

**MINUTES  
MID-BAY BRIDGE AUTHORITY  
THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2019**

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

**I. OPENING**

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

Member absent:                    Parker Destin

Also present:                    Van Fuller                    Executive Director  
   Cathy Demoreski            Administrative Assistant

Absent:                            Michelle Anchors            Legal Counsel

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

Mr. Fornell welcomed all visitors and members of the press. In attendance was Mike Griffith, The Bay Beacon.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. Regular Meeting – February 21, 2019**

**A motion to approve the February 21, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes was made by Mr. Neilson with a second by Mr. Maney and a 4-0 vote was taken for approval.**

**IV. TREASURER’S REPORT**

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

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|---------|-----------------|
| FNBT    | \$ 165,093.16   |
| Regions | \$41,730,560.76 |

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

**V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Mr. Fuller reported further on the Treasurer’s Report by explaining that the final payments have been made to all contractors for contracts administered by the Mid-Bay Bridge Authority on behalf of Eglin Air Force Base under the Enhanced Use Lease/Value Based Transaction USAF Escrow Agreement for the SR293/Spence Parkway Easement. The Escrow Account being administered by Regions Bank has been closed with all remaining funds transferred to the Authority’s FNBT Savings account as final reimbursement for the supervisory and administration services provided under the agreement. Additionally, approximately \$2M of the current \$3M in the Revenue Fund will be transferred to the Authority’s General Fund upon completion of the FY2018 audit and issue of the 2018 Financial Statements.

- A. Mid-Bay Bridge Maintenance, Inspection and Repair-Update.** Repairs are on-going on the eight tendons identified as damaged. There have been two scheduled overnight closures since the last meeting. The contractor is becoming more efficient with the work which should improve performance going forward. We had engaged FIGG for oversight of the original repair of three tendons and have subsequently included the additional five to their level of effort. Since the FDOT will perform a 100% vibration testing, the remaining FIGG inspections will be rescheduled for a future fiscal year to ensure they are out of sync with FDOT's inspections. The funds committed to FIGG this fiscal year will be reallocated to additional repair oversight.
- B. Ferrovial Service Contract – 2019 Tourist Season North Lakeshore Drive Ramp Closure.** Mr. Fuller presented the cost estimate from Ferrovial in support of the Okaloosa County 2019 tourist season North Lakeshore Drive ramp closure and recommended approval. Ferrovial is the maintenance contractor under contract with the State responsible for maintenance and operations on all state roads in Okaloosa County. Like last year, the Authority is working in coordination with the Okaloosa County Board of County Commissioners and staff to help mitigate the traffic congestion on White Point Road and improve the flow of traffic from SR20 to the Mid-Bay Bridge during the summer tourist season, an extremely successful operation in 2018. The Authority committed to closing the southbound entry/exit ramps at the North Lakeshore Drive interchange from approximately noon to 6:00 p.m. for 12-14 Saturdays beginning Memorial Day through Labor Day. The service contract will be needed for VMS boards and barricade services to support this commitment. The cost to the Authority will be approximately \$28,000 for the season. The Okaloosa County Sheriff's office will have deputies on-site during the closures, funded by Tourist Development. Dialog and coordination will continue throughout the season to ensure efficiency.

Discussion included an overview of issues associated with tourist season Saturday queue time at the toll plaza, which is approximately 25 minutes. Alternative solutions to the North Lakeshore Drive interchange closure would not be without costs and loss of revenue. Last year the working group with the County preferred the interchange closure over making up the lost revenue which would result by opening all lanes as Toll-By-Plate (TBP). The other issue would be the relocation of the traffic queue from the Spence Parkway, a limited access roadway north of the bay to Danny Wuerffel Way, adversely impacting access to points of commerce. According to Mr. Paulk, traffic light coordination does not allow for added capacity and the additional capacity currently being added to US98 will not be enough to allow for free flow from SR293, that would require an elevated highway to help. Traffic data shows approximately 80% of the traffic coming to Destin is from the east/west along US98, while the traffic from the north along SR293 is approximately 20%.

**A motion was made by Mr. Neilson with a second by Mr. Maney to approve the Service Contract for approximately \$28,000 in support of the North Lakeshore Drive southbound entry/exit ramps closures and VMS boards during the 2019 summer tourist season from approximately Memorial Day through Labor Day and a 4-0 vote was taken for approval.**

- C. Signature Authorization – Resolution 2019-03.** Mr. Fuller explained that as a result of the new slate of officers adopted at the February 2019 meeting, the Authority is required to provide another Signature Authorization for Authority Members and the Executive Director who are authorized to sign for expenses from the checking and savings accounts with FNBTBank which are administered by the office. All checks require two (2) signatures.

**Mr. Neilson made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-03 FNBTBank Signature Authorization, with a second by Ms. Harker and a 4-0 vote was taken for adoption.**

**VI. LEGAL COUNSEL**

None

**VII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

None

**VIII. GENERAL DISCUSSION**

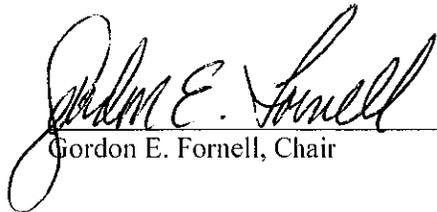
Mr. Griffith offered the Authority the opportunity to support the 2nd Annual Golf Tournament hosted by The Heights Tutoring Center where he is an active volunteer and instructor.

The next regular meeting of the Authority will be held on **Thursday, April 18, 2019** at 9:00 a.m. in the Destin City Hall Board Room, Destin, Florida.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:15 a.m.

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

  
Gordon E. Fornell, Chair