



Record of Meeting | December 14, 2023

The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority's ("Tollway") Board of Directors met in regular session on Thursday, December 14, 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 10:40 a.m. and 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
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 Lt. Nick Hasan of Illinois State Police Troop 15 to provide the monthly safety message.

Safety Message

Lt. Nick Hasan offered the following winter driving safety tips for those traveling during inclement weather:



- Be patient and alert. Allow extra time to get to your destination. Let someone else know your travel route and expected arrival time.
- Even if traffic appears sparse, do not drive above the speed limit or above the speed that roadway conditions allow, and increase following distance. Do not crowd snow plows.
- If possible, move over, slow down and proceed with caution when approaching stationary vehicles with emergency lights activated.
- Keep your eyes on the road, watch your speed, wear your seatbelt and do not drive after consuming alcoholic beverages.
- Dress appropriately for the weather and keep plenty of fuel in your tank in case your vehicle becomes disabled. Carry a cell phone and a charger. Have an emergency car care kit, containing jumper cables, a flashlight, an ice scraper, blankets, gloves, food, water and a first-aid kit.
- Ensure your vehicle is properly maintained and ready for winter.
- Clean ice and snow from your windshield and lights.

Public Comment

Chairman Rivera opened the floor for public comment. No comment was offered.

Chair's Items

Item 1: *Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board of Directors Meeting held November 16, 2023.*

Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve **Chair's Item 1**, the minutes of the Regular Board of Directors meeting held November 16, 2023, as presented. Director Connolly made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Director Gomez. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

Item 2: *Approval of the Executive Session Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting held November 16, 2023.*

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

Item 3: *Approval of the 2024 Schedule of Tollway Committee and Board Meetings.*



Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve **Chair's Item 3**, as presented. Director Connolly made a motion to approve this item, seconded by Director Gomez. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

Item 4: Approval of the 2024 Tollway Holiday Schedule.

Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve **Chair's Item 4**, as presented. Director Connolly made a motion to approve this item, seconded by Director Gomez. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

Item 5: Committee Reports

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

Item 6: Additional Items

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

Executive Director's Items

Executive Director Rouse announced that the Tollway received a prestigious 2023 National Roadway Safety Award for its innovative TIMS2GO Mobile Incident Response Tool. In addition, she announced that Roads & Bridges Magazine named the Tollway's Mile Long Bridge project the #1 Bridge Project of 2023.

Executive Director Rouse underscored several key agenda items, such as the ConstructionWorks program and the Job Order Contracting program, as examples of the agency's continuous efforts to positively impact the local and regional economy.

Finally, Ms. Rouse extended holiday greetings and expressed gratitude to the staff for their active participation in the Thanksgiving Food Drive and the annual collection for Toys for Tots.

Executive Director Rouse returned the floor to Chairman Rivera.

Items for Consideration

Finance

Item 1: Approval of the FY 2024 Final Budget.



Item 2: Award of Contract 23-0186 to Mesirow Insurance Services, Inc. for the purchase of Cyber Liability Insurance Coverage in an amount not to exceed \$274,841.00 (Order Against CMS Master Contract).

Item 3: Approval to amend authorization to refund Series 2013A and 2014B bonds. – DEFERRED.

Chairman Rivera stated that without objection, action on Finance Item 3 would be deferred. He then entertained a motion to approve **Finance Item 1**, as presented. Director Connolly made a motion to approve this item, seconded by Director Gomez. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve **Finance Item 2**. Director Connolly made a motion to approve this item, seconded by Director Gomez. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

Internal Audit

Item 1: Approval of the Two-Year Internal Audit Plan for 2024-2025.

Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve **Internal Audit Item 1**. Director Connolly made a motion to approve this item, seconded by Director Gomez. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

Information Technology

Item 1: Award of Contract 23-0191 to Presidio Networked Solutions LLC for the purchase of Cisco Systems, Services, Maintenance, and Support in an amount not to exceed \$3,073,552.93 (Order Against DoIT Master Contract).

Item 2: Award of Contract 23-0192 to Presidio Networked Solutions LLC for the purchase of Cisco Equipment, VoIP, and Security Services in an amount not to exceed \$3,891,011.39 (Order Against DoIT Master Contract).

Item 3: Award of Contract 23-0131 to Emergent, LLC for the purchase of Red Hat Software Maintenance and Support in an amount not to exceed \$699,467.14 (Tollway Invitation for Bid).

Item 4: Award of Contract 23-0147 to SHI International Corp. for the purchase of Tripwire Software Maintenance and Support in an amount not to exceed \$375,319.67 for an initial three-year term and a possible two-year renewal term in an amount not to exceed \$261,980.25 (Tollway Invitation for Bid).



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

The motion to consolidate these items having carried, Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve **Information Technology Items 1-4**. Director Connolly made a motion to approve these items, seconded by Director Gomez. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

Facilities & Fleet Operations

Item 1: Award of Contract 23-0073 to McDonagh Demolition, Inc., Anchor Mechanical, Inc. and Construction Inc. for the purchase of Job Order Contracting for General Construction and Mechanical Services in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$26,229,157.50 for an initial three-year term and a possible two-year renewal term in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$17,486,105.00 (Tollway Invitation for Bid).

Item 2: Award of Contract 23-0116 to McDonagh Demolition, Inc. and Leopardo Companies Inc. for the purchase of Job Order Contracting for Roadway Services in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$11,184,375.00 for an initial three-year term and a possible two-year renewal term in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$7,456,250.00 (Tollway Invitation for Bid).

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

Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to motion to approve **Facilities & Fleet Operations Item 2**. Director Connolly made a motion to approve this item, seconded by Director Gomez. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

Engineering

Item 1: Approval of modifications to the Move Illinois Program.

Item 2: Award of Contract RR-23-4922 to Foundation Mechanics, LLC for M-4 Storage Building Construction on the Tri-State Tollway (I-94) at Mile Post 8.4 (Grand Avenue) in the amount of \$2,559,918.00.

Item 3: Award of Contract RR-23-4914 to K-Five Construction Corporation for Ramp Pavement Repairs on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) at Mile Post 42.1 (Touhy Avenue) and at Mile Post 44.2 (Dempster Street (US Route 14)) in the amount of \$1,109,697.00.



Item 4: Award of Contract RR-23-4915 to Rock Road Companies, Inc. for Ramp Pavement Repairs on the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) at Mile Post 25.0 (Genoa Road) in the amount of \$699,083.92.

Item 5: Award of Contract RR-23-4916 to R.W. Dunteman Company for Ramp Pavement Repairs on the Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355) at Mile Post 24.6 (Roosevelt Road (IL Route 38)) in the amount of \$630,000.00.

Item 6: Award of Contract RR-23-4903 to AGAE Contractors, Inc. for M-1 Facility Improvements on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) at Mile Post 12.1 (Cicero Avenue) in the amount of \$9,753,130.00.

Item 7: Award of Contract 23-0172 to Morton Salt, Inc., Cargill, Inc., and Compass Minerals America, Inc. for the purchase of Bulk Rock Salt in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$5,970,159.60 (Order Against CMS Master Contract).

Item 8: Award of Contract 23-0143 to Midwest Mobile Waterjet, LLC (d.b.a. AWT, LLC) for the purchase of Refurbishing Services for Aluminum Sign Blanks and Aluminum Extrusions in an amount not to exceed \$645,950.00 (Tollway Invitation for Bid).

Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to consolidate for consideration and action Engineering Items 1-8. Director Connolly made a motion to consolidate these items, seconded by Director Gomez. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

The motion to consolidate these items having carried, Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve **Engineering Items 1-8**. Director Connolly made a motion to approve these items, seconded by Director Gomez. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

Legal

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

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

Diversity & Strategic Implementation

Item 1: Award of Contract 21-0196R to Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership for the purchase of Workforce Development Technical Assistance Initiative Services in an amount not to exceed \$4,500,000.00 (Tollway Request for Proposal). [Recusal: Director Wright]



Chairman Rivera stated that Director Wright has indicated in advance his wish to recuse himself on Diversity Item 1. He then entertained a motion to motion to approve **Diversity & Strategic Implementation Item 1**. Director Connolly made a motion to approve this item, seconded by Director Gomez. Chairman Rivera asked that the roll be called on the motion, the vote of yeas and nays being as follows:

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

Nays: (0)

Recusals: Director Wright (1)

The motion PASSED.

Executive Session

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

At approximately 10:56 a.m., the Board entered Executive Session.

Return from Executive Session and Action (if any)

At approximately 11:43 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 November 16, 2023.

Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve **Chair's Item 2**, the Executive Session minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting held November 16, 2023. Director Connolly made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Director Gomez. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

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



Chairman Rivera entertained a motion to approve **Legal Item 1**, as discussed in the Executive Session. Director Connolly made a motion to approve this item, seconded by Director Gomez. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

Adjournment

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

The Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:45 a.m.

Minutes taken by: _____

Christi Regnery
Board Secretary
Illinois State Toll Highway Authority