

KNIK ARM BRIDGE AND TOLL AUTHORITY
BOARD of DIRECTORS
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES #3-04

Board of Directors' Annual Meeting, August 5, 2004, Atwood Building, Conference Room 1860, Anchorage, Alaska.

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 on July 27, 2004 in the legal section of both the "Anchorage Daily News" and "The Frontiersman" as public meeting notices.

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

The meeting was called to order at 1:07 PM by Chairman George Wuerch.

1. Roll Call by Chair George Wuerch

A quorum was established with five voting directors in attendance:
Dave Haugen, Darcie Salmon, Deputy Commissioner of Revenue Tom Boutin via teleconference from Juneau, and ADOT Central Region Director Gordon Keith.

Also present: Board Member Representative Bill Stoltze, Executive Director Henry Springer, Sr. Assistant AG/Project Counsel Bill Greene, and Professional Services Contractor Darryl Jordan.

Recorder: Betty Fauber, KABATA

There were eight members of the public in attendance.

2. Approval of Agenda

Agenda was approved as presented.

Action #40-3-04.

Approved by unanimous vote.

3. Approval of Minutes

With no additions or corrections noted, there was a MOTION by Haugen, second by Salmon, to approve.

Action #41-3-04.

Approved by unanimous vote.

4. Chairman's Report

Chairman Wuerch introduced Gordon Keith, recently appointed ADOT Central Region Director, as designated KABATA board member by Commissioner Mike Barton and Kris Knauss from the Governor's staff joining meeting via teleconference from Juneau.

Wuerch announced that Governor Murkowski had reappointed him for a five-year term to the KABATA Board of Directors.

He reported that the Alaska Supreme Court had ruled on July 30, 2004, that the superior court decision was affirmed that the decision of the Commissioner of Alaska Department of Fish and Game to decline to list the Cook Inlet Beluga whale as endangered under the Alaska Endangered Species Act was proper and prudent.

Regarding project funding Wuerch advised that work continues on the TEA-LU House transportation bill and that results might be known by first of 2005. KABATA funding is in line to keep permitting and NEPA process on schedule.

He advised that he is encouraged by the amount of work being done and progress being made by the team.

5. Executive Director's Report

Springer gave a progress report covering items about finance, administration and management, the NEPA process, and the KABATA website.

6. Old Business

a. Agency Meetings

Springer reported having good dialog during meetings with various Agencies, interested parties and stakeholders since the last Board meeting; more meetings are scheduled.

Wuerch stated that the Administrative Record (AR) system has been established. Documents can be stored and a readily available on-line to review.

b. MOA with ADOT

Greene advised that the latest draft of the Agreement between ADOT and KABATA for the Preliminary Engineering, Environmental and Permitting Phase and the Construction Design phase (included in packet) is currently being reviewed by ADOT. Greene expects to hear from ADOT early next week.

Wuerch asked the Board Members to review the MOA in preparation for a vote at the next board meeting.

c. Procurement Guidelines

Greene stated that the KABATA Resolution #2-04 included in the packet was written based on a requirement to be in compliance with ADOT. It would replace the procurement guidelines that are currently in place.

After discussion the Board took

RESOLUTION #2-04 under consideration.

MOTION by Haugen, second by Salmon, to approve as presented.
Approved by unanimous vote.

Springer thanked the ADOT for their good cooperation during this process.

7. New Business

a. DEIS Schedule Update

Wuerch advised that the project team has reviewed the 1984 Draft Environmental Impact Study (DEIS) and recommended a detailed re-evaluation using ADOT checklist be done. The FHWA would then be asked to authorize a supplement. The intent would be to write a new integrated volume incorporating the old document with new information, however, this won't be known until the re-evaluation of the 1984 DEIS is completed.

b. Summer Field Programs

Springer reported on Beluga whale investigations, fisheries studies, Port MacKenzie operations, and Knik Arm hydraulic studies.

c. Public Engagement Process

Wuerch introduced Sarah Barton from Rise Alaska, a subcontractor of URS, who was retained to step-up the availability of public information. Copies of the August 3, 2004 news release about Knik Arm activities, the draft of a new informational brochure, and a printout of the updated PowerPoint presentation were handed out. The KABATA website is currently being reviewed for updating. A joint Board Meeting and Public Information Program is being planned for October 2004 in Wasilla.

d. Design Alternatives

Springer reported that PND and their subcontractors, Figg Engineering and HMM, have revisited crossing design concepts from the 1984 DEIS and developed new configuration ideas that take into consideration all constraints to use during an evaluation process.

- e. Financial Report
Springer reviewed professional services contracts financial status.
- f. Staffing and Compensation
Springer advised the Board that a budget adjustment was necessary to retroactively adjust an administrative error in the classification of Administrative Manager Betty Fauber.

There was a MOTION by Salmon, second by Haugen, to approve.

Action #42-3-04.
Approved by unanimous vote.

- g. Contract Amendment: Clearwater Takas
Springer reported that during the pre-NOI scoping and planning activities unexpectedly increased the workload of the three contractors and the demand additional workload during the possible Supplemental EIS necessitates increased involvement by program manager thus the request for authorization for a \$25,000 increase this contract.

There was a MOTION by Haugen, second by Salmon, to approve.

Action #43-3-04.
Approved by unanimous vote.

- h. Non-Par Funding
Springer stated that the timetable for Congressional action on the transportation bill has been extended through the end of this calendar year thus the request for permission to request an additional \$125,000 non-par funding from the State of Alaska.

After discussion, there was a MOTION by Salmon, second by Haugen, to approve.

Action #44-3-04.
Approved by unanimous vote.

- i. Post-NOI Contracting Strategy
Wuerch advised that three professional contracts (PND, URS, and HDR) expire on January 15, 2005 that is also the planned date for the Notice of Intent (NOI) submission. Requests for Proposals will be issued for the Post-NOI phase in the fall of 2004.

8. Board Members' Remarks

Vice Chair Salmon stated he has received many inquiries for project status including a recent interview with the Frontiersman newspaper. He reported on the success of the Mat-Su Dock Expansion Groundbreaking Ceremony.

Haugen urged continued public and legislative outreach. Wuerch's suggestion for a joint Anchorage/Mat-Su Legislative Caucus meeting in the fall will be looked into.

Representative Stoltze encouraged KABATA to provide information to the public by joining with ADOT at their booth at the Alaska State Fair. Keith suggested coordinating with Sandra Cook, ADOT/HQ Anchorage.

Keith stated his gratitude for progress made and for a good Alaskan team.

Boutin thanked the Board for a good agenda and update.

9. Public Comments

None

10. Announcements

Wuerch stated that the next Board meeting will be held in October and that Wasilla Mayor Dianne Keller had invited the KABATA Board to hold the meeting at the Multi-Use Sports Complex; the board concurred. The date and time will be announced as soon as possible.

11. Adjournment: 2:42 PM

Action #45-3-04

MOTION by Salmon, second by Haugen; vote unanimous.

Minutes Approved: Unanimous Board approval at October 14, 2004 Board Meeting.