

The meeting was called to order by Chairman David A. Darlington at 8:30 A.M.

Members Present:

David A. Darlington, Chairman
Michael P. Lewis
Stephen C. Waluk
William ("Chuck") Alves

Members Absent:

Richard P. Eannarino
Arthur H. Fletcher

Invited Guests:

Buddy Croft, Executive Director
Christine H. Callahan, CFO/Controller
Marianne Hillier, Director of Operations
Peter M. Janaros, P.E., Director of Engineering
Robert Moorehead, Chief of Maintenance
Jeannine T. Bourassa, Executive Assistant
Bernard A. Jackvony, Legal Counsel
Meredith Pickering, Fiscal Advisor
Edward Sherwood, Benchmark International, Inc.
Sam Bari, Jamestown Press

Item No. 2

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by Michael P. Lewis, passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2008 meeting.

Item No. 3

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by Michael P. Lewis, passed unanimously to approve:
Pannone, Lopes & Devereaux, Legal Counsel
November & December Invoices \$19,971.76

Item No. 4

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by Michael P. Lewis, passed unanimously to approve:
Adler Pollock & Sheehan P.C., Legal Counsel
Invoice 359964 \$10,080.00

Item No. 5

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by Michael P. Lewis, passed unanimously to approve:
Nixon & Peabody – Legal Counsel
Invoice 9036488 \$ 1,139.00

Item No. 6

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by Michael P. Lewis, passed unanimously to ratify:
Unicom – Newport/Pell Bridge
Invoice 10055782 \$ 6,701.00

Item No. 7

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by Michael P. Lewis, passed unanimously to ratify:
Wilbur Smith Associate – E-Z Pass Implementation
Invoice 530289 \$ 10,051.25

Item No. 8

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by Michael P. Lewis, passed unanimously to ratify:
Mello Construction Co., Inc. – Newport/Pell Bridge
Invoice 26458 \$ 5,950.00

Item No. 9

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by Michael P. Lewis, passed unanimously to ratify:
TMC Services, Inc. – Mt. Hope Bridge
Invoice 50835 \$374,363.31

Item No. 10

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by Michael P. Lewis, passed unanimously to ratify:
Cianbro Corporation – Mt. Hope Bridge
Tower Painting and Rehabilitation
Payment No. 18 \$781,439.38

Item No. 11

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by Michael P. Lewis, passed unanimously to Ratify:
Telvent Caseta, Inc. – Newport/Pell Bridge
Invoice 899 \$ 59,111.00
Invoice 900 87,012.00
Invoice 901 210,219.00
\$356,342.00

Item No. 12

Director Lewis made a presentation to the Board regarding Governor Carcieri's Blue Ribbon Panel on Transportation Funding Report and how it might impact RITBA. The report identified the use of tolls on the interstate and the potential transfer of the Sakonnet River Bridge to the Authority. It was noted that prior to this potential happening a detailed toll and revenue study must be performed. The Department of Transportation in recognizing the need for the Authority to increase tolls to maintain the infrastructure of the Pell and Mount Hope Bridges would like to partner with the Authority to undertake said toll study by supplying 50% of the funds.

Item No. 13

The Board approved the Lyon Settlement of \$30,000 at the Mount Hope Bridge.

Item No. 14

The Board approved the Telvent Plaza Maintenance extension.

Item No. 15

The Board gave approval for the Authority to purchase a Sander.

Item No. 16

The Board authorized use of Potential Sources of Funding from EDC for Alternative Sources of Energy.

Item No. 17

The Chairman in his remarks discussed the progress being made by the installation of E-Z Pass and commended the staff for their efforts.

Item No. 18

The Executive Director, Buddy Croft, made his report.

Item No. 19

CFO/Controller, Christine H. Callahan gave her report.

Item No. 20

Engineer's Report was given by Peter M. Janaros, P.E.

Item No 21

The Board suspended the regular board meeting to convene an Executive Session which was called to order at 10:02 A.M. in accordance with Rhode Island's Open Meeting Law, R.I.G.L. 42-26-5(a)(1), (2), (3) and (5) upon motion made by Stephen C. Waluk and seconded by Michael P. Lewis. All Board members voted aye.

Stephan C. Waluk made a motion, seconded by Michael P. Lewis, approved by a unanimous vote to come out of Executive Session and to seal the minutes.

The Executive Session ended at 10:40 A.M.

Buddy Croft
Secretary