

**MINUTES
MID-BAY BRIDGE AUTHORITY
THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2023**

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

I. OPENING

Members present: James D. Neilson, Jr.
James T. Wood, Jr.
Kim Wintner

Members absent: Gordon E. Fornell
Parker Destin

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

Mr. Neilson welcomed visitors John Slingerland, Carr, Riggs, Ingram; Adam Nelson, Warren Averett.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting – February 16, 2023

A motion to approve the February 16, 2023, 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. Wood presented the Treasurer’s Report for February 2023. Account balances were:

FNBT Bank	\$	214,918.41
Regions		\$55,220,167.06

Mr. Wintner made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report for February 2023 with a second by Mr. Wood and a 3-0 vote was taken for approval.

V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A. Operations. Mr. Fuller reported traffic and revenue are up, most likely due to the mild winter and/or the State Toll Relief Program implemented in January 2023 and scheduled to run through the end of calendar year 2023.

B. Ratify Traffic and Revenue Study Contract Award - Jacobs Task Order #2.

Mr. Fuller explained that the proposal to update the traffic and revenue projections that was presented to the Authority at the February 16, 2023, meeting had an incorrect price breakdown that wasn't discovered until after approval. The corrected cost for Jacobs Task Order #2 will be Not to Exceed (NTE) \$87,643.00 an increase of approximately \$10K over the approved proposal. Mr. Fuller requested ratification of his decision to award the contract.

A motion was made by Mr. Wintner with a second by Mr. Wood to ratify the corrected Jacobs Task Order #2 – Traffic and Revenue Study Proposal in the amount of NTE \$87,643.00 with a 3-0 vote taken for approval.

C. Webber Infra Contract-2023 Tourist Season North Lakeshore Drive Ramp Closure.

Mr. Fuller presented the annual contract from Webber Infra (formerly Ferrovial) for the closure of the North Lakeshore Drive ramps during the 2023 tourist season and recommended approval.

A motion was made by Mr. Wood with a second by Mr. Wintner to approve the Webber Infra Contract for the 2023 Tourist Season North Lakeshore Drive Ramp Closure and a 3-0 vote taken for approval.

D. FY2022 Audited Financial Statement – Carr, Riggs, Ingram and Warren Averett.

Mr. Slingerland, our auditor with Carr, Riggs, Ingram explained the responsibility of the Auditor is to express an opinion on the financial statements prepared by management. Carrs, Riggs, Ingram offered an unmodified opinion that the Authority complied in all material respects in accordance with the Government Auditing Standards. Mr. Slingerland thanked the Authority and Warren Averett for their cooperation in completing this year's audit. Mr. Nelson with Warren Averett, the Authority's Accountants echoed Mr. Slingerland's thanks.

A motion was made by Mr. Wintner with a second by Mr. Wood to accept the FY2022 Audited Financial Statement and a 3-0 vote was taken for approval.

VI. LEGAL COUNSEL

None

VII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Discussion included the Legislative Delegation unanimously supporting the Okaloosa Board of County Commissioners legislation priority to delete its discretion/oversight of the Authority's administrative, operations, and maintenance budget. The Bill has been drafted by Rep. Maney and is working its way through committees.

VIII. GENERAL DISCUSSION

The next regular meeting of the Authority will be held on **Thursday, April 20, 2023**, at 9:00 a.m. in the Destin City Hall Board Room, Destin, Florida.

I. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:36 a.m.

Approved this 20th day of April 2023.



Gordon E. Fornell, Chairman