

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority (“Authority”) was held at the Authority’s office in Jamestown on Wednesday, April 12, 2017.

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The meeting was called to order at 8:32 A.M. by Chairman Stephen C. Waluk

**Members Present:**

Stephen C. Waluk, Chairman  
Richard S. Humphrey, Esq., Vice Chairman  
Darrell Waldron

**Members Absent:**

Peter Alviti, Jr. P.E., Ex Officio  
Judith M. Morse

**Invited Guests:**

Buddy Croft, Executive Director  
Eric Offenbergl, Director of Engineering  
Kathryn O’Connor, Director of Electronic Tolling  
Joseph Levesque, Principal Engineer  
Paul Sikorskyj, Manager of Safety and Security  
Michael Bonsignore, Chief Technology Officer  
Jim Romano, Director of Maintenance  
Marianne Durgin, Executive Assistant to the Director  
William O’Gara, Legal Counsel

Item No. 2

There were no public comments.

Item No. 3

Motion by Darrell Waldron, seconded by Richard S. Humphrey, passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2017 board meeting.

Item No. 4

Motion by Darrell Waldron, seconded by Richard S. Humphrey, passed unanimously to approve: Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West LLC

Professional Services for the month of February, 2017

\$3,260.46

Item No. 5

Motion by Darrell Waldron, seconded by Richard S. Humphrey, passed unanimously to approve:

Adler Pollock & Sheehan P.C

Professional Services for the month of February, 2017

\$446.25

Item No. 6

Motion by Darrell Waldron, seconded by Richard S. Humphrey, passed unanimously to approve: Taft & McSally LLP

Professional Services for the months of February, 2017

\$2,124.50

Item No. 7

Motion by Richard S. Humphrey, seconded by Darrell Waldron, passed unanimously to ratify all Construction/Engineering invoices in the amount of:

\$215,624.56

Item No. 8

Motion by Darrell Waldron, seconded by Richard S. Humphrey, passed unanimously to approve the MOU for the Back Office operation to support RhodeWorks at a cost of \$2,360,000.00. Buddy Croft emphasized that all costs incurred by RITBA will be reimbursed. This is an initial memorandum and there may be annual costs moving forward that will come before the board for approval. Again, any involvement by the Turnpike and Bridge will be reimbursed.

Item No. 9

Executive Director's Report:

- Buddy Croft welcomed Paul Sikorskyj to RITBA. Paul comes to the Authority after a great career with the RI State Police. He will serve as Manager of Safety & Security and part of his duties will include providing support for traffic management during construction projects.
- Two meetings ago Chairman Waluk and Peter Alviti, Jr. asked for an analysis of expenses incurred after RITBA took over the DOT assets of the Jamestown Verrazzano and Sakonnet River Bridges and the Rt 138 Connector. Eric Offenberg reported that a review of all expenses was conducted with the Finance department from July 2012 through the winter of 2017 and approximately sixteen million dollars was spent on the new assets received from DOT. The current funding from the state gas tax is covering this expense as well as current needs for ongoing work that is part of the Ten Year Plan.
- In the coming month we will be receiving bids for the decking project on the Pell Bridge. Several meetings are being planned to inform stakeholders of how traffic will be managed during the project. Chairman Waluk invoked the need to keep traffic moving on the Jamestown Bridge and Rt 138 during this time as well.
- In and around June/July a banner will be put up in the toll plaza to alert motorists that in the near future we will begin to enforce the toll fare of \$4 if your E-ZPass is not mounted. The E-ZPass agreement states that your transponder needs to be mounted.
- RITBA Strategic Plan – Currently receiving feedback from stakeholders in response to the questionnaire we sent out recently.
- Solar Project – Currently examining the financial impact of an alternate location for the Solar Project.
- Mt Hope Bridge 5K – There will be a 5K run on August 12, 2017.
- Next board meeting is Wednesday, May 3, 2017. This is the Annual Board Meeting with the election of Officers.

Motion by Darrell Waldron, seconded by Richard S. Humphrey, passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 AM.

**Buddy Croft**  
**Secretary**

