Haugen emphasized how meticulous KABATA has been with its financial records and how that information has been open to the public.

Deputy Commissioner Richards added that the motion is just an internal expense review and that the purpose is to get out there where KABATA is financially.

Keith went on to make an

Action #115-4-09

AMENDMENT to the MOTION by Keith, second by Burnett, to report back to the Board at the October 8 Board of Directors Meeting.

Approved 3-2 (Burnett, Keith, Kincaid)

To allow KABATA time to get Governor Parnell's response and to allow time to prepare a plan to cut back and save.

Main MOTION made by Keith was not approved 3-2. (Haugen, Foster, Kincaid)

11. Public Comments

Foster invited comments from the public. Ron Arvin, candidate for MSB District 3 Assembly seat passed on results from a poll done by his campaign asking district 3 residents supported the Knik Arm Bridge, of the 350 polled 77% did support the project.

Senator Menard Stressed the importance of keeping KABATA energized and that this is a bridge to somewhere.

Rob French with the Government Hill Community Council asked Foster to expand on the rail road meeting he had, if any action came out of it and if so would it have any bearing on the preparation of the SEIS.

Darcie Salmon expressed his support for the Knik Arm Crossing project and the benefits it will offer the state of Alaska as a whole. He went on to thank Mayors Purcell and Rupright for recognizing the relationship between South Central Alaska's economy and their willingness to help move the bridge forward.

Mayor Purcell provided an update on the EIS for the railroad spur and the Burma Road expansion and how the Knik Arm Crossing ties into it all. The City of Houston will continue work and encourage support for the project.

Lynn Gattis added how impressed she is with the KABATA Board and its Chairman and to keep up the good work.

Foster went into detail about the railroad meeting Rob French asked about that they mainly discussed making the KAC rail compatible.

Deputy Commissioner Richards spoke about Legislation and current Bills that have passed through the House and are now in the senate and their potential impacts to the State of Alaska.

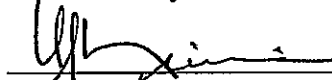
12. Announcements

Foster stated the next Board Meeting is scheduled for October 8, 2009 at 1:30p in the State Office (Atwood) Building, Conference Room 1860.

13. Meeting Adjourned:

Minutes Approved: Unanimous Board Approval at October 8, 2009 Board Meeting.

Attested to by:



Andrew J. Niemiec, Executive Director

Date: 10-8-09