

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 11, 2019.

The meeting was called to order at 8:32 A.M. by Chairman Stephen C. Waluk

Members Present:

Stephen C. Waluk, Chairman
Judith M. Morse, Vice Chair
Darrell Waldron
R. David Cruise

Members Absent:

Peter Alviti, Jr. P.E., Ex Officio

Invited Guests:

Buddy Croft, Executive Director
Eric Offenber, Director of Engineering
Maggie Baker, Chief Financial Officer
Kathryn O’Connor, Director of Tolling and Operations
Kathryn Coleman, Manager of Tolling and Operations
Joseph Levesque, Chief Engineer
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 in remembrance of September 11, 2001.

Item No. 2

Public Comments: There were no public comments at the start of the meeting. Mr. John Vitkevich of Portsmouth, RI arrived later and Chairman Waluk gave him an opportunity to speak after the last agenda item was addressed. Mr. Vitkevich made a request for the Authority to consider reinstalling the tower lights on the Mount Hope Bridge in honor of its 90th anniversary on October 24, 2019.

Item No. 3

Motion by Judith M. Morse, seconded by Darrell Waldron, passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the August 7, 2019 Board Meeting.

Item No. 4

Motion by Judith M. Morse, seconded by Darrell Waldron, passed unanimously to approve:
Pannone Lopes Devereaux & O’Gara LLC
Professional Services for the months of July and August 2019 \$37,063.32

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 months of June and July 2019 \$4,196.87

Item No. 6

Motion by Darrell Waldron, seconded by Judith M. Morse, passed unanimously to ratify
Construction/Engineering invoices in the amount of: \$3,243,071.20

Item No. 7

Motion by Darrell Waldron, seconded by Judith M. Morse, passed unanimously to award Contract 19-12 – Senior Managing Underwriter Services to Bank of America Merrill Lynch and Janney Montgomery Scott LLC with a financial effect not to exceed between \$77,383 and \$102,224. They will serve as joint senior managing underwriters.

Item No. 8

Motion by Darrell Waldron, seconded by Judith M. Morse, passed unanimously to approve the FY 2019 Draft Audited Financial Statements prepared by Marcum and presented by Erica Olobri, CPA, MPAC – Director – Assurance. Erica stated that the audit went very smoothly. The Authority's Performance in 2019: Total Net Position increased by \$8,955,967 and Authority has a strong Net Position of \$134,757,720 which Erica indicated is a good thing. Buddy Croft stated: "In thirteen years this is the cleanest audit, if not one of the cleanest. I want to commend Maggie (Baker) and her staff on a job well done."

Item No. 9

Motion by Darrell Waldron, seconded by Judith M. Morse, passed unanimously to award Contract 19-4 – Newport/Pell and Jamestown Verrazzano Bridges On-Call Bridge Miscellaneous Repairs to Aetna Bridge Company at a cost not to exceed \$10,433,625.00.

Item No. 10

Motion by Darrell Waldron, seconded by Judith M. Morse, passed unanimously to approve WSP's task order proposal for the 2019 Biennial Inspection of the Newport Pell Bridge Approach Spans at a cost not to exceed \$341,500.00.

Item No. 11

Motion by Darrell Waldron, seconded by Judith M. Morse, passed unanimously to reject the proposal from Parsons for an ATMS Service Contract at a cost not to exceed \$234,981.99. Chairman Waluk asked that the proposal be reworked and presented at the next board meeting to more narrowly identify needed services for the project.

Executive Director's Report:

- Newport Pell Bridge Road Deck Project Update - Going extremely well, traffic moving smoothly during rush hours and have received very few calls/emails from public.
- 4 Bridges Ride to be held Sunday, September 15, 2019 – All net proceeds from rider registration and sponsorships will be donated to Save The Bay.
- Audrain's Newport Concours & Motor Week is October 3 – October 6, 2019 with the Tour d'Elegance beginning at the top of the Newport Pell Bridge early Saturday morning.
- Upcoming Board Meeting – The October 9 board meeting will be moved to October 16, 2019.

Motion by Darrell Waldron, seconded by Judith M. Morse, passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 AM.

Buddy Croft
Secretary

