

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, February 6, 2019.

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
Frank Flowers, Manager of Maintenance
Bill O’Gara, Legal Counsel

Item No. 2

Public Comments: 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 December 5, 2018 board meeting.

Item No. 4

Motion by Judith M. Morse, seconded by Richard S. Humphrey, passed unanimously to approve:
Pannone Lopes Devereaux & O’Gara LLC
Professional Services for the months of November and December 2018 \$35,580.60

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 months of November and December 2018 \$7,734.99

Item No. 6

Motion by Judith M. Morse, seconded by Richard S. Humphrey, passed unanimously to ratify
Construction/Engineering invoices in the amount of: \$2,027,735.18

Item No. 7

Motion by Judith M. Morse, seconded by Richard S. Humphrey, passed unanimously to approve a one time software development from Emovis for direct access to NH DMV for both RITBA and RIDOT at a cost of \$42,670.00.

Item No. 8

Motion by Judith M. Morse, seconded by Richard S. Humphrey, passed unanimously to approve a two year extension of Contract 11-13 – E-ZPass Back Office Services with Emovis at a cost of \$661,800 annually which is the current fee.

Item No. 9

Motion by Judith M. Morse, seconded by Richard S. Humphrey, passed unanimously to approve a MOA for the Maintenance Division regarding staffing and hazardous pay with an impact of \$21,000 annually.

Item No. 10

Motion by Judith M. Morse, seconded by Richard S. Humphrey, passed unanimously to approve a modification to the Bridge Deck Design Contract – WSP Contract 15-16 Task Order #16 at a cost of \$67,400. WSP is working with Steere Engineering to include a change in the overall sequencing to allow for contra-flow conditions (two lanes into Newport and one out in morning and opposite in the afternoon) during the construction process where long term lane closures will occur. This change requires significantly more design and preparation work.

Item No. 11

Motion by Judith M. Morse, seconded by Richard S. Humphrey, passed unanimously to approve the award of Contract 18-14 – PCI, PII, HIPAA Compliance to Citrin Cooperman: Year 1 - \$84,825, Year 2 - \$70,895 and Year 3 - \$67,485.

Executive Director's Report:

- Moment to Recognize Loss - A moment was taken to recognize the loss of Dr. Kenneth R. Walker Sr., an acquaintance of Buddy Croft and a good friend of Judith Morse. Dr. Walker devoted his professional life to serving his home state of Rhode Island. His career centered upon improving urban education. One of his many contributions to the state was serving on the RI Parole Board for over 35 years.
- Request from Reporter – There has been a request from a reporter about outstanding violations. We will be answering and reporting that we have a lower outstanding violation rate than most Agencies.
- Next Phase Pell Bridge Road Deck Project – Will be coming before Board when vendor is selected. We will reach out to communities to brief about next phase. Project will likely start in August and incorporate lessons learned. Two lanes eastbound in morning during rush hour and two lanes westbound in afternoon during rush hour will remain open during hydro-demolition and partial depth deck replacement.
- 50th Anniversary – Pell Bridge – Anniversary date is June 28 – There will be an event that morning after rush hour to commemorate. Planning an event at Fort Adams, may include a pyrotechnics/laser show.
- The next Board meeting is April 10. There is no March meeting.

Motion by Darrell Waldron, seconded by Judith M. Morse, passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 AM.

Buddy Croft
Secretary

