

# MINUTES OF THE 467th MEETING OF THE OHIO TURNPIKE COMMISSION

May 14, 2001

Pursuant to the bylaws, the Ohio Turnpike Commission met for a meeting at the Commission's Administration Building at 10:00 a.m. on May 14, 2001, with members of the staff: Gino Zomparelli, Executive Director and Assistant-Secretary Treasurer, Rob Fleischman, Asst. Chief Engineer, Pat Patton, Government Liaison Officer, Thomas Amato, General Counsel, James Steiner, CFO/Comptroller; Richard Morgan, Director of Information Systems; David Miller, Chief Auditor; Tim Ujvari, Maintenance Engineer, Kathy Dolbin, Human Resources Manager and Lauren Hakos, Public Affairs Manager.

A vote of ayes and nays was taken and all Members present responded to roll call. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Representative Buehrer, Senator Armbruster, Mr. Blair,  
Mr. Greenwood, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Leever  
Nays : None

Executive Director Zomparelli advised that Mr. Strnisha's office called and said he is on his way and should be here shortly.

The Chairman advised that Mr. Blair is here representing the Ohio Department of Transportation Director, Gordon Proctor, and is authorized to vote for him.

The Chairman advised that a number of guests were in attendance, and she would like them to introduce themselves.

The following representatives attended the meeting:

G. Alan Plain, consultant; John Peca, Tom Tarantino, Climaco, Lefkowitz; Eric Erickson, Fifth Third Securities; Frank Lamb, Huntington Bank; Mike Burgess, URS-Greiner; Patrick O'Donnell, The (Cleveland) Plain Dealer; Ryan Connors, Connors & Co.; Courtney Shea, Salomon Smith Barney; Captain Robert Ferguson, OSHP; John Petty, Nat City Investments; Alan Bauccho, A. G. Edwards; Tom Henson, UBS/PaineWebber; Mike Schipper, HNTB; Howard O'Malley, B & T Express; Steve Mayor, Steve Delung, Operating Engineers, Local 18; Christine Robinette, Bob Mialk, National City Bank; Eric

Carmichael, Apex Pryor Securities; Gordon Reis, Seasingood & Mayer; Tom Travis, HMS Host; Heidi Jedel, Tracy Cowley and Diane Pring.

The Chairman welcomed all in attendance. This is the Commission's 467th meeting of the Ohio Turnpike Commission. We are meeting here in the Commission's headquarters as provided for in the Commission's Code of Bylaws.

The minutes of the last Commission Meeting of March 26, 2001 have been distributed to the Members for their comments, and I will accept a motion to adopt them without reading.

The minutes were moved for adoption by Vice Chairman, Mr. Williams and seconded by Mr. Greenwood. A vote of ayes and nays was taken and all Members present responded to roll call. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Williams; Mr. Greenwood, Mr. Blair, Mrs. Leever.

Nays : None.

The Chairman advised that various reports would be received and the Commission will act on several resolutions, draft copies of which have previously been set to the Members and updated drafts are also in the Members' folders. The resolutions will be explained during the appropriate reports.

If there are no further questions at this time, we will proceed with the report of the Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Greenwood.

The following items have been sent to the members since the last regularly scheduled meeting of the Commission on March 26, 2001:

1. Draft of Commission Meeting Minutes of March 26, 2001
2. Traffic and Revenue Report, March 2001
3. Traffic and Revenue Report, April 2001 \*
4. Traffic Accident Summary Report, March 2001
5. Financial Statements, March 2001
6. Revenue by Month & Year, March 2001
7. Investment Report, March 2001
8. Investment Report, April 2001 \*

9. OTC Budget Report – Three Months - 2001
10. OTC’s Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the year ended 12/31/00
11. Litigation Report for the period ending March 31, 2001 \*
12. Various News Releases

- copy included in the Commission Members’ folders

Leever: Thank you Mr. Greenwood. Mr. Steiner?

Steiner: Madame Chairman, members of the Commission, I am very pleased to report that passenger car traffic on the Ohio Turnpike continues to set all-time records. Passenger car traffic during the month of April totaled 2,878,000 cars exceeding the previous record set last year by 11,000 cars or 4.4%. Commercial traffic for April totaled 725,000 vehicles falling short of the prior record set last year by 28,000 vehicles or 3.7%. Total traffic for the month of April totaled 3.6-M vehicles falling short of the prior record set last year by 16,000 vehicles or 0.5%. Passenger car traffic during the first four months of this year totaled 10.3-M vehicles surpassing the prior record set last year by 5,000 cars or 0.1%. Commercial traffic for the first four months of the year totaled 2.8-M vehicles falling short of the previous record set last year by 173,000 vehicles or 5.8%.

While the commercial traffic for the first four months of the year did not reach the exceptional high levels that we experienced in 2000, traffic for this period did exceed traffic for every year other than 2000. I think that’s still good news. Madame Chairman, that completes my report and I’d be happy to respond to any questions.

Leever: Are there any questions for Mr. Steiner? Thank you. Welcome back and we’re glad to see you are feeling so well.

Steiner: Thank you very much.

Leever: Mr. Zomparelli.

Zomparelli: Thank you Madame Chairman, we don’t have too many resolutions this morning for the Board to consider, however, two very important issues reflecting the proposed bond issue. The first draft resolution you’ll find in your packet is entitled, “Resolution Awarding Contracts to Furnish Underwriting Services for the Commission’s 2001 Revenue

Bond Offering for New Money Presently Anticipated Not to Exceed \$100-Million Aggregate Principal Amount.”

These are additional funds needed to finance the Capital Improvements to the Ohio Turnpike System. On March 5, the Commission issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) soliciting proposals from firms interested in providing senior or co-managing underwriting services to the Commission. On April 2 we received responses from 22 investment banking firms desiring to perform such services for the Commission. As per the direction of the Commission, we set up a Budget & Finance Group and narrowed down the proposals to seven banking firms that we interviewed. Mr. Greenwood, our Secretary/Treasurer was involved in that process. Of the seven firms we interviewed the group ultimately selected a Senior Manager. A recommendation memo from the CFO/Comptroller is included in your packet as some back-up information. The Resolved of the resolution for the “new money” deal that we expect to happen in early July reads as follows:

“RESOLVED that the Commission hereby selects the following firms to furnish underwriting services to the Commission for its proposed *new money* issue for the 2001 Revenue Bonds offering:

<b>Senior Manager:</b>	NatCity Investments, Inc
<b>Co-Senior Managers:</b>	Salomon Smith Barney Seasongood & Mayer, LLC
<b>Co-Managers:</b>	A.G. Edwards Apex Pryor Securities Lehman Brothers

“FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission’s executive director and general counsel are authorized and directed to notify the aforesaid investment banking firms of the appointments aforesaid and to negotiate a fee and enter into contracts with such firms in accordance with the Commission’s Request for Proposals and the responses thereto and to take any and all further action necessary to complete the retention of the Commission’s investment banking firms.”

We are happy to report that all the firms that submitted proposals submitted very good proposals to the group. We took a lot of time in reviewing the proposals and interviewing the firms. It’s never an easy decision. It’s always difficult, but we feel that the team selected allows for Ohio participation, takes into consideration some

transportation experience by these firms as well as these firms having in their Public sector departments a very good minority participation in their staff. We felt that this would help to serve the Commission in probably its last bond issue for this current Capital Improvement Program of 160 miles – the widening of the third lane from Youngstown to Toledo and all the bridge work included in that area. That is not to say that if work does not continue, that we would not be expanding the third lane and if traffic continues, we will not go before the Board again for additional funding.

The timing again for this new bond issue is ideal. I guess I don't know how many times we can be lucky with the market being a good condition, but we planned ourselves to be at a good time. Every firm that we interviewed without question said "end of June, beginning of July" given the current market conditions that we are hitting the spot and the best time to go out and borrow new money. And Eric Erickson can report further to the Commission if there are questions, but I'd recommend that the Commission adopt this resolution.

Leever: We need a motion, please.

Greenwood: Madame Chairman, before I move to adopt the resolution, I would just like to report to you and the other members of the Commission I was part of the Budget & Finance Group, the first subcommittee, if you will, that I had an opportunity to participate in. I thought the professionalism was outstanding. I appreciate the support from Jim Steiner, Eric Erickson and also Mr. Zomparelli. A lot of consideration was given. There were some excellent proposals presented. Gino has already covered that. I think our recommendation is sound and I would move for the adoption of the resolution.

Leever: Thank you, Mr. Greenwood. We have a motion and we need a second.

Williams: Second.

Leever: Are there any further questions?

Strnisha: Madame Chairman, just before we vote, I want to explain that I will "abstain" on the vote. I would commend the process as I understood it that they have undertaken. A number of these firms that have sought this business as well as some that are recommended actually

happen to be members of the organization that I work for. So I chose early on to remove myself from that process as the individual proposals were received. I think it's also best that I abstain from voting.

Leever: Thank you , Mr. Strnisha. We have a motion and a second, are there are further comments?

Roll: Mr. Strnisha-abstain; Mr. Greenwood-yes, Mr. Williams-yes; Mr. Blair-yes; Mrs. Leever-yes.

The resolution is adopted.

Zomparelli: The second resolution anticipating that the market conditions would merit a refunding of our existing outstanding 1994 and/or 1996 Series A Revenue Bonds, we decided to recommend to the Commission a second team that would be involved in any refunding that we would have for the remainder of the year. Again, we worked off the same March 5 RFP, all the same firms were involved. The resolved of that resolution reads:

“RESOLVED that the Commission hereby selects the following firms to furnish underwriting services to the Commission for its proposed 2001 Revenue Refunding Bonds offering to advance refund all or a portion of the Commission’s outstanding 1994 and/or 1996 Series A Revenue Bonds, if market conditions permit sufficient and appropriate savings:

**Senior Manager:** Morgan Stanley Dean Witter

**Co-Senior Manager:** UBS/Paine Webber

**Co-Managers:** Bear, Stearns & Co., Inc  
McDonald Investments

“FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission’s executive director and general counsel are authorized and directed to notify the aforesaid investment banking firms of the appointments aforesaid and to negotiate a fee and enter into contracts with such firms in accordance with the Commission’s Request for Proposals and the responses thereto and to take any and all further action necessary to complete the retention of the Commission’s investment banking firms.”

Again, we would recommend that the Commission move to adopt this resolution.

Leever: Do we have a motion?

Greenwood: Madame Chair, I move adoption of the resolution.

Williams: Second.

Leever: Are there any comments? Roll, please.

Roll: Mr. Strnisha-abstain, Mr. Blair-yes; Mr. Williams-yes; Mr. Greenwood, yes, Mrs. Leever-yes.

The resolution is adopted.

Zomparelli: I have no further report for the Commission Members as it pertains to resolutions, but I want to briefly report on our service plazas concessionaire process at the Portage and Brady's Leap Service locations. I am happy to report that McDonalds plans to open up their concession on May 18<sup>th</sup> – a lot earlier than we expected. It's the most expedited build-out we have ever seen on the Turnpike. We are still working with HMS/Host on getting the other concessionaires open – the Starbucks, the Travel Mart and the Fossil-Bijoux retail store.

As far as the sit-down or larger family-style area, we are painstakingly moving forward. The Operator that provided us the temporary McDonalds service wanted to submit a proposal for us to consider, but did not want to do anything until McDonalds was done with their build-out because he does a lot of work for McDonalds and that might interfere with his future business prospects. But he has some interesting ideas and concepts – a diner or new ideas for us to consider. I'll report to the Commission on that at our next meeting. That's it, Madame Chairman.

Leever: Thank you very much Mr. Zomparelli.

Our next item on the agenda is a resolution expressing appreciation to Mr. Williams. Our Commission is really quite a diverse group of individuals from different walks of life who have come together to work towards a common goal. As one of our members, Earl has served with distinction and honor. His courage and convictions have always been tempered by his graciousness. He always listens and never hesitates to make a decision, and some decisions have been most difficult. Earl always did what was best for the Turnpike. And

from personal experience I know that it has not always been easy. We have seen great and wonderful changes during his tenure and he has every right to be proud of helping to accomplish so many of our goals. We are all grateful to you, Earl for dedicating so many years in going so in such a gentlemanly fashion. Saying we will miss you hardly seems adequate but it comes from the bottom of our hearts. On a personal note when I became Chairman I knew immediately who I wanted as Vice-Chairman. I remember calling Alan Plain and telling him of my decision. I also remember the day that I phoned you with my request, and you will never know how grateful I was when you accepted. I knew I could count on you completely; there was no doubt in my mind, and time has only strengthened my faith and trust. I like to feel that we have a special friendship and I know it will not simply end because your term as Commissioner is completed. I shall miss seeing you as well as miss your wisdom and common sense. None of us will be very far away and hopefully we will always keep in touch. Best wishes to you, Earl, and your family and again many thanks from all of us for a job well done.

Williams: Thank you very much.

Leever: I want to stand to read this resolution expressing our appreciation to Earl Williams:

“WHEREAS, Earl W. Williams was appointed as a member of the Ohio Turnpike Commission by Governor George V. Voinovich on April 22, 1994;

WHEREAS, during his seven-year tenure as a member of the Commission, he was elected Vice-Chairman on June 22, 1998, a position which he holds until the expiration of his term on June 30, 2001;

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams has served with distinction as a member of the Commission and has actively contributed to the Commission’s purposes and objectives through his diligent application to the matters coming before the Commission, and the astuteness and knowledge which he has employed in making and expressing judgments with respect to vital areas relating to the maintenance and operation of the Ohio Turnpike;

WHEREAS, as a Commission Member, Earl W. Williams was instrumental in enabling the Ohio Turnpike Commission to diligently continue its capital improvement program in excess of \$1 billion dollars which includes new interchanges, toll plaza and maintenance building renovations, and most recently the reconstruction of three pairs of service plazas which provide Ohio travelers the best concepts for food, service, fueling, parking and rest areas and most notably the expansion of the Ohio Turnpike from two lanes to three from Toledo to Youngstown, Ohio, a distance of approximately 160 miles;

WHEREAS, Earl W. Williams has been one of the premier and distinguished business and civic leaders in the State of Ohio, having contributed in several important roles, including: serving as chief executive officer of the Cleveland Metropolitan Housing Authority and executive director of the Community Relations Board of Cleveland; being appointed to a nine-year term for the Board of Trustees



at Kent State University which commenced in 1993; serving as trustee at St. James A.M.E. Church, Cleveland, Ohio; and, being inducted into the Greater Cleveland Growth Association's "Leadership Cleveland," *Class of 1979*;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the Commission hereby recognizes and expresses its appreciation of the diligent, active and valuable service rendered by Earl W. Williams as a member of the Ohio Turnpike Commission; and

RESOLVED that the Commission extends to Earl W. Williams, his wife, Frances, and family its best wishes for his success and well-being in all matters and activities which he shall undertake in the future; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the assistant secretary-treasurer be, and hereby he is, directed to send a certified copy of this resolution to Mr. Williams."

Thank you Earl for all your work.

Williams: Thank you very much.

Leever: We clapped any way, but we need a motion for this resolution.

Greenwood: I'll move for adoption.

Strnisha: I will second it.

Roll: Mr. Strnisha-yes; Mr. Greenwood-yes; Mr. Blair-yes; Mrs. Leever-yes. Now the resolution has passed and we can clap again.

Zomparelli: We also have a small gift, Mr. Williams – "The History and Motion of Cleveland" book. Hopefully, you don't have a copy of this already, but it's a small token of our appreciation. There's a small section about the Ohio Turnpike.

Williams: Thank you and may I respond? I am overwhelmed. All these great things that have been said about me today. Really, I'm almost speechless. As you know I was appointed to this Commission in 1994 by now Senator George Voinovich. It's been my privilege and happy to have the unique opportunity to serve this Commission and serve the people of the State of Ohio as a part of this Commission.

I must take this opportunity to as a Member to thank two Chairpersons – Umberto Fedeli and Ruth Ann Leever for their outstanding leadership in moving this Commission forward. I'd also like to thank the talented Commissioners who have served in this capacity with me

over the years. I cannot continue without thanking the staff for their expertise, skills, knowledge in advising the Commissioners. I think this staff is second to none in the State of Ohio. Each of the past and present Directors, Allan V. Johnson. G. Alan Plain and Gino Zomparelli are to be commended for assembling this talented team.

I would not attempt to enumerate the numerous accomplishments during my tenure. However, they have developed a sense of pride in my having to be a small part of its successes. Thank you and please accept my best wishes to this Commission for the future. Thank you. (Applause.)

Zomparelli: Madame Chairman, I'd like to make a brief comment if I may? I also have had the opportunity to work with Mr. Williams the time I have been working for the Turnpike (in excess of 6 years) in my capacity as General Counsel and Executive Director. I definitely appreciate the support that you have given myself. On behalf of the entire staff of the Ohio Turnpike Commission, you were always there when we needed it. We had good questions, and you gave us good sound advice. We will miss you, but we know you are there if we have any questions or need any help on other issues.

Williams: Thank you.

Leever: Our next point of business, we will ask Mr. Fleischman. The Deputy Executive Director, Dan Castrigano, is absent today so we will ask Mr. Fleischman to give his report, please.

Fleischman: Thank you Madame Chairman. I'd like to briefly update the status of our construction projects. It's good to report that the month of April was a very favorable month to get our projects started. Everything is going very well. On our third lane, we have two projects. Traffic has now shifted to the outside berm and the outside lane and the median area has been closed off with temporary concrete barrier through the remainder of the construction season. Those two projects will have little or no interference with Turnpike traffic this summer.

The Cuyahoga River Bridge project substructure is now complete and the beams have been erected (14 of the 18 spans). This week we will be pouring the first deck. That project is progressing very well. It is scheduled for the first bridge to be completed in October. There is no reason why that should not be accomplished.

We have 4 overhead bridges being constructed right now; three will be completed by the end of June. Those are Oregon Road (Toledo area); Stanley & Lintz Road (Warren area). The remaining overhead bridge at S.R. 795 will be under construction through the summer as it is a larger structure.

There are 6 toll plaza reconstruction projects ongoing at this time all of which are scheduled for completion this year. The remaining 5 original plazas that have not been reconstructed and all under design at this time. Hopefully, by this time next year we will have reconstructed all the original 17 toll plazas.

Two resurfacing projects which total approximately 19 miles are both progressing well. We have one project in the third lane section which is between Sandusky and Elyria/Lorain area. Two lanes are kept open during the day and a single lane is maintained at night. All the paving is done at night to minimize the effect on mainline traffic. The other resurfacing project is in the Youngstown area – that's in a two-lane section of the Turnpike so that is accomplished just utilizing single-lane zones, but all lanes will be available over the Memorial Day weekend and also during the summer. That project is not completed until after Labor Day.

As the Executive Director mentioned, service plazas at Portage and Brady's Leap are opened. They opened April 11. The Middle Ridge/Vermilion Valley plazas closed in March and construction is progressing extremely well at those sites.

Maintenance Building expansion and renovation projects got underway recently, and they are scheduled for completion late this year or in January 2002.

If you traveled the roadway on the way to the meeting today, hopefully you noticed that we just completed re-striping the entire mainline and also re-striping all the interchanges to provide good delineation on the roadways.

That completes the construction report although there is one other item I'd like to mention. Last Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, I was pleased to represent the Commission at the Akron District Society of Professional Engineers Meeting. We were presented the outstanding

Engineering Achievement Award for 2001 for our third-lane project. I'd like to pass this handsome plaque around. It's nice to be recognized by people in our industry. That concludes my report.

Zomparelli: Madame Chair, Commission Members, as the Vice-Chairman and Chairman recall, as well as our retired Executive Director in the audience, the pressures that the Commission was under with the third-lane expansion. Now it's finally nice to be recognized. This is the second recognition we have gotten on the third-lane engineering this year. I guess it takes a couple years to catch up, but we are receiving that now. It's a testament to the staff and the URS team, our project managers, for the third-lane expansion.

On another point, before Senator Armbruster asks about our construction projects, we are doing so well with our service plazas in Lorain, I was wondering why S. R. 58 takes so long. Mr. Amato, General Counsel, is still working on trying to negotiate a favorable price for the purchase of the land we need to build the interchange. We have made an offer some time ago, but have not yet received a reply. That's one issue and the second issue is we are told that the utility connection contract was let, but they have not started work yet. That was the most recent thing I found out last week. We will again encourage them to continue to move forward and hopefully we can start reviewing that interchange again. The plans are done and ready. It's the technical issues that are holding things up.

Leever: Thank you Mr. Zomparelli and thanks Mr. Fleischman. Eric, do you have a report?

Erickson: I don't have a specific report. I just wanted to thank Mr. Zomparelli and Mr. Steiner for their support and help in this process. It was not a difficult process, but did require a fair amount of time to interview the representatives and review the proposals. I think we have assembled a pretty good team for both issues.

Leever; Thank you very much.

Zomparelli: Madame Chairman, there is one other item, we will be meeting with the bond rating firms and updating them on these anticipated proposals later this month.

Leever; Our trustee, Frank Lamb?

Lamb: No report, Madame Chairman.

Leever: From the OSHP, Captain Ferguson?

Ferguson: Good Morning Madame Chairman and Members of the Commission. This morning marks the beginning of my eighth week as the new Commander of the OSHP operations on the Ohio Turnpike. I am pleased to report that the month of April was very easy on me in my transition to this job, but the honeymoon has come to a close in the last two weeks of May as far as the terms of incidences occurring which the OSHP involves itself and handles.

We have had three fatal crashes so far in the month of May which have killed three people. First, occurred on Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 12:22 a.m., a 28-year old male from Lorain, Ohio was killed when the motorcycle he was operating struck the rear-end of a semi-tractor-trailer at the 151 exit ramp. He was traveling eastbound. The motorcyclist had just entered the Turnpike minutes before at the prior ramp. The semi had been traveling in the right-hand lane and the motorcycle was traveling over 100 mph at the time of the impact. Witnesses placed him flying by other motorists the entire time he has on the mainline of the Turnpike. The cyclist was not wearing a helmet, he was drinking alcoholic beverages and was in possession of drug paraphernalia. The truck driver was not injured.

The second fatal crash occurred on Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at approximately 1:00 a.m. at MP 236.5 (westbound). This was kind of a freak crash. A family of five from Philadelphia, PA were traveling to Illinois when a deer attempted to cross the highway. It was struck by their vehicle and unfortunately crashed into the windshield of the car striking a 19-year old male passenger. He was taken to St. Elizabeth Hospital in Youngstown where he expired later that day.

The third fatal crash occurred this past weekend on Saturday night, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:40 p.m. It involved two vehicles at MP 129 (eastbound). A car had stopped at the right-hand berm in a portion of the Turnpike where there are three lanes. A second eastbound car traveled off the road and struck the first one in the rear while it was still stopped. A passenger in the stopped car was killed and the driver of that stopped car is currently in critical condition at Cleveland Metro Hospital. Alcohol impairment is suspected in this crash also.

On a more positive note, Lt. Carney Matheny, our Hiram Post Commander, retired on its Commander. There will be retirement testimonial dinner for Lt. Matheny on June 9 in Ravenna where we will celebrate his retirement formally. Other than that I have enjoyed my time here so far. I'm still excited and I want to look and see what we can do to prevent any more of these types of crashes. That concludes my report.

Leever: Thank you, Captain. Our general consultant, Mike Schipper?

Schipper: In that past month we have completed about a third of the bridge and culvert inspections and about 2/3 of the pavement inspections.

Leever: Thank you. And last but not least, our General Counsel, Mr. Amato.

Amato: Thank you, Madame Chairman, Commission Members. The three items I have distributed are this quarter's Litigation Report for your review. As always, if you have any questions, feel free to call me between meetings to discuss any of the cases or matters that are contained in that report.

Secondly, I need to report that last month we awarded a contract to Cornerstone Management for janitorial services at the Portage/Brady's Leap Service Plazas. Prior to our recommendation and award we met with Cornerstone to make sure that they understood the scope of the project, that they had the necessary employees and equipment and capital to begin that project. At that time they believed they did. Unfortunately, as they started their work at the plazas which began on April 11<sup>th</sup>, it became apparent to them that they were perhaps in over their heads. After several meetings with that company, they asked to be relieved of the contract. The contract was terminated effective May 3, 2001 at which time we secured the services of ADW for temporary cleaning until such time that the second-lowest bidder, One Source Management, could come in and start their contract which will begin on May 14, 2001. We had a smooth transition and One Source started today. Hopefully, they will perform the contract as necessary.

I have one resolution concerning appropriation of a Temporary Construction Easement which became necessary in a construction project at MP 65.1 concerning the overhead bridges for S.R. 795.

This is a for a temporary construction easement which will last approximately six weeks. We have approached the land owners who do not seem interested in negotiating for a temporary easement. I'd like to read the resolution:

“RESOLVED that the Commission has negotiated to obtain permission for a temporary easement on the real estate described herein with the owner, but has been unable to enter into an agreement and has complied with the provisions of section 163.04 of the Revised Code; and said property is necessary for the above-mentioned reconstruction project to be completed by the E. S. Wagner Co. of Oregon, Ohio under Contract No. 43-00-04;

“BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that proceedings be begun and prosecuted to effect the appropriation of the necessary easements on the following described property from the owner and persons having an interest therein, to-wit:

(The owners are Mason and Valerie Rowley of P. O. Box 125, Rossford, Ohio. Also named would be the Auditor and Treasurer of Wood County – the Auditor being Michael Sibbersen and the Wood County Treasurer, Jill Engle, The property is attached to the resolution with the legal descriptions as Exhibits A and B. )

“FURTHER RESOLVED that the general counsel be, and he hereby is instructed to do or cause to be done all things that may be necessary in the premises in order that proceedings for the appropriation of the property interest described above may be commenced.

I would request that this resolution be approved and adopted.

Leever: Do we have a motion?

Williams: I move for the adoption of the resolution.

Leever; Second?

Strnisha: Second.

Leever: Are there any questions?

Roll: Mr. Williams-yes; Mr. Strnisha-yes; Mr. Blair-yes; Mr. Greenwood-yes; Mrs. Leever-yes.

The resolution passes.

Amato: Thank you, Madame Chairman, that concludes my report.

Leever: Thank you, Mr. Amato. If there is no further business, I will accept a motion to adjourn until June 11<sup>th</sup>.

Zomparelli: Madame Chair, before we adjourn, I want to point out a couple other items for the Commission Members. Our Government Liaison, Pat Patton, is working with Senator Armbruster to set up the next Oversight Committee Meeting in July. We were trying to go to the central western part of the State. With the heavy tourism traffic we experience in that area, that might be a good idea.

We have been notified of the Senate appointments – Senator Armbruster will serve as Chairman this year. Senator Tim Ryan and Senator Kevin Coughlin will represent the Senate. Senator Kevin Coughlin was a previous OTC Oversight Member in 1997. We are still awaiting official notification from the House, I believe, for their two members’ appointments. That’s the reason why we have not had prior meetings this year. There just wasn’t a quorum. Senator Armbruster has been anxious to set up a meeting for some time, but he is limited until he gets the bodies, I guess.

Also, both Senator Armbruster and Representative Buehrer have been officially re-appointed to the Ohio Turnpike Commission. Thank you for coming back to the Commission. We like continuity, and it helps to have experienced legislators these days serving in a representative capacity for the Commission.

When we learn of the other two House members, we will notify the Commission, but we plan on July 6<sup>th</sup> for the Oversight Meeting. As well, we are also working to set up the next Customer Advisory Meeting. That’s the last of my housekeeping items, Madame Chair.

Leever; May I echo Gino’s sentiments that we are very pleased that you both are back. I still need a motion to adjourn until June 11<sup>th</sup>.

Greenwood: I move we adjourn to June 11<sup>th</sup>.

Strnisha; Second.

Roll: Mr. Greenwood-yes, Mr. Strnisha-yes; Mr. Blair-yes; Mr. Williams-yes; Mrs. Leever-yes.

Leever: Drive carefully. (Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.)

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