

**MINUTES  
MID-BAY BRIDGE AUTHORITY  
THURSDAY, JULY 15, 2021**

**CITY OF NICEVILLE COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
208 NORTH PARTIN DRIVE  
NICEVILLE, FLORIDA**

**I. OPENING**

Members present: James D. Neilson, Jr.  
Parker Destin (arrived after approval of Minutes and Treasurer's Report)  
Kim Wintner  
James T. Wood, Jr.

Member absent: Gordon E. Fornell

Also present: Van Fuller Executive Director  
Michelle Anchors Legal Counsel  
Cathy Demoreski Administrative Assistant

Absent: Bryant Paulk FDOT Ex officio, non-voting

**II. INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS & PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no visitors. Mr. Neilson welcomed Mike Griffith, The Bay Beacon.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. Regular Meeting – June 17, 2021**

**A motion to approve the June 17, 2021, Regular Meeting Minutes was made by Mr. Wood with a second by Mr. Wintner and a 3-0 vote was taken for approval.**

**IV. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Mr. Neilson presented the Treasurer's Report for June 2021. Account balances were:

FNBT	\$ 189,840.27
Regions	\$51,432,319.20

**Mr. Neilson made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for June 2021 with a second by Mr. Wood and a 3-0 vote was taken for approval.**

## V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

- A. Operations.** Mr. Fuller reported that operationally the System continues to see a recovery and surge from the Pandemic. Traffic and commerce everywhere are up and doing well.

Fitch, one of the Authority rating agencies, has requested data for their annual review with the primary focus being on the Pandemic recovery.

The Authority's Annual Consultants meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 18, 2021, followed by the annual dinner. Results of the meeting will be presented to the Board at the August 19, 2021, regular meeting.

As reported at the June 15, 2021, meeting the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Traffic and Revenue Consulting Services was advertised June 25-27 in the Northwest Florida Daily News and the Pensacola News Herald as well as through TEAMFL. The deadline for submissions is July 26, 2021. All submissions will be reviewed and ranked independently by Mr. Fornell, Mr. Winter and Mr. Fuller. Those rankings will be compiled by Mr. Fuller who will make a recommendation for award approval at the regular monthly meeting of the Authority on August 19, 2021.

Discussion included Mr. Wintner's inquiry as to the purpose of the visit last month by Representatives of the Florida Transportation Commission (FTC). Mr. Fuller explained that the FTC has statutory oversight of performance of transportation and transit authorities, oversees the FDOT work program and other areas, and recommends FDOT Secretary candidates for the Governor's selection. This visit was one of many they were making around the state to familiarize themselves with each organization. Mr. Fuller hosted them at the Authority office following the Board meeting for discussion.

Also discussed was an update on the scheduled repair of Pier 104, which was identified during the FDOT's Mid-Bay Bridge inspection in October 2020 and scheduled for work to start by the FDOT asset maintenance contractor during the week of July 19, 2021. It is the responsibility of the FDOT to issue press releases regarding any repair and maintenance operations that would require lane closures. There are no closures required or expected for the pier repairs.

Finally, Mr. Wood expressed his desire to see that the signage regarding interoperability be consistent on SR293. Also, Mr. Wood also would like to attend the FTC Annual Meeting to sit in on the Authority's presentation.

## VI. LEGAL COUNSEL

None

**VII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Mr. Destin apologized for being tardy, he had a water leak at one of his restaurants.

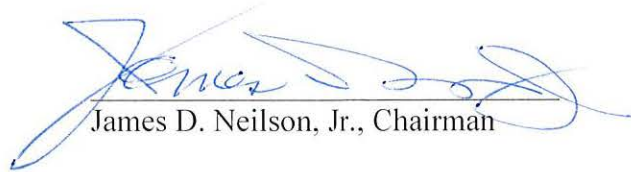
**VIII. GENERAL DISCUSSION**

The next regular meeting of the Authority will be held on **Thursday, August 19, 2021**, at 9:00 a.m. in the Destin City Hall Board Room, Destin, Florida.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:11 a.m.

**Approved this 19th day of August 2021.**



James D. Neilson, Jr., Chairman