

**MINUTES
MID-BAY BRIDGE AUTHORITY
THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 2023**

**CITY OF DESTIN BOARD ROOM
4200 INDIAN BAYOU TRAIL
DESTIN, FLORIDA**

I. OPENING

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

Member absent: Parker Destin

Also present: Van Fuller Executive Director
 Michelle Anchors Legal Counsel
 Bryant Paulk FDOT Ex officio, non-voting
 Cathy Demoreski Administrative Assistant

II. INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS & PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Fornell noted there were no visitors or members of the press in attendance.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting – May 18, 2023

A motion to approve the May 18, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes was made by Mr. Neilson with a second by Mr. Wood and a 4-0 vote was taken for approval.

IV. TREASURER’S REPORT

Mr. Wood presented the Treasurer’s Report for May 2023. Account balances were:

FNBT Bank	\$	319,378.43
Regions		\$55,556,626.97

Mr. Wood made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report for May 2023 with a second by Mr. Neilson and a 4-0 vote was taken for approval.

V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A. Operations. Mr. Fuller reported that traffic continues to be close to projections.

Mr. Wintner inquired as to when the recommended and approved SR293 Safety Study improvements would be implemented. Mr. Fuller explained that those improvements are planned to be completed in conjunction with the upcoming Mid-Bay Bridge repair project which is expected to be let in August 2023.

B. Ratify Professional Services. Mr. Fuller requested that the Authority ratify his decision to continue the professional services agreement with The Southern Group from January 1 through June 30, 2023. This decision provided for representation and coordination during the legislative session in cooperation with the lobbyist retained by Okaloosa County.

A motion was made by Mr. Neilson with a second by Mr. Wintner to ratify the Executive Director's decision to extend the Professional Services Agreement with The Southern Group through June 30, 2023, and a 4-0 vote was taken for approval.

VI. LEGAL COUNSEL

Ms. Anchors reminded the Board that an agent for Florida Power & Light (FPL) approached the Authority approximately one year ago to express their interest in running fiberoptic cable through the Mid-Bay Bridge. An Easement which included a cost consideration was drafted and presented to the agent. Subsequently, FPL re-wrote the agreement and presented the new version. Ms. Anchors has recommended that Mr. Fuller discuss the terms and conditions directly and personally with the FPL representative before passing draft documents back and forth.

VII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Paulk reported that although the Brooks Bridge project is moving slowly, they are making progress. The design team is getting closer to completion while the construction team is ready to begin. Every effort will be made to try and limit the impacts to A.M. and P.M. peak travel times.

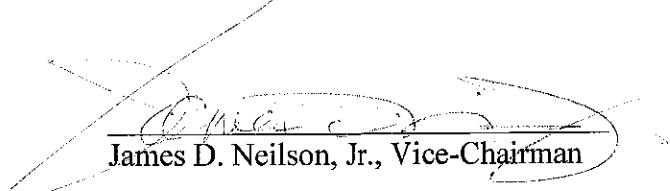
VIII. GENERAL DISCUSSION

The next regular meeting of the Authority will be held on **Thursday, July 20, 2023**, at 9:00 a.m. in the Niceville City Hall Council Chambers, Niceville, Florida.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:19 a.m.

Approved this 20th day of July 2023.



James D. Neilson, Jr., Vice-Chairman