

An Annual 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, May 1, 2019.

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The meeting was called to order at 8:30 A.M. by Chairman Stephen C. Waluk

**Members Present:**

Stephen C. Waluk, Chairman  
Darrell Waldron  
Peter Alviti, Jr. P.E., Ex Officio  
Judith M. Morse  
R. David Cruise

**Invited Guests:**

Buddy Croft, Executive Director  
Eric Offenberg, Director of Engineering  
Maggie Baker, Chief Financial Officer  
Kathryn O'Connor, Director of Tolling and Operations  
Joseph Levesque, Chief Engineer  
Katie Coleman, Manager of Tolling and Operations  
Frank Flowers, Manager of Maintenance

Item No. 2

Public Comments: There were no public comments. Chairman Waluk took the opportunity to welcome R. David Cruise as the newest board member.

Item No. 3

Motion by Judith M. Morse, seconded by Peter Alviti, Jr., passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2019 board meeting.

Item No. 4

Annual Election of Officers: Motion by Judith M. Morse, seconded by Peter Alviti, Jr., passed unanimously to appoint Stephen C. Waluk as Chairman. Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by Darrell Waldron, passed unanimously to appoint Judith M. Morse as Vice Chairperson. Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by Darrell Waldron, passed unanimously to appoint Buddy Croft as Secretary. Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by Peter Alviti, Jr., passed unanimously to appoint Maggie Baker as Treasurer.

Item No. 5

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 March 2019 \$16,488.94

Item No. 6

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

Adler Pollock & Sheehan P.C  
Professional Services for the month of March 2019 \$5,588.75

Item No. 7

Motion by Judith M. Morse, seconded by Peter Alviti, Jr., passed unanimously to ratify Construction/Engineering invoices in the amount of: \$293,843.43

Item No. 8

Motion by Judith M. Morse, seconded by Darrell Waldron passed unanimously to qualify six firms for On-Call Toll Consulting Services: Contract 19-6 - WSP, Milligan Partners, Stantec, TTI, HNTB and CDM Smith. Task Orders will be approved individually for specific projects. Miscellaneous toll consulting services may not exceed \$100,000 per consultant. Having six firms qualified provides the Authority with several choices of expertise for future projects.

Item No. 9

Motion by Judith M. Morse, seconded by Peter Alviti, Jr., passed unanimously to approve the award of Contract 19-3 – Newport Pell Bridge Partial Depth Deck Replacement East Approach 2E to 22E to Aetna Bridge Company in an amount not to exceed \$18,977,640.00 and also the purchase and lease of median barrier segments that will be used during construction at a cost not to exceed \$3,520,000.00.

Item No. 10

Motion by Judith M. Morse, seconded by Peter Alviti, Jr., passed unanimously to approve the award of Contract 19-5 – Deck and Miscellaneous Concrete Repairs – Mt Hope & Sakonnet River Bridges to Aetna Bridge Company in an amount not to exceed \$1,929,600.00.

Executive Director's Report:

- The next board meeting is scheduled for June 12, 2019.
- Channel 12, Tim White did a story on violations. Dan Yorke did a follow up with Buddy on his show. We have a good story to tell in relation to other tolling agencies. As mentioned last month, although we have 9.6 million in outstanding tolls, fees & fines, 85% of this figure is comprised of fees & fines alone. Less than 1% of our customers violate the system by not paying tolls. This represents .08% of the total revenue from tolls. It is an issue of fairness; everyone needs to pay the toll.
- The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration plans for the Newport Pell Bridge are well underway. On June 28, the anniversary of the opening of the bridge, there will be an event at the toll plaza followed by a small event at Gurney's and then later that evening a celebration at Ft Adams with fireworks open to the public. There will be other celebratory events occurring until the end of the year. The celebrations do not involve the use of any toll or gas tax revenue.
- Road Deck Project – Radio ads are taking place in May and June to inform the public of plans. No significant traffic expected in May, June and July. Phase II begins in early August. This is when the hydro-demolition and bridge deck replacement begins which will require long term lane closures. We have a good game plan in place to reduce delays which includes moving the median barrier daily to accommodate communities in and out of Newport. Meetings have taken place with over 30 stakeholder groups to inform about traffic pattern plans, etc. and two public forums will take place in May.

Motion by Judith M. Morse, seconded by Peter Alviti, Jr., passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 AM.

**Buddy Croft**  
**Secretary**