MINUTES
STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
600 West Peachtree Street
Atlanta, Georgia 30308

February 17, 2011

9:00 a.m.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Rudy Bowen, Chairman
Johnny Floyd, Vice Chairman
Jay Shaw
Sam Wellborn
Robert Brown
Emory McClinton
Brandon Beach
Jim Cole
David Dos
Bobby Parham
Dana Lemon

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

DOT STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

Vance Smith, Commissioner
Gerald Ross, Deputy Commissioner/Chief Engineer
Elizabeth Osmon
Kate Pfirman
Sandra Burgess
Matt Cline

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

There was s moment of silence for Spencer Pass, DOT employee fatally injured in line of duty. Dana Lemon gave remarks concerning the passing of Spencer Pass and his funeral.

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

Genetha Rice-Singleton, Program Control Administrator, presented the projects proposed for the March 2011 Letting for approval. Chairman Bowen asked for a motion to approve. Sam Wellborn made a motion to approve the projects proposed for the February 2011 Letting, seconded by Jay Shaw and unanimously approved.*

Matt Cline, General Counsel, gave a legal update, which included one mediation; seven new civil actions filed and 14 new ante-litem notices filed.

Commissioner Vance Smith gave his monthly report, which included state fund collections; total employment figure ending January 31, 2011 is 4,755; fatality reduction awareness and noteworthy accomplishments for FY 2010.* There was some discussion regarding the condition of the roads. David Doss requested that DOT staff give a report next month regarding the minimum service level for employees for maintenance.

Chairman Bowen asked for a motion to approve the following resolution. Don Grantham made a motion to approve the following resolution, seconded by Sam Wellborn and unanimously approved.

Resolution

WHEREAS, Bill Kuhlke Jr. is a native of Augusta, Georgia, and a graduate of the University of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kuhlke served on the Richmond County Commission from 1996 to 2003 and is a former member of the Richmond County Coliseum Authority, a former member and Chairman of the Georgia Department of Industry/Trade and Tourism (now the Georgia Department of Economic Development) and former member of the World Congress Center Authority; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kuhlke, a veteran of the United States Marine Corps, is the owner of Kuhlke Properties and has greatly contributed to the economic prosperity of his community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kuhlke participated in Leadership Georgia, one of the nation's oldest and most successful leadership training programs for civic, community and business leaders with a concerned interest in the future of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kuhlke's civic activities include serving as past president of the Exchange Club of Augusta and the Metro Augusta Chamber of Commerce and he serves as an active member of Aldersgate United Methodist Church where he is chairman of the Building Committee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kuhlke has also been involved with the Augusta State University Trustees as a past chairman and is a past president of the Augusta YMCA and the Augusta Country Club; and

WHEREAS, Bill Kuhlke was elected to the State Transportation Board in 2004 representing the Ninth Congressional District until 2007, when Congressional redistricting resulted in his representing the Tenth Congressional District; and

WHEREAS, he was elected as State Transportation Board Chairman in 2008 and provided leadership in implementing initiatives to more efficiently operate the Department; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kuhlke served on the Board's Program Delivery and Consultant Services Committee and chaired the Finance Committee, guiding the Department through financial challenges with integrity and exemplary leadership; and

NOW, THEREFORE be it resolved that the State Transportation Board recognizes Bill Kuhlke Jr. for his exemplary service and contributions to the Board and the Georgia Department of Transportation, appreciates his wisdom and leadership, 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 Bill Kuhlke Jr. in recognition of his commitment, dedication and selfless service.

ADOPTED, this the 17th day of February, 2011.

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

Brandon Beach gave a report from the Legislative Committee.* There was no action taken at the meeting.

Jay Shaw gave a report from the Finance Committee.* There was no action taken at the meeting.

Dana Lemon gave a report from the Intermodal Committee.* There was no action taken at the meeting.

Robert Brown gave a report from the Coordinating Planning Sub-Committee, which is working with senior staff on a planning process dealing with inclement weather, such as snow and ice.* Robert Brown stated he met with DOT staff and they are in the process of working on a communication plan with truckers; evaluating equipment needs and repairs; meeting with DOAS and contractors to finalize contract between DOT and the contractors regarding partnership during inclement weather and will be meeting with Kansas DOT to discuss their operations and procedures during inclement weather.

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.**