

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY

HELD AT HEADQUARTERS, HIGHLAND, N.Y. ON
OCTOBER 19, 2006

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IN ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Sproat, James P., Chairman
Dressel, Roderick O., Vice Chairman
Carter, Robert P., Commissioner
Paradies, Walter A., Commissioner

Whitbeck, Carl W., Esq., Counsel

OFFICERS:

Sinnott, George C., Secretary
Bresnan, James J., Assistant Secretary
Sewell, John R., Treasurer

Absent:

Madison, Thomas J., Commissioner
Teator, David A., Commissioner

Chairman Sproat welcomed all to the meeting and called the regular meeting of the Authority to order at 3:00 P.M. Chairman Sproat stated that if there were no questions to the September 21, 2006 minutes he would like a motion to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting. On motion of Commissioner Paradies, seconded by Chairman Sproat, the minutes of the September 21, 2006 regular meeting were adopted unanimously.

ADMINISTRATION:

1) IAG Policy Meeting – November 2006

Mr. Russo presented a travel request for Barry Mickle to attend the IAG Policy Meeting hosted by the Virginia Department of Transportation on November 16th in Richmond, Virginia. On motion of Chairman Sproat, seconded by Vice Chairman Dressel, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY

BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 006-102

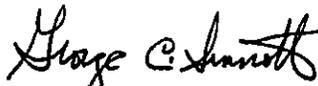
Resolution Date: October 19, 2006

WHEREAS, the Board has received and reviewed a request for overnight, out-of-state travel to attend the Policy Committee meeting of the Interagency Group (IAG) being held in Richmond, Virginia on November 16, 2006; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that authorization is granted to Barry Mickle as the Authority's IAG Committee member, to attend the identified meeting as the representative for the Authority; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director, or his designee, is hereby authorized and directed to take the necessary measures to implement this resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this resolution has been duly adopted this 19th day of October
2006.



George C. Sinnott, Secretary

ENGINEERING AND MAINTENANCE:

1) Mid-Hudson Bridge Water Supply

Mr. Moreau presented his memo of October 4, 2006 outlining the estimated costs for an on-site water supply. He further discussed Modjeski and Masters' cost estimate outlined in their letter of October 9, 2006, both of which projected costs on the order of \$300,000.00. The last known cost for the water connection to the Town of Lloyd was \$236,000.00, based on the bid results last fall. Since the on-site cost is significantly higher than the municipal connection he recommended connecting to the Town of Lloyd's system.

The Chairman again voiced his concerns over the annual costs outlined in the agreement with the Town of Lloyd. The Chairman asked Mr. Whitbeck if he negotiated this agreement. Mr. Whitbeck confirmed his involvement in the negotiation of this agreement and said that he felt the costs were fair and the Authority was not being taken advantage of. Mr. Whitbeck offered to provide other examples of similar "Out-of-District" users' agreements for comparison, but the Board declined. The Chairman asked Mr. Moreau how this construction would be funded. Mr. Moreau responded that it has been programmed in the Capital Improvement Program for the last few years and no special funding is required.

Commissioner Carter stated that although he is not an expert in matters of water and sewer he felt the Board should take the advice of their Professional Engineer and Attorney and connect to the municipal water and sewer. Drawing on his background in the insurance business, he indicated the risks of operating outside of the State Sanitary Code outweigh the costs of this project. We have no choice but to make this connection.

Chairman Sproat also inquired on the condition of the Town's water and sewer infrastructure, "We should not get stuck with a big bill if there are future improvements already anticipated for the municipal systems." The Chairman further stated that he would not be averse to signing this agreement if we could reduce the cost-of-living clause from 3 percent to something on the order of 1.5 percent. Mr. Whitbeck was further directed to pursue these issues with the Town, complete the draft agreements and report back next month.

Mr. Moreau stated, for clarification of the Authority's timetable, this project is out to bid and that pending a successful bid opening he will be asking for the Board's approval of the water and sewer agreements and construction.

2) Kingston-Rhinecliff Bridge River Road SEQRA

Mr. Moreau stated that during the State Environmental quality Review Assessment (SEQRA) review of this project it has been determined that this is “*new*” construction and as such, requires a determination by our Board of “no significant negative impact on the environment.” Chairman Sproat called for a motion and on motion of Vice Chairman Dressel, seconded by Commissioner Paradies; the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY

BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 006-103

Resolution Date: October 19, 2006

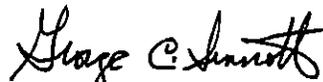
WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the River Road Intersection Widening Project at the Kingston-Rhinecliff Bridge for scope and environmental impacts; and

WHEREAS, the Authority’s Engineering Department has reviewed the Consultant’s design and the SEQRA regulation and has found no significant impacts; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that a Notice of Determination of Non-Significance and a negative declaration of environmental impact has been found and filed for this project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman, or his designee, is hereby authorized and directed to take the necessary measures to implement this resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this resolution has been duly adopted this 19th day of October
2006.



George C. Smott, Secretary

3) Systemwide Steel Repairs

Mr. Moreau informed the Board that two bids were received at the October 10th bid opening and Piasecki Steel Construction Company provided the low bid of \$368,771.00. Since our Engineer's Estimate for the work was \$375,000.00 and Piasecki Steel Construction Company has successfully completed dozens of projects over the last 30 years for the Authority, the Engineering Department recommends award. Commissioner Paradies asked why there was such a discrepancy in the two bids. Mr. Moreau stated that the high bidder is a general contractor and undoubtedly subcontracted with a steel working firm. The low bidder specializes in steel repair work and accessing difficult work sites. The project was advertised and a specialty steel repair of this small scale does not attract out of region contractors. We do not expect a re-bid will induce more competition or reduce the cost. On motion by Chairman Sproat, seconded by Commissioner Carter the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY

BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 006-104

Resolution Date: October 19, 2006

WHEREAS, bids were solicited through the New York State Contract Reporter for the contract entitled Systemwide "Steel Repairs" (BA2006-RE-107-CM) and two (2) bids were received on October 10, 2006, the low bidder being the firm of Piasecki Steel Construction Co., Inc. at a bid of \$368,771.00; and

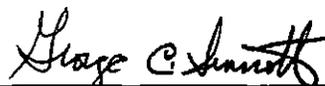
WHEREAS, an environmental review of this project has determined there is no significant negative impact; now therefore

WHEREAS, after further review of the cost proposal by the Engineering Department, it is recommended that a contract be awarded to the firm of Piasecki Steel Construction Co., Inc.; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that a contract be awarded to Piasecki Steel Construction Co., Inc. of Castleton, New York in the amount not-to-exceed \$368,771.00 pending the filing of proper certifications, and the receipt of bonding and insurance requirements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director, or his designee, is hereby authorized and directed to take the necessary measures to implement this resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this resolution has been duly adopted this 19th day of October 2006



George C. Sinnott, Secretary

4) Systemwide Bridge and Highway Repairs

Mr. Moreau stated that although this project was advertised in the New York State Contract Reporter only one bid, from I. & O. A. Slutzky, Inc., was offered. This is a time and material contract to perform emergency bridge and highway repairs as directed by our Engineering Department. The bids are for overhead and profit and Slutzky's rates are competitive when compared with last year's bid results. This contract is important to our operation because we were criticized by the Comptroller's Office for our use of on-site contractors for emergency repairs. Accordingly, we have developed this contract and have used it numerous times over the past year. Commissioner Dressel asked for an explanation of the standby readiness item. Mr. Moreau stated that a retainer is paid to insure a prompt response to our call; two different rates were bid, one for a 24-hour response and one for a 3-day response. The Chairman asked if there were no further questions he would call for a motion. On motion by Vice Chairman Dressel, seconded by Commissioner Paradies, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY

BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 006-105

Resolution Date: October 19, 2006

WHEREAS, bids were solicited through the New York State Contract Reporter for the contract entitled Systemwide "Emergency Bridge and Highway Repairs" (BA2007-RE-103-CM)

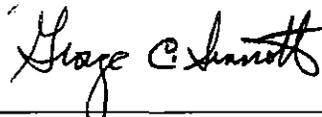
and one (1) bid was received on October 12, 2006, the low bidder being the firm of I. & O.A. Slutzky, Inc. at a bid of \$245,000.00; and

WHEREAS, after further review of the cost proposal by the Engineering Department, it is recommended that a contract be awarded to the firm of I. & O.A. Slutzky, Inc.; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that a contract be awarded to I. & O.A. Slutzky, Inc. of Hunter, New York in the amount not-to-exceed \$245,000.00 pending the filing of proper certifications, and the receipt of bonding and insurance requirements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director, or his designee, is hereby authorized and directed to take the necessary measures to implement this resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this resolution has been duly adopted this 19th day of October 2006



George C. Sinnott, Secretary

5) Transportation Research Board (TRB) Meeting – Travel Authorization

Mr. Moreau presented his travel request to attend the 86th Annual TRB meeting in Washington, DC, January 21 through January 25, 2007. After a brief discussion Chairman Sproat called for a motion. On motion of Commissioner Carter, seconded by Commissioner Paradies, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY

BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 006-106

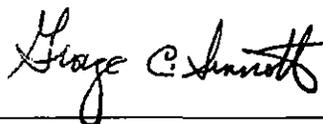
Resolution Date: October 19, 2006

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the request of Bill Moreau to attend the 86th Annual Meeting of the Transportation Research Board (TRB) held in Washington, DC January 21 through January 25, 2007; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that attendance at the meeting is authorized in accordance with Mr. Moreau's travel request form estimated at \$1,174.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director, or his designee, is hereby authorized and directed to take the necessary measures to implement this resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this resolution has been duly adopted this 19th day of October 2006.



George C. Sinnott, Secretary

6) Federation Fleet Managers Conference – Travel Authorization

Mr. Moreau presented a travel request for Craig Gardner to attend a Federation Fleet Managers Conference hosted by the New York State Department of Transportation October 31 through November 2, 2006 in Syracuse, New York. On motion of Commissioner Carter, seconded by Commissioner Paradies, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY

BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 006-107

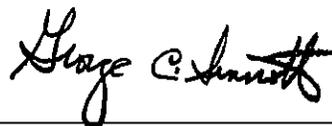
Resolution Date: October 19, 2006

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed Bill Moreau's request for Craig Gardner to attend the Federation Fleet Managers Conference hosted by the NYS Department of Transportation and held in Syracuse, New York October 31 through November 2, 2006; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that attendance at the conference is authorized in accordance with Mr. Gardner's travel request form estimated at \$252.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director, or his designee, is hereby authorized and directed to take the necessary measures to implement this resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this resolution has been duly adopted this 19th day of October
2006.



George C. Sinnott, Secretary

7) Monthly Jobs In Progress Report – September 2006

Mr. Moreau presented the Engineering Jobs in Progress report for the month of September 2006 and stated that all projects were on schedule and under budget. He then asked if the Board had any questions. After a discussion with the Board on the Kingston deck repair project, Chairman Sproat called for a motion to accept the report as presented. On motion of Commissioner Paradies, seconded by Vice Chairman Dressel, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY

BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 006-108

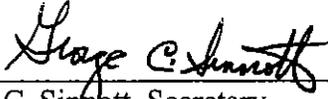
Resolution Date: October 19, 2006

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the monthly Engineering Progress Report on Capital Project Status; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Engineering Progress Report is accepted as an instrument documenting the Board's briefing of Capital Construction activities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director, or his designee, is hereby authorized and directed to take the necessary measures to implement this resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this resolution has been duly adopted this 19th day of October
2006.



George C. Simmott, Secretary

FINANCIAL:1) Investment Report

Mr. Sewell presented the Investment Report for the month of August 2006 and stated that the interest rates have leveled off on the U.S. Treasury Bills and Notes the Authority invests in. Commissioner Carter asked why all our investments are in Federal securities. Mr. Sewell replied that Authority investment purchases are governed by its Bond Resolution and, more specifically, its investment guidelines which allow for purchases of obligations of the United States and State of New York, as well as investments in certificates of deposit and interest bearing deposits in New York State banks or trust companies. Focusing on our banking needs, Vice Chairman Dressel asked how often the Authority issues Request for Proposals (RFP) for these services. Mr. Sewell indicated that, typically, trustees are selected through an RFP process for new bond issues and it would be abnormal to change a trustee during the life of the bonds unless there were significant problems with the bank. A brief discussion followed and on motion of Chairman Sproat, seconded by Vice Chairman Dressel, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

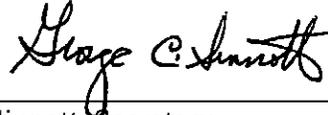
NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY**BOARD RESOLUTION**Resolution No.: 006-109Resolution Date: October 19, 2006

WHEREAS, the investment control procedures for the New York State Bridge Authority provide that the Board shall review and approve the report of investment transactions completed since the meeting of the Board on September 21, 2006; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED the New York State Bridge Authority does hereby concur with and approve the investment report as filed with this body on this date for the purpose noted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director, or his designee, is hereby authorized and directed to take the necessary measures to implement this resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this resolution has been duly adopted this 19th day of October 2006.



George C. Sinnott, Secretary

2) Workers' Compensation Insurance Renewal

After a brief discussion Chairman Sproat called for a motion. On motion of Commissioner Carter, seconded by Vice Chairman Dressel, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

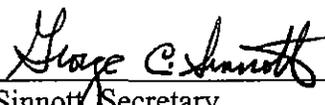
NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY**BOARD RESOLUTION**Resolution No.: 006-110Resolution Date: October 19, 2006

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the report relative to the purchase of Workers' Compensation Insurance; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, the New York State Bridge Authority does hereby approve this purchase with the State Insurance Fund at a not-to-exceed cost, subject to payroll audit, of \$208,217.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director, or his designee, is hereby authorized and directed to take the necessary measures to implement this resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this resolution has been duly adopted this 19th day of October 2006.



George C. Sinnott, Secretary

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PLANNING:

1) NYS DOT Executive Leadership Institute Seminar – Travel Authorization

Mr. Bellucci presented the Board with a travel request to participate in the Executive Leadership Institute Program offered by the New York State Department of Transportation October 23 through 27 and November 27 through December 1, 2006. Mr. Sinnott stated that this seminar was a Federation effort and as a partner in the Federation, he and Commissioner Madison felt that the Bridge Authority should send a representative. The Bridge Authority will be reimbursed for all program costs, food and lodging. On motion of Commissioner Carter, seconded by Vice Chairman Dressel, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY

BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 006-111

Resolution Date: October 19, 2006

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) offers a well regarded Executive Leadership Institute Program to foster communication and professional leadership among department managers and federated partners such as the New York State Bridge Authority and the NYSDOT will reimburse the Bridge Authority for the costs to attend this program; and

WHEREAS, the Authority desires its management employees to expand upon their skills to assist the Authority to meet the challenges that face the future of our transportation systems; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that John R. Bellucci, Director of Planning and Public Relations, is authorized to attend the NYSDOT Executive Leadership Institute Program, Session III; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director, or his designee, is hereby authorized and directed to take the necessary measures to implement this resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this resolution has been duly adopted this 19th day of October 2006.



George C Sinnott, Secretary

2009 Hudson-Fulton-Champlain Celebration

Mr. Bellucci informed the Board that he recently met with Joseph Bertolozzi, the Hudson Valley composer, involved in a project that essentially uses the structure of the Mid-Hudson Bridge as a musical instrument. Mr. Bertolozzi presented his Bridge Music proposal and CD indicating that he is hoping to be a part of the 2009 Hudson-Fulton-Champlain celebrations. Mr. Bertolozzi was requesting to present his project to the Board at their November meeting. Furthermore, Mr. Bertolozzi needs some formal authorization from the Board to pursue sponsorship. Although numerous outstanding issues remain regarding insurance, liability and marketing rights, the Board directed Carl Whitbeck to develop a letter agreement with Mr. Bertolozzi and issue a Letter of Intent to proceed with the project. Vice Chairman Dressel made a motion to issue the letter of intent, seconded by Commissioner Paradies.

REPORTS TO THE BOARD:

1) Monthly Activity Report of the Executive Director

The Monthly Activity Report for September was submitted by the Executive Director. Mr. Sinnott stated that there was nothing to report to the Board for this report.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD:

1) E-ZPass Overview

Barry Mickle made the following presentation to the Board on E-Z Pass issues.

E-ZPass Overview

1. Interagency Group (IAG):

Mission: The *E-ZPass* Interagency Group is the association of 22 Toll Agencies across 11 States with four main goals:

- Committed to building/maintaining a regionally compatible fare collection system.
- Provide participating customers with a seamless travel payment system in a highly mobile region.
- Promote common operating protocols and policies to advance customer service without impacting the traveler.
- Seek to expand the services available to its users both within our region and by expanding the region itself.

IAG Staff:

Executive Director	James Crawford
Technology Manager	David Fariello
Business Manager	James Mwape
Administrative Assistant	Elouise Fioretti

IAG Committees and NYSBA Representatives:

Executive Committee	Robert Russo
Policy Committee	Barry Mickle
Operations Committee	Frank Mazzella
PR & Marketing Committee	Barry Mickle
Finance Committee	Barry Mickle
Technical Committee	Frank Mazzella
Procurement Committee	Barry Mickle
Legal Committee	Chris Chale
Reciprocity Task Force	Barry Mickle

IAG Members:

FULL MEMBERS (voting): Delaware DOT, NYS Thruway Authority, Delaware River Port Authority, Maryland Transportation Authority, Maine Turnpike, Illinois Tollway, New Hampshire DOT, MTA Bridges and Tunnels, Massachusetts Turnpike Authority, Virginia DOT, NJ Turnpike Authority, NYS Bridge Authority, Delaware River & Bay Authority, The Port Authority of NY/NJ, Pennsylvania Turnpike, South Jersey Transportation Authority, Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS: Peace Bridge Authority, Burlington County Bridge Commission, West Virginia Authority, Massachusetts Port Authority, Chicago Skyway

Major Project(s):

- o Next Generation Technology
- o E-ZPass Plus

2. E-ZPass New York/Interagency Management Oversight Committee (IMOC):

Role:

E-ZPass NY and the IMOC was created to partner with other agencies to operate a single customer service center (CSC) for our respective agency E-ZPass programs, all in an effort to share resources to achieve an overall reduction in CSC operating costs for the agencies involved.

Members/Project Managers:

VOTING:	Port Authority of New York and New Jersey MTA Bridges and Tunnels NYS Thruway Authority	John Riccardi Josh Klapper Eric Christensen
NON-VOTING:	NYS Bridge Authority	Barry Mickle

Locations:

- o Germantown, MD
- o Tarrytown, NY
- o Staten Island, NY – (Walk-in Center)
- o Walk-in Centers – Albany, Queens, Syracuse, Buffalo, Spring Valley, Yonkers, Grand Island

Staff: ACS (and their sub-contractors) employs 683 people for the E-ZPassNY project.

Statistics:

As of 9/30/06: Total E-ZPassNY Tags in circulation 5.8 million
Total E-ZPassNY Active Accounts 3.1 million

Average Weekly Activity (average):	New account openings	5,100
	New tags issued	17,000
	Replenishments	400,000
	Correspondence (received/processed)	40,000
	Phone calls answered	55,000
	Avg wait time (week of 9/6/06)	.10/minutes
	Avg talk time (week of 9/6/06)	3.49/minutes

Major Project(s):

- o Manage/Oversee the overall project/contract with ACS State and Local Solutions
- o Procurement - RFP for Customer Service Center Operator

Chairman Sproat made a motion to adjourn to the Attorney/Client Privilege Session, which was seconded by Vice Chairman Dressel, and approved unanimously. When the regular meeting reconvened, Chairman Sproat stated that there was nothing further to discuss and called for a motion to adjourn the regular meeting. On motion of Vice Chairman Dressel, seconded by Commissioner Carter, the regular meeting adjourned at 5:03 P.M.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for November 16, 2006 at 3:00 P.M. at Headquarters.