

**MINUTES
MID-BAY BRIDGE AUTHORITY
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2024**

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

I. OPENING

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

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. Fornell welcomed Mr. Rob VandenBroeck, Okaloosa County Road Division Chief and County liaison to the Mid-Bay Bridge Authority. There were no members of the press present.

III. INTRODUCTION AND ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE

- A. Reappointed Members: G. Fornell, J. Wood
- B. Newly Appointed Member: R. Marinan

Mr. Fornell welcomed newly appointed member Robert Marinan by presenting him with a framed print of the Mid-Bay Bridge opening. Ms. Anchors readministered to Oath of Office to all five Governor appointed members of the Mid-Bay Bridge Authority.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting – October 17, 2024

A motion to approve the October 17, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes was made by Mr. Neilson with a second by Mr. Wood and a 5-0 vote was taken for approval.

V. TREASURER’S REPORT

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

FNBT Bank	\$	342,550.29
Regions		\$57,194,567.57

Mr. Wood made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Reports for October 2024 with a second by Mr. Wintner and a 5-0 vote was taken for approval.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. Fuller explained that next month the November 2024 Treasurer's Report will show a considerable decrease in the Revenue Fund from the Annual reconciliation and revenue sharing with the FDOT.

A. Operations. Mr. Fuller reported that September 2024 traffic and revenue were a bit lower, attributed primarily to Hurricane Helene's impact on travel. Even with that decrease FY2024 was an outstanding year and within 1% of our Traffic and Revenue Consultants projections. He also noted that Jacobs, The Authority's Traffic and Revenue Consultant, has started reaching out to the local planning organizations (e.g., Tourist Development Council (TDC), Economic Development Council (EDC), and Okaloosa and Walton County Planning Offices, etc.) to collect growth planning data for use while preparing the Investment Grade Traffic & Revenue Study.

Discussion included that the Mid-Bay Bridge Rehabilitation project has been slow going. Work was scheduled to resume the week of November 18, 2024, however there was a significant rain event which delayed work for three or four days. The Project is scheduled for completion by March 2025. The Toll Plaza roof will require replacement and is scheduled during Spring 2025.

VII. LEGAL COUNSEL

None

VIII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Fornell wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and safe travels.

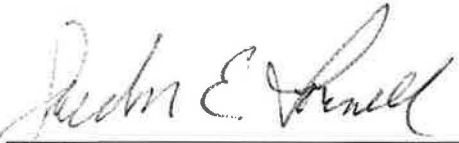
IX. GENERAL DISCUSSION

The next regular meeting of the Authority will be held on **Thursday, December 12, 2024, ONE WEEK EARLIER THAN NORMAL**, at 9:00 a.m. in the Destin City Hall Board Room, Destin, Florida.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:11 a.m.

Approved this 12th day of December 2024.



Gordon E. Fornell, Chairman