

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, December 5, 2018.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 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
Darrell Waldron
Judith M. Morse

Invited Guests:

Buddy Croft, Executive Director
Eric Offenber, Director of Engineering
Maggie Baker, CFO
Kathryn O’Connor, Director of Electronic Tolling
Katie Coleman, Manager of Toll Plaza Operations
Joseph Levesque, Chief Engineer
Paul Sikorskyj, Manager of Safety and Security
Jim Romano, Director of Maintenance
Bill O’Gara, Legal Counsel

Item No. 2

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Item No. 3

Motion by Judith M. Morse, seconded by Peter Alviti, Jr., passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2018 board meeting. Richard S. Humphrey abstained from voting.

Item No. 4

Motion by Judith M. Morse, seconded by Peter Alviti, Jr., passed unanimously to approve:

Pannone Lopes Devereaux & O’Gara LLC
Professional Services for the month of October, 2018 \$8,429.04

Item No. 5

Motion by Peter Alviti, Jr., seconded by Darrell Waldron, passed unanimously to approve:

Adler Pollock & Sheehan P.C
Professional Services for the month of October, 2018 \$2,805.00

Item No. 6

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

\$2,414,865.33

Item No. 7

Motion by Judith M. Morse, seconded by Peter Alviti, Jr., passed unanimously to approve additional funding for Contract 16-15 – On-Call Civil Highway & Bridge Miscellaneous Repairs on Route 138 Corridor Newport to Route 1A in the amount of \$447,124.04. This work is to complete a little over one thousand feet of safety walkway as well as a few miscellaneous joint repairs on the Newport Pell Bridge.

Item No. 8

Motion by Judith M. Morse, seconded by Peter Aliviti, Jr., passed unanimously to approve an addendum to the 2018 Biennial Inspection of the Mt Hope Bridge for Modjeski and Masters to perform a special catwalk inspection at a cost not to exceed \$20,000.00.

Item No. 9

Motion by Judith M. Morse, seconded by Peter Aliviti, Jr., passed unanimously to approve the proposal from Raytheon for maintenance of the camera system on the Newport Pell and Mt Hope Bridges for 2019 at a cost not to exceed \$89,849.00. This is part of the State's RI Common Operating Picture (RICOP) program run by RIEMA.

Item No. 10

Motion by Darrell Waldron, seconded by Peter Aliviti, Jr., passed unanimously to approve Milligan Partners' (one of our On-Call Toll Consulting Services consultants under Contract 15-13) proposal for preparation of the bid specifications for Task Order 3 - Interactive Voice Response System Procurement Support at a cost not to exceed \$30,155.20.

Executive Director's Report:

- There was a recent article about aging transponders. The life expectancy of a transponder is about 10 years. Some lose efficiency sooner. We will be back to the Board on this in Jan/Feb with recommendations for the logistics/cost for swapping them out for a new one.
- Recently we began to explore the possibilities of a walking/bike path on the bridges. This is just the beginning of discussions. We will have public dialogue to gauge interest and explore avenues for funding. This is merely a look to the future and the beginning of discussion on the topic.
- The 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Newport Pell Bridge will include a year of activities. A fundraising letter will go out soon. No toll or gas tax revenue will be used for the events.
- There is a reporter who has looked at our Foundation and will be releasing a story soon. Looking at how proceeds from bridge events are distributed and other aspects of the Foundation.
- The 2019 Board Meeting dates will be issued soon.

Motion by Peter Aliviti, Jr., seconded by Judith M. Morse, passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:39AM.

Buddy Croft
Secretary