

**MINUTES
STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
600 West Peachtree Street
Atlanta, Georgia 30308**

June 16, 2011

9:00 a.m.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Rudy Bowen, Chairman
Johnny Floyd, Vice Chairman
Jay Shaw
Robert Brown
Emory McClinton
Brandon Beach
Jim Cole
Emily Dunn
Don Grantham
Jeff Lewis
Bobby Parham
Dana Lemon

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Sam Wellborn

DOT STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

Vance Smith, Commissioner
Gerald Ross, Deputy Commissioner/Chief Engineer
Elizabeth Osmon
Angie Whitworth
Matt Cline

Chairman Rudy Bowen opened the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

Jay Shaw gave the invocation.

Chairman Bowen asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the May 2011 meetings. Robert Brown made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 2011 meetings, seconded by Johnny Floyd and unanimously approved.*

Genetha Rice-Singleton, Program Control Administrator, presented the projects proposed for the July 2011 Letting for approval. Chairman Bowen asked for a motion to approve. Robert Brown made a motion to approve the projects proposed for the July 2011 Letting, seconded by Johnny Floyd and unanimously approved.*

Todd Long, Director of Planning, presented the revisions to the Construction Work Program for June 2011 for approval. Chairman Bowen asked for a motion to approve the revisions to the Construction Work Program for June 2011. Dana Lemon made a motion to approve the revisions to the Construction Work Program for June 2011, seconded by Johnny Floyd and unanimously approved.*

Todd Long, Director of Planning, presented the revisions to the Construction Work Program for July 2011.

Bill Wright, Landscape Architect Manager, gave a presentation on "Welcome to Georgia" Signs, which included the Logo sign program; possible maintenance issues; design criteria and Welcome to Georgia sign recommendations.* There was some discussion regarding the "Welcome to Georgia" Signs. Dana Lemon stated that the Department should work with the Department of Economic Development on the project in conjunction with any resources they may have available. Chairman Bowen stated that the implementation of the signs at all entrances across the state should be consistent. Chairman Bowen also stated that he will appoint a committee to work with staff to implement the project and bring the recommendation to the full Board for action.

Commissioner Vance Smith gave his monthly report, which included state fund collections; total employment figure for the month ending May 31, 2011; FHWA 2011 excellence award and design award.*

Commissioner Vance Smith also requested that the Board approve the following Comprehensive Zoning Resolution. Chairman Bowen asked for a motion to approve the following Comprehensive Zoning Resolution. Jay Shaw made a motion to approve the following Comprehensive Zoning Resolution, seconded by Emory McClinton, Jeff Lewis abstained and the motion passed with 11 yeas.

Resolution

WHEREAS, the State Transportation Board did, in regular session on November 18, 1971, adopted a policy on outdoor advertising an

WHEREAS, said policy adopted by the State Transportation Board contained a Schedule "A" pertaining to cities and counties in Georgia which maintained comprehensive zoning plans; and

WHEREAS, the State Transportation Board has directed its staff to make necessary recommendations in order that Schedule "A" of the said Outdoor Advertising Policy may be kept current with current changing conditions in cities and counties regarding comprehensive zoning plans; and

WHEREAS, the State Transportation Board did, in regular session on December 18, 1975, adopt a Resolution which said the Board would review all comprehensive zoning plans submitted for initial approval or for renewal approval, to ascertain and determine if said zoning plans can be certified for purposes of outdoor advertising consistent with State/Federal Law or the Federal/State Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation has determined that the following recommendation is appropriate regarding comprehensive zoning plans:

<u>City/County</u>	<u>Comprehensive Zoning</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>
County of Newton	Comprehensive Zoning Plan	Approval County Comprehensive Zoning

NOW THEREFORE, be resolved that the State Transportation Board, in regular session this date, does hereby amend Schedule "A" of the Department of Transportation Outdoor Advertising Policy by including the above named recommendations.

Resolved this 16th day of June, 2011.

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Tony Collins, Director of Field Districts, presented the following Military Resolution for approval. Chairman Bowmen asked for a motion to approve the following Military Resolution. Robert Brown made a motion to approve the following Military Resolution, seconded by Don Grantham and unanimously approved.

Resolution

WHEREAS, Anthony D. Allison is an equipment operator III for the Georgia Department of Transportation and a service member in the Georgia Army National Guard; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Allison took a temporary leave of absence from GDOT during February 5, 2010 through April 23, 2011 in order to deploy to Iraq with the 110th Corps Support Battalion; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Allison, a sergeant first class in the National Guard, demonstrated courage in his willingness to lead troops into hostile territory and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; and

WHEREAS, Anthony Allison resumed his nearly 18 years of service to the residents of Georgia, returning to GDOT April 26th, shortly after spending more than a year overseas.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Transportation Board recognizes Anthony D. Allison for his self-sacrificing service and dedication to his country and the people of

Georgia as a soldier of the Georgia Army National Guard. The Board also desires to extend its utmost appreciation to Mr. Allison for his loyal and devoted service and wishes him well in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and a suitable copy be presented to Anthony Allison in recognition of his commitment, diligence and selfless service.

Adopted this the 16th day of June, 2011.
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Bryant Poole, District Engineer, presented the following Military Resolution for approval. Chairman Bowmen asked for a motion to approve the following Military Resolution. Johnny Floyd made a motion to approve the following Military Resolution, seconded by Emory McClinton and unanimously approved.

Resolution

WHEREAS, Corey Hardy is a highway maintenance foreman for the Georgia Department of Transportation and a reservist in the United States Navy; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hardy took a temporary leave of absence from GDOT during October 2009 through January 2011 in order to deploy to Kuwait with the Navy Expeditionary Logistics Support Group; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hardy, a petty officer first class in the Navy, demonstrated courage in his willingness to lead troops into hostile territory and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; and

WHEREAS, Corey Hardy resumed his nearly eight years of service to the residents of Georgia, returning to GDOT February 1st, after spending more than a year overseas.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Transportation Board recognizes Corey Hardy for his self-sacrificing service and dedication to his country and the people of Georgia as a sailor in the United States Navy. The Board also desires to extend its utmost appreciation to Mr. Hardy for his loyal and devoted service and wishes him well in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and a suitable copy be presented to Corey Hardy in recognition of his commitment, diligence and selfless service.

Adopted this the 16th day of June, 2011.
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Thomas Howell, Director of Construction, presented the following Retirement Resolution for approval. Chairman Bowmen asked for a motion to approve the following Retirement Resolution. Robert Brown made a motion to approve the following resolution, seconded by Johnny Floyd and unanimously approved.

Resolution

WHEREAS, Michael L. Thomas is a native of McRae, Georgia, and a graduate of the Georgia Institute of Technology. He started his career at the Georgia Department of Transportation in 1983; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Thomas has served in various positions to include construction, maintenance and operations and also served tirelessly in the roles of Director of the Division of Planning, Data and Intermodal Development and Director of Local Grants and Field Services; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Thomas is a proud second generation GDOT employee. His father, John L. Thomas, retired as a resident engineer in 1981; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Thomas is happily married to Joy Thomas and their 3 lovely children are all currently attending college; and

WHEREAS, Michael Thomas provided faithful service to GDOT and the people of Georgia for 27 years, spending more than half of his career as the District Engineer in Eastern Middle Georgia.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Transportation Board recognizes Michael L. Thomas for his exemplary service and contributions to the Georgia Department of Transportation, appreciates his loyal and devoted service and wishes him well in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and a suitable copy be presented to Michal Thomas in recognition of his commitment, dedication and selfless service.

Adopted this the 16th day of June, 2011.

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Keith Golden, Director of Operations, presented the following Retirement Resolution for approval. Chairman Bowmen asked for a motion to approve the following Retirement Resolution. Johnny Floyd made a motion to approve the following resolution, seconded by Jay Shaw and unanimously approved.

Resolution

WHEREAS, Ben Buchan is a native of Gainesville, Georgia, and a graduate of Southern Polytechnic State University. He started his career at the Georgia Department of Transportation in 1979; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Buchan began his career as a drafter in the Bridge Design Office and transferred to the Office of Urban Design after graduating from college in 1980; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Buchan, a professional engineer, has proven to be an integral part of the GDOT team with contributions such as developing work on the Freeing the Freeways program and Atlanta's first HOV lanes in preparation for the 1996 Olympic Games; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Buchan's expertise was valued on national committees under the American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials in an effort to provide safe and pristine roadways for all travelers; and

WHEREAS, Ben Buchan provided faithful service to GDOT and the people of Georgia for 34 years, spending the last two years of his illustrious career as the Director of Engineering.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Transportation Board recognizes Ben Buchan for his exemplary service and contributions to the Georgia Department of Transportation, appreciates his loyal and devoted service, and wishes him well in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and a suitable copy be presented to Ben Buchan in recognition of his commitment, dedication and selfless service.

Adopted this the 16th day of June, 2011.
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Jim Cole gave a report from the Program Delivery Committee.* There was no action taken at the meeting.

Brandon Beach gave a report from the Public Private (P3) Committee.* There was no action taken at the meeting.

Johnny Floyd gave a report from the Administrative Committee.* Johnny Floyd stated that the Administrative Committee unanimously approved to recommend to the full Board to approve the following Jekyll Island Board Resolution. Chairman Bowen asked for a motion to approve the following Jekyll Island Board Resolution. Jay Shaw made a motion to approve the following Jekyll Island Board Resolution, seconded by Johnny Floyd and unanimously approved.

Resolution

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia holds title to all of that island of the State of Georgia, County of Glynn, being known as Jekyll Island and the marshes and marsh islands adjacent and adjoining the same; and,

WHEREAS, under the authority of the laws of the State of Georgia, the above-mentioned lands are leased to the Jekyll Island State Park Authority (hereinafter referred to as the "Authority") for a term of 99 years, commencing February 13, 1950 (O.C.G.A. §12-3-241); and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation, State of Georgia (hereinafter referred to as the "Department"), is responsible for the clearing, dredging, maintaining, widening, deepening, and improving of the ports, seaports, and harbors of the State of Georgia (O.C.G.A. §32-2-2(18)); and

WHEREAS, in 2002, the Department wished to undertake the responsibilities of the Local Sponsor for the Brunswick Harbor Deepening Project (hereinafter referred to as the "Project"), which included the responsibility to provide the necessary lands, easements or rights-of-way for the Project; and

WHEREAS, Federal and State environmental resource agencies had identified a portion of the lands which were leased to the Authority, said portion not exceeding 60 acres, and which is more particularly described in "Exhibit A" attached hereto and made a part hereof (hereinafter referred to as the "Property") as being necessary for mitigation purposes related to the Project; and

WHEREAS, in order to accomplish said mitigation purposes, on March 11, 2002, by resolution, the Authority relinquished and released its leasehold interest in the Property, and on March 21, 2002, the Department agreed by resolution through the State Transportation Board that it would take custody of the Property for the purposes of converting it into wetlands pursuant to the Project Wetlands Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, on March 25, 2002, the Property was transferred by Executive Order of the Governor to the custody of the Department in order to fulfill the obligations of the Local Sponsor for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Department has completed the necessary conversion of wetlands pursuant to the Project Wetlands Mitigation Plan which necessitated the transfer of custody from the Governor of the State of Georgia to the Department; and

WHEREAS, the Department desires to relinquish its interests in the Property and return custody of the Property to the Jekyll Island Authority; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the State Transportation Board authorizes the Department of Transportation to release and relinquish all right, title and interest of the Department in and to the Property for the above-referenced purposes.

ADOPTED, this 16th day of June, 2011.

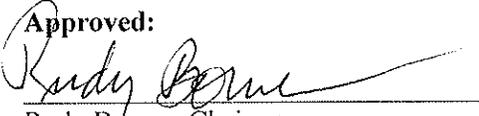
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Chairman Bowen opened the nominations for Vice Chairman of the Board. Jay Shaw nominated Johnny Floyd for Vice Chairman of the Board, seconded by Emory McClinton and unanimously approved. There being no other nominees, Johnny Floyd was unanimously elected Vice Chairman of the Board.

Johnny Floyd, Vice Chairman opened the nominations for Chairman of the Board. Brandon Beach nominated Rudy Bowen for Chairman of the Board, seconded by Robert Brown and unanimously approved. There being no other nominees, Rudy Bowen was unanimously elected Chairman of the State Transportation Board.

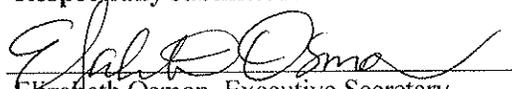
There being no further business, Chairman Bowen asked for a motion to adjourn. Emory MClinton made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Robert Brown and unanimously approved.

Approved:



Rudy Bowen, Chairman

Respectfully submitted:



Elizabeth Osmon, Executive Secretary

***Denotes documentation in file.**