

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, March 8, 2017.

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

Members Absent:

Darrell Waldron

Invited Guests:

Buddy Croft, Executive Director
Eric Offenber, Director of Engineering
Margaret Baker, Chief Financial Officer
Kathryn O’Connor, Director of Electronic Tolling
Kathryn Coleman, Acting Manager of Tolling and Operations
Joseph Levesque, Principal Engineer
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 Richard S. Humphrey, seconded by Judith M. Morse, passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2017 board meeting.

Item No. 4

Motion by Richard S. Humphrey, seconded by Judith M. Morse, passed unanimously to approve: Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West LLC

Professional Services for the month of January, 2017

\$3,220.00

Item No. 5

Motion by Judith M. Morse, seconded by Richard S. Humphrey, passed unanimously to approve:

Adler Pollock & Sheehan P.C

Professional Services for the month of January, 2017

\$350.62

Item No. 6

Motion by Judith M. Morse, seconded by Richard S. Humphrey, passed unanimously to approve: Taft & McSally LLP

Professional Services for the months of May, 2016 through February, 2017

\$7,260.50

Item No. 7

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

\$1,373,033.04

Item No. 8

Motion by Richard S. Humphrey, seconded by Judith M. Morse, passed unanimously to approve WSP | Parsons Brinckerhoff to conduct the 2017 Jamestown Verrazzano Bridge Inspection at a cost not to exceed \$559,944.00.

Item No. 9

Motion by Peter Alviti, Jr., seconded by Judith M. Morse, passed unanimously to approve Modjeski and Masters and their subconsultant Collins Engineers to conduct the 2017 Inspection of the Newport Pell Bridge Approach Spans which includes an Underwater Inspection at a cost not to exceed \$593,500.00.

Item No. 10

Motion by Judith M. Morse, seconded by Richard S. Humphrey, passed unanimously to accept the Sakonnet River Bridge A-75 Under Bridge Inspection Unit Incident Investigation report prepared by Arcadis. Five groups investigated the incident of August 29, 2016 when an A-75 UBIU operated by AECOM technicians tipped onto the guardrail of the Sakonnet River Bridge. Arcadis reviewed all of the investigations and conducted their own. The root cause was a design malfunction that prevented the limit switches of boom 2 from engaging, resulting in an excessive point load. In addition the operator did not have experience with operating the unit or training from the operator's manual. RITBA now requires all operators be certified if they are using equipment on any bridges. The affected UBIUs have been recalled by the manufacturer for repairs and recommendations have been put in place for proper training of operators.

Item No. 11

Executive Director's Report:

- LGC&D/Citrin/Cooperman has resigned as our auditors. We hope to get an RFP up for a new auditor before our April board meeting. Protocols have been put in place before submission of our draft audit next year. The RI Government Finance Officers Association has a checklist that will be followed and Board Member Judith M. Morse will review our draft audit before submission.
- Solar Project Update – We are looking at an alternate site and working with National Grid, Altus and the Town of Jamestown to assess its feasibility.
- RITBA Strategic Plan – Currently reaching out to stakeholders for feedback as we move forward in creating the plan.
- Mt Hope Bridge & Old Sakonnet River Bridge – Construction on the Mt Hope Bridge will resume on March 20th. Updates on lane closures, work, etc. will be on our website. Demolition of the old Sakonnet River Bridge by RIDOT is commencing and updates relating to the work will also be on our website.
- Request from Board for information from date of transfer of Sakonnet River and Jamestown Verrazzano Bridges from DOT to RITBA – (extra work done), is being worked on and will be ready for review at next board meeting.
- Next board meeting is Wednesday, April 12, 2017

- Board Member Richard S. Humphrey asked about the Roger Williams University offices adjacent to our northern maintenance garage which they lease from RITBA. Eric Offenberg, Director of Engineering indicated that under the terms of their 10 year lease, Roger Williams is responsible for the upkeep of the interior of the building. RITBA maintains the outside of the building which was recently renovated.

Motion by Richard S. Humphrey, seconded by Judith M. Morse, passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 AM.

Buddy Croft
Secretary

