

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

HELD AT HEADQUARTERS, HIGHLAND, NY. ON  
December 19, 2013

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IN ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:

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

Whitbeck, Carl G., Counsel

OFFICERS:

Bushek, Brian, Treasurer

ABSENT:

Ruggiero, Joseph, Secretary  
Ramaglia, Joseph, Vice Chairman

Chairman Gerentine called the meeting to order at 3:15 pm. Chairman Gerentine called for a motion to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of November 21, 2013. On motion of Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Lashua, the minutes of the November 21, 2013 Regular Meeting were adopted unanimously.

ENGINEERING:1) Transdyn – Increase

Mr. Moreau indicated that Transdyn has been performing both routine preventative maintenance and on-call repair services to the camera, weather and traffic control systems. The on-call services are billed against the general agreement for IT services. While the preventative maintenance contract has progressed on budget, the on-call service work has exhausted the not-to-exceed amount in the general service agreement. Mr. Moreau recommended increasing the general services agreement contract amount by \$75,000.00 to cover the remaining four (4) months of the contract term. This will increase the contract amount from \$125,000.00 to \$200,000.00 per year. The size of the systems have all increased considerably over the past year, including new sensors, surveillance cameras and weather sensing equipment to support Project Nightwatch, ELSAG and the TMT upgrade. 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.: 013-118

Resolution Date: December 19, 2013

WHEREAS, bids were solicited through the New York State Contract Reporter for the contract entitled System-Wide Intelligent Transportation System Engineering, which was designated as BA-2010-RO-001-ES and for which Transdyn, Inc. was chosen as best qualified; and,

WHEREAS, the size of the Authority's systems have increased considerably over the course of the past year to include new sensors, surveillance cameras and weather sensing equipment in support of the Authority's "Project Nightwatch" and this on-call service work has exhausted the not-to-exceed amount in the general service agreement; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the general services agreement contract amount with Transdyn, Inc. of East Rutherford, New Jersey, be increased by \$75,000.00 from an amount of \$125,000.00 to \$200,000.00.

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 19<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2013.

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Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

2) LKB Increase

Mr. Moreau indicated to the Board that LKB was selected as the design engineer to prepare bid documents for the upgrading of the electrical system at the NBB as a part of the deck replacement project. Due to a number of requests for information from the contractor for unanticipated site conditions, the Authority has nearly exhausted the budget for design support services under this contract. The number of man-hours for the design support service tasks within this design assignment was estimated at the start of work and appears to be an optimistic projection. Mr. Moreau further indicated that himself and Mr. Fong have reviewed the consultant's request for an additional fee and agree with LKB that an increase in the amount of \$30,000.00 would be prudent to ensure successful completion of the work. 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.: 013-119Resolution Date: December 19, 2013

WHEREAS, bids were solicited through the New York State Contract Reporter for professional electrical design services in conjunction with the Newburgh-Beacon Bridge South Span Deck Replacement, which was designated as BA-2012-RE-114-DE and for which Lockwood, Kessler & Bartlett (LKB) was chosen as best qualified; and

WHEREAS, a number of requests for information from the contractor for unanticipated site conditions have nearly exhausted the budget for design support services under this contract; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the contract awarded to LKB, Inc. of Syosset, New York be increased in the amount of \$30,000.00 from the not-to-exceed amount of \$149,250.37 to \$179,250.37.

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 19<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2013.

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Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

3) Priority RACON Purchase

Mr. Moreau informed the Board that the replacement RACON for the RVWB has been successfully installed and is operating to the satisfaction of the US Coast Guard. The RACON at the KRB however is no longer operating and has been sent to the original manufacturer for diagnostic evaluation. The KRB RACON is manufactured by Automatic Power and has been in service for nearly 25 years. Both the KRB and the original RVWB RACONS are the same age and parts are no longer available. The new RACON at RVWB was purchased from Tideland due to an immediately available replacement, a poor level of service from Automatic Power and the desire for a replacement that was immediately available. 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.: 013-120Resolution Date: December 19, 2013

WHEREAS, the radar beacon at the Kingston-Rhinecliff Bridge is no longer functional and radar beacons, or RACONS, are a United States Coast Guard-mandated aid to navigation; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has returned the RACON unit to its manufacturer for repair and been told it is no longer viable; and

WHEREAS, the Authority faces potential fines of \$25,000.00 per day for each day the RACON is non-operational; and

WHEREAS, Tideland Signal of Houston, Texas has previously supplied the Authority with a RACON for the Rip Van Winkle Bridge and can immediately ship another unit to replace the nonfunctioning one at the Kingston-Rhinecliff Bridge; and

WHEREAS the Authority has reviewed and approved the cost proposal from Tideland Signal for a new SeaBeacon 2 System 6 RACON; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that a purchase order be issued to Tideland Signal of Houston, Texas in the amount of \$46,974.00; 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 19<sup>th</sup> day of December 2013

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Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

4) Zero-Turn Lawnmower Procurement

Mr. Moreau indicated that the maintenance department has plans to replace three (3) zero-turn mowers in the 2014 equipment budget. In researching the different models available, Mr. Moreau determined that the Scag brand of equipment is well-made and well-supported in the area. In discussions with the area representative, Mr. Moreau learned that Scag currently has promotional pricing available through the end of this year. The Scag units are on the OGS contract and are available at a 20.5% discount off the promotional price. Mr. Moreau would like to purchase them this year to take advantage of this special pricing opportunity. The local dealer, Reardon Briggs Lawn & Garden, of Millbrook, has provided a quote to the Authority for three (3) Scag Turf Tiger mowers with operator controlled discharge chutes and a bagger kit for one of the units. These will replace two (2) units at MHB and one (1) at KRB. The list price per mower is \$12,465.00. The OGS price with promotional discount is \$9,221.25, for a total of \$30,882.90, providing a savings of \$9,731.25 for the three machines. Chairman Gerentine called for a motion. On a motion of Commissioner Lashua, seconded by Commissioner Higgins the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

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

Resolution No.: 013-121

Resolution Date: December 19, 2013

WHEREAS, the New York State Bridge Authority has determined that it is in the public interest to issue a purchase order to Reardon Briggs Lawn & Garden, of Millbrook, New York for the purchase of three (3) zero-turn lawnmowers; and

WHEREAS, these mowers will replace two (2) units at the Mid-Hudson Bridge and one (1) unit at the Kingston-Rhinecliff Bridge; and

WHEREAS, these units are covered under OGS contract and are being offered at special end of year promotional pricing; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that a purchase order be issued to Reardon Briggs Lawn & Garden. for the purchase of three (3) Scag Turf Tiger mowers with operator controlled discharge chutes and one (1) bagger kit in the amount of \$30,882.90; 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 19<sup>th</sup> day of December 2013.

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Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

5) American-Crane Traveler's Rehabilitation Capital Improvement Project

Mr. Moreau explained to the Board that the Authority has been rehabilitating the under-bridge Traveler system at the MHB for the last two years. The Traveler system is an intrinsic component of the Authority's in-house maintenance program as all access to the underbelly of the bridges is achieved by use of these movable platforms. Along the way we have instituted a number of upgrades and are now prepared to complete rehab of all Travelers' with new electric motors, frequency drives and modified oil bath drive units. Mr. Moreau has priced out the remaining major components that would be installed by American Crane, who is a single source, in conjunction with the Authority's maintenance department. This project will be one of the main undertakings for the 2014 season. The price proposal completes the remainder of this work at an estimated cost of \$60,710.00. Chairman Gerentine called for a motion. On a motion of Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dressel, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

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

Resolution No.: 013-122Resolution Date: December 19, 2013

WHEREAS, the New York State Bridge Authority utilizes movable platforms, or Travelers, to access the underside of its bridges and recognizes their value as a part of its in-house maintenance program; and

WHEREAS, preventative maintenance, annual inspections and replacement parts are all components of the care and rehabilitation of these units and American Crane, of Douglassville, Pennsylvania, is a sole source for Travelers' parts and services; and

WHEREAS, the Maintenance department has reviewed and approved an estimated cost proposal from American Crane to provide new electric motors, frequency drives, modified oil bath drive units, annual inspections and preventative maintenance; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that a purchase order be issued to American Crane in the amount of \$60,710.00; 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 19<sup>th</sup> day of December 2013.

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Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

6) Jobs in Progress

Mr. Moreau advised the Board regarding the Engineering Jobs in Progress Report for the month of November, noting that the deck panels at the Newburgh-Beacon Bridge are continuing to be installed with 25% of the project expected to be done by April. 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.: 013-123Resolution Date: December 19, 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 19th day of December, 2013.

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Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

FINANCIAL:1) Investment Transaction Report

Mr. Bushek reviewed the Investment Report for the month of November noting six investments for the month. Mr. Bushek noted that the interest income remains fairly low. Interest income will continue to be low as the Authority expends and proceeds in a short time horizon associated with the Newburgh-Beacon re-decking. Chairman Gerentine called for a motion. On a motion of Commissioner Dressel, seconded by Commissioner Higgins, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

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

Resolution No.: 013-124Resolution Date: December 19, 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 November 21, 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 19<sup>th</sup> day of December 2013.

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Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

2) Bridge Property Insurance

Mr. Bushek reported to the Board that in October 2011 The Authority issued an RFP for Bridge Property and Loss of Revenue Insurance. In December 2011, the Authority awarded a three year contract to Risk Strategies with the option to terminate at the end of each year. The Authority was able to lock in the 2011 rates for three years with no risk to the Authority while still allowing premiums to be paid annually. The increase in premium would change only based on changes in insured values and revenues. The renewal premium for the period from January 1, 2014 to January 1, 2015 is \$871,199, versus the expiring premium of \$839,281, an increase of 3.8% or \$31,918. This is based on an increase in insurable values which include both bridge values and revenues to \$1,796,057,000 from \$1,730,519,000 or a 3.8% increase. The bridge values are provided by Modjeski & Masters and the projected revenues are based on the 2014-2017 business and financial plan. Mr. Bushek noted that revenue increases in 2014 are associated with the development of further experience associated with the toll schedule revision implemented on January 30, 2012 and stable traffic. A brief discussion followed relative to the value of the Walkway Over the Hudson. 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.: 013-124

Resolution Date: December 19, 2013

WHEREAS the Board has reviewed the report relative to the award of Bridge Property and Loss of Revenue Insurance; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED the New York State Bridge Authority does hereby approve the 2014, third year of the three year contract, payment for Bridge Property and Loss of Revenue Insurance to Risk Strategies Company for \$871,199; 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 19<sup>th</sup> day of December 2013.

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 Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

3) Independent Account Services – Audit Year End 2013 Financial Statements

Mr. Bushek indicated that in July 2011, the Authority advertised a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the subject services and in September 2011 awarded three one year contracts to Toski, Schaefer, & Co. who subsequently changed its name to Toski & Co., P.C. In the engagement letter for the audit of the year-end 2013 financial statements Toski & Co., P.C. proposes the same \$16,900 fee from the original proposal in 2011. In addition, Toski & Co., P.C. proposes \$1,800 for the single audit associated with the Federal Grants. This is a total on a not-to-exceed basis of \$18,700. Based on the satisfaction with the Authority's prior audits and the cost which has remained the same for the last six years Mr. Bushek recommended the Audit Committee and the Board approve the third year of the three one year contracts with Toski & Co., P.C. along with the fee for the single audit. 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.: 013-126

Resolution Date: December 19, 2013

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the report relative to the contract for independent accountant services; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED the New York State Bridge Authority does hereby approve the third year of the three one year contracts for independent accountant services for the year ending December 31, 2013 for the annual fee of \$16,900 plus the associated fee for the single audit required by the Federal Grants in the amount of \$1,800 to Toski, Schaefer & Co.; 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 December 2013.

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Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

4) Annual Renewal of E-ZPass Discounts

Mr. Bushek stated that Title 21 NYCRR Section 201.2 entitled “Bridge Tolls” establishes tolls charged for passage across facilities owned and operated by the New York State Bridge Authority. It provides for discounted tolls allowed for fares paid through the E-ZPass Electronic toll system subject to the requirements of Title 21 NYCRR Section 201.6. With the Board’s approval this resolution will extend the existing E-ZPass toll discounts implemented with the toll schedule from December 31, 2013 to December 31, 2014. 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.: 013-127

Resolution Date: December 19, 2013

WHEREAS Title 21 NYCRR Section 201.2 entitled “Bridge Tolls” establishes, by rulemaking process in accordance with state law, the tolls charged for passage across facilities owned and operated by the New York State Bridge Authority and provides for discounted tolls allowed for fares paid through the E-ZPass electronic toll system subject to the requirements of Title 21 NYCRR Section 201.6; and,

WHEREAS, the toll schedule requires that discounted tolls allowed for fares paid through the E-ZPass electronic toll system shall expire on December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year, except and to the extent extended annually by the Authority; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the New York State Bridge Authority extends the discount for fares paid through the E-ZPass electronic toll system as specified in the toll schedule placed in effect January 30, 2012 for the period through December 31, 2014; 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 19<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2013.

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Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

BRIDGE OPERATIONS:1) New York State Thruway authority – 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2013 E-ZPass Expenses

In Mr. Ferguson's absence Mr. Bushek presented the 2013 New York State Police invoices (through September) for traffic control during peak traffic periods at the Mid-Hudson Bridge. During these periods of heaviest traffic, the Authority pays the New York State Police to provide a dedicated safety patrol at the bridge. These services are budgeted for each year and are included in the annual budget for the Mid-Hudson Bridge. For 2013, the total expenditure is estimated to be approximately \$70,000.00. (The not-to-exceed approved budgeted amount for 2013 is \$95,000). Mr. Bushek recommended to the board to approve an amount not-to-exceed \$95,000.00 for these services in 2014. This amount assumes approximately 900 hours of overtime coverage at the current rate of \$100.36/hour and allows for an anticipated increase of 8% in April 2014. (The last rate increase was 13% in 2005.) 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.: 013-128Resolution Date: December 19, 2013

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the report relative to the payment to the New York State Thruway Authority for 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2013 Bridge Authority E-ZPass costs in the amount of \$981,323.10; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that this payment is hereby approved at a cost not to exceed \$981,323.10; 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 19<sup>th</sup> day of December 2013.

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Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

REPORTS TO BOARD:

- 1) Monthly Activity Report of the Executive Director  
On behalf of Mr. Ruggiero, Ms. Sullivan presented the Monthly Activity Report and said no expenditures were noted in the month of November.
- 2) November 2013 Traffic and Revenue Analysis  
Year to date Bridge Authority's traffic numbers are up 63,871 from last year's traffic count, an increase of 0.12%. Total traffic has increased in six of the last eight months after declining in the nine of the previous ten months. No action was required by the Board.
- 3) November 2013 E-ZPass Sales Analysis  
The Authority sold 704 tags in November 2013, compared to 29 sold in November of 2012. Year-to-date 2013 tag sales are 10,348, compared to 594 sold year to date 2012, an increase of 1,642%. No action was required by the Board.
- 4) Committee Annual Reports  
The Audit, Finance and Governance committees met and presented their annual reports to the Board of Commissioners earlier today. To conclude the process and recognized that the committees have fulfilled their reporting requirements under their respective charters, 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.: 013-129

Resolution Date: December 19, 2013

WHEREAS the Audit Committee, Finance Committee and Governance Committee are required to present to the Board of Commissioners an annual report summarizing each committee's activities and assessing their performance in meeting the requirements of their mission; and,

WHEREAS, the Authority has received and reviewed these reports; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners accepts these reports as meeting the charter obligations of each committee and the annual reports of the Audit Committee, Finance Committee and Governance Committee are made part of the records of 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 December 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 Vice Chairman Ramaglia, seconded by Commissioner Higgins and approved unanimously, the regular meeting adjourned at 3:35 P.M.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for January 16, 2014 at 3:00 P.M. at Headquarters.