

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority (“Authority”) was held via Zoom on Wednesday, January 13, 2021.

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

**Members Present:**

Stephen C. Waluk, Chair  
Judith M. Morse, Vice Chair  
Peter Alviti, Jr. P.E., Ex Officio  
R. David Cruise

**Members Absent:**

Darrell Waldron

**Invited Guests:**

Lori Caron Silveira, Executive Director  
Eric Seabury, P.E., Director of Engineering  
Kathryn O’Connor, Director of Tolling and Operations  
Kathryn Coleman, Manager of Tolling and Operations  
Jeff Goulart, Chief Financial Officer  
Toni Gubata, Controller  
Stephen Cahill, Manager of Safety and Security  
Remmy Villacis, Network Technician  
Marianne Durgin, Executive Assistant to the Director  
Bill O’Gara, Legal Counsel  
Chris Mount, IT Consultant

**Item No. 2**

**Public Comment** – There were no public comments.

**Item No. 3**

Motion by Judith M. Morse, seconded by R. David Cruise, passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2020 Board meeting.

**Item No. 4**

Motion by Judith M. Morse, seconded by R. David Cruise, passed unanimously to approve Pannone Lopes Devereaux & O’Gara LLC, invoices for professional services dated November and December 2020 in the amount of \$40,821.05.

**Item No. 5**

Motion by Judith M. Morse, seconded by R. David Cruise, passed unanimously to approve Taft & McSally LLP, invoices for professional services dated August and November 2020 in the amount of \$20,988.00.

**Item No. 6**

Motion by Judith M. Morse, seconded by R. David Cruise, passed unanimously to ratify Construction/Engineering invoices in the amount of \$3,723,000.26. There was discussion about this monthly agenda item, and it was decided that going forward in lieu of ratifying the previous month’s funds paid for previously approved contract work, the Director of Engineering will provide a monthly status update on capital projects. The update will include information about each capital project’s budget, work completed, schedule, etc. It was agreed that this would provide a more meaningful snapshot of the status of current capital projects for the Board members.

**Item No. 7**

Motion by Judith M. Morse, seconded by R. David Cruise, passed unanimously to ratify the award of Contract 20-13 – Folding Inserting Mail Equipment Machine to Pitney Bowes Inc. at a rental fee of \$4,715.00 annually for five (5) years.

**Item No. 8**

Motion by Judith M. Morse, seconded by R. David Cruise, passed unanimously to amend Contract 19-5, Miscellaneous and On-Call Repairs to Mount Hope and Sakonnet River Bridges by \$44,000.00. This is to cover the cost of Aetna Bridge Company's work to remove loose and hollow-sounding concrete that had spalled off the underside of the Hummock Bridge and patch the areas with new concrete material. Aetna was already mobilized and performing work in that area under Contract 19-5.

**Item No. 9**

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by R. David Cruise, passed unanimously to appoint Judith M. Morse and Peter Alviti, Jr. P.E. as the two Board members to serve on the Executive Compensation Committee established at the November 4, 2020 Board meeting as a requirement of the Quasi-Public Corporations Accountability and Transparency Act. Part of the committee's function is to recommend to the full Board the compensation packages for the Executive Director and senior management and to prepare job descriptions with written expectations of job performance.

**Executive Director's Report:**

- Traffic and Revenue Data – Bounced back well, highest month was September reporting 80% of last year's toll revenue. Year over year ended at 25% under.
- Financial Overview – Ratings for bond issuances stable, reaffirmed rating of "A with stable outlook" for motor fuel tax revenue bonds and toll revenue bonds.

Vice Chair, Judith M. Morse requested a full listing of all bridges under RITBA's care and custody.

Motion by Judith M. Morse, seconded by R. David Cruise, passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 AM.

**Lori Caron Silveira**  
**Secretary**