

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, August 7, 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  
Judith M. Morse, Vice Chair  
Peter Alviti, Jr. P.E., Ex Officio  
Darrell Waldron  
R. David Cruise

**Invited Guests:**

Buddy Croft, Executive Director  
Eric Offenber, Director of Engineering  
Maggie Baker, Chief Financial Officer  
Kathryn O’Connor, Director of Tolling and Operations  
Paul Sikorskyj, Manager of Safety and Security  
Frank Flowers, Manager of Maintenance  
Bill O’Gara, Legal Counsel

Chairman Stephen C. Waluk held a moment of silence to honor Jim Shea, longtime RITBA maintenance employee who had recently passed away.

Item No. 2

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Item No. 3

Motion by Judith M. Morse, seconded by Darrell Waldron, passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2019 Board Meeting.

Item No. 4

Motion by Darrell Waldron, seconded by Judith M. Morse, passed unanimously to approve:  
Pannone Lopes Devereaux & O’Gara LLC  
Professional Services for the months of May and June 2019 \$37,676.87

Item No. 5

Motion by Darrell Waldron, seconded by Peter Alviti, Jr., passed unanimously to approve:  
Adler Pollock & Sheehan P.C  
Professional Services for the month of May 2019 \$2,151.56

Item No. 6

Motion by Judith M. Morse, seconded by Peter Alviti, Jr., passed unanimously to ratify  
Construction/Engineering invoices in the amount of: \$2,932,087.23

Item No. 7

Motion by Darrell Waldron, seconded by Peter Alviti, Jr., passed unanimously to approve a 3.4% discretionary employer contribution to eligible employees for FY 2020 at a total annual effect of \$143,564.00.

Item No. 8

Motion by Judith M. Morse, seconded by Darrell Waldron, passed unanimously to approve the “Resolution Evidencing Official Intent Under Section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations Regarding Reimbursement of Expenditures Pending Issuance of Not to Exceed \$50,000,000 RITBA Revenue Bonds or Revenue Bond Anticipation Notes” dated August 7, 2019.

Item No. 9

Motion by Darrell Waldron, seconded by Judith M. Morse, passed unanimously to adopt the recently developed Strategic Plan for the years 2019 – 2023 which focuses on the areas of Safety and Security, Innovation, Leadership and Excellence in Fiscal Management.

Item No. 10

Motion by Darrell Waldron, seconded by Peter Alviti, Jr., passed unanimously to approve Change Order 1 to Contract 19-3 for an added amount of \$350,000.00. This will allow repair to significant spalls and cracks in the areas outside of the construction area of the 19-3 project which will be inaccessible once the lane closures for the project begin.

Item No. 11

Motion by Darrell Waldron, seconded by Peter Alviti, Jr., passed unanimously to award Contract 19-8 – On-Call Resident Engineer & Construction Inspection Services to Keville Enterprises, RA Cataldo & Associates Inc. and Corrpro. The three companies provide different levels of support for our bridge work and roadways/facilities.

Item No. 12

Motion by Peter Alviti, Jr., seconded by Judith M. Morse, passed unanimously to award Contract 19-9 – On-Call Professional Engineering Services for our large projects to the national companies (as required by our bond indentures) of WSP, AECOM, HNTB and Parsons, all of whom have extensive experience servicing our bridges.

Item No. 13

Motion by Judith M. Morse, seconded by Peter Alviti, Jr., passed unanimously to award Contract 19-9 – On-Call Professional Engineering Services for small projects to DiPrete Engineering and Fuss & O’Neill. These firms have local expertise in the areas of permitting projects and have experience in providing services to RITBA for our buildings and facilities.

Item No. 14

Motion by Darrell Waldron, seconded by Peter Alviti, Jr., passed unanimously to award Contract 19-9 – On-Call Professional Engineering Services for Environmental Services to ATC Environmental and BETA Engineers. These firms have experience in remediating environmentally challenging sites and have RI permitting expertise.

Item No. 15

Motion by Peter Alviti, Jr., seconded by Darrell Waldron, passed unanimously to award Contract 19-10 – On-Call Professional Engineering Inspection Services for bridge and facilities inspections to the national firms (as required by our bond indentures) of WSP, Modjeski and Masters, Michael Baker International and ATANE.

Item No. 16

Motion by Judith M. Morse, seconded by Peter Alviti, Jr., passed unanimously to award Contract 19-10 - On-Call Professional Engineering Inspection Services for Underwater Inspection to Collins Engineering and CONSOR Engineers. Both firms have experience inspecting our bridges, have worked with our national consulting firms and can assist with underwater construction projects identified in our 10 year plan.

Item No. 17

Motion by Darrell Waldron, seconded by Peter Alviti, Jr., passed unanimously to approve Task Order 19, under Contract 15-16 for WSP to provide an in-depth deck evaluation of the Jamestown Verrazzano Bridge at a cost not to exceed \$297,000.00.

Executive Director's Report:

- Upcoming Board Meetings for 2019 – Four remaining, next month's meeting originally scheduled for September 4 will be moved to September 11
- Newport Pell Bridge Road Deck Project
  - Have met with 40+ groups to apprise of plans along with daily in-house meetings
  - Press release and email blast going out to inform public of start of lane closures on August 12 – 2 lanes open going into Newport rush hour mornings 6am – 9am and 2 lanes open leaving Newport rush hour afternoons 3pm – 6pm
  - Talking points have been prepared for calls/inquiries from the public
- 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Newport Pell Bridge
  - On June 28<sup>th</sup> we held a very successful event at Fort Adams open to the public complete with food trucks, live music, family activities, bridge history and engineering displays and fireworks.
  - There was a reenactment of the ribbon cutting at the toll plaza in the morning and an event at Gurney's with speeches commemorating the anniversary.
  - We also hosted a cookout on the RITBA campus for original bridge workers on July 26.
  - We are considering a fall event where we may have some celebrities serving as toll collectors in the plaza.

Board member Judith M. Morse inquired about the status of the request from Colonel Manni to have a State police presence at RITBA. A MOU will be drafted and put before the board in the fall.

Motion by Judith M. Morse, seconded by Darrell Waldron, passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 AM.

**Buddy Croft**  
**Secretary**