

**MINUTES
MID-BAY BRIDGE AUTHORITY
THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2017**

**NICEVILLE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
208 NORTH PARTING DRIVE
NICEVILLE, FLORIDA**

I. OPENING

Mr. Neilson opened the regular meeting of the Mid-Bay Bridge Authority at approximately 9:00 a.m. with the Invocation which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present were: James D. Neilson, Jr.
 Gordon E. Fornell
 Virginia A. Asthana
 Parker Destin
 Robert Griggs
 Bryant Paulk FDOT Ex officio, non-voting

Also present: Van Fuller Executive Director
 Dawn Stuntz Legal Counsel
 Cathy Demoreski Administrative Assistant

II. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Fiscal Year 2018 Budget - Resolution 2017-08

Mr. Neilson opened the advertised Public Hearing at approximately 9:05 a.m. and presented the proposed Fiscal Year 2018 annual budget comprised of operating revenues and operating expenses. There were no comments from any Authority members. Mr. Neilson further explained that if the FY2018 budget is adopted, he will present the budget to the Board of County Commissioners of Okaloosa County on Tuesday, May 16, 2017 as required by the Authority's enacting legislation. After discussion and there being no public comment, Mr. Neilson recommended approval of the FY2018 Budget.

A motion was made by Mr. Destin to approve the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget by adopting Resolution 2017-08 and presenting the Budget to the Board of County Commissioners of Okaloosa County on Tuesday, May 16, 2017 with a second by Mr. Fornell and a 5-0 vote taken for adoption and approval.

Mr. Neilson closed the Public Hearing at approximately 9:10 a.m.

III. INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

Mr. Neilson welcomed all visitors and members of the press. In attendance were Bob Kellner, James VanSteenburg and Bryan Estock, HDR; and Mike Griffith, The Bay Beacon.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting – April 20, 2017

A motion to approve the April 20, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes was made by Mr. Fornell with a second by Ms. Asthana and a 5-0 vote was taken for approval.

V. TREASURER'S REPORT

Ms. Asthana presented the Treasurer's Report for April 2017. Account balances were:

FNBT.com	\$ 333,232.41
Regions	\$35,656,975.59

Ms. Asthana made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Reports for April 2017 with a second by Mr. Destin and a 5-0 vote was taken for approval.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Mr. Fuller noted that as the Summer 2017 tourist season approaches the population of Destin will be increasing from its usual ~12,000 residents to somewhere between 65,000-85,000 visitors. He explained that all three approaches, US 98 from the east, US 98 from the west, and the Mid-Bay Bridge will all be stressed. In accordance with the intent of the Authority communicated at its last meeting, we will prepare a press release in coordination with the Florida Department of Transportation and Florida's Turnpike Enterprise in order to get the message out to expect delays on Saturday's from Memorial Day to Labor Day and to encourage motorists to plan accordingly.

A. Consent Agenda-Resolution 2017-09. Request payment by Regions Bank to:

1. HDR Eng., Inc. in accordance with the contract for Eng. Svcs. associated with:
 - A. Transportation Asset Management (TAMP) (Task 27), payment #2
Inv. No.1200049023 for svcs through 04/01/17, in the amt. of: **\$14,799.01**
(From USAF Supv & Admin Fund-Regions Acct #1080019199)
2. Jacobs Eng. in accordance with the cont for Traffic and Rev Svcs associated with:
 - A. Annual Traffic and Revenue Services (Task Order #1), payment 5
Invoice WTXT9601-05 dated April 25, 2017 in the amount of: **\$2,311.65**
(From USAF Supv & Admin Fund-Regions Acct #1080019199)
3. USGS in accordance with the April 2014 Collaborative Agmt associated with:
 - A. MBBC-Phase 2&3 Okaloosa Darter Monitoring Agmt # 14SBFL000000010
4th of 4 Annual Invoices in the amount of: **\$24,000.00 - FINAL**
(From 2015 Construction Fund -Regions Account #1080026699)

A motion was made by Mr. Fornell to adopt Resolution 2017-09 requesting payment of the Consent Agenda items by the Trustee with a second by Ms. Asthana and a 5-0 vote was taken for adoption.

Mr. Fuller reported having a conversation with representatives of Jackson Guard who favorably acknowledged the Authority's efforts on behalf of Darter stream restoration and monitoring. Also explained was that a conference call is scheduled for the week of May 15, 2017 with the Authority's General Engineering Consultant, HDR, for a status update on the Transportation Asset Management Program (TAMP). Mr. Fuller has been coordinating with the Authority's Financial Advisor, Stifel, and Traffic Engineers, Jacobs, in an effort to bring the TAMP to conclusion at the Authority's Annual Consultants Meeting scheduled for August 16, 2017 with a presentation to the Authority on August 17, 2017.

B. Traffic Operations. Mr. Fuller reported that the Traffic and Revenue for the month of March 2017 continues to be in line with the Traffic Engineer's analysis and projections. It was noted that a positive variance equates to positive revenue as compared to the previous fiscal year. Mr. Fuller pointed out that February 2016 was a leap year meaning February 2017 had one less day of revenue causing a negative variance.

Misc. Enhancements Contract-Change Order No. 2 – Additional Signage and Crossover Protection Repair. Mr. Fuller reminded the Authority that last year proposals were requested for Miscellaneous Enhancements which included extending the south bound SunPass lane to the north; crossover protection; additional signage and pavement markings. The bid received was extremely high and well above the engineer's estimate. As a result the proposal was renegotiated to include only the crossover protection, additional signage and pavement markings.

As reported last month the Authority requested HDR to obtain proposals from Emerald Coast Striping, the contractor who installed the crossover protection north of the toll plaza, to provide a proposal for additional and supplemental signage on SR293 to include stream crossings, hospital, evacuation and interoperability information. Those proposals are included in the meeting package for consideration by the Board.

A motion was made by Mr. Destin with a second by Mr. Fornell to approve the Emerald Coast Striping proposals for Additional and Supplemental Signage in the amount of \$20,110 with a 5-0 vote taken for approval.

Mr. Fuller reported that in the four months since the completion of the crossover protection there have been two incidents in which vehicles travelling in the opposite direction were protected from collision because of the barrier. Each incident resulted in repair of damage to the crossover protection at a cost to the Authority of approximately \$4,000. Once the signage installation has been completed these enhancement to SR 293 can be added onto the State Highway System allowing the Department to facilitate and future repairs.

Discussion included Mr. Fornell's continued request for additional signage on SR 85 south in advance of the entrance to SR 293 at the trumpet interchange in Niceville. Mr. Bryant Paulk, the Authority's FDOT Representative said he would look into it.

A motion was made by Ms. Asthana with a second by Mr. Destin to amend the earlier motion to approve the Emerald Cost proposals for Additional and Supplemental signage in the amount of \$20,110.00 to include both proposals in the amended total amount of \$60,670.00 with a 5-0 vote taken for approval.

As the 2017 tourist season approaches with heavy congestion on the Authority's system, as well as Lakeshore Drive and White Point Road, Mr. Fuller has discussed with Jacobs the potential for a study of possible solutions. The scope of the study could include but not be limited to counts and monitoring during the season at a cost of between \$30K and \$100K. Discussion included that \$30-\$100K is a lot of money to spend on something we already know. The problem is the same on US 331 and in Fort Walton Beach during the season. In response to an inquiry as to whether the Department could conduct the study, Mr. Fuller explained that the Authority would reimburse the Department for its costs. Mr. Paulk explained that the Department would not conduct a study done along the US. 98 corridor until the current widening project is completed

VII. LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

None

VIII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

The Board recognized Mr. James VanSteenburg with HDR who was in attendance. Mr. VanSteenburg thanked the Board and introduced himself to Mr. Destin and Mr. Griggs by explaining that he was the Construction Manager for the Spence Parkway project from 2009-2014. He is now working with the HDR CCC in Tampa after returning from a job in Seattle, Washington and looks forward to supporting any future projects of the Authority along with Bryan Estock.

Mr. Fornell called attention to a May 5, 2017 NWFDN Opinion Letter to the Editor entitled SunPass Nightmare comparing the Mid-Bay Bridge SunPass to Pinellas County SunPass Annual Fee. He pointed out that there is no comparison between the two systems and that the Authority has and continues to set tolls as low as responsibly possible in order to meet its required toll revenues.

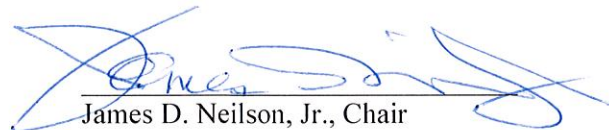
IX. GENERAL DISCUSSION

The next regular meeting of the Authority will on Thursday, June 15, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in the Destin City Hall Board Room, Destin, Florida

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:30 a.m.

Approved this 20th day of June 2017


James D. Neilson, Jr., Chair