



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Commonwealth Transportation Board

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Agenda item #5

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

July 17, 2019

MOTION

Made By: Mr. Dodson, Seconded By: Mr. Rucker
Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously

Title: Bridge Naming: “Edward L. Embrey Memorial Bridge”

WHEREAS, the Nelson County Board of Supervisors wishes to honor the life, commitment and selfless public service of Edward L. Embrey who was a lifetime volunteer and leader of emergency services in Nelson County which included Chief of the Faber Fire Department, Captain of the Nelson County Rescue Squad and President of the Nelson County Emergency Services Council. He was also a career employee for 37 years with the Virginia Department of Forestry until his retirement in 2007. He fought forest fires, assisted in search and rescue and disaster recovery efforts, held multiple other leadership roles and served as a lifetime volunteer in Nelson County’s public schools. A consummate professional, he was always willing to go the extra mile to serve his fellow man and community up until the time of his passing on January 31, 2019; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Nelson County Board of Supervisors has requested, by resolution dated April 9, 2019, that the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB), to honor and memorialize the life, service and contributions of Edward L. Embrey, name the bridge on U.S. Route 29, Thomas Nelson Highway, over Rockfish River, Nelson County as the “Edward L. Embrey Memorial Bridge”; and

WHEREAS, § 33.2-213 provides that the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) shall place and maintain appropriate signs indicating the names of highways, bridges, interchanges, and other transportation facilities named by the CTB and requires that the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining such signs shall be paid by the localities in which they are located or by the private entity whose name is attached to the transportation facility so named; and

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WHEREAS, by resolution, Nelson County has agreed to pay VDOT for the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining the signs calling attention to this naming.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, the CTB hereby names the bridge on U.S. Route 29, Thomas Nelson Highway, over Rockfish River, Nelson County as the "Edward L. Embrey Memorial Bridge"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that VDOT is directed to produce, place, and maintain the signs calling attention to this naming, and secure payment from Nelson County for these costs as required by law.

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CTB Decision Brief

Bridge Naming: “Edward L. Embrey Memorial Bridge”

Issue: Commemorative naming of the bridge on U.S. Route 29, Thomas Nelson Highway, over Rockfish River, Nelson County as the “Edward L. Embrey Memorial Bridge”.

Facts: Nelson County enacted a resolution on April 9, 2019 memorializing the life, service and dedication of its native son Edward “Eddie” Embrey. Based on that resolution, Mr. Embrey was a lifetime volunteer and leader of emergency services in Nelson County serving for many years as Chief of the Faber Fire Department, Captain of the Nelson County Rescue Squad and President of the Nelson County Emergency Services Council. He was also a career employee of the Virginia Department of Forestry serving Nelson County, Central Virginia and the Commonwealth for 37 years until his retirement in 2007. Other examples of his distinguished service include:

- Fighting a mountainside forest fire at age 12 alongside his father;
- Assisting in search and rescue efforts after Hurricane Camille;
- First Department of Forestry Technician in Nelson County after serving nine years as Chief Forest Warden;
- Awarded the first Forest Warden of the Year in 1993 by the Virginia Wildlife Federation;
- Serving as Assistant Director and Director at Holliday Lake Forestry Camp;
- Task Force Leader of firefighters sent to assist fighting forest fires in Texas and Florida
- Working tirelessly to combat numerous forest fires in Central Virginia and assist with cleanup efforts following flooding and road cleaning following blizzards
- Service as a lifetime volunteer in Nelson County public schools training Keep Virginia Green crews at Nelson County High School and in the local Future Farmers of America program

Mr. Embrey was the consummate professional, an untiring volunteer no matter the emergency or need, and a devoted and selfless public servant beginning in his youth and continuing until his passing on January 31, 2019.

Recommendations: The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) recommends this request be approved.

Action Required by CTB: The *Code of Virginia* requires a majority of the CTB members to approve a resolution naming a highway or bridge, as appropriate. A resolution will be provided for the Board’s consideration.

Result if Approved: The bridge on US Route 29, Thomas Nelson Highway, over Rockfish River, Nelson County will be named as the “Edward L. Embrey Memorial Bridge”. In accordance with law and by local resolution, Nelson County agrees to pay the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining the signs calling attention to this naming.

Options: Approve, Deny, or Defer.

Public Comments/Reactions: VDOT is not aware of any opposition to this proposal.



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April 11, 2019

Mr. Donald L. Austin, Residency Administrator
Virginia Department of Transportation – Appomattox Residency
P.O. Box 249
331 Ferguson Street
Appomattox, Virginia 24522

Dear Mr. Austin:

Please find enclosed Resolution R2019-13, as unanimously approved on April 9, 2019 by the Nelson County Board of Supervisors, to request the approval of the Commonwealth Transportation Board for the naming of the northbound and southbound bridge structures over the Rockfish River on Route 29 in the Woods Mill area of Nelson County as the Edward L. Embrey Memorial Bridge in honor of the late Edward L. Embrey.

As the Board's resolution states, Mr. Embrey is a distinguished and honored son of Nelson County who was a lifelong public servant for Nelson County and for the Commonwealth of Virginia. The requested recognition of Mr. Embrey is a much deserved honor for an individual who devoted himself to public service both in his chosen profession and as a citizen volunteer.

The Board of Supervisors on behalf of the citizens of Nelson County is committed to the requirements necessary to provide a lasting tribute to Mr. Embrey through the naming of the herein referenced bridge structures in Nelson County, as is also denoted in the enclosed resolution. Please do not hesitate to contact this office should additional information be necessary to provide for the approval of the request hereby submitted by Nelson County.

Thank you, the Department and the members of the Commonwealth Transportation Board for the consideration afforded the County's request, the approval of which is very important to this locality.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen A. Carter". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Stephen A. Carter
County Administrator

Cc: Board of Supervisors

Enclosure



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**RESOLUTION R2019-13
NELSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

A resolution requesting the Commonwealth Transportation Board (to) name the northbound and southbound bridge structures over the Rockfish River on Route 29 in the Woods Mill area of Nelson County as the “Edward L. Embrey Memorial Bridge” in honor and recognition of an esteemed, universally respected and dedicated public servant of Nelson County and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

WHEREAS, the late Edward L. Embrey, a native son of Nelson County, was a committed, devoted and selfless public servant, beginning in his youth and continuing until his recent passing on January 31 2019; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Embrey gave tirelessly of himself as a lifetime volunteer and leader of emergency services in Nelson County, serving for many, many years as Chief of the Faber Fire Department, Captain of Nelson County Rescue Squad and President of the Nelson County Emergency Services Council; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Embrey was a career employee of the Virginia Department of Forestry serving Nelson County, Central Virginia and the Commonwealth for 37 years until his retirement in 2007; and,

WHEREAS, just a few of the countless examples of Mr. Embrey’s distinguished service include:

- Fighting a mountainside forest fire at age 12 with his father
- At 18 assisting in the search and rescue effort in Nelson County after the horrific aftermath of Hurricane Camille
- Becoming the first DOF Technician in Nelson County after serving 9 years as Chief Forest Warden
- First recipient of the Forest Warden of the Year presented in 1993 by the Virginia Wildlife Federation
- Facilitator of a Fire Readiness Plan for Wintergreen Resort
- Service as Assistant Director from 1983-1987 at Holliday Lake Forestry Camp and as Director from 1988 to 1998

- Task Force Leader of firefighters and equipment sent to assist with forest fires in Texas in 1996 and 2000 and in Florida in 1998
- Working tirelessly throughout his career to combat numerous large forest fires in Central Virginia and with the cleanup efforts following significant flooding in the Commonwealth in 1995 and with a blizzard that struck Nelson County in 1996 (pushing snow in an open cab dozer to open roads throughout the County)
- Service as a lifetime volunteer in Nelson County's public schools working to train Keep Virginia Green crews at Nelson County High School and in the local FFA program, service that resulted in numerous awards for the program at the regional, state and national levels

WHEREAS, Mr. Embrey, "Eddie" to his family, friends and all who were fortunate to know him, was the consummate professional and untiring volunteer no matter the emergency or need, never refusing to give of himself no matter the personal sacrifice, always willing to go the extra mile no matter the day or time, Eddie was always there to help his community, his state and anyone who needed help; and,

WHEREAS, the Nelson County Board of Supervisors seeks to honor its native son, Edward L. Embrey with an enduring symbol to recognize and commemorate Mr. Embrey, for his distinguished and outstanding service to Nelson County and to the Commonwealth of Virginia.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF NELSON COUNTY, VIRGINIA:

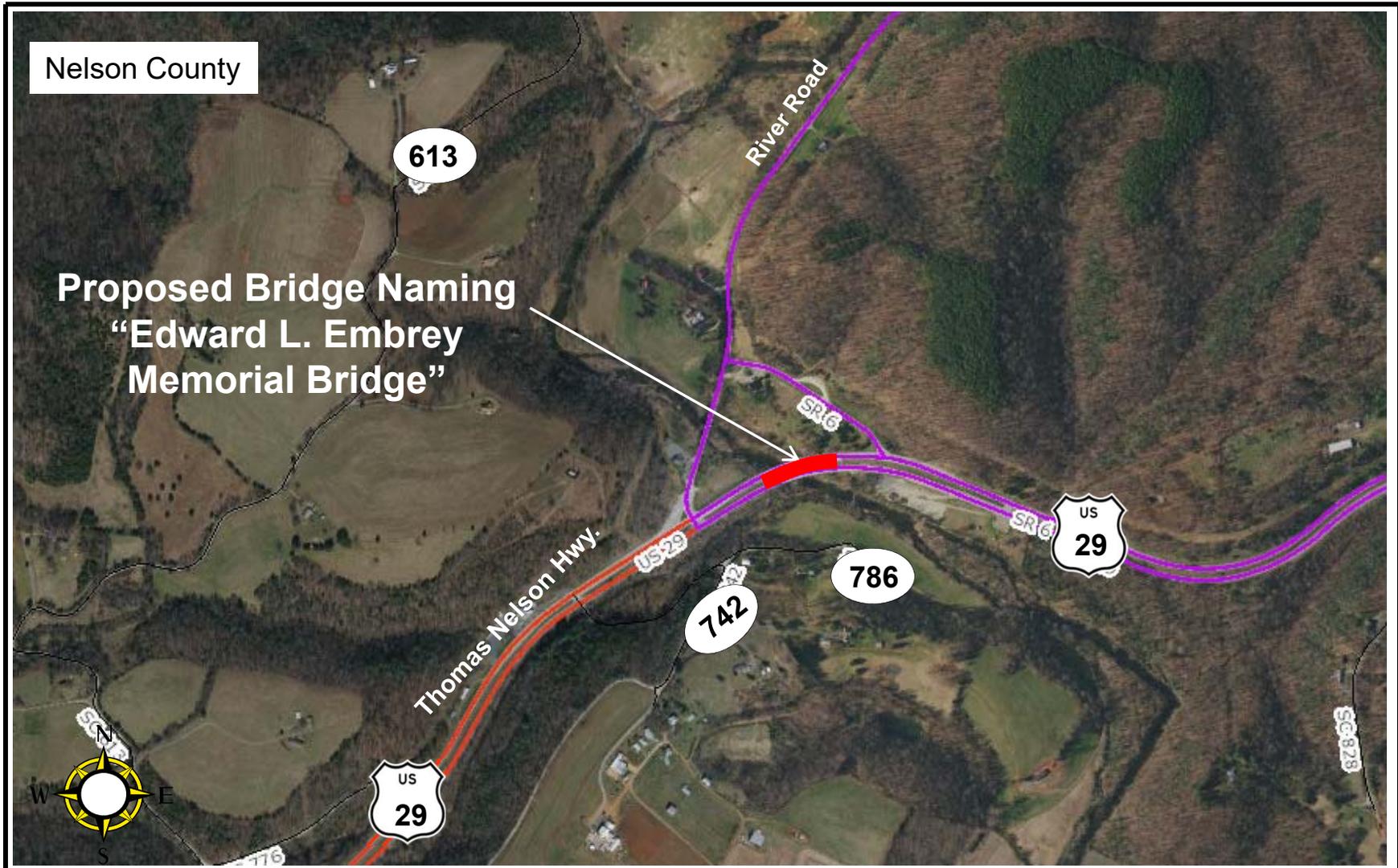
That said Board of Supervisors hereby respectfully requests, pursuant to §33.2-213 of the Code of Virginia, that the Commonwealth Transportation Board name the northbound and southbound bridge structures on Route 29 over the Rockfish River at Woods Mill in Nelson County as the "Edward L. Embrey Memorial Bridge".

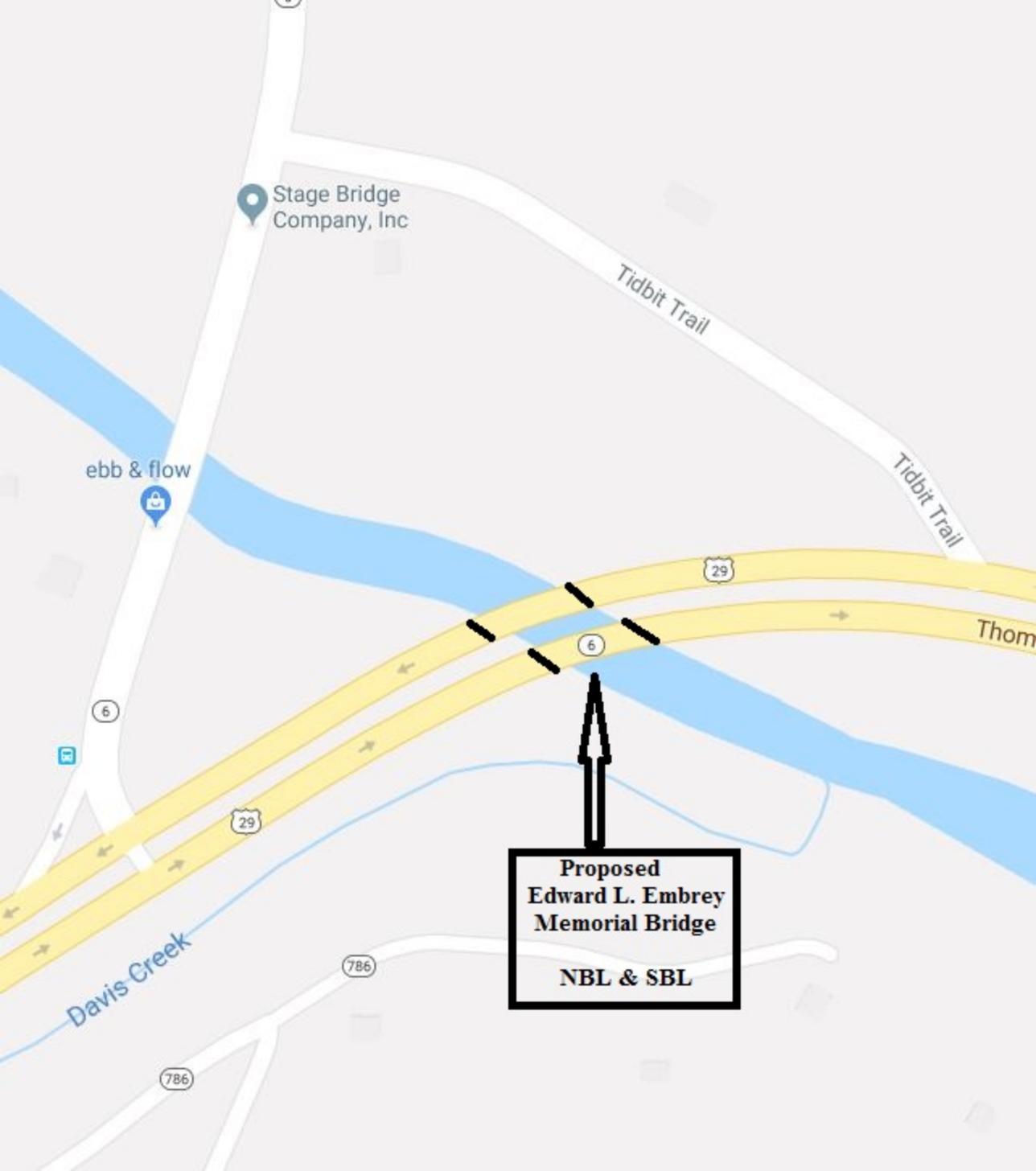
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That said Board of Supervisors of Nelson County is committed to provide for the expense necessary to produce, place and to maintain the sign(s) the Board is requesting to honor Mr. Edward L. Embrey and to take any other action required to support this petition to the Commonwealth.

Adopted: April 9, 2019

Attest: Stephan A. Carter, Clerk
Nelson County Board of Supervisors





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Edward L. Embrey
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