

A meeting of the Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority was held on Wednesday, January 18, 2012 at 8:30 A.M. at the Jamestown Philomenian Library.

The meeting was called to order at 8:31 A.M. by Chairman David A. Darlington.

Members Present:

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

Invited Guests:

Buddy Croft, Executive Director
Nancy E. Parrillo, CFO
Peter M. Janaros, Director of Engineering
Marianne Hillier, Director of Operations
Kathryn O'Connor, EZ-Pass Supervisor
JoAnn Head, Executive Assistant
William O'Gara, Legal Counsel

Item No. 2

Public Comments:

Keith Hamilton, Portsmouth Town Council

Item No. 3

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by Michael P. Lewis, passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the December 22, 2011 meeting.

The Chairman moved that Item No. 9 be discussed at this time.

Item No. 9

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by Michael P. Lewis, passed unanimously to table RITBA Toll Rate Adjustment at Newport/Pell Bridge effective July 1, 2012 and Legislation Permitting RITBA to set Toll Rates on Mount Hope Bridge until the February 8, 2011 Board Meeting. David A. Darlington explained the two reasons regarding Item No. 9; No. 1 was to raise capital and fund bonds; No. 2 is the ability to raise tolls on Mt. Hope Bridge by asking the General Assembly to set rates on the bridge due to the 1960 restriction. Stephen C. Waluk agreed to a more equitable proposal with no increase on Newport/Pell Bridge. Michael P. Lewis stated that discussions are being held at this time on options beyond what is being proposed today.

Item No. 4

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

Pannone Lopes & Devereaux & West

Professional Services for the month of December 2011

\$ 3,305.58

Item No.5

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

Robinson & Cole LLP
Professional Services for the month of November 2011
\$ 3,181.50

Item No. 6

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

Parsons Brinckerhoff, Inc. – Newport/Pell Bridge
Design for Contract 08-4 Bridge Deck Repairs
Invoice No. 465640 \$ 702.00

Item No. 7

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

Parsons Transportation Group – Mt. Hope Bridge
Contract 10-11 Design
Invoice No. 12 \$ 16,729.53

Item No. 8

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

Requisition for Series 2010A Project Account
Requisition No. 16 \$ 2,427,604.44
Requisition No. 17 2,752,406.54
Requisition No. 18 2,950,438.78
\$ 8,130,449.76

Item No. 10

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by Deborah M. Brayton, passed unanimously to approve in the form of a resolution, the USA Cycling request. The Executive Director will meet with the representatives from the pro-am race in order to gather specific information concerning the logistics of the prospective race.

Item No. 11

The Executive Director discussed with the Board the past Citizens Road Race event at the RITBA and the request of the planners of the Citizens Road Race to hold a similar event during 2012.

Item No. 12

The Board discussed the Aquidneck Island Planning Commission's request that the Authority make a donation of \$25,000.00 for the transportation study of Aquidneck Island. The Authority abstained from making any decisions regarding donations to the Commission until the Executive Director meets with the Commission.

Item No. 13

The Board tabled Item No. 13. Evaluation and Recommendation for Micro Grinding on the Newport/Pell Bridge. Michael P. Lewis reported that he and his staff are working along with Peter M. Janaros, P.E. and going forward to do assessment.

Item No. 14

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

Item No. 15

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by Deborah M. Brayton, passed unanimously to approve in the form of a resolution, the adopting resolution and amendment for Heart and WRERA to the RITBA Retirement Plan (the "Plan") to comply with the Federal Worker, Retiree, and Employer Recovery Act of 2008 and to update the Plan's provisions with respect to the Heroes Earnings Assistance and Relief Tax Act of 2008.

Item No. 16

Chairman's Report – Deferred to the Director

Item No. 17

Executive Director's Report

12/22 – Mtg. at Governor Chafee office	01/10 – Senior Staff
12/28 – Mtg. at RDW	01/10 – RDW
12/28 – PLD&W Re: Back Office Bid	01/10 – DOT Re; Micro-grinding
12/29 – Bldg. Progress Mtg.	01/10 – Parsons
01/04 – RITT Re: Unpaid Tolls	01/11 – RDW
01/04 – RDW	01/11 – PLD&W
01/05 – Bldg. Progress Mtg.	01/12 – Bldg. Progress Mtg.
01/05 – Robin Monahan	01/12 – Financial Advisor Interviews
01/06 – Conference Call w/First Southwest	01/13 – Back Office BAFO Due
01/09 – PLD&W Re: VION	01/13 – PLD&W Re: Wind Turbine
01/09 – Burns & Levinson Re: VION	01/17 – DOT
01/10 – Sec. of State	01/17 – Jamestown Town Council

Item No. 18

Finance Report

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

Item No. 19

Engineering Report

- 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. 30th, 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.
- 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.

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 February 2012
- Modjeski & Masters Annual Inspection. approved Field work complete; report due this winter.
- 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 winter

Item No. 20.

Operations Report

- Un-mounted vehicles averaged 7 per day
- Unpaid tolls averaged 3 per day
- Cash averaged 23 per day
- Call E-ZPass averaged 7 per day / 232 for the month with negative balance
- Overweight vehicles averaged 13 per day
- Approximate assists averaged 46 per day

Item 21

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 9:32 A.M.

Item No. 14

Motion by Michael P. Lewis, seconded by Stephen C. Waluk, passed unanimously in the form of a resolution, Parsons Brinckerhoff's Proposal for Evaluation, Design and Preparation of Contract documents for bridge Painting and Steel Repairs for the East and West Approaches Newport/Pell Bridge dated December 2011 at a cost not-to-exceed \$128,000.00.

The Board discussed Items 22; Review of options related to Parsons Brinckerhoff and Item 23; PPP/ORT Contract Negotiations Update.

Motion by Michael P. Lewis, seconded by Stephen C. Waluk, passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 AM.

Buddy Croft
Secretary

