

**KNIK ARM BRIDGE AND TOLL AUTHORITY**  
**REGULAR BOARD of DIRECTORS**  
MEETING MINUTES #2-09

Regular Board of Directors' Meeting, April 9, 2009 at the State Office (Atwood) Building, Conference Room 1860, Anchorage, Alaska.

The meeting was duly noticed on March 31, 2009 in the legal section of the "Frontiersman" and in the "Anchorage Daily News" as public meeting notices, and also 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 1:30pm.

1. Roll Call

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

Also present: KABATA Board Member Representative Mark Neuman (via telephone); KABATA Staff Members, Executive Director Andrew Niemiec and CFO Kevin Hemenway; and Project Counsel Jim Cantor. Also attending (via telephone) were Jody Simpson, legislative aide to Senator Charlie Huggins, and Beth Schneider, staff member for Representative Neuman.

Recorder: Betty Fauber, KABATA Administrative Director

There were 6 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 #1-09

There was a

**Action #110-2-09**

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

Approved unanimously.

4. Chairman's Report

Foster stated his commitment to moving the project forward reporting that he recently met with the Administration and with the Anchorage Metropolitan Area Transportation Solutions (AMATS) Technical Advisory Committee.

He presented a PowerPoint titled Knik Arm Bridge Briefing, which summarized where the project is at now and where it is going. He emphasized his commitment to move the project ahead aggressively and stated that he has given clear direction to the KABATA staff to move the project forward.

Foster introduced a Resolution for consideration titled Resolution Opposing Anchorage Metropolitan Area Transportation Solutions Efforts to Remove the Knik Arm Crossing From Its Long-Range Transportation Plan. A draft of

**Resolution #2-09** was provided to the board for review. A

**MOTION** was made by Haugen, second by Salmon to approve. Foster asked for discussion.

Keith stated his concern for the need to receive draft resolutions ahead of time. Foster apologized for not providing this resolution in a timely manner due to time constraints and agreed to do so in the future.

A roll call vote was taken and Resolution #2-09 was

Approved by unanimous vote.

**Audit Committee Report**

Foster recognized and commended Hemenway and the staff on receiving the Government Finance Officers Association's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.

5. **Executive Director's Report**

**Quarterly Travel Report**

Foster stated that the Board & Staff Travel Report for the first quarter of 2009 was provided in packet for the board's review.

6. **Legislative Reports**

Representative Neuman reported that the Legislature is working through the federal economic stimulus funds process: \$175 million surface transportation funds available for projects such as Glenn Highway repairs and that the Knik Arm Crossing project not included. He indicated it is a tight year for capital projects.

Simpson, reporting for Senator Huggins, concurred with Rep. Neuman that it's a slow year for capital projects. She reported that Senate Bill 152 to establish a regional transportation authority is being refined. Simpson extended a thank you for the opportunity to attend the meeting via telephone and to Foster's for his quick command.

7. **Old Business**

None.

8. New Business

Foster reported that meetings to provide a project update are being requested with the congressional delegation, which could be held next week in Anchorage, and that meetings will be requested with legislators after the session ends. He stated that the public will be kept informed and involved so that Alaskans can communicate their support and concerns.

9. Other Matters to Properly Come Before the Board  
None.

10. Board Members' Remarks

Salmon congratulated Foster on moving the project forward, reporting that the Valley anxiously awaits the bridge. He stated the possible addition of railway would benefit the state by better connecting it to the Interior.

Haugen, an Audit Committee member, congratulated Hemenway for receiving GFOA's Award of Excellence for the third consecutive year, adding that it offers a great feeling of confidence and accountability that KABATA's financial records are in order.

Representative Neuman thanked staff for a quick response to his request for information on the Cook Inlet Beluga Whale ESA. He encouraged public outreach, such as presentations to chambers and community councils.

11. Public Comments

Foster welcomed public's comments. Kate Thoden thanked KABATA for their great team effort. Hank Hodge and Earl Wentworth stated their support for the project and thanked Foster for the open lines of communication.

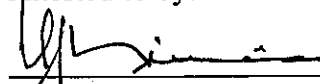
12. Announcements

Foster stated the next Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 11, 2009, at 1:30pm in the State Office (Atwood) Building, Conference Room 1860. Meeting information will be posted on the KABATA Web site.

13. Adjournment: 2:18pm.

Minutes Approved: Unanimous Board approval at June 11, 2009 Board Meeting.

Attested to by:



Andrew J. Niemiec, Executive Director

Date: 6-11-09