

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 6, 2017.

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

Members Present:

Stephen C. Waluk, Chairman
Peter Alviti, Jr. P.E., Ex Officio
Judith M. Morse

Members Absent:

Richard S. Humphrey, Esq., Vice Chairman
Darrell Waldron

Invited Guests:

Buddy Croft, Executive Director
Eric Offenberg, 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
Michael Bonsignore, Chief Technology Officer
Jim Romano, Director of Maintenance
William O’Gara, Legal Counsel

Item No. 2

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Item No. 3

Motion by Judith M. Morse, seconded by Peter Alviti, Jr., passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the August 2, 2017 board meeting.

Item No. 4

Motion by Judith M. Morse, seconded by Peter Alviti, Jr., passed unanimously to approve:
Pannone Lopes Devereaux & O’Gara LLC
Professional Services for the months of July and August, 2017 \$5,825.16

Item No. 5

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 July, 2017 \$10,725.00

Item No. 6

Motion by Judith M. Morse, seconded by Peter Alviti, Jr., passed unanimously to ratify
Construction/Engineering invoices in the amount of: \$3,240,575.46

Item No. 7

Motion by Judith M. Morse, seconded by Peter Alviti, Jr., passed unanimously to approve WSP to provide Engineering Services for the Newport Pell Bridge Main Cable and Suspender Rope Inspection and Evaluation at a cost not to exceed \$222,000.00.

Item No. 8

Motion by Judith M. Morse, seconded by Peter Alviti, Jr., passed unanimously to approve WSP to perform a non-fracture critical inspection of the Mt Hope Bridge to assist in determining maintenance priorities. A 3-D model of the bridge will be produced to assist in RITBA personnel being trained to do the maintenance items noted in the inspection. The cost is not to exceed \$79,774.40.

Item No. 9

Motion by Judith M. Morse, seconded by Peter Alviti, Jr., passed unanimously to approve adding funds not to exceed 2.5 million to the 10 Year Plan for the Route 138 Road Project to include replacement of the guardrail system which has been determined to be in need of significant repair and which does not meet current standards.

Item No. 10

Motion by Judith M. Morse, seconded by Peter Alviti, Jr., passed unanimously to approve funds not to exceed \$30,000 to supplement the \$22,500 incentive credit reserved for RITBA by the Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources to procure an electric vehicle and to furnish and install an electric vehicle charging station in the parking lot at the Mt Hope House in Bristol.

Item No. 11

Motion by Judith M. Morse, seconded by Peter Alviti, Jr., passed unanimously to approve having Parsons use Pare Engineers, their subcontractor, under their current contract to provide an analysis to look at repairing, replacing, or adding to the septic system at the RITBA administration building. Pare will also look into the possibility of connecting to the Town of Jamestown's public sewer system. The current system is no longer functioning as designed and no longer meets today's environmental standards. The cost for this analysis is not to exceed \$73,200.00.

Item No. 12

Motion by Judith M. Morse, seconded by Peter Alviti, Jr., passed unanimously to approve the draft Audit Report FY ending June 30th, 2017 prepared by Marcum and presented by Senior Manager – Assurance Services, Erica Olobri, CPA, MPA.

Item No. 13

Motion by Judith M. Morse, seconded by Peter Alviti, Jr., passed unanimously to approve reimbursing Altus Power America for their out of pocket expenses for work done in connection with the suspended solar project at a cost not to exceed \$80,000.00.

Item No. 14

Motion by Judith M. Morse, seconded by Peter Alviti, Jr., passed unanimously to approve a three (3) year labor contract between RITBA and the United Service and Allied Workers of RI for the period July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2020 which includes a 2 1/2 % increase per year. The cost for 7/1/17 – 6/30/18 is approximately \$89,000.00.

Executive Director's Report:

- Upcoming Deck Project – Will recommence 9/19/17 and continue through 11/22/17. Radio and print ads are planned along with outreach to all stakeholders.
- Next Board Meeting: October 11, 2017

Motion by Judith M. Morse, seconded by Peter Alviti Jr., passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:04AM.

Buddy Croft
Secretary

