

# KNIK ARM BRIDGE AND TOLL AUTHORITY

## MINUTES #3 - 03

Board of Directors' meeting, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2003, Atwood Building, Room 1860, Anchorage, AK.

The meeting progressed in accordance with the previously established and published agenda, which is attached and part of these minutes.

The meeting was duly noticed in the "Anchorage Daily News" legal section as a public meeting on October 24, 2003.

Numbers in these minutes correspond with the numbers in the agenda.

The meeting was called to order at 1:34 PM by Chairman George Wuerch.

1. Roll Call by Chair George Wuerch:

A quorum was established with five voting directors in attendance:

Commissioner Mike Barton, Dave Haugen,

Darcie Salmon, Representative Bill Stoltze,.

Not present: Senator Lyda Green and Commissioner Bill Corbus.

Also present: Designee for DOT/PF: Mike Scott; Jim Cantor, Chief Asst. AG; Henry Springer, Interim Executive Director;

Recorder: Betty Fauber, KABATA

There were 4 members of the public in attendance.

2. Agenda was approved as presented.

Action #20-3-03.

3. Minutes from Meeting #2-03 were unanimously approved as is.

Action #21-3-03.

4. Chair's Report by George Wuerch:

Chairman Wuerch gave an overview of progress made to-date and plans for next 30 days. He presented a speech outline entitled "The Knik Arm Project" and a list of "Frequently Asked Questions" with answers and asked the Board to review them and provide suggestions for improvements. They were included in the packet. He also announced work on the creation of a "home page" on the web.

5. Executive Director's Report by Henry Springer:

Springer gave a status report of progress made since last meeting and reviewed the furnished work plan for November and December: to include outreach to agencies and groups who will be involved in project and coordination with the ports' operational and technical units. A "conceptual" map was handed out.

6. Old Business

a. MoU with ADOT/PF

After review and discussion, it was decided that further work was required and that this item was tabled until the January 2004 meeting.

b. Status of Funding

Springer summarized the current available funding balance and recently acquired non-par funds for contracting services. Further federal highway funding depends on the outcome of the Congressional TEA-21 bill.

7. New Business:

a. Request for Proposal (RFP) for Professional Service Contracts and Space Lease  
Springer identified the need for three local professional service contracts to be awarded as soon as possible; back-up and details were furnished in writing.

Action #22-3-03

MOTION by Barton, second by Haugen, to move five (5) contracts forward as submitted.

Motion approved by unanimous vote.

Springer also identified the need for three professional service contracts in Washington DC to be awarded by year-end.

Action #23-3-03

MOTION by Salmon, second by Haugen, to move these forward as submitted.

Motion approved by unanimous vote.

Springer requested permission from the Board for flexibility to lease office space if there is no permanent State furnished office space available in the near future.

Action #24-3-03

MOTION by Barton, second by Haugen, to grant the request.

Motion approved by unanimous vote.

b. Geophysical Report

Springer reported that the preliminary report from the ADOT and Port of Anchorage test drilling on 14 holes showed no substructure or technical problems

that would prevent the building of the bridge. ADOT will present a preliminary report to the Board at December meeting.

c. PowerPoint Presentation Program

Wuerch advised that a PowerPoint presentation is being developed from the speech outline. He requested the Board to provide any additional points along with photos or graphics they would like included; also a search for a person with PowerPoint expertise is underway, contact office with reference.

d. NEPA Seminar by FHWA

Wuerch asked if there was an interest in having the Alaska FHWA office hold a NEPA seminar—a one to two hour overview. Commissioner Barton recommended that this would be an important component to provide a common level of understanding. It was suggested to hold the seminar in January in Juneau in conjunction with the opening of the Legislature and to invite the Anchorage and Mat-Su caucus. This will be considered and status report given at the December meeting.

8. Public/Member Comments/Questions:

There were no public comments.

Members' Comments/Questions:

Representative Nancy Dahlstrom presence was acknowledged and she was thanked for her interest in the project.

Wuerch thanked Cantor for his work with Commissioner Barton and Springer.

9. Announcements:

Commissioner Barton stated that the Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan was approved last week and that the Bridge was included as an earmarked project. He will provide an update at the December meeting

Scott stated that the Assembly postponed action on AO 2003-136, the establishment of a North Ship Creek Development and Safety Commission, pending further discussion. Barton stressed that the Authority be a part of those discussions.

Salmon stated that the Authority was included in the agenda for the next RTPO meeting. Wuerch stated that the invitation to present would be welcomed.

Scott advised that a DOT/AMATS long-range transportation plan (Transvision) has been developed and he will inform the Authority of the date of the next committee meeting. KABATA needs to monitor these activities.

Salmon reminded the Board about the RC&D Economic Development Summit on November 20, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM at Best Western Hotel in Wasilla.

Commissioner Barton complimented the Authority on the remarkable record of progress for the first 8-week period.

Next Board meeting will be held Tuesday, December 2, 2003 at 2:00 PM in the Regan Building's Executive Conference Room, 3161 East Palmer-Wasilla Highway, Wasilla, Alaska.

10. Adjournment: 2:30 PM

Action #19-2-03

MOTION by Haugen, second by Salmon.

Board Action:

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_