

**MINUTES
MID-BAY BRIDGE AUTHORITY
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2023**

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

I. OPENING

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

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 – August 17, 2023

A motion to approve the August 17, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes was made by Mr. Neilson with a second by Mr. Wood and a 5-0 vote was taken for approval.

IV. TREASURER’S REPORT

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

FNBT Bank	\$	306,740.86
Regions		\$63,988,465.82

Mr. Wood made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report for August 2023 with a second by Mr. Destin and a 5-0 vote was taken for approval.

V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A. Operations. Mr. Fuller explained that traffic and revenue through July 2023 are in line with projections.

The Mid-Bay Bridge pier repair and resurfacing project was delayed to incorporate the Safety Study recommendations on the bridge in the project. The work is expected to begin this calendar year. The Danny Wuerffel Way resurfacing project is currently at the 40% design stage with construction scheduled to begin in June 2025 at a cost of \$3.5M and the Spence Parkway resurfacing from the Toll Plaza to Range Road is scheduled to begin in August 2025 at a cost of \$18M.

Mr. Fuller confirmed that work continues toward the goals and objectives of the Authority regarding debt through 2025. He also confirmed legislation prevents the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) from entering into or extending any new/existing Lease-Purchase Agreements (LPA).

- B. FY2024 Budget.** Mr. Fuller presented the FY2024 Budget, which was discussed with and reviewed in detail with Mr. Wood, the Authority's Treasurer, and recommended approval.

A motion was made by Mr. Neilson with a second by Mr. Destin approve the FY2024 Budget as presented with a 5-0 vote taken for approval.

- C. Jacobs Task Order #3 – FY2024 Annual Traffic and Revenue Services Agreement.** Mr. Fuller presented and recommended approval of the FY2024 Annual Traffic and Revenue Services Agreement in the amount of \$54,498.60 with a 20% contingency in the amount of \$10,919.72 which requires pre-approval before use.

A motion to approve Jacobs Task Order #3 in the amount of \$65,518.32 with prior approval required for use of the 20% contingency included was made by Mr. Neilson with a second by Mr. Wood and a 5-0 vote taken for approval.

- D. Ratify The Southern Group FY2024 Retainer Agreement.** Mr. Fuller presented The Southern Group FY2024 Retainer Agreement, which he executed in August 2023, for ratification.

A motion was made by Mr. Neilson to ratify The Southern Group FY2024 Retainer Agreement with a second by Mr. Wood and a 5-0 vote taken for approval.

VI. LEGAL COUNSEL

None

VII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Wood expressed concern over the trash and debris on the Mid-Bay Bridge. Mr. Fuller explained that Bridge is possessed and maintained by FDOT in accordance with FDOT standards. The asset maintenance contractor responds to calls from the motoring public and removes debris less than 100 pounds within three days of a report while anything more than 100 pounds is removed within 24 hours of reporting. Reports for pick-up can be made to the FDOT, Webber Infrastructure, the County's contractor, or the Authority office.

Mr. Fornell shared an article on Mr. Greg Carey new position within Goldman Sachs. Mr. Carey has been the Authority's Bond Underwriter since 1986.

VIII. GENERAL DISCUSSION

The next regular meeting of the Authority will be held on **Thursday, October 19, 2023**, at 9:00 a.m. in the Destin City Hall Board Room, Destin, Florida.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:20 a.m.

Approved this 19th day of October 2023.



Gordon E. Fornell, Chairman