

**MINUTES  
MID-BAY BRIDGE AUTHORITY  
THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2019**

**DESTIN CITY HALL BOARD ROOM  
4200 INDIAN BAYOU TRAIL  
DESTIN, FLORIDA**

**I. OPENING**

Members present:                   Gordon E. Fornell  
  James D. Neilson, Jr.  
  Victoria S. Harker  
  Parker Destin  
  Bryant Paulk                    FDOT Ex officio, non-voting

Member absent:                   T. Patterson Maney

Also present:                    Van Fuller                    Executive Director  
  Michelle Anchors         Legal Counsel  
  Cathy Demoreski         Administrative Assistant

**II. INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS & PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Fornell welcomed Mike Griffith, The Bay Beacon.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. Regular Meeting – May 16, 2019**

**A motion to approve the May 16, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes was made by Mr. Neilson with a second by Mr. Destin and a 4-0 vote was taken for approval.**

**IV. TREASURER’S REPORT**

Ms. Harker presented the Treasurer’s Report for May 2019. Account balances were:

FNBT	\$ 179,790.95
Regions	\$41,476,883.17

**Ms. Harker made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report for May 2019 with a second by Mr. Neilson and a 4-0 vote was taken for approval.**

**V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Mr. Fuller wished a Happy Anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. Fornell on 60 years of marriage and Mr. and Mrs. Neilson on 32 years of marriage, both couples were married on June 6.

As a follow-up to the Treasurer’s Report, Mr. Fuller reminded the Board that the Debt Service Reserve Requirements, the Debt Service Funds and \$5M of the General Fund balance are restricted. However, any money in the General Fund above the \$5M investment reserve is liquid

and could be considered for the recent tendon repair costs once the project has been completed.

- A. Operations.** Mr. Fuller reported that Jacobs Engineering, the Authority's Traffic and Revenue Consultant is 90% complete with the FY2018 Traffic Engineers' Annual Report. The delay in issuing the report this year is a direct result of the Florida Turnpike Enterprise's delay in providing the necessary traffic and revenue information needed since the new Centralized Customer Support System (CCSS) implementation in June 2018.

Additionally, Mr. Fuller reported that the tendon repair project on the Mid-Bay Bridge is well ahead of schedule with the last de-tensioning scheduled for the week of June 24th. Once the final re-tensioning has been completed, the 2-axle vehicle restriction will be lifted and the only restriction will be on permitted loads.

Discussion included concerns regarding the lack of law enforcement for enforcing the 2-axle vehicle limit restriction this morning on either side of the Bridge. Mr. Fuller explained that the Department's Contractor is responsible for law enforcement presence and based on recent phone calls to the Authority office, there appears to be a disconnect with the distribution of information by the Department to the public information office of the Sheriff's office. He will check with the Department and report back. Mr. Fuller also reported that travel time data is being collected by Jacobs Engineering as a result of comments made at the May 21, 2019 Okaloosa County Board of Commissioners meeting regarding whether the Mid-Bay Bridge is the quickest way to Destin.

- B. Ratify Amendment to 2019 Ferrovial Service Contract-North Lakeshore Dr. Ramp Closure.** Mr. Fuller reported that law enforcement requested additional barricades be added to the merge lane from SR20 onto SR293 on Saturday's during the weekly tourist season closure in order to allow for a better flow of southbound traffic north of the toll plaza. The Amendment was approved by Executive Director authority and Ratification by the Board for \$7,225.95 increase the total contract price for the additional labor and materials required is requested.

**A motion was made by Mr. Neilson with a second by Mr. Destin to Ratify the Executive Director approval of the Ferrovial Service Contract Amendment increase of \$7,225.95 for additional labor and materials necessary to comply with the on-sight law enforcement request and a 4-0 vote was taken to ratify approval.**

- A. Ratify Jacobs Task #7 – Travel Time Data Collection Proposal.** As a result of comments at a recent County Commission meeting, Mr. Fuller requested Jacobs Engineering, the Authority's Traffic and Revenue Consultant, collect travel time data from various locations in Okaloosa and Walton Counties to Destin. The Proposal was approved by Executive Director authority and Ratification by the Board for Jacobs Task #7 – Travel Time Data Collection Proposal in the amount of \$8,910.00 is requested.

**A motion was made by Mr. Neilson with a second by Mr. Destin to Ratify the Executive Director approval of the Jacobs Engineering Proposal in the amount of \$8,910.00 for Task #7-Travel Time Data Collection and a 4-0 vote was taken to ratify approval.**

**VI. LEGAL COUNSEL**

None

**VII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Mr. Fornell commended both the FDOT and its contractor for the level of effort on a job well done and on track to be completed ahead of schedule. He expressed pride in their performance and response to the corroded tendons on the Mid-Bay Bridge and how efficiently it was handled.

Mr. Paulk reported on behalf of the Department that the US 98 widening project continues to be on schedule, and everyone is happy with the contractor and their efforts.

**VIII. GENERAL DISCUSSION**

The next regular meeting of the Authority will be held on **Thursday, July 18, 2019** at 9:00 a.m. in the Niceville City Hall Council Chambers, Niceville, Florida.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:12 a.m.

**Approved this 18th day of July 2019**



Gordon E. Fornell, Chair