

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

HELD AT HEADQUARTERS, HIGHLAND, N.Y. ON  
August 15, 2013

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IN ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Gerentine, Richard A., Chairman  
Ramaglia, Joseph, Vice Chairman  
Dressel, Roderick O., Commissioner  
Higgins, Roger P., Commissioner  
Lashua, C. Vane, Commissioner

Whitbeck, Carl G., Counsel

OFFICERS:

Ruggiero, Joseph, Secretary  
Bushek, Brian, Treasurer

Chairman Gerentine called the meeting to order at 3:35 pm and called for a motion to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of July 18, 2013. On motion of Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Vice Chairman Ramaglia, the minutes of the July 18, 2013 Regular Meeting were adopted unanimously.

ENGINEERING:

1) WOTH Navigation Light Bid Results

Mr. Moreau reported to the Board that eleven contractors requested bid documents in response to the advertisement in the NYS Contract Reporter and two bids were received. I. & O.A. Slutzky, Inc. submitted the low bid of \$863,992.00. The Authority's Engineer's estimate was \$750,000.00, resulting in a low bid approximately 14% above our estimate. Two pay items contained the bulk of the disparity; the first item "maintenance and protection of pedestrian traffic" was estimated at \$20,000.00. The low bidder bid \$100,000.00 and the second bidder bid \$125,000.00. Since the low bid was provided by Slutzky, who recently completed the \$3 million dollar steel repair project, it is clear that working around pedestrians and providing a full time safety boat is significantly more expensive than we had anticipated. The other disparity was in the navigation lights themselves. The Authority's estimate totaled \$66,600.00 for this work; the low bidder's totaled \$139,274.00. The second low bidder had \$330,000.00. Mr. Moreau indicated that apparently, access to these portions of the bridge where the lights are to be mounted, is much more difficult than our Engineers had estimated. Mr. Moreau noted that it is unlikely that the Authority will obtain a lower cost if the project went out to bid again and recommended awarding the project as bid. Chairman Gerentine called for a motion. On a motion of Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Vice Chairman Ramaglia, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

**NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY**  
**BOARD RESOLUTION**

Resolution No.: 013-079

Resolution Date: August 15, 2013

WHEREAS, bids were solicited through the New York State Contract Reporter for the contract entitled "Walkway Over the Hudson Navigation Lights and Access Improvements", bid as (BA2011-RE-104-CM) and two (2) bids were received on July 30, 2013, the low bidder being the firm of I. & O.A. Slutzky, Inc. at a bid of \$ 863,992.00; and

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

WHEREAS, the Authority's Engineering Department has reviewed the cost proposal, 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 of \$ 863,992.00 pending the filing of proper certifications, the receipt of bonding and insurance requirements and the NYSDOT's review and authorization to proceed; 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2013.

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Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

2) Design Support Services – WOTH Navigation Lights Project

Mr. Moreau indicated that Lockwood, Kessler and Bartlett, (LKB) is the designer of record for this project and with the award of construction to I & O.A. Slutzky, Inc., Mr. Moreau recommended retaining LKB to perform design support services during construction. Lockwood, Kessler and Bartlett, (LKB) proposed a budget not-to-exceed \$30,000.00, and the Mr. Moreau recommended issuing a Supplemental Agreement for this additional assignment. Chairman Gerentine called for a motion. . On a motion of Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Lashua, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

**NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY**  
**BOARD RESOLUTION**

Resolution No.: 013-080

Resolution Date: August 15, 2013

WHEREAS, the New York State Bridge Authority has determined that it is in the public interest to award a supplemental agreement for design support services in connection with the Walkway Over the Hudson “Navigation Lights & Access Improvements – Design Support” to be designated (BA2011-RE-104-DS); and

WHEREAS, the Authority’s Engineering Department has determined that Lockwood, Kessler & Bartlett, Inc., is uniquely qualified for this assignment as they are the original design consultant for this project; and

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

BE IT RESOLVED that a supplemental professional service agreement be issued to Lockwood, Kessler & Bartlett, Inc., of Syosset, New York in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00.

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 15<sup>th</sup> day of August 2013.

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Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

3) MHB HVAC Upgrade Bid Results

Mr. Moreau reported to the Board that two contractors requested bid documents in response to the advertisement in the NYS Contract Reporter and only one bid was received. The Authority directly notified six local HVAC contractors in an attempt to improve participation for this design-build assignment. I. & O.A. Slutzky, Inc. submitted the low bid of \$549,000.00 and has successfully completed dozens of projects for the Authority over the last 25 years. He has retained a woman-owned business to perform the electrical work, which will ensure compliance with our 20% participation goal. Slutzky is also using the same HVAC contractor the Authority has used over the last five years for maintenance and repair, Lockwood Heating and Air Conditioning. Although the Authority's advertising efforts did not attract an appropriate number of bidders it is felt that re-advertising the project would not result in a lower cost and the Authority is confident this design-build team will be successful. Mr. Moreau added that the Engineer's Estimate was \$550,000.00. Chairman Gerentine called for a motion. On a motion of Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Lashua, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

**NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY**  
**BOARD RESOLUTION**

Resolution No.: 013-081

Resolution Date: August 15, 2013

WHEREAS, bids were solicited through the New York State Contract Reporter for the contract entitled "Mid-Hudson Bridge HVAC Upgrades", bid as (BA2012-RE-112-DB) and one (1) bid was received on August 1, 2013, the low bidder being the firm of I. & O.A. Slutzky, Inc. at a bid of \$549,000.00; and

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to New York State Executive Law Article 15-A, the Authority has complied with the provisions of the Authority Procurement Policy, Article V, Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprise Utilization, as amended November 15, 2012, to promote and assist participation by certified minority-and women-owned business enterprises; and

WHEREAS, the Authority's Engineering Department has reviewed the cost proposal, 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 of \$549,000.00 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2013.

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Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

4) ELSAG Camera Purchase

Mr. Moreau explained that this agenda item was previously tabled at July's Board meeting for further discussion. Mr. Moreau indicated the Authority and its Board has determined that it is in the public interest to issue a purchase order to ELSAG ANPR Law Enforcement Systems of Brewster, New York for the purchase of six (6) license plate reader camera systems. Mr. Moreau recommended that a purchase order be issued to ELSAG ANPR Law Enforcement Systems for a not-to-exceed amount of \$107,544.00. Chairman Gerentine called for a motion. On a motion of Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Vice Chairman Ramaglia, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

**NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY**

**BOARD RESOLUTION**

Resolution No.: 013-082

Resolution Date: August 15, 2013

WHEREAS, the New York State Bridge Authority has determined that it is in the public interest to issue a purchase order to ELSAG ANPR Law Enforcement Systems of Brewster, New York for the purchase of six (6) license plate reader camera systems; and

WHEREAS, there is a current OGS contract for this equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has reviewed the cost proposal from ELSAG; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that a purchase order be issued to ELSAG ANPR Law Enforcement Systems for the purchase of six (6) license plate reader camera systems in the amount of \$107,544.00; 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of August 2013.

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Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

5) Jobs in Progress

Mr. Moreau advised the Board regarding the Engineering Jobs in Progress Report for the month of July, noting that paint removal on the Newburgh Beacon Bridge and re-painting has resumed. Chairman Gerentine called for a motion. On a motion of Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Vice Chairman Ramaglia, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

**NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY**  
**BOARD RESOLUTION**

Resolution No.: 013-083

Resolution Date: August 15, 2013

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

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 15th day of August 2013.

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Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

**FINANCIAL:**

1) Investment Transaction Report

Mr. Bushek reviewed the Investment Report for the month of July noting seven investments for the month. Chairman Gerentine called for a motion. On a motion of Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Vice Chairman Ramaglia, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

**NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY**  
**BOARD RESOLUTION**

Resolution No.: 013-084

Resolution Date: August 15, 2013

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 July 18, 2013; 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of August 2013.

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Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:

1) Microsoft Licensing Renewal

Mr. Herd indicated to the Board that it is necessary 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 NYS Statewide Microsoft Licensing Program (Software Assurance). Mr. Herd explained that the benefits of this program include price protection, predictable budgetary amounts and software licensing flexibility over the period of this agreement. This program is structured as a “three year” agreement with annual payments. The total cost of this program will be \$69,328.59 over a three year period. Mr. Herd recommended an approval of an initial payment of \$23,109.53 for the 2013/2014 contract period. The licensing agreement through the NYS Office of General Services has been awarded to Dell and they are the reseller of these services. Chairman Gerentine called for a motion. On a motion of Vice Chairman Ramaglia, seconded by Commissioner Higgins, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

**NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY**  
**BOARD RESOLUTION**

Resolution No.: 013-085

Resolution Date: August 15, 2013

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

WHEREAS, the Authority will participate in this licensing program through the NYS OGS Statewide Contract PS# 66134; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the purchase of the software licensing services for one year of a three year obligation is hereby approved at a cost of \$23,109.53 of a total cost of \$69,328.59; 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2013.

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Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

REPORTS TO BOARD:

1) Monthly Activity Report of the Executive Director

The Monthly Activity Report was submitted by Executive Director Joseph Ruggiero and no expenditures were noted in the month of July.

2) July 2013 Traffic and Revenue Analysis

Year to date Bridge Authority's traffic numbers are down 365,416 from last year's traffic count, a decrease of 1.08%. While overall traffic numbers have been trending downward, the Kingston-Rhinecliff Bridge has seen an increase in traffic for the last four months and the other four bridges have seen a small increase in traffic during three of the last four months. No action was required by the Board.

3) June 2013 E-ZPass Sales Analysis

The Authority sold 1,121 tags in July 2013, compared to 22 sold in July of 2012. Year-to-date 2013 tag sales are 6,587, compared to 428 sold year to date 2012, an increase of 1,439%. No action was required by the Board.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Government Affairs Services

The Authority has a continuing need for strategic and general advice and counsel including, but not limited to, the monitoring of legislation relative to the Bridge Authority, other State authorities, transportation and homeland security issues. The Board has determined that it is more cost effective to secure these services through a professional service agreement rather than establish an office in Albany or attempt to accomplish these tasks by frequent travel and a staff assignment. The Board has executed an agreement with Gerald J. Jennings, a partner with the law firm of Wilson, Elser, Moskowitz, Edelman & Dicker LLP (Wilson), to provide these services. This agreement provided for a fee of \$3,000 per month plus reasonable out-of-pocket expenses. Mr. Jennings has been successful in assisting the Authority regarding a number of issues over the past year. Based upon our overall satisfaction with Mr. Jennings' services, the fee remaining at \$3,000 per month and the continued need for these services, it recommended that the Authority continue the professional service agreement and renew this contract for an additional year commencing September 18, 2013. Chairman Gerentine called for a motion. On a motion of Vice Chairman Ramaglia, seconded by Commissioner Higgins, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

**NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY**  
**BOARD RESOLUTION**

Resolution No.: 013-086

Resolution Date: August 15, 2013

WHEREAS, the New York State Bridge Authority has considered the recommendation relative to reappointing the firm of Wilson, Elser, Moskowitz, Edelman & Dicker LLP, to provide government affair services with the legislative and executive departments; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the law firm of Wilson, Elser, Moskowitz, Edelman & Dicker LLP is hereby awarded a one year contract at a not-to-exceed rate of \$3,000 per month, in addition to reasonable out-of-pocket expenses, as of September 18, 2013; 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of August 2013.

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Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

This concluded the regular meeting. Chairman Gerentine asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. On a motion of Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Vice Chairman Ramaglia and approved unanimously, the regular meeting adjourned at 3:45 P.M.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for September 19, 2013 at 3:00 P.M. at Headquarters.