

A meeting of the Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority was held on Wednesday, April 14, 2010 at 8:30 A.M. and the Jamestown Police Department Conference Room.

The meeting was called to order at 8:32 A.M. by Chairman David A. Darlington.

Members Present:

David A. Darlington, Chairman
Stephen C. Waluk
Arthur H. Fletcher

Members Absent:

Richard P. Eannarino, Vice Chairman
William "Chuck" Alves

Invited Guests:

Buddy Croft, Executive Director
Christine H. Callahan, CFO/Controller
Marianne Hillier, Director of Operations
Peter M. Janaros, Director of Engineering
Robert Moorehead, Chief of Maintenance
JoAnn Head, Executive Assistant
Stephen Clarke, Union Steward
Bernard A. Jackvony, Legal Counsel
Meredith Pickering, Fiscal Advisor

Item No. 2

There were no public comments.

Item No. 3

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by Arthur H. Fletcher, passed unanimously to approve the minutes of March 10, 2010 meeting.

Item No. 4

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by Arthur H. Fletcher, passed unanimously to approve:

Pannone, Lopes & Devereaux

Professional Services for the Month of March \$19,106.63

Item No. 5

Buddy Croft and Chairman David A. Darlington discussed their meeting in Washington DC with the Rhode Island delegation on the Authority's appropriations request of \$50,000,000 for Steel and Painting, \$750,000 for additional Security Camera's on both Bridges, and for \$921,000 for the construction of an Emergency Command Center. Buddy stated that the Authority will continue to apply and pursue vigorously funding issues for the RITBA.

Item No. 6

Buddy Croft discussed the RITBA Bond sale and its success. Chairman David A. Darlington reported that RITBA received approximately 44 million in usable proceeds for R&R Projects. This was a very lengthy process that went very well for the Authority.

Item No. 7

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by Arthur H. Fletcher, passed unanimously to approve in the form of a Resolution Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West LLC Contract extension for two (2) additional one (1) year periods upon the same terms and conditions as contained in the Contract. Stephen C. Waluk noted that the billable rate per hour would also stay the same.

Item No. 8

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by Arthur H. Fletcher, passed unanimously to approve in the form of a Resolution Lefkowitz, Garfinkel, Champi & DeRienzo, P.C. be awarded the RITBA Audit Contract for 2010, 2011 and 2012 in amount not to exceed \$49,500.00.

Buddy Croft and Chairman David A. Darlington reported on discussions with the Auditor General's office as well as the Rhode Island Department of Administration and their position was that we go select the lowest qualified bidder and not to rebid the Contract.

Stephen C. Waluk requested it be noted in the minutes that he thought it was wrong the RITBA was being required by the Auditor General to award the Contract to the qualified low bidder despite the Authority's objection.

Item No. 9

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by Arthur H. Fletcher, passed unanimously to approve in the form of a Resolution the Authority's game sponsorship of the Newport Gulls for the 2010 season in the amount of \$2,500.00.

Buddy Croft related to the Board that the Newport Gull's meet the criteria on what the Authority looks for in a sponsorship.

Item No. 10

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by Arthur H. Fletcher, passed unanimously in the form of a Resolution to approve the Authority to issue a request for proposals to solicit proposals from companies to salvage and scrap the Authority's surplus tokens.

Stephen C. Waluk amended the termination for the Authority's token redemption program to May 15, 2010 at 2:00 P.M. instead of April 30, 2010 at 6:00 P.M. as stated in the Resolution.

Buddy Croft reported that the Authority has approximately 5000 pounds of brass salvage and the "going rate" was \$1.75 per pound. The Authority has received numerous requests from private vendors for resale of RITBA tokens and would sell tokens to private vendors for the same price per pound.

Item No. 11

Buddy Croft discussed unpaid toll legislation and a draft bill he would like the RITBA to file. The Authority is experiencing 1,000 unpaid tolls per month of which many are repeat offenders. He reported that 15 certified letters were sent out to offenders with repeated unpaid fees and that the Authority will listen and work with the general public on any unforeseen circumstances regarding payment to the Authority.

The draft bill called for four (4) categories for nonpayment of toll. After discussion with the Board it was decided to have three (3) categories in which to respond. The first violation being you will have 30 days for toll payment. The second violation is to pay the toll plus a fifty dollar (\$50) fine. The third violation, RI General Laws Chapter 12 of Title 24 under subsections (a) (2) and (a) (3) shall receive a traffic violation summons which shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the traffic tribunal and pay the toll and \$100.00. See Resolution ??

Item No. 12

Chairman's Report

David A. Darlington reported to the Board on the Bond Issue Report and the cooperative effort that was made by the RITBA Department heads.

Item No. 13

Executive Director's Report

Report was disseminated to the Board in their packet.

Item No. 14

CFO/Controller Report

Christine Callahan reported on RITBA Traffic & Revenue for the month of February. There was a decrease in traffic and an increase in ETC revenue. Cash was down slightly. The increase for the year was 35.9%. The Board complemented the new charting system presentation.

Item No. 15

Engineering Report

Peter M. Janaros, P.E. reported on the Newport/Pell and Mt. Hope Bridges.

Newport/Pell Bridge

- Ten year Plan Implementation
- 09-1 Steel Repairs / Painting – Original Bids opened Feb.22, 2010 – Per Direction of Board Re-Bid April 20, 2010 #09-1A
- 10-1 CIS On-Call Inspection Services Award; use as needed; working on contract agreement with Keville
- 08-4 Deck Repairs / Seal Replacements: begin April by Aetna
- Micro Grinding: Coordination with RIDOT to profile bridge deck & evaluate benefits v. costs – RIDOT Governor's interest item.
- Toll Plaza Light Poles: Coastal Electric replace in April – poles received
- Pending 09-1 CSS Proposal from PB for Contract 09-1 – Next month
- Inspection: FCM Inspection in Spring by PB – second half of award from October
- Port Security Grant: Security features on Bridge coordination with EDC
- ELUR Pending agreement w/Town of Jamestown on wording – ready to close out with DEM

- 800 MHZ Radios: Received, Installed – Training complete
- First Responder Training completed in November w/Newport Fire Department
- Ramp Project: Awaiting Newport's endorsement
- RFP selection Newport engineer of record and inspections – selection this summer – need committee
- Studies status – Median Barrier; complete, ready for design }
West approach pavement, ready for design } Per Ten Year Plan
Deck evaluation; on going }
- Administration Bldg. A/E services – awaiting interviews /selection
- Training exercise with EMA – Bridge Incident Response w/Stakeholders. EOP noted as strength of RITBA
- Weigh In Motion (WIM) by State Police for overweight vehicles today

Mt. Hope Bridge

- Ten Year Plan implementation
- 08-1 Tower Pier Rehab: Project Closeout Springtime: Claims likely by Contractor
- 08-5 Mt. Hope Lead Remediation: Project complete, on time, under budget
- 09-7 Design of Mt. Hope On-Call Maintenance Contract: Currently under design review by RITBA
- Pending Design Proposal from Parsons on Design of North approach Steel Repairs & Painting
- Pending Inspection Proposal from Modjeski & Masters for FCM / In-Depth Inspection this Summer/Fall
- RIDOT concrete testing on 08-1 Contract very successful

Item No. 16

Operations Report

Marianne Hillier reported Weigh In Motion (WIM) were at the toll plaza today to control overweight trucks that are traversing our bridges.

Item No. 17

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by Arthur H. Fletcher, passed unanimously to go into Executive Session Pursuant to RI General Laws 42-46-5 (a) (1) Personnel Matters, Pursuant to RI General Laws 42-46-5(a) (2) Potential Litigation, and Litigation, Pursuant to RI General Laws 42-46-5(a) (3) Security Matters at 9:40 A.M.

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by Arthur H. Fletcher, passed unanimously to come out of Executive session at 10:22 A.M. and seal the minutes.

Went into public session and then spoke about the selection of JES Consultant. Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by Arthur H. Fletcher to contract with JES Consulting to provide Security Consulting Services.

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by Arthur H. Fletcher, passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:24 A.M.

Buddy Croft
Secretary

