

## MOON TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

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### 2020 AUTHORITY BOARD

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### MINUTES

**Monday, April 6, 2020**

The Moon Transportation Authority (MTA) Board of Directors met on Monday, April 6, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. by conference call (due to Covid19) instead of at the Authority's regular meeting location, which is Moon Township Municipal Building, 1000 Beaver Grade Road, Moon Township, Allegheny County, PA 15108.

#### **Board Members:**

Michael Hauser - Present  
John Hertzner - Present  
Mark Scappe - Present  
James Vitale – Present  
Tom Weaver - Present

#### **Also, in Attendance:**

Lynn Colosi, Delta Development Group, Inc.  
Austin P. Henry, Esq., Mills & Henry  
Todd Alexander, Esq., Mills & Henry  
David Toal, The Toal Law Firm  
Brian Krul, TranSystems  
Joe Rusiewicz, TranSystems

#### **Call to Order**

Mr. Scappe opened the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

#### **Roll Call**

Mr. Scappe conducted roll call. All Board members were present except for Mr. Vitale who entered the conference call meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Mr. Toal joined the meeting at 6:41 p.m.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

**Motion** by Mr. Weaver to approve the Minutes for the regular meeting of March 2020 and Special Meeting conducted March 10, 2020. Second by Mr. Hauser. Motion passed 4-0.

## **Financials**

### **a. Payment of February/March 2020 Invoices**

Ms. Colosi presented receipts and invoices for February/March 2020 time-period. Ms. Colosi brought to the Board's attention the bi-annual loan payments to PNC Bank.

**Motion** by Mr. Herzer to approve payment of February/March 2020 invoices. Second by Mr. Hauser. Motion passed 4-0.

### **b. Cash Flow/Budget Update**

Ms. Colosi presented the 2020 Cash Flow budget to the Board and noted, given current conditions and no unforeseen issues, that MTA could end the year with about \$998,000 to carry-over into 2021.

Ms. Colosi reported on the status of PIB loan proceeds and payment to PennDOT for Thorn Run Interchange construction. PennDOT informed Ms. Colosi that they think the check has been received by Central Office, however are unable to confirm the check's status due to Central Office's closure as per Covid19 safety requirements. Ms. Colosi will continue to correspond with Central Office and implement an alternate payment approach if necessary.

### **c. 2019 and 2020 Gaming & Economic Development Fund (GEDF) Grant Program**

MTA received a Grant Contract package from Allegheny County Economic Development (ACED) for the \$212,000 award for final design of Rouser Road Connector (RRC).

The 2020 GEDF application cycle is currently open and MTA is considering applying for right-of-way acquisition and/or construction of Stevenson Mill Connector (SMC).

Both the 2019 contract and 2020 application require certain documents and forms to be executed by MTA officials.

**Motion** by Mr. Hauser authorizing MTA officers including Board members and Executive Director to execute any documents necessary for the 2019 GEDF Contract and 2020 GEDF Grant Application. Second by Mr. Hertzler. Motion passed 4-0.

### **d. 2019 Audit Kick-Off**

Ms. Colosi reported that Mark Turnley Associates is beginning MTA's 2019 audit. Financial materials are being compiled and uploaded to Turnley. The audit is anticipated to be completed in May and put before the Board in June for approval and submission to the Commonwealth and taxing body partners.

## **Project Updates**

### **a. Thorn Run Interchange Project**

Ms. Colosi provided status of the Thorn Run Interchange Construction Project and reported

that the project has been approved for restart by the Governor's office. As such, Ms. Colosi participated in a project "restart" meeting with District 11 and Golden Triangle Construction.

Based on negotiations Ms. Colosi conducted with LR Kimball officials as directed by MTA's Board, LR Kimball revised several invoices, most notably Cherrington Parkway Pavement Redesign and Detour, and resubmitted it to MTA with lower pricing. Cherrington Parkway cost was reduced from \$36,000 to \$21,000. Cost estimates for additional projects undertaken by LR Kimball including Thorn Run Ramp detour and the sinkhole along One Thorn Run Center, \$1,436.78 and \$556.64 respectively, were submitted to Ms. Colosi. The Board approved immediate payment of the Thorn Run Ramp invoice. Ms. Colosi will ask LR Kimball to submit all other invoices for consideration by the Board at May's meeting.

**Motion** by Mr. Vitale to approve \$1,436.78 payment to LR Kimball for work completed on Thorn Run Ramp closure and detour. Second by Mr. Weaver. Motion passed 5-0.

Ms. Colosi reported the Stream Mitigation Project is essentially status quo until June, when stream work is permitted to resume.

**b. Stevenson Mill Connector (SMC)/Rouser Road Connector (RRC)**

Mr. Krul, TranSystems, SMC and RRC project engineer, and his colleague, Joe Rusiewicz with TranSystems, presented a PowerPoint describing status of preliminary engineering for both SMC and RRC projects. The PowerPoint presentation is available upon request.

The Board briefly discussed with TranSystems their recommendation to reduce RRC alignment to the first two options and eliminate the option that bisects the hotel areas and connects with Thorn Run Road due to exorbitant right-of-way and construction costs.

Mr. Henry reported on his latest email correspondence with Mr. Lohan, Army, and the status of the Army's review of the potential RRC alignment. Mr. Henry said he last corresponded with the Army about 10 days ago and that they are still reviewing but don't foresee any issues at this time.

Ms. Colosi reported that MTA is still planning to hold a project Steering Committee meeting on April 21<sup>st</sup>, however, that meeting will be conducted by conference call and video.

**c. Market Place Boulevard**

Mr. Krul informed the Board that Ms. Colosi reviewed the final draft of the Transportation Master Plan and that he is preparing the plan for submission to the Township.

A discussion ensued, prompted by Mr. Scappe, about procuring an engineering consulting firm to design Market Place Boulevard Extension and Montour Run Road Upgrades. Mr. Henry and Ms. Colosi advised that the most prudent approach is to solicit (issue a Request for Qualifications) for engineering firms to design the extension of Market Place Boulevard and offsite roadway and intersections along Montour Run Road. Some of the discussion

consisted of ensuring that MTA hires its engineering consultant(s) commensurate with grant program requirements. The rest of the conversation focused on preparing for opportunities associated with Covid-19/CARES Act transportation infrastructure funds.

**Motion** by Mr. Weaver authorizing the Executive Director to prepare in consultation with the Solicitor and Special Counsel a Request for Qualifications for Market Place Boulevard and Montour Run Road projects. Second by Mr. Vitale. Motion passed 5-0.

**Other Items of Interest**

There were no other items of interest.

**Executive Session**

There was no executive session.

**Comments from the Public**

There were no comments from the public.

**Motion to Adjourn**

**Motion** to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Vitale at 7:23 p.m. Second by Mr. Hertzler. Motion passed 5-0.

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