

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

HELD AT HEADQUARTERS, HIGHLAND, N.Y. ON

October 18, 2018

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IN ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:

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

OFFICERS:

Ruggiero, Joseph, Secretary  
Bushek, Brian, Treasurer  
Whitbeck, Carl G., Counsel

Chairman Gerentine called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm. Chairman Gerentine called for a motion to adopt the minutes of the September 20, 2018 Regular meeting. On motion of Vice Chairman Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Jablonski, the minutes of the September 20, 2018 Regular meeting were adopted unanimously.

ENGINEERING:1) 2018 Capital Equipment Purchase – Trailer Mounted Diesel Air Compressor

Mr. Wright indicated to the Board that the trailer mounted air compressor at the MHB has reached the end of its useful life and is currently inoperable. The Authority would like to purchase a new 185CFM diesel air compressor, which is included in our 2018 Capital Equipment budget. The new air compressor would be a Sullair 185DPQ that would be purchased through NYS OGS, who utilizes NJPA (National Joint Powers Alliance). NJPA has recently undergone a name change and is now known as Sourcewell. The cost of this unit, with our options is \$21,230.00 with an estimated freight charge of \$950.00. It will be delivered through Francisco Equipment of Ravena, NY, who is our local Sullair dealer. A brief discussion followed relative to reducing/waiving the cost of the freight charge. 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

Resolution No.: 018-116Resolution Date: October 18, 2018

WHEREAS, the New York State Bridge Authority has determined it is in the public interest to issue a purchase order to Francisco Equipment, of Ravena, New York for the purchase of one (1) new Sullair trailer mounted 185DPQ diesel air compressor to be utilized at the Mid-Hudson Bridge to replace an existing 1992 trailer mounted air compressor, asset #4802, which has reached the end of its useful life and will be sold at auction; and

WHEREAS, the loader will be purchased off the NJPA Cooperative (which has gone through a name change and is now known as Sourcewell) through the New York State Office of General Services Contract 052015-SAC; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the New York State Bridge Authority approve issuing a purchase order to Francisco Equipment, of Ravena, New York for the purchase of one (1) new Sullair trailer mounted 185DPQ diesel air compressor in the amount of \$21,230.00; 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 18th day of October 2018.

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Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary



2) WOTH Steel Repairs – BA-2017-RE-116-CM

Mr. Wright reported to the Board that on March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018, after being publicly advertised and bid, the Authority's Board of Commissioners authorized entering into a construction contract with Arben Group, LLC of Pleasantville, NY, to perform approximately forty (40) steel repair types on the Walkway Over the Hudson. This contract now requires an additional location of scaffolding with maintenance and protection of traffic (M & P of T) and take down over Rte. 9, as the designer of record, WSP USA, missed this third location in the original design documents. Arben Group's original contract value was \$3,948,648.00. Mr. Wright recommended a change order of \$177,681.19 for them to provide the further required construction services. The revised not-to-exceed total for Arben Group's work is \$4,126,329.19. Commissioner Stanton wants a review process in place to prevent this type of oversight from occurring for future projects. 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

Resolution No.: 018-117

Resolution Date: October 18, 2018

WHEREAS, the New York State Bridge Authority entered into a construction services agreement with Arben Group, LLC in February 2018 to perform steel repairs at the Walkway Over the Hudson, publicly advertised and bid as BA-2017-RE-116-CM; and

WHEREAS, an extra scaffolding location with maintenance and protection of traffic and take down over Route 9 has become necessary due to an omission in the original design documents; and

WHEREAS, the Authority's Engineering department has reviewed and approved the cost proposal for this additional location; and

WHEREAS, Arben Group's original contract value was \$3,948,648.00, a change order of \$177,681.19 is now requested to provide the further required construction services; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners authorize the revised not-to-exceed total for Arben Group's construction services of \$4,126,329.19:

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 18th day of October, 2018.

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Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary



3) Newburgh-Beacon Bridge North Span – Design BA-2018-RE-110-DE

Mr. Wright indicated to the Board that the Authority advertised this project to design the deck replacement for the Newburgh-Beacon Bridge North Span in the NYS Contract Reporter with proposals due October 5, 2018. Twenty-five (25) firms requested the proposal package with five (5) proposals received. The M/WBE goals were set at 30% and the SDVOB goal at 6%. After reviewing the technical and cost proposals, and using the approved weighting matrix, Mr. Wright recommended GPI as best qualified to perform the work at a not-to-exceed cost of \$1,222,000.00. Commissioner Stanton noted this is a major project in the coming years. Mr. Ruggiero also added that this project is the heart of the 5-year capital plan. Chairman Gerentine called for a motion. On a motion of Vice Chairman Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Jablonski, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY  
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 018-118

Resolution Date: October 18, 2018

WHEREAS, the New York State Bridge Authority has determined that it is in the public interest to award a contract for professional design services in connection with the Newburgh-Beacon Bridge North Span "Deck Replacement" to be designated (BA-2018-RE-116-DE); and

WHEREAS, the Authority advertised for "Deck Replacement" in the New York State Contract Reporter; and

WHEREAS, five (5) firms submitted their technical and cost proposals; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has determined that GPI of Albany, New York is best qualified to provide the required professional services; and

WHEREAS, the Authority's Engineering department has reviewed and approved the proposal; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners authorize a professional services agreement to be issued to GPI to provide these design services at a not-to-exceed cost of \$1,222,000.00; 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of October 2018.

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Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

#### 4) Third Quarter 2018 Traffic Accident Summary Report

Mr. Wright reported that all accidents have been reviewed by him and the Manager of Maintenance to determine if something could be done to prevent similar accidents from happening in the future. All accidents were believed to be from driver error, driving too fast for weather conditions, not paying attention, or distracted driving. No action was required by the Board.

#### NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No: 018-119

Resolution Date: October 18, 2018

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 interest in 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 the resolution.  
 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the resolution has been duly adopted this 18th day of October 2018.

Joseph J. Hughes, Secretary



5) Jobs in Progress

Mr. Wright advised the Board regarding the Engineering Jobs in Progress Report for the month. Mr. Wright mentioned that the truss link rehab project is starting to mobilize at the Rip-Van Winkle Bridge. The solar panels at the Kingston-Rhinecliff Bridge are complete and they will be turned on by the end of November. The Empire State Trail SEQRA review process is underway. Steel repairs continue on the Walkway Over the Hudson. Cable investigation field work is complete and testing is starting at the Mid-Hudson Bridge. At the Newburgh-Beacon Bridge, the catwalk lowering project continues, and the 9W overpass deck replacement Phase II starts at the beginning of November. Chairman Gerentine called for a motion. On a motion of Vice Chairman Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Jablonski, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY  
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 018-119

Resolution Date: October 18, 2018

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 18th day of October 2018.

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Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

FINANCIAL:1) Investment Report

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

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY  
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 018-120

Resolution Date: October 18, 2018

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 September 20, 2018; now therefore and,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the New York State Bridge Authority 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2018.

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Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary



## 2) Workers Compensation Renewal

Mr. Bushek indicated to the Board that the Authority's Workers' Compensation Insurance policy renews October 21, 2018 and the State Insurance Fund has offered the Authority a 31% upfront discount on the manual rates charged on each dollar of Authority payroll. This discount is a reduction from the 33% last year and a 35% level the Authority held until 2016. The explanation given was that the rates by payroll category are now more competitive and NYSIF is not giving as aggressive of an up front discount to compensate.

Based upon projected salaries for the 2018-2019 budget this year's premium quote decreases from the estimated \$462,949 to \$448,806, a decrease of \$14,143, or 3.1% not including the \$5,000 broker fee charged annually.

Mr. Bushek noted that the Authority compares the estimated renewal premium to the prior years' estimated renewal premium at the time of Board consideration as the audit for the current year payroll will not be complete until after the new policy year begins.

Mr. Bushek emphasized the final premium cost will be based on actual salaries which are audited by the State Insurance Fund after the end of the policy year. The Board approves workers compensation by resolution noting a premium is "subject to audit." That audit will determine the final cost for the policy year. Mr. Bushek believes the Authority has received the lowest price possible for workers compensation insurance and recommends the Board approve this purchase. Chairman Gerentine called for a motion. On a motion of Vice Chairman Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Jablonski, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

### NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 018-121

Resolution Date: October 18, 2018

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the report relative to the purchase of workers' compensation insurance; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED the New York State Bridge Authority does hereby approve this purchase with the State Insurance Fund, through Associates of Glens Falls Inc., at the projected payroll level cost not-to-exceed cost, subject to payroll audit, of \$448,805.96 in addition to a \$5,000 broker fee; 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 18th day of October 2018.

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Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary



### 3) Accident Review Committee Report – Third Quarter 2018

Mr. Bushek reported that there were 100 accidents on Authority facilities in the third quarter of 2018 compared to 73 the previous year. During this period there was 1 accident, no injuries, involving Authority vehicles compared to 2 in the prior year. No action was required by the Board.

#### 4) REPORTS TO BOARD:

##### 1) Monthly Activity Report of the Executive Director

The Monthly Activity Report was submitted by Executive Director Joseph Ruggiero noting no expenditures.

##### 2) September 2018 Traffic and Revenue Analysis

Mr. Ruggiero noted for the month of September traffic decreased .17% and revenue decreased 2.03%. No action was required by the Board.

##### 3) September 2018 E-ZPass Sales Analysis

Mr. Ruggiero indicated that year-to-date 2018 tag sales were 7,540, compared to 9,451 sold year-to-date 2017. No action was required by the Board.

##### 4) Historic Bridges of the Hudson Valley (HBHV) Monthly Report for September 2018

The full monthly and detailed report was submitted to the NYSBA Board of Commissioners and submitted by the Historic Bridges of the Hudson Valley President Tara Sullivan and Director Kathy Burke.

Ms. Sullivan mentioned that they submitted the Harriman Grant. Ms. Sullivan also mentioned that the Skywalk Arts Festival was a resounding success!

This concluded the regular meeting. Chairman Gerentine asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. On a motion of Commissioner Jablonski, seconded by Commissioner Dressel and approved unanimously, the regular meeting adjourned at 3:21 P.M.

The next regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners meeting is scheduled for November 15, 2018 at 3:00 P.M. at Headquarters.