

A meeting of the Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority was held on Wednesday January 13, 2010, 8:30 A.M. at the Jamestown Philomenian Library, 26 North Road in Jamestown, R.I.

The meeting was called to order at 8:34 A.M. by Chairman David A. Darlington.

Members Present:

David A. Darlington, Chairman
Stephen C. Waluk
William “Chuck” Alves

Members Absent:

Richard P. Eannarino, Vice Chairman
Arthur H. Fletcher

Invited Guests:

Buddy Croft, Executive Director
Christine H. Callahan, CFO/Controller
Marianne Hillier, Director of Operations
Robert Moorehead, Chief of Maintenance
JoAnn Head, Executive Assistant
Stephen Clarke, Union Steward
Bernard A. Jackvony, Legal Counsel
Meredith Pickering, Fiscal Advisor

Item No. 2

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by William “Chuck” Alves, passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2009 Meeting and December 30, 2009 Special Meeting.

Item No. 3

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by William “Chuck” Alves, passed unanimously to approve:
Adler Pollock & Sheehan P.C.
Professional Services for November 2009
\$ 2,463.75

Item No. 4

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by William “Chuck” Alves, passed unanimously to approve:
Pannone, Lopes & Devereaux & West LLC
Profession Services for December 2009
\$ 9,934.38

Item No. 5

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by William “Chuck” Alves, passed unanimously to ratify:
Cardi Corporation. – Mt. Hope Bridge
Tower Piers and Anchorages Rehabilitation
Partial Payment No. 9 \$734,015.25

Item No. 6

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by William “Chuck” Alves, passed unanimously to ratify: Wilbur Smith Associates

RITBA EZPass Implementation – 8/29/09 – 9/25/09

Invoice 538669

\$ 4,066.80

Item No. 7

Buddy Croft gave a brief explanation of the Claiborne Pell Bridge and Mount Hope Bridge Traffic and Revenue Reports by Jacobs Engineering. Mr. Croft recommended that the Board approved the reports. Chairman David A. Darlington noted that page 1 of the report has a table of future increases; however, he pointed out that accepting the reports does not adopt the proposed increases in the tolls, but merely points out that future toll increases are anticipated. Chairman Darlington noted further that the peak traffic the Authority experience in 2005 is not anticipated to be reached again until 2027. Stephen C. Waluk noted that he remains opposed to any increase on the Claiborne Pell Bridge.

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by William “Chuck” Alves, passed unanimously in the form of a Resolution, to approve and adopt the Jacobs Engineering Traffic and Revenue Report as so presented on the Claiborne Pell and Mt. Hope Bridges.

Item No. 8

Buddy Croft noted that he, along with Chairman David A. Darlington, would be going to General Assembly to testify for the “Kushner” legislation approval for the anticipated bonding. It was noted that the request was not to exceed \$68 million, but that it was above the anticipated funding of \$62 million so that if the final funding is above \$62 million, there will be no need to go back to the General Assembly.

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by William “Chuck” Alves, passed unanimously in the form of a Resolution, to approve and authorize the Executive Director to file “Kushner” legislation in the amount not to exceed \$68,000,000.00.

Item No. 9

Buddy Croft explained that the Authority may be eligible for funds for a wind turbine study so that this small commitment begins the process of determining the feasibility of wind turbines.

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by William “Chuck” Alves, passed unanimously in the form of a Resolution, to conduct a wind turbine feasibility study in order to pursue funding services for construction.

Item No. 10

Buddy Croft made the Board aware that the RI Department of Environmental Management wants to explore partnering with the Authority to allow beach and park admission fees processed through the Authority's E-ZPass network since the Authority has the franchise for the E-ZPass in the state.

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by William "Chuck" Alves, passed unanimously in the form of a Resolution, to approve the Authority's partnership with the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management for the use of the Authority's E-ZPass system to collect parking payments at Rhode Island Beaches.

Item No. 11

Chairman David A. Darlington explained that this action permits the Executive Director to go back to the vendor and discuss extending the Authority's contract in return for getting a lower per transaction rate.

No action was taken on the ACS Fee Structure

Item No. 12

No executive session was held.

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by William "Chuck" Alves, passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 A.M. .

Buddy Croft, Secretary