

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, January 10, 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

Members Absent:

Judith M. Morse

Invited Guests:

Buddy Croft, Executive Director
Eric Offenber, Director of Engineering
Maggie Baker, CFO
Kathryn O’Connor, Director of Electronic Tolling
Kathryn Coleman, Manager of Toll Plaza Operations
Joseph Levesque, Principal 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 Darrell Waldron, seconded by Richard S. Humphrey, passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2017 board meeting.

Item No. 4

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

Pannone Lopes Devereaux & O’Gara LLC	
Professional Services for the month of November, 2017	<u>\$6,606.21</u>

Item No. 5

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

Adler Pollock & Sheehan P.C	
Professional Services for the month of November, 2017	<u>\$4,526.25</u>

Item No. 6

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

Construction/Engineering invoices in the amount of: \$5,916,552.43

Item No. 7

Motion by Peter Alviti, Jr., seconded by Darrell Waldron, passed unanimously to approve an extension of Contract 17-9 (Mt Hope Lead Remediation) through May 31, 2018 and additional amounts +/- \$250,000.

Item No. 8

Motion by Darrell Waldron, seconded by Peter Alviti, Jr., passed unanimously to approve purchase of a self-propelled machine for moving the median barrier from Lindsay Transportation at a cost of \$425,000.

Item No. 9

Motion by Darrell Waldron, seconded by Peter Alviti, Jr., passed unanimously to approve a task order for HNTB to provide professional engineering services for land use planning at the Sakonnet River Bridge at a cost not to exceed \$20,000.

Item No. 10

Motion by Darrell Waldron, seconded by Peter Alviti, Jr., passed unanimously to accept CDM Smith's Toll Plaza Safety Study, address the short term sign recommendations and start investigating other operational and structural measures.

Item No. 11

Motion by Darrell Waldron, seconded by Peter Alviti, Jr., passed unanimously to extend Contract 17-3 (Newport Pell Bridge East Approach Spans 22E to East Abutment Rehabilitation) through March 31, 2018 in order for Aetna Bridge to complete the bearing work (underneath the bridge, not affecting traffic) which was significantly delayed due to weather.

Item No. 12

Motion by Darrell Waldron, seconded by Peter Alviti, Jr., passed unanimously to approve the proposal from DiPrete Engineering to provide design and permitting of a 24 space addition to the administration parking area for employees at a cost not to exceed \$7,000.

Item No. 13

Motion by Darrell Waldron, seconded by Peter Alviti, Jr., passed unanimously to adopt a new Drug and Alcohol Policy that was negotiated with the union. It will pertain to all employees of RITBA.

Item No. 14

Motion by Darrell Waldron, seconded by Peter Alviti, Jr., passed unanimously to adopt an amendment to the RITBA 401K Plan which exempts the seasonal painters (members of the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades) from the Authority's 401K plan. These seasonal painters receive their benefits through their union.

Item No. 15

Motion by Darrell Waldron, seconded by Peter Alviti, Jr., passed unanimously to approve of an updated RITBA policy regarding Toll Account and Transaction Information Policy and Procedure so that RITBA follows all the requirements of the law with respect to personally identifying information obtained through the E-ZPass transaction.

Executive Director's Report:

- A draft of the Strategic Plan will go before the board at the March meeting.
- Foundation checks will be mailed out on Friday, January 12, 2018.
- Next Board Meeting – February 7, 2018
- The 2018 listing of board meetings was provided to the board members and is posted on the SOS's website and on the RITBA website.

Executive Session – The Board suspended the regular board meeting to convene an Executive Session which was called to order at 8:44 A.M. in accordance with Rhode Island's Open Meeting Law, R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(a)(2) upon motion made by Darrell Waldron, and seconded by Richard S. Humphrey. All Board members present voted aye.

At 8:55 a.m. a motion to exit Executive Session and seal the minutes was made by Peter Alviti, Jr. and seconded by Darrell Waldron. There were no discussions on the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the Executive Committee exited Executive Session at 8:56 a.m.

Motion by Peter Alviti, Jr., seconded by Darrell Waldron, passed unanimously to adjourn the public meeting at 8:57 a.m.

Buddy Croft
Secretary

