

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, September 7, 2016.

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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

Darrell Waldron

Judith M. Morse

**Members Absent:**

Peter Alviti, Jr.

**Invited Guests:**

Buddy Croft, Executive Director

Eric Offenbergl, Director of Engineering

Margaret Baker, Chief Financial Officer

Kathryn O’Connor, Director of Electronic Tolling

Kathryn Coleman, Acting Manager of Tolling and Operations

Joe Levesque, Principal Engineer

Jim Romano, Director of Maintenance

Michael Bonsignore, Chief Technology Officer

Marianne Durgin, Executive Assistant to the Director

William O’Gara, Legal Counsel

Stephen W. Geremia, CPA Partner, LGC&D

Item No. 2

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 July 13, 2016 board meeting. Judith Morse abstained from the vote.

Item No. 4

Motion by Darrell Waldron, seconded by Judith M. Morse, passed unanimously to approve: Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West LLC

Professional Services for the months of June and July, 2016

\$14,909.16

Item No. 5

Motion by Darrell Waldron, seconded by Judith M. Morse, passed unanimously to approve:

Adler Pollock & Sheehan P.C

Professional Services for the month of June and July, 2016

\$4,972.49

Item No. 6

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

\$4,779,340.83

Item No. 7

Public Acknowledgment – Bryan Sullivan, one of RITBA’s maintenance employees was recognized for the integral role he played in avoiding a potential loss of life on the Pell Bridge. He, along with two Newport police officers helped save the life of a despondent man who had climbed to the top of one of the bridge’s two towers and planned to jump. Between the three of them they were able to convince the man to come down from the tower safely.

Item No. 8

Motion by Darrell Waldron, seconded by Richard S. Humphrey, passed unanimously to approve a task order for CDM Smith to prepare a manual of “specific” traffic controls for each bridge to ensure both in-house and outside contractors are following the same standards. CDM Smith will prepare these standards under their on-call contract with RITBA at a cost not to exceed \$62,950.00.

Item No. 9

Motion by Darrell Waldron, seconded by Judith M. Morse, passed unanimously to approve a task order for WSP to conduct an underwater inspection of the Mount Hope Bridge at a cost not to exceed \$124,308.00. The underwater inspection is required every five (5) years.

Item No. 10

Motion by Judith M. Morse, seconded by Darrell Waldron, passed unanimously to approve a task order for Modjeski and Masters to perform the fracture critical inspection of the main suspended span of the Newport Pell Bridge at a cost not to exceed \$225,800.00.

Item No. 11

Motion by Darrell Waldron, seconded by Judith M. Morse, passed unanimously to approve a rate adjustment which would allow a maximum billable hourly rate of \$90 per hour for engineers and subcontractors of the On-Call Engineering Contracts.

Item No. 12

Motion by Judith M. Morse, seconded by Darrell Waldron, passed unanimously to award Contract 16-6, South Approach Protective Coating & Steel Rehabilitation for the Mount Hope Bridge to Piasecki Steel Corporation, the lowest responsible bidder, at a cost not to exceed \$11,662,750.00.

Item No. 13

Motion by Judith M. Morse, seconded by Darrell Waldron, passed unanimously to award Contract 16-7, Deck & Miscellaneous Concrete Repairs for the Mount Hope Bridge to Aetna Bridge, the lowest responsible bidder, at a cost not to exceed \$2,129,800.00.

Item No. 14

Motion by Darrell Waldron, seconded by Judith M. Morse, passed unanimously to award Contract 16-15, On-Call Civil Highway & Bridge Miscellaneous Repairs on Route 138 Corridor Newport to Route 1A to Aetna Bridge, the lowest responsible bidder, at a cost not to exceed \$8,346,945.00.

Item No. 15

Motion by Darrell Waldron, seconded by Richard S. Humphrey, passed unanimously to approve adding a mandated sprinkler system and additional fire protection for the maintenance building which will be built to house our new equipment (snooper, sweeper, median mover, etc.) under Contract 15-23 | 15-24 at a cost not to exceed \$150,000.00.

Item No. 16

Motion by Richard S. Humphrey, seconded by Judith M. Morse, passed unanimously to approve an upgrade to RITBA's financial software at a cost not to exceed \$14,000.00. The new software from SBS Group will allow for continued support as well as more efficiency and integration with changing technology.

Item No. 17

Motion by Richard S. Humphrey, seconded by Judith M. Morse, passed unanimously to award Contract 16-13, Insurance Proposals to Starkweather and Shepley at a renewal premium of \$543,074.00.

Item No. 18

Motion by Judith M. Morse, seconded by Darrell Waldron, passed unanimously to approve the FY 2016 Draft Audited Financial Statements presented by Stephen W. Geremia, CPA Partner, LGC&D LLP.

Item No. 19

Motion by Judith M. Morse, seconded by Richard S. Humphrey, passed unanimously to approve sponsorship of traffic reports on various radio stations at a cost not to exceed \$35,000.00. (monies available from current budget) The RITBA sponsored traffic reports will direct the public to our website where we will be sharing real time traffic alerts through a partnership with the WAZE app. Additionally, our website will provide information regarding construction activity, lane closures and traffic mitigating measures relating to the upcoming construction work planned on the Mount Hope and Pell Bridges under the 10 Year Plan.

Item No. 20

Motion by Richard S. Humphrey, seconded by Judith M. Morse, passed unanimously to award Contract 16-14, US & Canada, DMV Look Up Services (for the violations processing system) to LES at an approximate cost of \$57,000.00 annually.

Item No. 21

Executive Director's Report:

- Discussed the recent "snooper" incident of August 29, 2016 on the Sakonnet River Bridge. It had the potential to be a life threatening situation. The two workers involved came out of it safely and had very minor injuries. Several investigations will take place to determine the cause of the incident.
- The 4 Bridges Bike Run will take place on Sunday, September 18, 2016. Approximately 800 bikers are registered.

Item No. 22

Executive Session – The Board suspended the regular board meeting to convene an Executive Session which was called to order at 9:07 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 9:25 A.M a motion to exit Executive Session and seal the minutes and adjourn the public meeting was made by Richard S. Humphrey and seconded by Darrell Waldron. There were no discussions on the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the Executive Committee exited Executive Session at 9:25 A.M.

**Buddy Croft**  
**Secretary**

