

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

HELD AT HEADQUARTERS, HIGHLAND, N.Y. ON
JANUARY 21, 2010

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IN ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Sproat, James P., Chairman
Vecellio, Francis N., Vice Chairman
Dressel, Roderick O., Commissioner
Gerentine, Richard A., Commissioner
Ramaglia, Joseph, Commissioner
Lashua, C. Vane, Commissioner

Carl G. Whitbeck, Jr., Counsel

OFFICERS:

Sinnott, George C., Secretary
Sewell, John R., Treasurer

Chairman Sproat called the meeting to order at 3:05 P.M. Chairman Sproat called for a motion to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of December 17, 2009. On motion of Vice Chairman Vecellio, seconded by Commissioner Lashua, the minutes of the regular meeting of December 17, 2009 were adopted unanimously.

ADMINISTRATION:

1) E-ZPass Interagency Group (IAG) 2010 Annual Assessment

Mr. Russo indicated the Authority received an invoice for the Authority's annual assessment as a member of the E-ZPass Interagency Group (IAG) for 2010. The IAG is the operating structure comprised of the member agencies that facilitate operational consistency, reciprocity and shared decision-making with respect to E-ZPass and its implementation. The Authority is a full voting member of this organization. As a "small" member agency, the Authority's annual assessment for 2010 remains unchanged from previous years at \$17,500 and is one-fourth of the amount paid by the "large" member agencies. Mr. Russo also advised the Board of a proposed additional assessment to cover expenses associated with the IAG's current procurement effort. On a motion of Vice Chairman Vecellio, which was seconded by Commissioner Gerentine, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 010-001

Resolution Date: January 21, 2010

WHEREAS, the Board has been presented with an annual renewal assessment for its membership in the Interagency Group (IAG) at a cost of \$17,500 in accordance with the E-ZPass IAG Operating Agreement, and

WHEREAS, the Authority agrees that is necessary to maintain its membership in the IAG to continue its E-ZPass electronic toll operations ; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that this payment to the IAG for its 2010 annual assessment is hereby approved at a cost not-to-exceed \$17,500; 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 21st day of January 2010.

George C. Sinnott, Secretary

ENGINEERING AND MAINTENANCE:

1) New York State Department of Labor Public Work Enforcement Fund

Mr. Moreau indicated that the “Public Work Enforcement Fund” was originally established under Chapter 511 of the NYS Chapter Laws of 1995 and subsequently amended in 1997, 1999, 2003 and 2005. Mr. Moreau further indicated the Department of Labor uses the fund to enforce the State’s Labor Law as it relates for construction and reconstruction projects. Mr. Moreau further indicated that the amount required to be provided to this fund is 0.10 percent of the total cost of each construction contract. The calculated amount, \$17,607.20, for period ending November 30, 2009 is for the recently awarded Newburgh-Beacon Paint project. After a brief discussion relative to following proper guidelines, Chairman Sproat called for a motion. On motion of Commissioner Dressel, seconded by Vice Chairman Vecellio, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITYBOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 010-002

Resolution Date: January 21, 2010

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the report relative to the payment of the Authority’s share of charges for the administration of the Department of Labor “Public Work Enforcement Fund” as mandated by NYS Chapter Laws; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED the New York State Bridge Authority does hereby approve the payment of \$17,607.20 to the Department of Labor for the Bridge Authority’s share of the costs of construction projects awarded for period ending November 30, 2009; 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 21st day of January 2010.

George C. Sinnott, Secretary

2) Monthly Engineering Jobs in Progress Report

Mr. Moreau presented the Engineering Jobs in Progress Report and indicated that all projects under budget thus far. Chairman Sproat called for a motion if there were no questions. On motion of Commissioner Dressel, seconded by Vice Chairman Vecellio, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITYBOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 010-003

Resolution Date: January 21, 2010

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 21st day of January 2010.

George C. Sinnott, Secretary

FINANCIAL:

1) Accident Review Committee Report – 4th Quarter

Mr. Sewell indicated that there were 57 accidents on Authority facilities in the 4th quarter of 2009 compared with 53 the previous year. During this period there were no accidents involving Authority personnel and no incidents where liability on the part of the Authority was indicated. Mr. Sewell went on to say that, for the year, the total number of accidents, 208, was similar to the 205 experienced in 2008. No Board action was required.

2) Investment Transaction Report

Mr. Sewell reviewed the Investment Transaction Report for the month of December with the Board. After a brief discussion relative to stable interest rates, Chairman Sproat called for a motion. On motion of Commissioner Gerentine, seconded by Vice Chairman Vecellio, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 010-004

Resolution Date: January 21, 2010

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 December 17, 2009; 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 21st day of January 2010.

George C. Sinnott, Secretary

HUMAN RESOURCES:

1) The Workplace Service Agreement Renewal – 2010

Mr. Pizzuto stated that in 2006, the Board approved a service agreement between the Authority and the Workplace for employee physicals and random drug screening programs. The agreement was for one year and allowed the parties to extend the agreement for up to an additional four one year renewal periods. The Authority and its Board of Commissioners has extended the agreement for three of these renewal periods. In January, the Authority received the rates scheduled for 2010. Therefore, Mr. Pizzuto recommends extending the agreement for the fourth and final renewal period. Chairman Sproat called for a motion to amend the resolution to include the 2010 cost in an amount not-to-exceed \$30,000.00. On a motion of Vice Chairman Vecellio, seconded by Commissioner Gerentine, the amendment was approved unanimously. On motion of Chairman Sproat, seconded by Vice Chairman Vecellio, the following resolution was adopted unanimously as amended:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 010-005

Resolution Date: January 21, 2010

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has reviewed the memorandum regarding the renewal of The Workplace Service Agreement, and

WHEREAS, the Authority's contract with The Workplace allows for this renewal; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the purchase of healthcare services, through The Workplace, at costs provided for in its proposal fee schedule, not-to-exceed \$30,000.00, for the period January 1, 2010 – December 31, 2010 is hereby approved; 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 21st day of January 2010.

George C. Sinnott, Secretary

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:

1) Emergency Fiber Repair Work at the Newburgh-Beacon Bridge

Mr. Herd indicated that on December 31st, 2009 communication was lost to two cameras and two Variable Message Signs (VMS) due to failed fiber optic cable. The Technical Services Department turned off the power until this could be repaired. On January 2nd, 2010 communications and power was lost to several gantries and lane use signals (LUS) due to an electrical fire in the cable tray on the north span of the bridge. Mr. Herd further indicated that although a complete section of the fiber optic system was severed, the redundant design of the communications system has allowed The Authority to maintain control of most of the lane use signals and the variable message signs. Mr. Herd stated that it is important for The Authority to re-establish the complete fiber optic ring as soon as possible to allow the maximum redundancy of this critical system. Mr. Herd also stated that at this time the Authority is prepared to issue an emergency purchase order to Advanced Fiber Inc. as they have the necessary qualifications with a total cost in an amount not-to-exceed \$15,000. Supplies needed for this repair will be purchased through Anixter at a cost not to exceed \$2,000.00. After a brief discussion relative to the cause of the repair, Chairman Sproat called for a motion. On motion of Commissioner Ramaglia, seconded by Commissioner Gerentine, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 010-006

Resolution Date: January 21, 2010

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has reviewed the memorandum describing the need to repair the fiber optic communications system at the Newburgh-Beacon Bridge, and

WHEREAS, the Authority received a price quotation from Advanced Fiber, Inc. for a not to exceed amount of \$15,000.00 and Anixter for an amount not to exceed of \$2,000.00, both on the NYS OGS Contract, to perform the repairs and supply the parts necessary for the emergency repair work; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that an emergency purchase orders will be issued at a not-to-exceed cost of \$17,000; 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 21st day of January 2010.

George C. Sinnott, Secretary

2) TRANSCOM Annual Membership Dues

Mr. Herd presented the 2010 invoice for the Authority's membership with TRANSCOM. The invoice amount of \$62,692.00 and remains the same amount as the last fiscal year. The Authority's membership contribution is 1.96% of the total membership dues and is consistent with the recently approved 2010 TRANSCOM Budget. Chairman Sproat called for a motion. On motion of Vice Chairman Vecellio, seconded by Commissioner Ramaglia, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITYBOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 010-007

Resolution Date: January 21, 2010

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has reviewed the memorandum regarding the annual membership dues for TRANSCOM, and

BE IT RESOLVED that this payment (BA-2010-OA-004-OT) is hereby approved at a cost not-to-exceed \$62,692.00; 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 21st day of January 2010.

George C. Sinnott, Secretary

3) Intelligent Transportation Systems Engineering Consultant

Mr. Herd indicated in December of 2009, an advertisement was placed for a System-Wide Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Engineering Consultant. This Engineering Consultant would assist the Bridge Authority with current and future ITS Programs in both a consulting and systems integration role. In addition, the consultant will provide maintenance to the Authority's existing ITS systems. Four responses were received for evaluation by the inter-departmental scoring committee. Based on the scoring results, the committee is recommending the award of a three-year consulting contract to Transdyn with the option of two additional one year contracts. After a brief discussion relative to yearly costs, Chairman Sproat called for a motion. On motion of Commissioner Gerentine, seconded by Vice Chairman Vecellio, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITYBOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 010-008

Resolution Date: January 21, 2010

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has reviewed the memorandum describing the award of a System-wide Intelligent Transportation Systems Engineering Consulting Contract, and

WHEREAS, through a review of RFP responses, the Authority has determined that it is in its best interest to award this contract to Transdyn Controls Inc.; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that contract BA-2010-RO-001-ES Intelligent Transportation Systems Consultant is awarded to Transdyn Controls Inc. for three years with the option of two additional one year contracts; 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 21st day of January 2010.

George C. Sinnott, Secretary

4) Dr. Theodore Mankovich – Electronic Data Processing EDP Contract Renewal

Mr. Herd stated that in January 2009, the General Electronic Data Processing Consultant received approval and was awarded to Dr. Theodore Mankovich. Over the years the Information Technology Department has utilized the services of Dr. Theodore Mankovich primarily as an expert technical resource for support and training regarding the electronic toll systems. For the fiscal year 2010, a scope of consulting services was developed for Dr. Mankovich which was estimated to be approximately 694 total hours at a total cost not-to-exceed \$83,280.00. Mr. Herd further indicated that Dr. Mankovich will be working on maintenance, enhancements and the possibility of Open Road Technologies. After a brief discussion relative to Dr. Mankovich's expertise and tremendous knowledge, Chairman Sproat called for a motion. On motion of Commissioner Ramaglia, seconded by Vice Chairman Vecellio, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 010-009
Resolution Date: January 21, 2010

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has reviewed the memorandum and scope of consulting services for the General Electronic Data Processing Consultant, and

WHEREAS, the Authority has established a consulting contract with Dr. Theodore Mankovich for these services; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED; that an addendum to contract BA-2009-OO-001-PS is established for a not-to-exceed amount of \$83,280.00

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 21st day of January 2010.

George C. Sinnott, Secretary

OPERATIONS:

1) New York State Police – Mid-Hudson Bridge – Traffic Control

Mr. Ferguson stated he reviewed the 2009 New York State Police invoices (through November) for traffic control during peak traffic periods at the Mid-Hudson Bridge. He further stated that during these periods of heaviest traffic, the Authority pays the NY State Police to provide a dedicated safety patrol at the bridge and these services are budgeted for each year and are included in the annual approved budget for the Mid-Hudson Bridge. For 2009, the total expenditure is estimated to be less than \$75,000. Mr. Ferguson indicated that after consulting with the Treasurer, he recommends to approve an amount not-to-exceed \$77,000.00 for these services in 2010 and that the amount assumes approximately 700 hours of overtime coverage at the current rate of \$100.36/hour and allows for an anticipated increase of 12.5% in April 2010. Mr. Ferguson further indicated that the last rate increase was 13% in 2005. A brief discussion followed relative to the broader jurisdiction of the State Police verses local departments and if the presence of the State Police is the reason for less accidents on the bridge. On a motion of Vice Chairman Vecellio, seconded by Commissioner Ramaglia the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 010-010

Resolution Date: January 21, 2010

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the report relative to the payment to the New York State Police for Troop F State Police services related to traffic control provided at the Mid-Hudson Bridge; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves payment for State Police Troop F services for the period January 1, 2010 – December 31, 2010 in the not-to-exceed amount of \$77,000; 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 21st day of January 2010.

George C. Sinnott, Secretary

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PLANNING:

Mr. Bellucci made available a report to the Board of events which represents the Authority's involvement. No action was required by the Board.

REPORTS TO BOARD:

1) Monthly Activity Report of the Executive Director

The Monthly Activity Report was submitted by the Executive Director. Mr. Sinnott indicated there were no expenditures for the month of December.

This concluded the agenda of the regular meeting. On motion of Commissioner Ramaglia, seconded by Vice Chairman Vecellio, and approved unanimously, the regular meeting adjourned at 3:35P.M.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for February 18, 2010 at 3:00 P.M. at Headquarters.