

A Meeting of the Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority was held on Wednesday, June 20, 2012 at 8:30 A.M. at the Jamestown Philomenian Library, 26 North Road, Jamestown, RI

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 A.M. by Chairman David A. Darlington.

Members Present:

David A. Darlington, Chairman

Stephen C. Waluk, Co-Vice Chairman

Arthur H. Fletcher, Co-Vice Chairman

Deborah M. Brayton

Michael P. Lewis, Director DOT

Invited Guests:

Buddy Croft, Executive Director

Nancy E. Parrillo, CFO

Peter M. Janaros, Director of Engineering

Marianne Hillier, Director of Operations

JoAnn Head, Executive Assistant

Bill O’Gara, Legal Counsel

Item No. 2

Public Comments: None

Item No. 2

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by Arthur H. Fletcher, passed

unanimously to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2012, May 4, 2012 and May 15, 2012 meetings.

Item No. 4

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

Pannone, Lopes & Devereaux

**Professional Services for the months of April & May 2012 \$
13,788.18**

Item No. 5

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

Adler Pollock & Sheehan P.C.

Professional Services for the months of April & May 2012

\$ 1,986.87

Item No. 6

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by Michael P. Lewis, passed unanimously to ratify:

Abhe & Svoboda Inc. – Newport/Pell Bridge

Steel Repairs & Protective Coating – Suspended Spans

Application No. 16 \$2,961,863.37

Application No. 17 2,481,097.08

Total \$5,442,960.45

Item No. 7

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by Michael P. Lewis, passed unanimously to ratify:

Aetna Bridge Company – Mt. Hope Bridge

On-Call Maintenance Contract 09-7

Partial Payment No. 15 \$ 50,776.26

Item No. 8

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by Michael P. Lewis, passed unanimously to ratify:

Ammann & Whitney – Mt. Hope Bridge

CSS Contract 09-7

Invoice No. 1776 # 22 \$ 1,417.61

Item No. 9

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by Michael P. Lewis, passed unanimously to ratify:

Bates & Associates – Newport/Pell Bridge

Maintenance Bypass Panel – Uninterrupted Supply

Invoice EBW3770 \$ 21,863.00

Item No. 10

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by Michael P. Lewis, passed

unanimously to ratify:

Burgin Lambert – Newport/Pell Bridge

Bridge & Toll Administrative Building

Invoice 0023	\$	6,690.14
Invoice 0024		11,534.55
Invoice 0025		4,112.68
Invoice 0026		800.00
Invoice 0027		864.00
Total \$		24,001.37

Item No. 11

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by Michael P. Lewis, passed unanimously to ratify:

E.W. Burman, Inc. – Newport/Pell Bridge

Application 009	\$	487,152.90	
Application 010		331,603.20	Total \$ 818,756.10

Item No. 12

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by Michael P. Lewis, passed unanimously to ratify:

Jacobs Engineering – RITBA Traffic & Revenue Consultant

Invoice No. WTXT3600-17A	\$	53,974.42
Invoice No. WTXT3600-17B		68,262.68
Invoice No. WTXT3600-17C		6,152.11
Total \$		128,389.21

Item No. 13

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by Michael P. Lewis, passed unanimously to ratify:

Modjeski & Masters, Inc. – Newport/Pell Bridge

2011 Routine Inspection

Invoice No. 5 \$ 2,424.00

Item No. 14

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by Michael P. Lewis, passed unanimously to ratify:

Parsons Transportation Group – Mt. Hope Bridge

Contract 10-11 Design

Invoice No. 9 \$ 18,121.19

Item No. 15

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by Michael P. Lewis, passed unanimously to ratify:

Parsons Brinckerhoff, Inc. – Newport/Pell Bridge

Contract 11-1 Engineering Services

Invoice No. 482041 \$ 4,224.12

Item No. 16

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by Michael P. Lewis, passed unanimously to ratify:

Site Resources – Newport/Pell Bridge

General Construction

Application No. 001 \$ 801,000.00

Item No. 17

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by Michael P. Lewis, passed unanimously to ratify:

WSP-SELLS – Newport/Pell Bridge

Inspection of Bridge Approaches

Invoice No. 01 \$ 315,617.55

Inspection of Bridge Side Spans 51,903.45

\$ 367,521.00

Item No. 18

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by Arthur H. Fletcher, passed unanimously in the form of a resolution to table Coastal Electric Maintenance Contract No. 09-3 until RITBA legal counsel reviews it.

Item No. 19

Motion by Michael P. Lewis, seconded by Stephen C. Waluk, passed unanimously in the form of a resolution to approve Burgin Lambert Inc. invoices for professional services to the Authority's toll rendering, administration building and maintenance building in the amount of \$13,425.00.

Item No. 20

Motion by Arthur H. Fletcher, seconded by Stephen C. Waluk, passed unanimously in the form of a resolution, to approve E.W. Burman Inc. Administration Building Changer Order No. 5 in the amount of \$54,125.00.

Item No. 21

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by Arthur H. Fletcher, passed unanimously in the form of a resolution to approve Site Resources Change Order No. 9 in an amount not-to-exceed \$468,550.445.

Item No. 22

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by Michael P. Lewis, passed unanimously in the form of a resolution to approve Gray Matter Marketing, LLC as RITBA Event Manager Consultant in the amount not-to-exceed \$18,000. annually. The Director expressed the need of an events planner to plan future requests i.e. road races, bicycle races. Michael P. Lewis agreed that this is not a money maker and we were supporting economic development in this region. The Chairman said as long as money goes to charity and not favor private companies we have better control. Stephen C. Waluk also agreed that we need someone that has knowledge in planning these events.

Item No. 23

Motion by Arthur H. Fletcher, seconded by Michael P. Lewis, passed in the form of a resolution to make a sponsorship donation to the City of Newport for the July 4th fireworks display in the amount of \$5,000. The Authority believes this is a worthy cause and promotes traffic over the Bridges. Stephen C. Waluk recused himself from the discussion and vote.

Item No. 24

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by Michael P. Lewis, passed unanimously in the form of a resolution to approve the donation request to the Arts and Cultural Alliance of Newport County in the amount of \$2,500. This event serves the interest of the Authority by promoting traffic over the Bridges and tourism in and around the City of Newport.

Item No. 25

Motion by Arthur H. Fletcher, seconded by Stephen C. Waluk, passed unanimously in the form of a resolution to approve Rocket "Hogs" Independence Day Weekend Fireworks Display in the amount of \$2,500.

Item No. 26

Motion by Michael P. Lewis, seconded by Stephen C. Waluk, passed unanimously in the form of a resolution to approve cost in newspaper ads, road banners, inserts in newspaper, flyers, radio ads, and

postcards in order to educate the motoring public on Open Road Tolling.

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Item No. 27

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by Michael P. Lewis, passed unanimously in the form of a resolution to adopt the RITBA 2012 / 2013 Budget. CFO Nancy Parrillo reported on the increase in revenue. Arthur H. Fletcher questioned why the budget was lower. David A. Darlington answered we over guesstimated. Michael P. Lewis asked why the insurance line had gone down. David A. Darlington answered we booked for a two (2) year period.

Item No. 28

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by Michael P. Lewis, passed unanimously to go discuss VION Contract Negotiations after Executive Session.

Item No. 29

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by Michael P. Lewis, passed unanimously to go discuss Open Road Tolling Fee Schedule after Executive Session.

Item No. 30

Chairman's Report

- **Construction on Building**
- **Micro-Grinding on Bridge**
- **Open Road Tolling**
- **Staff Appreciation**
- **Sakonnet Bridge**

Item No. 31

Executive Director's Report

05/03 Bldg. Progress Mtg.

05/03 ORT Progress Mtg.

05/04 Peregrine

05/07 Newport Chamber

05/08 Senior Staff

05/08 Tourism Event

05/08 NYB Mellon

05/09 Lori Caron Silveira

05/09 Sakonnet Logistics Mtg.

05/10 Bldg. Progress Mtg.

05/10 ORT Progress Mtg.

05/10 IAG Conference Call

05/10 RDW

05/14 RDW

05/15 Senior Staff

05/15 Board Mtg.

05/15 Senate President Paiva Weed

05/16 Nancy Parrillo

05/16 MS Bike Race Mtg.

05/17 Bldg. Progress Mtg.

05/17 ORT Progress Mtg.

05/17 RDW

05/19 ORT/Site

05/21 ACS/CS Conf. Call

05/22 Senior Staff

05/22 IAG Conf. Call

05/22 CS Conf. Call

05/24 Bldg.. Progress Mtg.

05/24 ORT Progress Mtg.

05/24 CS et al

05/24 Tunnel Mtg.

05/29 Senior Staff

05/29 Overweight Vehicle Mtg.

05/29 Trudy Coxe – Preservation Society

05/29 PLD&W

05/30 RDW

05/30 Director Lewis / Newport Chamber

05/30 Mtg. w/Overweight Vehicle Companies

05/31 Bldg. Progress Mtg.

05/31 ORT Progress Mtg.

05/31 RDW

05/31 Gov. Chafee

05/31 IAG Conf. Call

05/31 Visit Sakonnet / DOT

06/06 NE Directors

06/05 Senior Staff

06/05 Event Manage Interviews

06/06 MS Bike Mtg.

06/07 Bldg. Progress Mtg.

06/07 ORT Progress Mtg

06/07 Sakonnet Logistics Mtg.

06/08 Burman & Burgin

06/11 Auditors

06/11 Senior Staff

06/11 Burgin/Robin/Move In Logistics

06/12 Auditors

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6/13 Bill O’Gara & David Darlington

06/13 Jim Crawford / CS / Testing

6/13 Burman / Burgin

06/14 Bldg. Progress Mtg.

06/14 ORT Progress Mtg.

06/14 Steve Wright / S. County Chamber

6/15 Employee Thank You Luncheon

06/16 MS Bike Race

06/18 Senior Staff

06/18 Move In Logistics

06/19 CS Conf. Call

Item No. 32

Finance Report

• April 2012 MTD / YTD Financial Report

- **Traffic and Revenue Reports**

Item No. 33

Engineers Report

Newport/Pell Bridge

- **Ten Year Plan Implementation - 2011 Plan approved by Board July 13, 2011**

- **09-1 Steel Repairs / Painting - Original Bids opened Feb. 22, 2010 - Per direction of Board Re-Bid April 20, 2010- Awarded May 17, 2010 - Abrasive Blasting and painting - ongoing (50 of 75 units complete). 75% complete and on schedule**

Note: East Support Barge sunk during Oct. 30th, 2011 storm. Contractor to address schedule impact with double shifts.

- **08-4 Deck Repairs, Rideability Improvements / Seal Replacements by Aetna. Contract #12-1 Design underway. (on call maintenance)**

- **Approach Span Inspection by WSP – Sells; Started work in September and finished in December – Main Span Side Spans began in November. Report due by June 2012**

- **ELUR - ready to close out with DEM: ATC finalizing**

- **First Responder Training w/ Newport Fire Department complete**

- **Ramp Project: RIDOT received city endorsement and will proceed**

- **Studies status - Median Barrier Wind study complete; some structural limitation needs to be studied further for high winds. - Testing in Wind Tunnel complete. Median helps to stabilize structure: Formal Report due this summer.**

- **Administration Bldg. – Approved for award July 13, 2011.**

Construction Work on-going. To be completed by July 2012.

- **Micro-grinding of deck now complete.**
- **WSP – SELLS Underwater Inspection. Report due in July.**

Mt. Hope Bridge

- **Ten Year Plan implementation - Ongoing - Plan approved by Board July 13, 2011.**
- **08-1 Tower Pier Rehab: Project Closeout: Extra cost notification by Contractor denied.**
- **10-11 Design of North approach Steel Repairs & Painting ongoing – Bid April 2012. Mobilization under way.**
- **Modjeski & Masters Annual Inspection. Approved Field work complete; report received/approved.**
- **Intersection / Drainage upgrade by DOT at Portsmouth end of bridge.**
- **Aetna Bridge 09-7 On Call Maintenance Contract: - Work this year on Deck on going.**
- **Ammann & Whitney Contract: Transfer of Engineer of record duties complete.**
- **Underwater Inspection in October by A&W: Report received.**

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Item No. 33

Operations Report

- All new toll booths have now been installed and we are in the process of finding a smaller chair for the new booths
- For the past couple of weeks, paving, line striping and the installation of the concrete barriers & the delineators has been ongoing.
- Last week, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, CS America did their testing in the open road tolling lanes.
- The MS Bicycle Ride took place on the Newport/Pell Bridge Saturday Morning, June 16th at approximately 7:00am with the set up of the cones beginning at 5:00am. The last cyclist reached the toll plaza at approximately 7:40am. All went well. It was a very organized event.
- The tunnel construction is nearing completion, and the tunnel housing for the entry/exit to the tunnel was installed on Friday night. The operations staff has been using the tunnel and most of their comments have been positive. One stated, “This is great not havng to dodge the traffic”.

Item No. 34

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by Michael P. Lewis, passed unanimously to go into Executive Session Pursuant to RI General Laws 42-46-5 (a) (2), Potential Litigation, Litigation, Pursuant to RI General Laws 42-46-5(a) (3), Security Matters at 9:37 a.m.

Motion by Michael P. Lewis, seconded by Stephen C. Waluk, passed unanimously to come out of Executive Session at 10:03 a.m. and seal the minutes.

At 10:04 a.m. a motion to adjourn the public meeting was made by Michael Lewis and seconded by Stephen C. Waluk. There were no discussions on the motions. The motions passed unanimously and the Executive Committee exited Executive Session at 10:05 a.m.

**Buddy Croft
Secretary**