

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

HELD AT HEADQUARTERS, HIGHLAND, N.Y. ON  
May 17, 2012

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IN ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:

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

Whitbeck, Carl G., Counsel

OFFICERS:

Ruggiero, Joseph, Secretary  
Bushek, Brian, Treasurer

Chairman Vecellio called the meeting to order at 3:17 PM and called for a motion to adopt the minutes of the April 19, 2012 Regular Meeting. On motion of Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Gerentine, the minutes of the April 19, 2012 Regular Meeting were adopted unanimously.

ENGINEERING:

1) Newburgh-Beacon Bridge South Span Deck Replacement Electric Design Award

Mr. Moreau informed the Board that the Authority solicited proposals for the electrical design for the NBB South Span Deck replacement project through an advertisement in the NYS Contract Reporter. Five (5) engineering firms requested the proposal package with two (2) responses submitted; Lockwood Kessler & Bartlett, Inc. (LKB, Inc.)\$149,250.37 and Allen Engineering, PLLC \$322,000.00. Our Engineer's estimate was \$200,000.00. Upon review of the submissions and costs, the Engineering department recommended awarding a contract to LKB, Inc. of Syosset, NY in the not-to-exceed amount of \$149,250.37. Mr. Moreau noted that LKB has designed the electrical system replacement at KRB in 1999 and at BMB in 2008 and both projects were successfully completed on budget. Chairman Vecellio 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.: 012-060

Resolution Date: May 17, 2012

WHEREAS, the New York State Bridge Authority has determined that it is in the public interest to award a contract for professional electrical design services in connection with the electrical system replacement to be constructed with Newburgh-Beacon Bridge South Span Deck Replacement to be designated BA-2012-RE-114-DE; and,

WHEREAS, the Authority's Engineering Department advertised this request in the NYS Contract Reporter and received two (2) cost proposals; and,

WHEREAS, the Authority's Engineering Department has reviewed the cost proposals and has determined that LKB, Inc. is best qualified to provide the required professional services.; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that a professional service agreement be awarded to LKB, Inc. of Syosset, New York, in an amount not to exceed \$149,250.37.

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 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2012.

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Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

2) Newburgh-Beacon North Span Painting Inspection Award

Mr. Moreau indicated to the Board that the Authority solicited proposals for the inspection of the NBB North Span Superstructure Painting and the Overlay Replacement projects through an advertisement in the NYS Contract Reporter. Fourteen (14) engineering firms requested the proposal package with seven (7) responses submitted. Three (3) firms were short-listed to submit a detailed cost proposal; HAKS - \$1,477,697.00, LiRo \$1,488,481.00 and A&W \$1,578,588.00. Our Engineer's estimate was \$2,000,000.00. Upon review of the submissions, the Engineering department recommended awarding a contract to HAKS Engineers in the not-to-exceed amount of \$1,477,697.00. Mr. Moreau noted HAKS has successfully supervised numerous projects for the Authority in the past, including the repainting of the RVWB in 2007-2008 and HAKS is also a minority-owned business enterprise. Chairman Vecellio 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.: 012-061

Resolution Date: May 17, 2012

WHEREAS, the New York State Bridge Authority has determined that it is in the public interest to award a contract for professional construction inspection services in connection with the Newburgh-Beacon Bridge North Span Superstructure Painting project to be designated BA-2012-RE-103-SU; and,

WHEREAS, the Authority's Engineering Department advertised this request in the NYS Contract Reporter; and,

WHEREAS, the Authority's Engineering Department has reviewed the cost proposals and has determined that HAKS Engineers is best qualified to provide the required professional services.; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that a professional service agreement be awarded to HAKS Engineers of New York, New York, in an amount not to exceed \$1,477,697.00.

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 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2012.

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Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

3) Walkway Over the Hudson Steel Repairs – Contract Award

Mr. Moreau informed the Board that the Authority solicited bids for the WOTH Steel Repair project through an advertisement in the NYS Contract Reporter. Seven (7) firms requested the bid documents with two (2) submitting bids. I & O.A. Slutzky, Inc. \$4,185,288.00 and Kiewit Infrastructure \$8,500,000.00. Our Engineer's estimate was \$3,000,000.00. Mr. Moreau explained that upon review of the bids, the Engineering department recommended awarding a contract to I. & O.A. Slutzky, Inc. in the not-to-exceed amount of \$4,185,288.00. Mr. Moreau went on to say that the Engineer's estimate, prepared by WSP Sells, did not accurately account for the difficult access to accomplish this work. Chairman Vecellio called for a motion. On a motion of Commissioner Lashua, seconded by Commissioner Gerentine, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

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

Resolution No.: 012-062

Resolution Date: May 17, 2012

WHEREAS, bids were solicited through the New York State Contract Reporter for the contract entitled Walkway over the Hudson "Main Span Structural Steel / Tower Bent Modifications" as (BA2012-RE-111-CM) and two (2) bids were received on April 10, 2012, the low bidder being the firm of I. & O.A. Slutzky, Inc. at a bid of \$ 4,185,288.00; and,

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

WHEREAS, after further review of the cost proposal by the Engineering Department, 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, NY in the amount of \$ 4,185,288.00 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 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2012.

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Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

4) Walkway Over the Hudson Steel Repairs – Inspection Award

Mr. Moreau indicated that the Authority solicited proposals for the inspection of the WOTH Steel Repair and Navigation Lighting / Access projects through an advertisement in the NYS Contract Reporter. Fourteen (14) engineering firms requested the proposal package with seven (7) responses submitted. Three (3) firms were short-listed to submit a detailed cost proposal. The results were GPI \$215,000.00, A&W \$303,583.00 and Tectonic \$599,059.00. The Engineer's Estimate was \$300,000.00. Mr. Moreau explained that upon review of the submissions, the Engineering department recommended awarding a contract to GPI, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$215,000.00. Mr. Moreau noted that GPI has successfully completed numerous projects for us in the past including work on the deck replacement project at KRB in 2000-2002. Chairman Vecellio 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.: 012-063

Resolution Date: May 17, 2012

WHEREAS, the New York State Bridge Authority has determined that it is in the public interest to award a contract for professional construction inspection services in connection with the Walkway Over the Hudson Bridge Steel Repair project to be designated BA-2012-RE-111-SU; and,

WHEREAS, the Authority's Engineering Department advertised this request in the NYS Contract Reporter; and,

WHEREAS, the Authority's Engineering Department has reviewed the cost proposals and has determined that Greenman Pedersen, Inc. (GPI, Inc.) is best qualified to provide the required professional services; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that a professional services agreement be awarded to Greenman Pedersen, Inc. of Albany, New York in an amount not to exceed \$215,000.00; 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 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2012.

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Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

5) Walkway Over the Hudson Steel Repairs Shop Drawing Ways and Means Services

Mr. Moreau stated to the Board that WSP-Sells is the designer of record for the WOTH Steel Repair project. Mr. Moreau explained that as the contractor prepares structural steel shop drawings for fabrication, WSP-Sells' task will be to review/approve the details as they conform to their design documents. Mr. Moreau noted that they will also review / approve structural lifting details. Mr. Moreau recommended awarding a supplemental agreement for a cost not-to-exceed \$ 37,307.00. Chairman Vecellio 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.: 012-064

Resolution Date: May 17, 2012

WHEREAS, the New York State Bridge Authority has determined that it is in the public interest to award a supplemental contract for professional design support services in connection with the Walkway Over the Hudson Bridge Steel Repair Project to be designated BA-2012-RE-111-DS ; and,

WHEREAS, the Authority's Engineering Department has reviewed the cost proposal and has determined that WSP-Sells, Inc., as the designer of record, is uniquely qualified to provide the required professional services; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that a supplemental agreement be awarded to WSP-Sells, Inc., of Briarcliff Manor, NY in an amount not to exceed \$37,307.00; 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 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2012.

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Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

6) Walkway Over the Hudson Tree Cutting – Extra Work

On Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Moreau stated to the Board that Mr. Whitbeck, Mr. Kelly Mr. Rochfort and himself met under the Walkway Over the Hudson to review the scope of tree removal. Mr. Moreau explained that the trees defined in the original scope of work have been flagged and have created a stir among some of our neighbors. They reviewed the intent of the contract and the advantages of removing the trees. Mr. Whitbeck had concerns as to why more trees were not being removed because leaving any trees close to the bridge seems inconsistent with the purpose. Mr. Moreau agreed that removing all the trees on the property line would improve the access for maintenance and inspection considerably. The Authority will be meeting with the city residents affected by this work. The Authority discussed the additional work with the contractor and they have agreed to perform the additional work at the same unit prices bid for similar trees in the original scope. The Engineering department estimated the additional tree removal will not exceed \$10,000.00. Mr. Moreau requested an approval of the additional amount noting that the contract was awarded last month for \$54,899.00. A brief discussion followed relative to the impact on privacy and concerns of the surrounding neighbors. Chairman Vecellio 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.: 012-065

Resolution Date: May 17, 2012

WHEREAS, a contract was awarded at the April 2012 Board Meeting for the project entitled Walkway over the Hudson “Tree Removal and Vegetation Control” as (BA2012-RE-110-CM); and,

WHEREAS, upon advice of General Counsel we would like to expand the scope and remove additional trees; and,

WHEREAS, after further discussion with the Contractor they will perform the additional work at the same unit prices bid in the original scope; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that an increase in the contract amount be awarded to Advanced Contracting Concepts, Inc., of Patterson, NY, increasing the amount from \$54,899.00 to \$64,899.00; 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 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2012.

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Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

7) Jobs in Progress Monthly Report

Mr. Moreau reported on the Engineering Jobs in Progress Report for the month of April noting upcoming months will be busy. Chairman Vecellio called for a motion. On a motion of Commissioner Gerentine, seconded by Commissioner Higgins, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

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

Resolution No.: 012-066

Resolution Date: May 17, 2012

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 17th day of May 2012.

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Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary



FINANCIAL:

1) Investment Transaction Report

Mr. Bushek reviewed the Investment Report for the month of April noting seventeen investments for the month and the construction fund is now active. A brief discussion ensued regarding interest income and yields, Chairman Vecellio 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.: 012-067

Resolution Date: May 17, 2012

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 19, 2012; 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 17<sup>th</sup> day of May 2012.

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Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

Operations Report 2012 – First Quarter

Mr. Bushek reviewed the Operations Report with the Board noting a traffic increase of 6.05%. The increase was partially attributable to the milder winter compared to the prior year. Toll revenue increased 39.39% corresponding with both an increase in the toll rates and the increase in volume. Interest income was lower year-over-year as low interest rates on Treasury obligations continued and were compounded by lower reserve balances associated with the end of the prior toll structure. Mr. Bushek noted increases in other revenue were the result of advertising income, changes in overweight fees, and leasing of fiber optic cable across bridges. Mr. Bushek also said that operating expenses decreased through year to date March. Operating expenses were budgeted at \$29.0 million for full year 2012. Mr. Bushek mentioned the Authority's five year capital plan originally budgeted \$11.4 million, whereas the revised plan projects \$22.7 million associated with the acceleration of the Newburgh-Beacon paint project. As of March 31<sup>st</sup> \$.0.3 million was spent. No action was required by the Board.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:

1) Jobs in Progress and Grant Procurement for IT – May 2012

Mr. Herd indicated that IT has completed the camera procurement as well as the video system upgrade at the Mid- Hudson Bridge and Newburgh-Beacon Bridge. Mr. Herd further indicated to the Board that the total funding available for procurement for the ITS Project is \$1,700,000.00 with no expenses this month. The total spent to date is \$1,684,862.38 which leaves a balance of \$15,137.62. Chairman Vecellio 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.: 012-068

Resolution Date: May 17, 2012

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the monthly Information Technology Progress Report on Capital Project Status; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Information Technology 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 17<sup>th</sup> day of May 2012.

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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 noting no expenditures in the month of April.

2) Traffic Classification Report

Chairman Vecellio presented the traffic Classification Comparison report for the year to date April 2012 numbers. This report shows the traffic count on each bridge, as well as the associated revenue, year to date, New York State Bridge Authority's revenues are \$4,665,193.00 above last year's receipts.

Commissioner Lashua attended the International Cable Workshop at The Thayer Hotel and commended Mr. Moreau on a sensational job and Ms. Balch who did a great running the AV equipment. Mr. Moreau also acknowledged a great job was done by Ms. Sullivan and Ms. Ceragioli who handled all the logistics and planning of the three day workshop.

This concluded the regular meeting. Chairman Vecellio asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. On a motion of Commissioner Gerentine, seconded by Commissioner Higgins and approved unanimously, the regular meeting adjourned at 3:37 P.M.

The next annual and regular meeting is scheduled for June 21, 2012 at 3:00 P.M. at Headquarters.