

A meeting of the Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority was held on Wednesday, March 9, 2016, at the Authority's office in Jamestown.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 A.M. by Chairman, Stephen C. Waluk

Members Present:

Stephen C. Waluk, Chairman

Darrell Waldron

Richard S. Humphrey

Peter Garino (Represented Peter Alviti, Jr., Director, RI Department of Transportation)

Judith M. Morse

Members Absent:

Peter Alviti, Jr.

Invited Guests:

Buddy Croft, Executive Director

Margaret Baker, CFO, Treasurer

Eric Offenber, Director of Engineering

Kathryn O'Connor, Electronic Toll Collections Director

Marianne Durgin, Executive Assistant to the Director

Michael Bonsignore, Chief Technology Officer

James Manni, Director of Toll Plaza Operations, Safety & Security

Jim Romano, Director of Maintenance

William O'Gara, Legal Counsel

Item No. 2

There were no public comments.

Item No. 3

Motion by Richard Humphrey, seconded by Peter Garino, passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2016 board meeting.

Item No. 4

Motion by Richard Humphrey, seconded by Peter Garino, passed unanimously to approve:

Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West LLC

Professional Services for the month of January, 2016

\$8,380.00

Item No. 5

Motion by Richard Humphrey, seconded by Peter Garino, passed unanimously to approve:

Adler Pollock & Sheehan P.C

Professional Services for the month of January, 2016

\$6,725.62

Item No. 6

Motion by Richard Humphrey, seconded by Peter Garino, passed unanimously to ratify Construction/Engineering invoices in the amount of:

\$2,646,040.37

Item No. 7

Motion by Richard Humphrey, seconded by Peter Garino, passed unanimously to receive the performance audit conducted by the firm of Clifton Larson & Allen. Buddy Croft reported that as a result of the Accountability & Transparency Act all Quasi-Public Agencies are required to undergo a Performance Audit. The only topic the Bureau of Audits addressed in their report dealt with the Bridge Run. They recommended that RITBA establish a Foundation. RITBA concurred with their recommendation and has begun the process of establishing a Foundation.

Item No. 8

William O’Gara, Legal Counsel for RITBA, reported on the federal court decision regarding Portsmouth, Sakonnet River Bridge tolls. On February 10, 2016, the First Circuit Court of Appeals affirmed Judge Lagueux’s dismissal of Portsmouth’s lawsuit on the grounds that Portsmouth’s claims became “moot” in light of the General Assembly’s removal of tolling from the Sakonnet River Bridge. The First Circuit also found that Portsmouth lacked the proper standing to assert violations of federal law regarding tolling. Accordingly, unless Portsmouth files a petition for writ of certiorari (appeal) to the United States Supreme Court before May 10, 2016 this matter will be satisfactorily concluded wholly in RITBA’s and RIDOT’s favor.

Item No. 9

Motion by Richard Humphrey, seconded by Peter Garino, passed unanimously to approve the purchase of a Dell Power Edge R630 Server and Storage Array for the back office in order for RITBA to process violations in-house.

Item No. 10

Motion by Richard Humphrey, seconded by Peter Garino, passed unanimously to table the purchase of spare equipment for the new Toll Collection System (Contract 15-12) until the next board meeting. Chairman Waluk asked that more back up information be provided at the next meeting.

Item No. 11

Motion by Richard Humphrey, seconded by Judith Morse, passed unanimously to approve a Task Order for Ammann & Whitney to complete all design and bid activities for deck repairs and wearing surface test plots on the Mt Hope Bridge as well as create a new safety manual for all RITBA operations.

Item No. 12

Motion by Richard Humphrey, seconded by Judith Morse, passed unanimously to approve a Task Order for Ammann & Whitney to provide the design and bidding support for the Mt Hope Painting & Steel Repair, South Approach project.

Item No. 13

Motion by Richard Humphrey, seconded by Peter Garino, passed unanimously to approve HAKS Engineering to perform the 2016 inspection of the seven (7) small bridges within the Route 138 corridor from the toll plaza in Jamestown to Route 1A in North Kingstown.

Item No. 14

Motion by Richard Humphrey, seconded by Peter Garino, passed unanimously to approve a task order for WSP to provide help in identifying and prioritizing paint projects throughout the RITBA system and work with the paint manager to evaluate the work in the field.

Item No. 15

Motion by Judith Morse, seconded by Peter Garino, passed unanimously to approve a task order for Steere Engineering through PB/WSP to conduct a full sheet pile inspection of the North Kingstown staging area.

Item No. 16

Motion by Peter Garino, seconded by Judith Morse, passed unanimously to approve a task order for PB/WSP to provide construction support services for joint repairs on the Newport Pell Bridge west approach.

Item No. 17

Motion by Richard Humphrey, seconded by Judith Morse, passed unanimously to approve a task order for HNTB to provide a new 10 year plan which will incorporate all bridges and facilities and new costs.

Item No. 18

Motion by Richard Humphrey, seconded by Peter Garino, passed unanimously to approve a task order for PB/WSP to provide the design and bidding services for the Newport Pell Bridge deck and joint evaluation and repair project.

Item No. 19

Executive Director's Report

- The 5K/10K Road Race over the Jamestown Bridge (TriMom Race) will be held on April 3, 2016.
- Save the Bay Swim – August 13, 2016
- Four Bridge Bike Run – September 18, 2016
- Citizens Bridge Run – October 23, 2016
- The IBTTA Maintenance & Roadway Operations Workshop will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Newport – May 15 – May 17, 2016.

Item No. 20

Executive Session – There was no executive session.

Motion by Darrell Waldron, seconded by Judith Morse, passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 A.M.


Buddy Croft
Secretary