

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

HELD AT HEADQUARTERS, HIGHLAND, N.Y. ON
JULY 20, 2006

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IN ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Sproat, James P., Chairman
Dressel, Roderick O., Vice Chairman
Madison, Thomas J., Commissioner
Paradies, Walter A., Commissioner
Teator, David A., Commissioner

Whitbeck, Carl W., Esq., Counsel

OFFICERS:

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

Chairman Sproat called the regular meeting of the Authority to order at 3:10 P.M. Chairman Sproat stated that, if there were no questions or changes to the June 22, 2006 minutes, he would like to make a motion to adopt the minutes of the June 22, 2006 regular meeting. On motion of Chairman Sproat, seconded by Vice Chairman Dressel, the minutes of the June 22, 2006 regular meeting were adopted unanimously.

Chairman Sproat stated that Mr. Moreau would be presenting the Engineering and Maintenance portion of the agenda.

ENGINEERING AND MAINTENANCE:

1) Kingston-Rhinecliff Bridge River Road Intersection

Mr. Moreau stated that he and George Fong met with representatives of the NYS Department of Transportation and the Dutchess County DPW regarding the Bridge Authority's plan to improve the River Road Intersection. At that meeting, the DPW discussed their future improvements planned for the southern portion of the intersection. Mr. Moreau advised the Board that the Bridge Authority's design plans for the intersection should be modified at this time to allow for the DPW's future improvements. He recommended awarding the Bridge Authority's design engineers, Creighton Manning Engineering, LLP, a supplemental agreement to allow for the DPW's future work. The cost of this supplemental agreement increase would be \$7,000.00.

Chairman Sproat questioned if the exclusions listed in Creighton Manning's Design Scope of Work were typical. Mr. Moreau reviewed the exclusions aloud and said yes. Commissioner Paradies questioned whether the county will pay for whatever construction they do and Mr. Moreau replied in the affirmative. 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.: 06-072Resolution Date: July 20, 2006

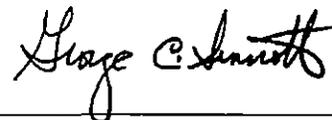
WHEREAS, the New York State Bridge Authority has determined that it is in the public interest to increase the Creighton Manning Engineering, LLP professional service agreement in connection with the Kingston-Rhinecliff "East Approach River Road Intersection Improvement" project designated as (BA-2006-RE-104-DE); and

WHEREAS, the Authority's Engineering Department has reviewed and approved the cost proposal increase; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the agreement with Creighton Manning Engineering, LLP of Albany, New York be increased \$7,000.00 to a revised not-to-exceed amount of \$43,000.00; 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 20th day of July 2006.



George C. Sinnott, Secretary

2) Mid-Hudson Bridge West Approach Rehabilitation

Mr. Moreau stated that, as previously reported, a change order request was being presented for the installation of the IT Department's conduit between Route 9W and the Headquarters building. He further stated that by using the current contractor on the Mid-Hudson Bridge West Approach Rehabilitation project to install the conduit now, the Authority would save the additional costs of re-trenching the area at a later date and also the inconvenience to the traveling public. The Authority would be spending money now rather than next year to install the conduit. On motion of Commissioner Paradies, seconded by Commissioner Teator, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY

BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 06-073

Resolution Date: July 20, 2006

WHEREAS, the New York State Bridge Authority has determined that it is in the public interest to award Change Order No. 1 in connection with the Mid-Hudson "West Approach Rehabilitation" project designated as (BA-2004-RE-104-CM); and

WHEREAS, the Authority's Engineering Department has reviewed and approved the estimated cost proposal increase; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that Change Order No. 1 be awarded to I. & O.A. Slutzky, Inc. of Hunter, New York in an amount not-to-exceed \$56,000.00; 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 20th day of July 2006.



George C. Sinnott, Secretary

3) Aspen Aerials Service Training School – Travel Authorization

Mr. Moreau stated that he was requesting travel authorization for Greg Hill, one of the operators of the Authority's new under bridge inspection unit, (UB-60), to attend a two day maintenance training class in Duluth, Minnesota. He stated that the cost of the two day training class was \$1,350.00 which includes room, board and local transportation and with an estimated airfare of \$500.00, the total travel budget request is \$2,000.00. Mr. Moreau informed the Board that the UB-60 had been damaged in a traffic accident and that the Maintenance Department performed some of the repairs in-house resulting in an \$8,000.00 savings. On Commissioner Paradies request, Mr. Moreau briefed the Board on the traffic accident caused by an errant vehicle. Greg Herd confirmed the video showed that the driver appeared to veer to the left and then overcorrected, causing her to hit the UB-60 ahead of the shadow vehicle. On motion of Vice Chairman Dressel, seconded by Commissioner Madison, the following resolution was adopted unanimously.

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY

BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 06-074

Resolution Date: July 20, 2006

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the request of Bill Moreau and Craig Gardner for Greg Hill to attend the two day service training at the Aspen Aerials School in Duluth, Minnesota September 19 – 20, 2006; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that attendance at the training service school is authorized in accordance with Mr. Moreau's memo of July 12, 2006; 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 20th day of July 2006.



George C. Sinnott, Secretary

4) Monthly Jobs In Progress Report – July 2006

Mr. Moreau presented the monthly jobs in progress report for July 2006. The Main Cable project on the Bear Mountain Bridge was progressing on time with the pouring of the concrete tower tops scheduled for Monday, July 24th. The Newburgh-Beacon Bridge repaving project was underway and a progress meeting is scheduled for next week. The concrete deck for the Mid-Hudson Bridge west approach overpass has been poured and the job is ahead of schedule. The substructure repairs to the Kingston-Rhinecliff Bridge are underway. The Rip Van Winkle Bridge tack weld repairs are on schedule and nearly complete with no budgetary problems.

Mr. Sinnott brought up the letter he received from Paul Gaven regarding Parsons Brinckerhoff and the Boston "Big Dig Tunnel Project". Parsons Brinckerhoff has been implicated in the investigation and the record of vendors shows them to have a contract with the Authority. Mr. Moreau explained that Parsons were the designers of our Rip Van Winkle Bridge project and that the Authority has had no problems with their work. The contract is nearly complete and the Authority will review any directives prior to entering into any additional contracts with Parsons Brinckerhoff. Commissioner Madison said the letter from Paul Gaven was distributed to all authorities just for their information.

Carl Whitbeck stated that we have a legal record of contractors and vendors for every project and this disclosure is a part of our contract agreement. Consultants fill out these forms and they are kept on file with each and every new contract with the Bridge Authority.

Chairman Sproat stated that if there were no further questions or comments he would like to call for a motion. On motion of Commissioner Teator, seconded by Chairman Sproat, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY

BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 06-075

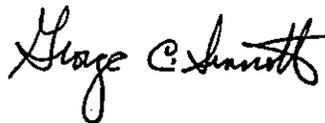
Resolution Date: July 20, 2006

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 20th day of July 2006.



George C. Sinnott, Secretary

FINANCIAL:

1) Investment Report

Mr. Sewell presented the Investment Report for the month of June 2006 and after a brief discussion Chairman Sproat called for a motion. On motion of Commissioner Teator, seconded by Commissioner Paradies, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY

BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 006-076

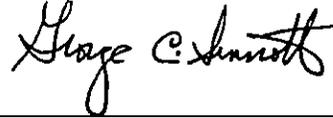
Resolution Date: June 22, 2006

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 June 22, 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 purposes 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 20th day of July
2006.



George C. Sinnott, Secretary

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:

1) Microsoft License Renewal

Greg Herd presented Tom Cavallino's memo regarding the necessity to license the Microsoft operating systems and programs installed on the computers in use at the Authority. To maintain license integrity and to allow the use of multiple versions of the Microsoft Suite of products, the Authority participates in the New York State Statewide Microsoft Licensing Program (Software Assurance). The benefits of this program include price protection, predictable budgetary amounts and software licensing flexibility over the period of the agreement. This program is structured as a "three-year" agreement with annual payments. The total cost of this program will be approximately \$65,000 over the three year period. At this time we are recommending approval of the initial payment of \$20,607.65 for the 2006/2007 contract period. The licensing agreement through the NYS Office of General Services has been awarded to Hewlett Packard and they are the reseller of these services. The amount associated with this initial payment has been identified in the approved Department of Information Technology 2006 Operating Budget.

On motion of Commissioner Paradies, seconded by Commissioner Teator, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY

BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 006-077

Resolution Date: July 20, 2006

WHEREAS the Board of Commissioners has reviewed the memorandum describing the need to license the Microsoft software products in use on the Authority's electronic computer systems; and

WHEREAS, the Authority will participate in this licensing program through the NYS OGS Statewide Contract #PT61408; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the purchase of software licensing services for the one-year period beginning August 1, 2006 is hereby approved at a cost of \$20,607.65; 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 20th day of July, 2006.



George C. Sinnott, Secretary

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

1) Highland Fire District – Jaws of Life

Mark Sheedy presented to the Board correspondence from the Highland Fire District requesting the Authority's help with the purchase of a portable unit to power their Jaws of Life. The Authority had supplied the Jaws of Life hydraulic extrication equipment to the fire companies who service its five bridges in 1979. Mr. Sheedy stated that their request seemed reasonable as the equipment is 27 years old, but that the Board should be aware that there may be similar requests from the other fire companies as well. After a lengthy discussion of the public service benefits, the Board deemed to approve this resolution. On motion of Commissioner Madison, seconded by Commissioner Paradies, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

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BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 006-078

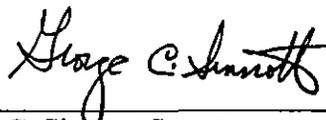
Resolution Date: July 20, 2006

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the request relative to providing the Highland Fire District with funds to purchase a power unit to be used with its Jaws of Life rescue equipment; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED the New York State Bridge Authority does hereby agree to contribute \$6,761.95 to the Highland Fire District for the purpose of purchasing such equipment; 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 20th day of July 2006.



George C. Sinnott, Secretary

REPORTS TO THE BOARD:

1) Monthly Activity Report of the Executive Director

The Monthly Activity Report for June 2006 was submitted by the Executive Director. Mr. Sinnott stated that there were no expenses incurred this month that required the Board's attention.

2) CSEA Union Picnic

Mr. Sinnott advised the Board that in the past the Authority has contributed to the cost of the food for the Annual CSEA picnic. He recommended that the tradition continue and that with the Board's approval he would have a purchase order prepared for \$1,000.00 directly to the food vendor. After a brief discussion the Board unanimously agreed to the donation.

Mr. Sinnott informed the Board that Tom Cavallino had officially tendered his resignation and would be retiring after 31 years of State service. Until such time as a Director is formally appointed, Greg Herd will assume the responsibilities of this position.

Chairman Sproat requested an Attorney/Client Privilege Session to discuss litigation and personnel matters at 3:40 P.M. When the regular meeting reconvened, Chairman Sproat stated that this would conclude the meeting since there was no other issues to discuss and made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting, which was seconded by Vice Chairman Dressel, and approved unanimously. The Board concluded its regular meeting at 5:00 P.M.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for August 17, 2006 at 3:00 P.M. at Headquarters.