

**MINUTES
MID-BAY BRIDGE AUTHORITY
THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2024**

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

I. OPENING

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

Member absent: James T. Wood, Jr. (excused)

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

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting – March 21, 2024

A motion to approve the March 21, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes was made by Mr. Neilson with a second by Mr. Destin and a 4-0 vote was taken for approval.

IV. TREASURER’S REPORT

Mr. Neilson presented the Treasurer’s Report for March 2024. Account balances were:

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| FNBT Bank | \$ | 309,747.36 |
| Regions | | \$58,805,828.32 |

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

V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A. Operations. Mr. Fuller reported that the Mid-Bay Bridge Rehabilitation Project is ongoing, and no issues have been encountered. The speed limit signs have been returned to 55 MPH except during hours when workers are present. The State Toll Relief Program which started in calendar year 2023 was approved during the 2024 legislative session to be reinstated effective April 1, 2024, through March 31, 2025. As reported last month the Florida Turnpike Enterprise (FTE) has been working on and testing a

new process for toll collection when customers do not have cash which should be implemented at the Mid-Bay Bridge soon. Discussion included discounts for the disabled and Mr. Fuller explained the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has an application process for those who meet very specific criteria.

B. Webber Infra Contract – 2024 Tourist Season North Lakeshore Drive Ramp Closure. Mr. Fuller presented the annual contract from Webber Infra for the closure of the North Lakeshore Drive southbound ramps during the 2024 tourist season and recommended approval. This is the seventh year the Authority has partnered with Okaloosa County to reduce congestion on White Point Road on Saturday’s during the summer months.

A motion was made by Mr. Destin with a second by Mr. Neilson to approve the Webber Infra Contract for the 2024 Tourist Season North Lakeshore Drive Southbound Ramp Closure and a 4-0 vote taken for approval.

VI. LEGAL COUNSEL

Ms. Anchors reported that she and Mr. Fuller continue to work with Florida Power & Light (FP&L) on an Easement. Discussed ensued.

The Authority also discussed its bridge, property, and business interruption insurance coverage through the FDOT policy.

VII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

None

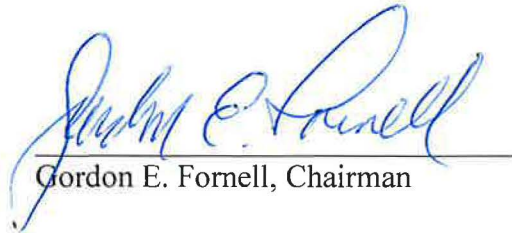
VIII. GENERAL DISCUSSION

The next regular meeting of the Authority will be held on **Thursday, May 16, 2024**, at 9:00 a.m. in the Niceville City Hall Council Chambers, Niceville, Florida.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:35 a.m.

Approved this 16th day of May 2024.



Gordon E. Fornell, Chairman