

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, January 8, 2020.

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 Alвити, Jr. P.E., Ex Officio
Darrell Waldron
R. David Cruise

Invited Guests:

Buddy Croft, Executive Director
Maggie Baker, Chief Financial Officer
Eric Offenberг, Director of Engineering
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

Item No. 2

Public Comments: Bryan Ganley, Melissa Cotta and Mike Mello all addressed the board, representing the task force/coalition “Bridging the Gap for Safety and Healing.” They are committed to seeing that suicide prevention barriers are put on our bridges. They are respectfully asking for a fully funded study commission to explore the feasibility of installing suicide prevention barriers on our bridges and asking that this be introduced by a member of the General Assembly during the current session.

Item No. 3

Motion by Peter Alвити, Jr., seconded by Judith M. Morse, passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the November 6 and December 17, 2019 Board Meetings.

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 October and November 2019 \$31,869.80

Item No. 5

Motion by Peter Alвити, Jr, seconded by Judith M. Morse, passed unanimously to approve:
Adler Pollock & Sheehan P.C
Professional Services for the months of October and November 2019 \$1,152.81

Item No. 6

Motion by Judith M. Morse, seconded by Darrell Waldron, passed unanimously to ratify
Construction/Engineering invoices in the amount of: \$3,040,935.10

Item No. 7

Motion by Darrell Waldron, seconded by Judith M. Morse, passed unanimously to approve Amendment #1 to Contract 15-12 – Pell Bridge Toll Collection System Upgrade Agreement which extends the contract

expiration date from 12/31/19 to 8/31/20 due to delays entering into maintenance under the initial three-year warranty/maintenance phase of the contract.

Item No. 8

Motion by Judith M. Morse, seconded by Darrell Waldron, passed unanimously to approve proposals from WSP and Parsons for enhanced safety and security measures on the Newport Pell and Mt Hope Bridges at a cost not to exceed \$3.5 million. WSP will draft the bid documents for installation of new electrical cables and fiber on the bridges while Parsons will develop a bridge safety program which will merge video analytics and technology. It was noted by Director Croft that this work was earmarked for later in the 10-year renewal and replacement plan. There are enough funds to accelerate the timeline for this without significantly altering any capital plans.

Item No. 9

Motion by Peter Alviti, Jr., seconded by Judith M. Morse, passed unanimously to award Contract 19-13 – Mt Hope Bridge and Sakonnet River Bridge Miscellaneous Steel Repairs to Piasecki Steel Construction Corporation at a cost not to exceed \$3,265,000.00.

Item No. 10

Motion by Judith M. Morse, seconded by Peter Alviti, Jr., passed unanimously to acknowledge a three-year employment contract for Lori Caron Silveira to become the Executive Director of the Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority beginning 2/1/20. Chairman Waluk indicated to the board that there was an amendment to the contract to reflect new language in sections 6.3 and 6.4. There was a motion by R. David Cruise, seconded by Judith M. Morse, and passed unanimously to accept the amended sections of the contract. Lastly, there was another motion by Judith M. Morse, seconded by Darrell Waldron, and passed unanimously to approve of the contract as amended.

Executive Director's Report:

- Board members were provided with the 2020 dates for board meetings.
- Results and official statements on bonds were provided to the board members.
- Colonel Manni will likely attend the next board meeting and provide update on State Police presence at RITBA sites.
- Last board meeting for Executive Director Croft, thanked Board for the tremendous privilege to serve RITBA for the last 13 ½ years, thanked residents of Aquidneck Island and East Bay and the staff at the Authority for their support.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, Chairman Waluk thanked Mr. Croft for his leadership during his tenure. He noted that among Director Croft's achievements he took the Authority from tokens to electronic tolling, harnessed support for the installation of a median barrier on the Newport Pell Bridge and put the Authority on the map internationally with the IBTTA | International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association.

Motion by Darrell Waldron, seconded by Judith Morse, passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:09 AM.

Buddy Croft
Secretary