

**OGDENSBURG BRIDGE & PORT AUTHORITY**  
**FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**MONDAY, MARCH 29, 2021**

A meeting of the Facilities Committee of the Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority was held in the boardroom of the Administration Building on Monday, March 29, 2021 at 3:00 PM.

The following were present:

David D. King, Member, Committee Chair  
Jennifer Quirk-Pickman, Member  
Vernon D. Burns, Board Chair  
Steven J. Lawrence, Interim Executive Director  
Patricia A. Nisco, Chief Financial Officer  
Stephanie L. Saracco, Airport Manager

Committee Chair King called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

A. Ogdensburg-Prescott International Bridge

1. TIGER Grant U.S. Approach Spans Rehab Project update. Executive Director Steven J. Lawrence gave an update on the TIGER Grant rehab project. The project is in its second year. The bridge will be closed, nightly, from 8:00 PM to 6:00 AM for the month of May. The project is scheduled to be completed by November 30, 2021.

B. Commerce Park

1. Childcare Initiative update. The Childcare Initiative Committee has held its first meeting. There is another meeting scheduled with Bruce Stewart from the St. Lawrence Child Care Council in attendance. Jennifer Quirk-Pickman stated that this is a great initiative from a community standpoint and will be a draw for local businesses.

C. New York & Ogdensburg Rail

1. Raquette River / Grasse River Rail Bridges Rehabilitation Project update. Executive Director Steven J. Lawrence updated the Committee on the progress of this project. It should be ready for bid in June or July 2021. The rehabilitation will allow for larger capacity rail cars on the line. Board Chair Vernon D. Burns stated that this project has been ongoing for a long time and that it will provide more opportunities to use the rail and the Port. Committee Chair David D. King asked if weight has been an issue on the bridges. Executive Director Steven J. Lawrence confirmed that it has been, hence the need for the project.

D. Port of Ogdensburg

1. Port Harbor Deepening project update. Executive Director Steven J. Lawrence noted that the Authority received assistance from both the NYSDOT and Senator Schumer's office to keep this project going. The project will be bid in April with a contract award in August. Work will start in early 2022.
2. Port Dock Expansion project update. Executive Director Steven J. Lawrence stated that this project won't start until the dredging contractor's schedule is known. It will be bid in Spring 2022. Design is 80% complete.
3. 2021 Port Security Grant application status (\$150K). Executive Director Steven J. Lawrence reported that the Authority has applied for this grant every year since 2009. This year the application was scaled down. Also, the number of awards has been increased to 200.
4. 2021 Passenger & Rail Assistance Program (PFRAP) Grant application (\$925K). Executive Director Steven J. Lawrence stated that this application is due at the end of April. It is for rail-related projects that increase efficiency and security.

5. CRISI Grant Status (\$1 Million) Award 80% Fed / 20% OBPA. Executive Director Steven J. Lawrence noted that \$200,000 is required from the Authority as a match for this grant. The grant will provide very valuable equipment. Chief Financial Officer Patricia A. Nisco is working on the bidding schedule.

E. Ogdensburg International Airport.

1. NYS Revitalize Upstate Airports 2021 OGS (\$20 Million Grant Opportunity). Board Chair Vernon D. Burns noted that there are some safety measures that need to be modified that would be a part of this grant. Executive Director Steve J. Lawrence stated that, when more is known about the application, a presentation could be made. Committee Chair David D. King requested that this presentation be made to the full Board.
2. NYS Aviation Capital Grant (\$1.02 Million Grant Opportunity). Executive Director Steven J. Lawrence gave a brief update on this grant application. Committee Chair David D. King asked when the Authority know about the awarding of the grant? A date is not yet known but is expected soon.
3. Medium Intensity Approach Lighting System with Sequenced Flashers (MALSF) update. Executive Director Steven J. Lawrence updated the Committee about this project. Airport Manager Stephanie L. Saracco stated that the MALSF will allow aircraft lower minimum visibility which means that they will be able to land in worse weather.

Committee Chair David D. King noted that ads for OGS have already begun playing on the radio but that more needs to be done to let the public know that the Airport is open. Airport Manager Stephanie L. Saracco reported that the flights for the upcoming weekend are both full. Board Chair Vernon D. Burns suggested that the Authority needs to be ready in case of an

infrastructure bill at the federal level. Mr. Burns also requested that the Facilities Committee meet again to discuss the new marijuana bill that passed, to determine if any Authority property could be of use for the growing of marijuana. There was a brief discussion about the need to replace the Director of Commercial and Industrial Development. The next meeting was set for Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 2:30 PM. On a motion by Jennifer Quirk-Pickman, seconded by Vernon D. Burns, the meeting adjourned at 4:06 PM.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. King', written over a horizontal line.

David King  
Facilities Committee Chairperson