

## **FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

**MINUTES OF: April 12, 2018**

**MEETING NUMBER: 225**

The two hundred and twenty-fifth meeting of the Florida Transportation Commission was held on April 12, 2018 at the Central Florida Expressway Authority in Orlando, FL

### **ATTENDANCE:**

Members in attendance were: Chairman Trumbull, Commissioners Browning, Ellington, Howse, Kigel, Sarnoff, Sebesta and Wright.

### **CALL TO ORDER AND CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS:**

Chairman Trumbull called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.

Chairman Trumbull asked for a motion to approve the January 8<sup>th</sup> Florida Transportation Commission (FTC) meeting minutes. Motion made to approve the minutes as read by Commissioner Sebesta, seconded by Commissioner Kigel.

Chairman Trumbull read the proclamation for Commissioner Ferre'. Commissioner Howse asked the Chairman if they could make a few word changes before sending. The Chairman agreed stating, he had not seen it prior to reading it here. The Chairman suggested moving the administrative issues up on the agenda because Commissioner Kigel would be leaving at 3:00 p.m. Clark Jennings of the Attorney General's Office was present at the meeting and said that they could not move agenda items because they were time stamped. The Chairman suggests we not time stamp agenda items in the future.

### **PRESENTATION BY CENTRAL FLORIDA EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY:**

Laura Kelly, Executive Director of the Central Florida Expressway Authority (CFX) gave a presentation of Current Project Studies and Expansion and Pilot Projects. Ms. Kelly said that Mr. Fred Hawkins, Jr. could not be there because he was out of town. Ms. Kelly gave a brief but very informative presentation.

### **REVIEW FTC PROJECT AWARDS PROGRAM OUTLINE:**

The Commissioners indicated the awards program should be directed at employees for accomplishments to include, but not limited to:

- Saving tourists time and money.
- Safety enhancements.
- Implementing or submitting costs savings ideas related to project construction or administrative overhead..

### **ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES:**

The issue to be discussed was the FTC Executive Director (ED) Ms. Teddi Pitts and the letter she wrote and sent to the FDOT Secretary and cc'd Chairman Trumbull on January 28<sup>th</sup>. In that letter, the ED questioned the reserve box subject and whether FDOT is handling the reserve boxes correctly. Chairman Trumbull advised that everyone should have received Secretary Dew's response the next day indicating the reserve box has been developed correctly. Chairman Trumbull advised the FTC should discuss the letter, the ED, and the fact that the letter was written on FTC stationery without the Chairman's authorization.

Chairman Trumbull addressed the Commission and stated the ED came to the FTC with some great experience in both chambers of the legislature, and a thorough knowledge of the transportation budget. The ED was staged to be a great success for the FTC. However, since coming on board, there had been concerns. Chairman Trumbull advised he would like to spend some time discussing the issue.

There was a lengthy discussion by the FTC Chairman and the Commissioners regarding the Executive Director and FTC staff. They discussed the issues and suggested ways to address them that would best facilitate the Commission and its mission.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Chairman Trumbull asked the audience for additional public comments or issues they wanted to bring up before the Commission.

No comments were made.

### **ADJOURN:**

Chairman Trumbull adjourned the meeting.

MINUTES APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_ AS READ \_\_\_\_\_ AS AMENDED

THIS 12th DAY OF April 2018.

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CHAIRMAN

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