

**MINUTES
MID-BAY BRIDGE AUTHORITY
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2022**

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

I. OPENING

Members present: James D. Neilson, Jr.
 Gordon E. Fornell
 Parker Destin
 Kim Wintner
 James T. Wood, Jr.

Also present: Van Fuller Executive Director
 Michelle Anchors Legal Counsel
 Bryant Paulk FDOT Ex officio, non-voting
 Cathy Demoreski Administrative Assistant

II. INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS & PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Neilson welcomed Bobbie Fornell and David Vardaman, Bluewater Bay Residents.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting – September 15, 2022

A motion to approve the September 15, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes was made by Mr. Destin with a second by Mr. Wood and a 5-0 vote was taken for approval.

IV. TREASURER’S REPORT

Mr. Destin presented the Treasurer’s Report for September 2022. Account balances were:

FNBTBank	\$	237,725.32
Regions		\$61,041,729.64

Mr. Destin made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Reports for September 2022 with a second by Mr. Wood and a 5-0 vote was taken for approval.

V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. Fuller pointed out that September 30 was the Authority’s Fiscal Year end and the balance in the Debt Service Funds will be reduced on October 1 when the semi-annual principal and interest payment to bondholders are completed. The annual 50/50 sharing of the remaining General Fund balance after debt service payment will be distributed to the FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation) prior to the next meeting. We will receive our share in the General Fund in April.

A. Operations. Mr. Fuller reported that traffic is on par year over year on the Bridge and the Parkway down slightly.

Mr. Fuller scheduled the FDOT and its consultant to present the SR293 Safety Study at the Authority's meeting on November 15, 2022.

B. Memberships Review/Approval (TEAMFL, EDC, NVCC, DCC, CBA). Mr. Fuller recommended continued support of our memberships in the following professional and community organizations: the Transportation Expressway Authority Membership of Florida (TEAMFL), Okaloosa County Economic Development Council (EDC), Niceville Valparaiso Chamber of Commerce (NVCC) and its Military Affairs Committee (MAC), Destin Chamber of Commerce (DCC), and the Choctawhatchee Basin Alliance (CBA) all of which are included in the FY2023 Budget.

A motion was made by Mr. Destin with a second by Mr. Wood to approve the Authority's continued memberships with TEAMFL, EDC, NVCC including the MAC, DCC, and CBA for 2023 in accordance with the approved FY2023 Budget with a 5-0 was vote taken for approval.

VI. LEGAL COUNSEL

A. Annual Policy Review/Renewal. Ms. Anchors reported that she has reviewed the existing and current policies and procedures of the Authority. There were no statutory or required changes to the current policies and therefore recommended renewal.

A motion was made by Mr. Destin with a second by Mr. Wood to renew the Authority's Capitalization, Code of Ethics, Recognition and Hospitality, Procurement, Public Participation, and Revenue Recognitions Policies for FY2023 and a 5-0 vote was taken for approval.

B. Annual Ethics Training. Ms. Anchors reminded the Board that as Public Servants the Florida Code of Ethics must be followed however no formal training is required. Ms. Anchors did remind all Members that although it is not listed in the Code of Ethics the Florida Sunshine Law must be followed. It was recommended that members use good judgement when in public and wherever two or more are present not to discuss any business that may at any time come before the Authority to vote on and to be wary of gifts. Following those recommendations, the Board will be in compliance. Finally, she reminded the Members that any questions or concerns regarding communication should be brought to her to find a clear and legal path.

VII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

None

VIII. GENERAL DISCUSSION

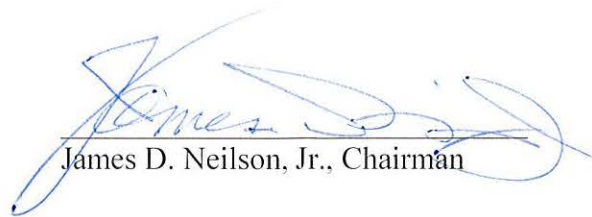
Mr. Wintner offered Mr. Vardaman an opportunity to address the Board and he accepted. Mr. Vardaman thanked the Authority for their time and transparency regarding citizens' concerns. He reminded the members that although the SR293 Safety Study will address all three roadways (e.g., Danny Wuerffel Way, Mid-Bay Bridge and Spence Parkway) the citizen's focus is on the Bridge. Mr. Neilson thanked Mr. Vardaman and expressed the hope of the Authority that the report as presented next month will bring closure for all citizens.

The next regular meeting of the Authority will be held on **Thursday, November 17, 2022**, at 9:00 a.m. in the Niceville City Hall Council Chambers, Niceville, Florida.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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

Approved this 17th day of November 2022.



James D. Neilson, Jr., Chairman