

**MINUTES
MID-BAY BRIDGE AUTHORITY
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2020**

**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
 T. Patterson Maney
 Bryant Paulk FDOT Ex officio, non-voting

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

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 – January 16, 2020

A motion to approve the January 16, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes, was made by Mr. Neilson with a second by Mr. Destin and a 5-0 vote was taken for approval.

IV. TREASURER’S REPORT

Ms. Harker presented the Treasurer’s Report for January 2020 account balances were:

FNBT	\$ 101,114.94
Regions	\$45,398,091.92

Ms. Harker made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report for January 2020 with a second by Mr. Neilson and a 5-0 vote was taken for approval.

V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A. Operations. Mr. Fuller reported that the December 2019 traffic was in line with traffic projections. He explained that comparisons between FY2019 and FY2020 traffic and revenue data are difficult due to the volatility as a result of the October 2018 toll suspension due to Hurricane Michael (traffic was up and revenue was down); the January 2019 Bridge closure and subsequent axle restrictions and intermittent nighttime closures for repairs (affected both traffic and revenue); and the delayed billing for Toll-By-Plate from June 2018 through January 2019 by the Florida Turnpike Enterprise (FTE) due issues associated with the Centralized Customer Service Support (CCSS) upgrade in June 2018.

Mr. Fuller reported that the FTE formed a working group from among the transportation Authorities to assist in the development of the new CCSS contract requirements. Mr. Fuller also communicated that he volunteered our system to be a test location for any FTE alternate/third party methods of payment phone applications such as smart phone applications.

Mr. Fuller explained that the traffic counters on SR293 used by the Authority's traffic and revenue consultants to monitor traffic using the Parkway between Forest Road and SR285 and between SR285 and SR85 required some equipment repair/replacement. These costs fall within the FY2020 approved budget for building and equipment maintenance expenses.

Mr. Fuller was informed that the Gateway Project for median enhancements on Danny Wuerffel Way is out for solicitation. The project is being funded by a State grant to the County and includes other entrances to the county as well. Mr. Fornell inquired as to the state of the Eglin vegetation enhancement at the trumpet interchange on SR293 and SR85. Mr. Fuller explained that it was planted by Eglin and the City of Niceville committed to five years of maintenance. Growth appeared to be off to a good start; however, the condition of the plantings appears to be poor.

Ms. Harker inquired as to the status of the striping clean-up on the Mid-Bay Bridge. Mr. Fuller explained that the work was scheduled for evenings of February 1-2, 2020. During the process, numerous vehicles travelled around the striping truck and spread wet paint onto the surface of the Bridge in several locations. The contractor has located a high-pressure heated water vehicle for use in removing the paint. The first attempt proved to be successful however the dense fog conditions of the past week have caused delays. They are scheduled to resume work the week of March 1, 2020 from 8:00 p.m. – 5:00 a.m. until complete. Fortunately, this work does not pose a safety issue. The Okaloosa County Asset Maintenance Contract, Ferrovial Services, noted lessons learned to prevent recurrence for future striping.

Finally, Mr. Fuller reported that we are about halfway through review and completion of the FY2019 financial statements. He had hoped to have them at this meeting however they are expected to be ready for the March 19, 2020 meeting.

B. Election of Officers – Resolution 2020-01. Mr. Neilson recommended that the current slate of Officers be maintained for the Mid-Bay Bridge Authority effective February 20, 2020 as follows:

- **Gordon E. Fornell, Chair**
- **James D. Neilson, Jr., Vice-Chair**
- **Victoria S. Harker, Secretary/Treasurer**

A motion was made by Mr. Neilson with a second by Mr. Destin and Mr. Maney and a 5-0 vote taken for approval and adoption of Resolution 2020-01

VI. LEGAL COUNSEL

None

VII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

None

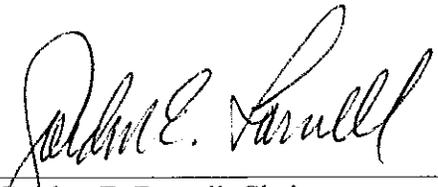
VIII. GENERAL DISCUSSION

The next regular meeting of the Authority will be held on **Thursday, March 19, 2020** at 9:00 a.m. in the Niceville City Council Chambers, Niceville, Florida.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:18 a.m.

Approved this 14th day of May 2020.



Gordon E. Fornell, Chair