

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

HELD AT HEADQUARTERS, HIGHLAND, N.Y. ON
MAY 21, 2020

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IN ATTENDANCE VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Gerentine, Richard A., Chairman
Higgins, Roger P., Vice Chairman
Stanton, J. Henry, Commissioner
Jablonski, Diane, Commissioner
Dressel, Roderick O., Commissioner

OFFICERS:

Sullivan, Tara, Secretary
Bushek, Brian, Treasurer
Whitbeck, Carl G., Counsel

Chairman Gerentine called the meeting to order at 11:20 am. Chairman Gerentine called a motion to adopt the Regular minutes of the April 16, 2020 Regular meeting. On a motion of Vice Chairman Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Jablonski, the Regular minutes of the April 16, 2020 Regular meeting were adopted unanimously. Chairman Gerentine called for a motion to adopt the minutes of the May 4, 2020 Special meeting. On a motion of Vice Chairman Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Jablonski, the minutes of the May 4, 2020 Special meeting were adopted unanimously.

ENGINEERING:1) Paver Placed Surface Treatment at KRB – BA-2020-RE-106-CM

Mr. Wright indicated to the Board that the Authority's Capital Program had earmarked \$1 million for the work of resurfacing the KRB deck. This project came about now because after the Empire State Trail was added to the bridge, and miards (rumble strips) were ground into the existing thin overlay, the overlay began to ravel off of the bridge deck. This condition caused an uneven riding surface, which drivers were complaining was a safety hazard. The existing overlay was therefore temporarily removed during the winter with a new overlay scheduled to be placed in the spring. Without the overlay, the striping to delineate the bicycle area from the vehicle lanes was lost and the deck was not properly protected from the elements. This project will place a new overlay on the bridge and restore the bicycle demarcations in the roadway, making it safer for bicyclists using the Empire State Trail over the bridge, while protecting the bridge deck below. Mr. Wright would like to arrange for paver placed surface treatment for the entirety of the KRB deck and a portion of the East approach. Additional work will include vacuum sweeping prior to paving, micro milling of the East approach prior to placing the surface treatment and temporary striping. The NYSOGS contract holder for this work is Gorman Brothers, Inc., of Albany, NY, who has quoted the Authority \$363,236.40 to perform all of this work, including overlaying the entire deck and placing 1,818 tons of item 41502020218. This pricing is based on the NYSOGS Contract #23188PC69063. This is a multiple-award OGS Centralized Contract and there are no local vendors with MWBE or SDVOB certification listed. NYSBA has chosen Gorman Bros Inc., under PC69063 for this procurement and per OGS, this award has a total of 0% participation goals for MWBE and SDVOB. NYSBA's in-house forces will be providing maintenance and protection of traffic and removing the existing paving in areas. Permanent line striping will be arranged after paving operations through HVB, under their current emergency services contract. Chairman Gerentine called for a motion. On a motion of Vice Chairman Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Stanton, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 020-052

Resolution Date: May 21, 2020

WHEREAS, the New York State Bridge Authority has determined it is in the public interest to resurface the deck of the Kingston-Rhinecliff Bridge due to accelerating deterioration as BA-2020-RE-108-CM; and

WHEREAS, Gorman Bros., Inc., of Albany, New York is the NYSOGS contract holder for paver placed surface treatment under Contract #23188PC69063; and

WHEREAS, Gorman Bros., Inc., has provided the Authority's Engineering and Maintenance department a price quote of \$363,236.40 to provide a total of 1,818 tons of Item #41502020218 to treat the entire KRB deck and a portion of the East approach; and

WHEREAS, the Authority's Engineering and Maintenance department has reviewed and approved said price quotation; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the New York State Bridge Authority approve issuing a purchase order to Gorman Bros., Inc., in an amount not-to-exceed \$363,236.40; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Acting Executive Director, or her 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 May 2020.

Tara Sullivan, Secretary

2) FirstLight Fiber Optic Lease Agreement at RVWB

The Authority has negotiated a new fiber optic lease with FirstLight Fiber for twenty-four (24) excess dark fibers over the Rip Van Winkle Bridge. This lease is for a ten (10) year period and is expected to generate total lease payments of \$351,493.89. This lease is consistent with the dark fiber leasing program and has been approved by Counsel. Payments to Broadband Consulting totaling \$17,574.69 are the only costs associated with this lease. As part of the approval process for these revenue-generating leases, Mr. Wright requested that the Board of Commissioners authorize the Acting Executive Director to enter into this lease agreement. Chairman Gerentine called for a motion. On a motion of Vice Chairman Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dressel, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY BOARD RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, leasing excess dark fiber optic strands has become a significant source of non-toll revenue for the Authority; and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Authority, the Authority may execute fiber optic leases for up to ten years; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the Authority to continue to pursue appropriate non-toll revenue consistent with the Authority's mission; and

WHEREAS, Authority General Counsel has approved the lease as to form and ready to execute;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, the Board of Commissioners of the New York State Bridge Authority authorizes the Executive Director to enter into a revenue generating fiber optic lease with FirstLight Fiber at the Rip Van Winkle Bridge for a period of ten (10) years; and,

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this resolution has been duly adopted this 21st day of May, 2020.

Tara Sullivan, Secretary

3) Jobs in Progress

Mr. Wright advised the Board regarding the Engineering Jobs in Progress Report for the month. The only project currently underway is the rehabilitation of the NBB South Span Sidewalk. Piasecki Steel continues to perform steel repairs to the joints. Chairman Gerentine called for a motion. On a motion of Vice Chairman Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Stanton, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 020-054

Resolution Date: May 21, 2020

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 Acting Executive Director, or her 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 May 2020.

Tara Sullivan, Secretary

FINANCIAL:1) Investment Report

Mr. Bushek reviewed the monthly Investment Report noting one investment for the month. Chairman Gerentine called for a motion. On a motion of Vice Chairman Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Stanton, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 020-055Resolution Date: May 21, 2020

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 April 16, 2020; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of 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 Acting Executive Director, or her 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 May, 2020.

Tara Sullivan, Secretary

2) 1st Quarter Operations Report Q1 2020

Mr. Bushek reported to the Board that the traffic decrease of 5.46% for three months was the result of decreases in both passenger and commercial, -5.77% and -0.56% respectively. This decrease was due to NY Pause as a response to Covid-19 that began in mid-March 2020. Toll revenue decreased 3.94% consistent with decreases in traffic from passenger vehicles of 5.77%. Commercial revenue was up YTD due to the mix of traffic by 0.10%. Interest rate movements resulted in interest income decreasing \$7,000 to \$407,000 year to date. Miscellaneous receipts was mostly stable compared to prior year. Change in fair market value of investment declined from prior year as the reversal of the year end mark to market in January was \$754,000 lower. Operating expenses decreased \$1,271,000 a net result of: Electronic Toll Costs decreased by \$936,000 as a result of delays to payment of the Q4 2019 NYSTA E-ZPass bill. The \$997,000 invoice was paid in April 2020 while the equivalent was paid in Q1 2019; Salaries decreased by \$128,000 which was the result of a separation in 2019 and reduced overtime in 2020; Health Insurance was lower by \$243,000 due to lower payments for retirees and a higher percentage staff choosing lower cost benefit options in the current year, and Depreciation was up \$165,000 as a correction from a depreciation adjustment made in December 2018 was allocated straight line throughout the 2019 year. Operating expenses were budgeted at \$35.9 million, which includes \$1.6 million for accrual post-employment benefits and \$1.6 million for depreciation of the Walkway Over The Hudson booked at year end. As of 3/31, \$3.8 million was spent. No action was required by the Board.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:1) Oracle Licensing and Support Renewal

Mr. Herd explained to the Board that the IT Department's Capital Improvement budget includes licensing and maintenance for Oracle products that support our Toll system. The Authority through the NYS OGS Contract # PM20940 has been provided a quote for this procurement. Through the RFQ process, Currier McCabe & Associates, Inc., a WBE firm, supplied the Authority with a price quote of \$15,760.03. This expense is identified in the IT Department's 2020 Capital Improvement Program. Chairman Gerentine called for a motion. On a motion of Commissioner Dressel, seconded by Commissioner Stanton, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 020-056

Resolution Date: May 21, 2020

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners have reviewed the memorandum describing the need to renew maintenance and licensing for Oracle product that support our toll system; and,

WHEREAS, the Authority will participate in the NYS OGS Contract # PM20940 through Currier McCabe & Associates, Inc., a WBE firm; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the New York State Bridge Authority issue a purchase order at a not-to-exceed amount of \$15,760.03; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive Director, or their 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 May 2020.

Tara Sullivan, Secretary

REPORTS TO BOARD:2) Monthly Activity Report of the Acting Executive Director

The Monthly Activity Report was submitted by Acting Executive Director Tara Sullivan noting no expenditures. No action required by the Board.

3) April 2020 Traffic and Revenue Analysis

Ms. Sullivan noted for the month of April that the Authority's revenues are \$2,973,167.00 below last year's receipts (\$15,049,335 in 2020, \$18,022,502 in 2019), a decrease of 16.50%. No action was required by the Board.

4) April 2020 E-ZPass Sales Analysis

Ms. Sullivan indicated that year-to-date 2020 tag sales are 2,536, compared to 2,531 sold year-to-date 2019, an increase of 0.2%. No action was required by the Board.

5) Historic Bridges of the Hudson Valley (HBHV) Monthly Report for April 2020

The full monthly and detailed report was submitted to the NYSBA Board of Commissioners and submitted by the Historic Bridges of the Hudson Valley Director Kathy Burke. No action was required by the Board.

NEW BUSINESS:1) Proposed Change of Date for regular June 2020 Board Meeting

Chairman Gerentine apprised the Board that Mr. Wright requested this change of date in order for the Board to consider two major construction contracts that are dependent upon the bid cost of the Newburgh-Beacon North Span Deck Replacement and the current revenue projections: NBB North Span Deck Replacement, which bids on June 3rd (BA-2018-RE-110-CM); and MHB Truss Hanger, Steel Railing and Joint Rehabilitation and NBB South Span Miscellaneous Repairs (BA-2019-RE-117-CM), which was opened on April 29th with bids valid for 45 days, until June 12th. Chairman Gerentine called for a motion. On a motion of Vice Chairman Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Stanton, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 020-057

Resolution Date: May 21, 2020

WHEREAS, the New York State Bridge Authority holds its monthly scheduled Board Meeting on the third Thursday of each month; and

WHEREAS, the Authority's Engineering department has made a request to reschedule the June 2020 Board Meeting to Tuesday, June 9th at 11:00 AM in order to consider, in a timely manner, two major construction contracts which are dependent upon current revenue projections and the final bid cost of the Newburgh-Beacon Bridge North Span Deck Replacement, (BA-2018-RE-110-CM); and

WHEREAS, bids for Newburgh-Beacon Bridge North Span Deck Replacement, (BA-2018-RE-110-CM) are due on June 3rd, 2020; and

WHEREAS, bids for the Mid-Hudson Bridge Truss Hanger, Steel Railing and Joint Rehabilitation and Newburgh-Beacon South Span Miscellaneous Repairs (BA-2019-RE-117-CM) were received on April 29th and are valid for a period of 45 days; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the New York State Bridge Authority approve moving the Regular Board Meeting to Tuesday, June 9th, 2020 at 11:00 AM; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Acting Executive Director, or her 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 May 2020.

Tara Sullivan, Secretary

This concluded the regular meeting. Chairman Gerentine asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. On a motion of Commissioner Stanton, seconded by Commissioner Jablonski and approved unanimously, the regular meeting adjourned at 11:34 A.M.

The next Regular and Annual Meeting of the Board of Commissioners meeting is scheduled for June 9, 2020 at 11:00 A.M. at Headquarters.