

**MINUTES
MID-BAY BRIDGE AUTHORITY
THURSDAY, JULY 20, 2023**

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

I. OPENING

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

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

Mr. Neilson welcomed Michael J. Panarisi, Resident. There were no members of the press in attendance.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting – June 15, 2023

A motion to approve the June 15, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes was made by Mr. Wood with a second by Mr. Wintner and a 3-0 vote was taken for approval. Mr. Destin arrived subsequent to the vote.

IV. TREASURER’S REPORT

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

FNBT Bank	\$	331,474.55
Regions		\$58,796,093.48

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

V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A. Operations. Mr. Fuller reported that the Mid-Bay Bridge Authority System is experiencing the second highest traffic in its history. He also reported that we petitioned the FDOT to advance improvements at the Lakeshore Drive interchange to address safety

concerns. The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) agreed and will implement a number of safety improvements in advance of the programmed resurfacing project.

Mr. Fuller recommended the reinstatement of its annual Professional Services Agreement with The Southern Group, the consultant that has represented the Authority's interests in Tallahassee to and through the Legislative Sessions since 2013.

A motion was made by Mr. Wintner with a second by Mr. Wood to reinstate the Annual Professional Services Agreement with The Southern Group through the end of FY2023 and a 4-0 vote was taken for approval.

VI. LEGAL COUNSEL

None

VII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Wood inquired as to whether the Authority's website and the signage on the north and south ends of SR293 are compatible as they relate to the participating interoperability agencies to which Mr. Fuller responded yes.

VIII. GENERAL DISCUSSION

Mr. Neilson invited Mr. Panarisi, today's visitor, and a sophomore second year Engineering student at the University of Florida, to address the Board if desired. He offered his design thoughts for traffic improvements at the intersection of Hwy 331 and Hwy 98 in Walton County to be shared with the FDOT. He also pointed out that not all Texas All-Electronic Tolling (AET) devices are interoperable with the Florida SunPass System.

The next regular meeting of the Authority will be held on **Thursday, August 17, 2023**, at 9:00 a.m. in the Destin City Hall Board Room, Destin, Florida.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:08 a.m.

Approved this 17th day of August 2023.



Gordon E. Fornell, Chairman