

BLUE RIBBON PANEL
Department of Transportation Traffic Information Center
14301 S. Outer Forty
Chesterfield, Missouri
April 16, 2003

Minutes of Meeting

Meeting Notice

The Blue Ribbon Panel appointed by the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission (MHTC) met on Wednesday, April 16, 2003, in the Department of Transportation Traffic Information Center, 14301 S. Outer Forty, Chesterfield, MO. A meeting with MoDOT employees convened at Noon. The Panel's regular meeting convened at 2:00 p.m.

The meeting agenda, showing the date, time, and location of the meeting, was posted in keeping with Section 610.020 of the 2000 Revised Statutes of Missouri, as amended.

Attendance

Members present for regular meeting:

Dr. Jack Magruder, Chairman
Ray Beck
Jim Henson
Tom Irwin
Freeman McCullah
Joe Ortwerth
Steve Roberts
Larry Stobbs

Members absent:

Emanuel Cleaver
John Mehner
Karen Messerli
Morris Westfall

MoDOT Headquarters Staff present:

Henry Hungerbeeler, Director
Rich Tiemeyer, Chief Counsel
Kevin Keith, Chief Engineer
Pat Goff, Chief Operating Officer
Rich Hood, Director of Communications

Summary of Meeting

Meeting with MoDOT Employees

Prior to the Panel's regular meeting, panel members met with 30 employees from Districts 3, 6, and 10, without MoDOT management staff, to listen to their input as it pertained to accountability, credibility, and efficiency issues. The employees were selected at random in keeping with a process developed by the MoDOT District Engineers.

Call to Order – Approval of Minutes

Dr. Jack Magruder, Chairman, called the meeting to order. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the April 8, 2003, meeting were approved as submitted.

Report from Kirk Brown, former Secretary of IDOT

Dr. Magruder welcomed Kirk Brown, former Secretary of the Illinois Department of Transportation who had been invited by the panel to provide input relating to accountability, credibility, and efficiency issues. Mr. Brown's presentation and responses to questions from the panel members have been summarized as they pertain to specific issues. A copy of the summary and a copy of the charts he referenced during the meeting are attached and made a part of these meeting minutes. See Attachment A.

Regional Panel Meetings in Rural Areas

Dr. Magruder reminded the group to advise him of any regional meetings that are scheduled in their local areas so the information can be disseminated to all members.

Individual Meetings with Legislative Leaders and Stakeholders

Dr. Magruder will be meeting in Jefferson City with more legislative leaders on April 23 and with representatives of Farm Bureau on May 1. He encouraged panel members whose schedule would allow them to attend to do so.

Request for Additional Information

During the meeting the panel members asked the MoDOT staff to provide the following information:

1. Copy of video tape of Kirk Brown's presentation made during the panel meeting.
(Magruder)

2. List of capital expenditures since 1992. Dr. Magruder clarified that he was seeking information on maintenance buildings and office facilities rather than highways.

Public Input

The Panel met at 6 p.m. to hear presentations from the public. Three individuals submitted testimony. Attachments B and C are attached and made a part of these minutes.

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