A meeting of the Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority was held on Wednesday, February 3, 2016, at the Authority’s office in Jamestown.

The meeting was called to order at 8:31 A.M. by Chairman, Stephen C. Waluk

Members Present:
Stephen C. Waluk, Chairman
Darrell Waldron
Judith M. Morse

Invited Guests:
Buddy Croft, Executive Director
Margaret Baker, CFO, Treasurer
Eric Offenberg, Director of Engineering
Kathryn O’Connor, Electronic Toll Collections Director
Marianne Durgin, Executive Assistant to the Director
Michael Bonsignore, Chief Technology Officer
James Manni, Director of Toll Plaza Operations, Safety & Security
Jim Romano, Director of Maintenance
William O’Gara, Legal Counsel

Item No. 2
There were no public comments.

Item No. 3
Motion by Darrell Waldron, seconded by Judith Morse, passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2016 board meeting.

Item No. 4
Motion by Darrell Waldron, seconded by Judith Morse, passed unanimously to approve:

Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West LLC
Professional Services for the month of December, 2015
$5,587.98

Item No. 5
Motion by Darrell Waldron, seconded by Judith Morse, passed unanimously to approve:

Adler Pollock & Sheehan P.C
Professional Services for the month of December, 2015
$2,985.62

Item No. 6
Motion by Darrell Waldron, seconded by Judith Morse, passed unanimously to ratify Construction/Engineering invoices in the amount of:

$799,824.97
Item No. 7
Motion by Judith Morse, seconded by Darrell Waldron, passed unanimously to approve purchase of three (3) PTZ bridge security cameras at an approximate cost of $8,000.00 per camera. They will include mountings and transmitter/receivers for wireless communication and include “Genetec software” licenses to integrate feeds into existing RITBA server systems.

Item No. 8
Motion by Darrell Waldron, seconded by Judith Morse, passed unanimously to approve the Authority to go out to bid for purchase of two (2) Variable Message Signs with a Remote-Video Monitoring System (cameras) at a cost not to exceed $65,000.00. RITBA does not have the ability to monitor construction projects that are not on the Newport or Mt Hope Bridges. In addition, there is need for additional Variable Message Signs for RITBA activities. These new signs will take care of both needs and will be utilized in Jamestown and in Portsmouth.

Item No. 9
Motion by Darrell Waldron, seconded by Judith Morse, passed unanimously to approve the Authority to go out to bid to purchase two (2) traffic control monitors to use for all construction activities throughout the RITBA system at a cost not to exceed $17,000.00. RITBA currently rents traffic control speed signs for construction activity on the Pell Bridge and they have significantly reduced speeds.

Item No. 10
Motion by Darrell Waldron, seconded by Judith Morse, passed unanimously to approve a Task Order at a cost not to exceed $57,000.00 for Parsons to prepare Bridge Maintenance Specifications. Parsons will review all bridge inspection reports and develop specifications for RITBA personnel to perform the routine and minor work on the bridges.

Item No. 11
Motion by Darrell Waldron, seconded by Judith Morse, passed unanimously to approve a Task Order for WSP/PB to develop Phase II of the RITBA Asset Management Program at a cost not to exceed $150,000.00. RITBA anticipates saving 10-15% of its capital budget through implementation of this program.

Item No. 12
Motion by Darrell Waldron, seconded by Judith Morse, passed unanimously to approve a Change Order for Contract 12-1 – Aetna Bridge – On-Call Road & Bridge Maintenance, in the amount of $641,329.00 to fund 2016 work.
Item No. 13
Motion by Darrell Waldron, seconded by Judith Morse, passed unanimously to approve a Task Order at a cost not to exceed 79,000.00 for Ammann & Whitney to prepare the design documents as well as to assist with advertising, bidding and awarding a contract for replacement of the Southern Approach Slab on the Mt Hope Bridge. The southern approach roadway has reached its useful life and exhibits major cracking, settlement and rutting.

Item No. 14
Motion by Darrell Waldron, seconded by Judith Morse, passed unanimously to approve EW Audet (under contract for on-call electrical work) to repair the emergency generator transfer switch for “automatic” switch over at the main facility at a cost not to exceed $18,000.00.

Item No. 15
Executive Director’s Report – We had a successful bond market/sale.

The Board suspended the regular board meeting to convene an Executive Session which was called to order at 8:49 A.M. in accordance with Rhode Island’s Open Meeting Law, R.I.G.L. 42-26-5(a)(1), (2), (3) and (5) upon motion made by Darrell Waldron and seconded by Judith Morse. All Board members present voted aye.

Motion by Darrell Waldron, seconded by Judith Morse, passed unanimously to come out of executive session at 8:59 A.M.

Motion by Darrell Waldron, seconded by Judith Morse, moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 A.M. and seal the minutes.

Buddy Croft
Secretary