

Minutes

Special RTA Board of Trustees Meeting

10:35 a.m., Tuesday, June 4, 2019

Present: Clough (Chair), Lucas (Vice Chair), Bibb, Byrne, Joyce, McCall, Moss, Serrano, Welo

Not present: None

Also Present: Astolfi, Benford, Bitto, Bober, Burney, Catalusci, Caver, Cottrell, Cranford, Dangelo, Davis, Davis, Dietrich, Farmeric, Feke, Fields, Garofoli, Gautam, Gay, Gibbons, Jaszczak, Jones, Keshtkaran, Kirkland, Laule, Lewis, Lively, Lyons-Statler, Macver, Opett, Penning, Ponder, Rosenberger, Schipper, Schultz, Scott, Smith, Stocking, Sutula, Tarka, Tarter, Togher, Vukmanic, Weil, Wilson, Zeller

Mayor Clough called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. The secretary called the roll and reported that nine (9) board members were present.

The Secretary advised that notice of this meeting has been posted more than twenty-four hours in advance of the meeting, that the usual notification has been given the news media and other interested persons, and that all requirements of the Ohio Revised Code and Rules and Bylaws of this Board regarding notice of meeting have been complied with.

Introduction of Resolutions:

- A. 2019-58 – Ratifying an increase to Contract No. 2017-172 with Professional Service Industries, Inc. for Project 17.61 to provide additional consulting services for On-Call Testing & Reporting 2018, as specified and as required, in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$165,000.00 (RTA Development Fund, Engineering & Project Development Department budget), the adoption of which was moved by Mr. Serrano, seconded by Mr. Bibb and approved by unanimous vote.

The board has received communication over the last week related to an issue with the retaining wall along the S-Curve. The wall is being stressed so safety precautions are needed. Mike Schipper gave an overview. The wall section is in the S-Curve between W. Blvd. and W. 117th Street stations. It's narrow and is in a cut section where there are retaining walls on both sides of the tracks. It is a hard place to access and maintain. Five or six years ago there was a major project to rehabilitate that area. Last year they noticed movements in the panels. There is a 300 ft. section that is in question. The panels are 50 ft. long. They started monitoring them last June. A few weeks ago they noticed more movement. It was determined for safety to shut down service earlier than the planned Red Line west track project.

Three activities are in progress. One is with PSI for on-call. The project was under \$100,000. They have the insurance and can mobilize quickly. They are task with geotechnical work to help access what is happening behind the wall and the foot. They have engaged the on-call rail engineering consultant WSP. They have money available in their task order contract. They have been issued a task order to get started. This work is in the existing contract. They have been working on a variety of design solutions to address the problem.

The next contract is with Great Lakes Construction. They have done emergency work for RTA in the past. They plan to pair them up with the geotech and engineer to come up with a solution that can be implemented before June 29 when the planned shutdown ends. They will assess ready-available material that can be procured and incorporated into the design solution. The initial estimate is \$650,000 based on preliminary calculations. That number may change. If adjustments are needed to the cost, they will come back to the Board for approval. RTA is in the cut section. Norfolk Railroad is in the normal section. They run tracks close to RTA's. They have slowed their trains on that track to 25 mph, which decreases the loading. Staff is communicating daily with Norfolk on the stability of the track,

the wall and their operations. Both of these resolutions are needed to move forward with the goal for the vendors to come up with a solution to design, implement and return to service June 29.

Mr. Joyce asked what staff thinks the solution will be regarding the load behind the wall. Mike said they believe there has been some type of failure, but they don't know the extent and have not defined the area. They are looking at solutions that may require construction on RTA's side of the wall.

- B. 2019-59 – Ratifying Contract No. 2019-087 with the Great Lakes Construction Co. for the emergency repair of the Red Line S-Curve retaining wall, at a total amount not to exceed \$650,000.00 (RTA Development Fund, Engineering & Project Development Department budget), the adoption of which was moved by Mayor Welo, seconded by Mr. Serrano and approved by unanimous vote.

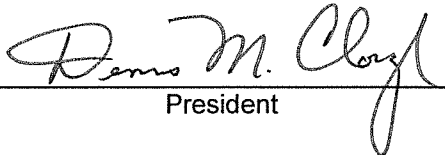
Mayor Clough added that this is the proper way to handle emergency situations with a special meeting. The GM is given the authority to move forward. Then the Board can ratify it.

Executive Session Requested

10:45 a.m. - Mayor Clough asked for a motion to go into executive session to confer with RTA's attorney regarding a dispute that is the subject of pending litigation or imminent court action and to consider the appointment, employment and compensation of a public employee or official. It was moved by Ms. McCall, seconded by Mr. Bibb. There were nine (9) ayes and none opposed.

11:28 a.m. - It was moved by Mayor Welo, seconded by Mr. Serrano to come out of executive session. There were eight (8) ayes and none opposed. Ms. McCall left prior to the roll call.

This meeting was adjourned at 11:28 a.m.



President

Attest: 

Interim CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer