



Record of Meeting | November 16, 2023

The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority's ("Tollway") Board of Directors met in regular session on Thursday, November 16, 2023, in the Boardroom of Tollway headquarters in Downers Grove, Illinois. The meeting was held pursuant to the By-Laws of the Tollway upon call and notice of the meeting executed by Chairman Arnaldo Rivera and posted in accordance with the requirements of the Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/1, *et seq.*

[*Bolded entries indicate issues which may require follow-up to present or report to the Board.*]

Call to Order / Roll Call

Chairman Rivera called the meeting to order at approximately 10:16 a.m. Given Director Gomez's advance notice to the Board Secretary of her inability to attend due to conflicting business commitments and given that a quorum of the committee was physically present, in accordance with the Open Meetings Act and Tollway By-laws, Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to allow Director Gomez's participation by audio conference. Director Neddermeyer made such a motion, seconded by Director McConnaughay. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

Chairman Rivera asked the Board Secretary to call the roll, those Directors present and absent being as follows:

Board Members Present:
Director James Connolly
Director Jacqueline Gomez <i>[by telephone]</i>
Director Karen McConnaughay
Director Melissa Neddermeyer
Director Scott Paddock
Director Gary Perinar, Jr.
Director James Sweeney
Director Mark Wright
Chairman Arnaldo Rivera

Board Members Not Present:
Governor JB Pritzker <i>[ex officio]</i>
Secretary Omer Osman <i>[ex officio]</i>

The Board Secretary declared a quorum present.



Chairman Rivera asked Capt. Ken Benson of Illinois State Police Troop 15 to provide the monthly safety message.

Safety Message

Capt. Ken Benson advised motorists who may have a vehicle breakdown in a live lane of traffic that they should pull to the side of the road and remain seat-belted in their vehicles. Additionally, such motorists and drivers involved in roadway incidents should activate their emergency lights and call 911 or *999 for assistance from the Illinois State Police and Tollway maintenance. Capt. Benson also emphasized that the Move Over Law, also known as Scott's Law, requires drivers to move over when encountering stopped or disabled emergency vehicles with flashing warning lights.

Public Comment

Chairman Rivera opened the floor for public comment. Joseph Reichert addressed the Board and offered comments concerning the Tollway's ongoing negotiations with SEIU Local 73. Chairman Rivera thanked Mr. Reichert for his comments.

Chair's Items

Item 1: Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board of Directors Meeting held October 26, 2023.

Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve **Chair's Item 1**, the minutes of the Regular Board of Directors meeting held October 26, 2023, as presented. Director Neddermeyer made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Director McConnaughay. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

Item 2: Approval of the Executive Session Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting held October 26, 2023.

Chairman Rivera stated that without objection, action on Chair's Item 2 will be deferred until after consideration in Executive Session.

Item 3: Committee Reports

Chairman Rivera dispensed with committee reports, noting that Directors were present for the committee meetings.

Item 4: Additional Items



Chairman Rivera, having no further items, turned the floor over to Executive Director Cassaundra Rouse.

Executive Director's Items

Executive Director Rouse addressed several key agenda items, emphasizing the significance of the Rolling Owner-Controlled Insurance Program ("ROCIP"). She noted that the ROCIP demonstrates the Tollway's ongoing commitment to reducing barriers that limit opportunities for small, minority- and women-owned firms to participate on construction and related professional services contracts awarded by the Tollway. Additionally, she brought attention to a pivotal milestone—the contract for the I-290/I-88 Interchange on the Tri-State Tollway—infrastructure that is critical to the daily commute of over 300,000 vehicles.

In her update, Ms. Rouse announced the ratification of a new contract by members of Teamsters Local 700. She noted that the contract would be presented for consideration by the Board later in today's meeting. Ms. Rouse commended all parties for their successful efforts in reaching a consensus on competitive wages and benefits, demonstrating a commitment to the well-being of Tollway team members.

Ms. Rouse also highlighted the recent conclusion of the Tollway's Thanksgiving Food Drive, a charitable initiative supporting the Downers Grove area FISH Food Pantry. Looking ahead, she informed attendees that the Tollway will commence its annual collection for Toys for Tots in December. Lastly, Ms. Rouse extended warm holiday greetings to the Tollway's dedicated staff and Directors.

Executive Director Rouse returned the floor to Chairman Rivera.

Items for Consideration

Finance

Item 1: Award of Contract 23-0173 to Mesirow Insurance Services, Inc. for the purchase of a Rolling Owner-Controlled Insurance Program (ROCIP) in an estimated premium amount of \$1,602,251.00 for a three-year period. The coverage will provide General Liability only on ongoing construction programs covering multiple projects for smaller businesses (Order Against CMS Master Contract).

Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve **Finance Item 1**. Director Neddermeyer made a motion to approve this item, seconded by Director McConnaughay. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.



Information Technology

Item 1: Extension of Contract 14-0087 with Sentinel Technologies, Inc. for the purchase of EMC Equipment, Maintenance, Support, and Services in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00 (Tollway Invitation for Bid).

Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve **Information Technology Item 1**. Director Neddermeyer made a motion to approve this item, seconded by Director McConnaughay. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

Facilities & Fleet Operations

Item 1: Award of Contract 23-0171 to Energy Absorption Systems, LLC for the purchase of Trailer-Mounted Crash Attenuators in an amount not to exceed \$717,600.00 (Order Against CMS Master Contract).

Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to motion to approve **Facilities & Fleet Operations Item 1**. Director Neddermeyer made a motion to approve this item, seconded by Director McConnaughay. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

Engineering

Item 1: Award of Contract RR-23-4909 to Martam Construction, Inc. for Bridge Rehabilitation on the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) between Mile Post 69.5 (Beach Creek) and Mile Post 94.0 (Peace Road) in the amount of \$1,204,704.93.

Item 2: Award of Contract I-21-4836 to Judlau Contracting, Inc. for Interchange Reconstruction on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Southbound I-294/I-290/I-88 Interchange between Mile Post 30.0 (Cermak Plaza 35) and Mile Post 32.4 (St. Charles Road) in the amount of \$323,875,272.88. [Recusal: Director Wright]

Item 3: Award of Contract RR-23-9288 to Aldridge Electric, Inc. for Dynamic Message Sign Installation and Plaza Improvements on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) between Mile Post 5.6 (163rd Street) and Mile Post 10.9 (135th Street) in the amount of \$4,886,803.35.

Item 4: Award of Contract RR-23-4902 to Utility Dynamics Corporation for Systemwide Lighting Repairs Systemwide in the amount of \$3,069,688.00.

Item 5: Acceptance of Proposal from Civiltech Engineering, Inc. on Contract I-23-4756 for Construction Management Services on the Elgin O'Hare Western Access (I-490) between I-294 and I-90 in an amount not to exceed \$2,698,336.24.



Item 6: Award of Contract 23-0108 to Cicero Mfg. & Supply Co., Inc. for the purchase of Fast-Setting Cement in an amount not to exceed \$166,310.00 (Tollway Invitation for Bid).

Chairman Rivera stated that Director Wright has indicated in advance his wish to recuse himself from participating in decision regarding Engineering Item 2. He requested that this item be taken first.

Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to motion to approve **Engineering Item 2**. Director Neddermeyer made a motion to approve this item, seconded by Director McConnaughay. Chairman Rivera asked that the roll be called on the motion, the vote of yeas and nays being as follows:

Yeas: Director Neddermeyer, Director McConnaughay, Director Connolly, Director Gomez, Director Paddock, Director Perinar, Director Sweeney, Chairman Rivera (8)

Nays: (0)

Recusals: Director Wright (1)

The motion PASSED.

Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to consolidate for consideration and action Engineering Items 1 and 3-6. Director Neddermeyer made a motion to consolidate these items, seconded by Director McConnaughay. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

The motion to consolidate these items having carried, Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve **Engineering Items 1 and 3-6**. Director Neddermeyer made a motion to approve these items, seconded by Director McConnaughay. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

Legal

Item 1: Approval of a Worker's Compensation Settlement – Richard Arnone. Cost to the Tollway: As discussed in Executive Session.

Item 2: Approval of a Worker's Compensation Settlement – Gregory Prochnow. Cost to the Tollway: As discussed in Executive Session.

Item 3: Approval of a Settlement Agreement. Cost to the Tollway: As discussed in Executive Session.

Item 4: Approval of Collective Bargaining Agreement with Teamsters Local 700. Cost to the Tollway: As discussed in Executive Session.



Chairman Rivera stated that without objection, Legal Items 1-4 would be deferred until after consideration in Executive Session.

Business Systems

Item 1: Renewal of Contract 16-0080 with Electronic Transaction Consultants, LLC for the purchase of Toll Collection System Maintenance Services in an amount not to exceed \$81,217,000.00 (Tollway Request for Proposal).

Item 2: Award of Contract 23-0160 to Electronic Transaction Consultants, LLC for the purchase of Toll Revenue Management and Maintenance Program Services in an amount not to exceed \$5,500,000.00 (Tollway Sole Source).

Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve **Business Systems Item 1**. Director Neddermeyer made a motion to approve this item, seconded by Director McConnaughay. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve **Business Systems Item 2**. Director Neddermeyer made a motion to approve this item, seconded by Director McConnaughay. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

Executive Session

Chairman Rivera called for a motion to enter Executive Session pursuant to exceptions provided in Section 2(c)(2), (8), (11) and (21) of the Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2), (8), (11) and (21), to consider Tollway matters related to collective bargaining, safety and security procedures, pending or probable litigation and the minutes of closed meetings. Director Neddermeyer made a motion, pursuant to the sections specified, to enter Executive Session, seconded by Director McConnaughay. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

At approximately 10:32 a.m., the Board entered Executive Session.

Return from Executive Session and Action (if any)

At approximately 11:29 a.m., the Board re-entered the public session of the Meeting.

Chair's Item 2: Approval of the Executive Session Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting held October 26, 2023.

Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve **Chair's Item 2**, the Executive Session minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting held October 26, 2023. Director Neddermeyer made a motion



to approve the minutes, seconded by Director McConnaughay. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

Legal Item 1: Approval of a Worker’s Compensation Settlement – Richard Arnone. Cost to the Tollway: As discussed in Executive Session.

Legal Item 2: Approval of a Worker’s Compensation Settlement – Gregory Prochnow. Cost to the Tollway: As discussed in Executive Session.

Legal Item 3: Approval of a Settlement Agreement. Cost to the Tollway: As discussed in Executive Session.

Legal Item 4: Approval of Collective Bargaining Agreement with Teamsters Local 700. Cost to the Tollway: As discussed in Executive Session.

Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to consolidate for consideration and action Legal Items 1-4. Director Neddermeyer made a motion to consolidate these items, seconded by Director McConnaughay. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

The motion to consolidate these items having carried, Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve **Legal Items 1-4**, as discussed in Executive Session. Director Neddermeyer made a motion to approve these items, seconded by Director McConnaughay. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to adjourn. Director Neddermeyer made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Director McConnaughay. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

The Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:31 a.m.

Minutes taken by: _____

Christi Regnery
Board Secretary
Illinois State Toll Highway Authority