

**MINUTES  
MID-BAY BRIDGE AUTHORITY  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2024**

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

**I. OPENING**

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

Member absent:           James D. Neilson, Jr.

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 welcomed Mr. Rob Vandebroek, Okaloosa County Road Division Chief and County liaison to the Mid-Bay Bridge Authority.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. Regular Meeting – January 18, 2024**

**A motion to approve the January 18, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes was made by Mr. Wood with a second by Mr. Destin and a 4-0 vote was taken for approval.**

**IV. TREASURER’S REPORT**

Mr. Wood presented the Treasurer’s Report for January 2024. Account balances were:

FNBT Bank	\$	309,343.67
Regions		\$54,874,705.18

**Mr. Wood made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Reports for January 2024 with a second by Mr. Wintner and a 4-0 vote was taken for approval.**

**V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**A. Operations.** Mr. Fuller reported that traffic is good but revenue is down, likely due to delayed Toll-By-Plate collection by the Florida Turnpike Enterprise (FTE).

The FTE distributed an e-mail to all SunPass customers in both Okaloosa and Walton County's informing them of the current Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Mid-Bay Bridge Rehabilitation Project which has begun. Information cards have been printed and are currently being handed out to cash customers. Weekly advisories now include flagman information related to alternating lane closures, which affect approximately 200 vehicles per hour during the overnight work hours between 8:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. Sunday through Thursday. Currently, spall repairs have been completed and will be followed by deck sealing and pier repairs.

#### **VI. LEGAL COUNSEL**

Ms. Anchors reminded the board of annual ethics training. Ms. Anchors will provide the links for on-line training and dates for in-person training that are available. There is a fee of \$79.00 which the Authority will reimburse each member. Further discussion included the requirements of completing the financial information required annually on Form 6.

#### **VII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Mr. Fornell offered information from the Department of the Air Force regarding reorganization of Air Force Major Commands, as well as a memorandum regarding its implementation locally from General Garraty, 96th Test Wing Commander at Eglin AFB.

#### **VIII. GENERAL DISCUSSION**

The next regular meeting of the Authority will be held on **Thursday, March 21, 2024**, at 9:00 a.m. in the Niceville City Hall Council Chambers, Niceville, Florida.

#### **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:17 a.m.

**Approved this 21st day of March 2024.**



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Gordon E. Fornell, Chairman