

A meeting of the Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority was held on Wednesday, February 8, 2012 at 8:30 A.M. at the Jamestown Philomenian Library.

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

**Members Present:**

David A. Darlington, Chairman  
Stephen C. Waluk  
Deborah M. Brayton  
Michael P. Lewis, Director DOT

**Member Absent:**

Arthur H. Fletcher

**Invited Guests:**

Buddy Croft, Executive Director  
Nancy E. Parrillo, CFO  
Peter M. Janaros, Director of Engineering  
Marianne Hillier, Director of Operations  
Kathryn O'Connnor, EZ –Pass Supervisor  
James E. Swanberg, Safety Consultant  
Jeannine T. Bourassa  
William O'Gara, Legal Counsel

**Public Comments:** None

Item No. 2

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by Michael P. Lewis, passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2012 meeting.

Item No. 3

The Chairman moved that Item No. 3 be eliminated. Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by Michael P. Lewis, passed unanimously to eliminate Robinson & Cole LLP invoice.

Item No. 8

Motion by Deborah M. Brayton, seconded by Michael P. Lewis, passed with Stephen C. Waluk opposing to approve RITBA Toll Rate Adjustment at Newport/Pell Bridge effective July 1, 2012 and Legislation Permitting , RITBA to set Toll Rates on Mount Hope Bridge. Stephen C. Waluk felt it was too soon to take action. A recent Traffic and Revenue Analysis was prepared by Jacobs and has suggested the need for an increase in toll revenue through a toll rate adjustment with respect to the Newport/Pell Bridge in order to achieve a revenue stream sufficient to fund the Authority's ongoing ten-year capital program and tends to suggest specific benefits in prescribing and establishing a toll rate for travel over the Mt. Hope Bridge.

Item No. 4

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by Michael P. Lewis, passed unanimously to approve:

Adler Pollock & Sheehan, PC

Professional Services for the month of January, 2012

\$4,245.25

Item No. 5

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by Michael P. Lewis, passes unanimously to approve:

Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West

Professional Services for the month of January, 2012 \$9,331.35

Item No. 6

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by Michael P. Lewis, passed unanimously to approve:

Taft & McSally LLP

Professional Services for the months of December & January \$7,582.50

Item No. 7

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by Michael P. Lewis, passed unanimously to ratify:

Burgin Lambert

Additional Services \$18,582.50

Item No. 9

Motion by Michael P. Lewis, seconded by Stephen C. Waluk, passed unanimously to award First Southwest (#11-11) as RITBA's Financial Advisor. Three Firms were interviewed and First Southwest received the highest score to provide financial advice to the Authority for a term of two years granting the Authority two, one year options to renew the Contract. The Authority authorized Nancy E. Parrillo to execute the Contract on the Authority's behalf and to take any further and reasonable action required to effectuate the same.

Item No. 10

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by Michael P. Lewis, passed unanimously to approve micro-grinding on the Newport/Pell bridge. Parsons Brinckerhoff performed an evaluation of the prospect of diamond grinding the roadway deck surface of the Newport/Pell Bridge as a means of improving ride quality for travelers and has conceptually estimated the cost for the contemplated work to fall within the range of \$400,000.00. to \$705,000.00. The Board of Directors believes it is important to further explore the advantages and disadvantages of diamond grinding on the roadway deck of the Newport/Pell Bridge.

Item No. 11

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by Michael P. Lewis, passed unanimously to make a donation of \$10,000 to Ocean State Tall Ships. The Authority in the past donated to Tall Ships after deeming it a worthy cause and an event which will generate additional toll revenue for the Authority

Item No. 12

The Board discussed R. I. State Police details continuing in 2012. Motion by Deborah M. Brayton, seconded by Michael P. Lewis, passed with Stephen C. Waluk opposing. The Board of Directors approved a six month continuation of the R.I. State Police Commuter/Security and Commercial Enforcement Details at the Newport/Pell Bridge and Toll Plaza and the Mt. Hope Bridge and to continue Details for the remainder of 2012.

Item No. 13

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by Michael P. Lewis, passed unanimously to approve On-Call Guardrail Repair & Replacement. Two responses to the RFP were received. Cosco Fence Inc. was the low bidder and awarded the contract.

Item No. 14

Motion by Michael P. Lewis, seconded by Stephen C. Waluk, passed unanimously to move Item No. 14 until after executive session.

Item No. 15

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by Michael P. Lewis, passed unanimously to approve the Newport Convention & Visitors Bureau's request for a sponsorship fee of \$3,000 for the Spring Newport Restaurant Week. The Authority has deemed this a worthy cause and an event which will generate additional toll revenue for the Authority.

Item No. 16

Chairman's Report

- Complimented Abhe and Svoboda for the excellent job they did in cleaning up after the storm of October 30<sup>th</sup> 2012 which caused the sinking of the barge under the Newport/Pell Bridge.

Item No. 17

Executive Director Report

|                       |                               |      |                        |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|------|------------------------|
| 1/18/2012 & 1/19/2012 | IBTTA Board Meeting           | 1/31 | Nancy – Re:            |
| 1/24                  | PLD&W                         |      | Bgt. Reductions        |
| 1/25                  | Unpaid Toll Mtg.              | 1/31 | Senior Staff           |
| 1/26                  | Terry Fleming                 | 2/1  | Burgin – Re: Building  |
| 1/26                  | Evan Smith                    | 2/2  | Building Meeting       |
| 1/26                  | Bldg. Progress Meeting        | 2/2  | Open Road              |
| 1/26                  | Legislative Luncheon          | 2/2  | Tolling Progress Mtg.  |
| 1/27                  | Senior Staff                  | 2/2  | Bruce Kaiser & Council |
| 1/27                  | David Darlington & Mike Lewis | 2/3  | Pres. Schnack          |
| 1/30                  | Kathi O'Connor                | 2/7  | PLD&W                  |
|                       | Re: Kapsch                    | 2/7  | IBTTA Conf. Call       |
|                       |                               | 2/7  | Representative Martin  |
|                       |                               |      | Senior Staff           |
|                       |                               |      | Bill Burgin            |
|                       |                               |      | Risk Strategies        |

Item No. 18

Finance Report

- December 2011 MTD/YTD Financial Report
- Traffic and Revenue Reports

Item No. 18

Engineering Report

Newport/Pell Bridge

- Ten Year Plan Implementation - 2011 Plan approved by Board July 13, 2011
- 09-1 Steel Repairs / Painting - Original Bids opened Feb. 22, 2010 - Per direction of Board Re-Bid April

- 20, 2010- Awarded May 17, 2010 - Abrasive Blasting and painting - ongoing (35 of 75 units complete). **Note: East Support Barge sunk during Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011 storm. Contractor to address schedule impact**
- 08-4 Deck Repairs, Rideability Improvements / Seal Replacements by Aetna.
- Approach Span Inspection by WSP – Sells; Started work in September and finished in December – Main Span Side Spans began in November. Report due by March 2012
- ELUR - ready to close out with DEM: ATC finalizing
- First Responder Training w/ Newport Fire Department complete
- Ramp Project: RIDOT received city endorsement and will proceed
- Studies status - Median Barrier .... Wind study complete; some structural limitation needs to be studied further for high winds. - Testing in Wind Tunnel complete. Median helps to stabilize structure: Formal Report due this Winter
- West approach pavement; ready for design - Deck evaluation; ongoing
- Administration Bldg. – Approved for award July 13, 2011. Construction Work on-going. Steel framing and roofing complete. Siding and window installation ongoing.
- Micro-grinding of deck meeting with RIDOT January 10, 2012. RIDOT field testing Jan. 25, 2012. Report before Feb. 8, 2012.
- WSP – SELLS getting quotes on Underwater Inspection. Award due at March 14, 2012 meeting.

#### Mt. Hope Bridge

- Ten Year Plan implementation - Ongoing - Plan approved by Board July 13, 2011
- 08-1 Tower Pier Rehab: Project Closeout: Extra cost notification by Contractor denied
- 10-11 Design of North approach Steel Repairs & Painting ongoing – Bid April 2012
- Modjeski & Masters Annual Inspection. Approved Field work complete; report due this month.
- Intersection / Drainage upgrade by DOT at Portsmouth end of bridge
- Aetna Bridge 09-7 On Call Maintenance Contract: - Work this year on Deck / Steel Repairs ongoing
- Ammann & Whitney Contract: Transfer of Engineer of record duties complete
- Underwater Inspection in October by A&W: Field work done with report due this month.

#### Item No. 19

##### Operations Report

January 2012 E-ZPass Lanes:

- Cash collected in the E-Pass lanes – average @ 21 per day (or 688 for the month)
- Un-mounted average 15 per day or (488 for the month)
- Un-paid tolls average @ 3 per day (or 93 for the month)
- Call E-ZPass message – Negative balance average @ 7 per day (or 228 for the month)
- Overweight vehicles average @10 per day (or 310 for the month)
- Over-wide approximately 14 for the month of January
- Average assists approximately 63 per day.

#### Item No. 19

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by Michael P. Lewis, passed unanimously to go into Executive Session Pursuant to RI General Laws 42-46-5 (a) (2), Potential Litigation, Litigation, Pursuant to RI General Laws 42-46-5(a) (3), Security Matters at 9:50 A.M.

The executive committee discussed the correspondence that Parsons had provided dated February 3, 2012, and the details of the letter and the Authority's next steps with respect to Parsons. No motions were made as to Item No. 14.

At 11:15 a.m. a motion to exit Executive Session and seal the minutes was made by Michael P. Lewis and seconded by Stephen C. Waluk. There were no discussions on the motions. The motions passed unanimously and the Executive Committee exited Executive Session at 11:16 a.m.

Buddy Croft  
Secretary

