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2011 TIBA Officers and Board Members

(Collins Landing, Alexandria Bay, NY) At its monthly meeting held at their Administrative Office on January 20, 2011, the Thousand Islands Bridge Authority elected its officers for 2011.

Members and officers elected at the meeting include: Mr. Robert V.R. Barnard re-elected to a fourth one-year term as Chairman, Mr. Barnard resides in Cape Vincent, NY and was first appointed to the Authority in 1980.

Mr. Francis G. Garrett, Adams, NY, appointed to the Authority in 1991 was re-elected for a fourth term as Vice-Chairman.

In addition, Mr. Roger J. Forgues, Cornwall, Ontario, appointed to the Authority in 1990, was re-elected as Secretary-Treasurer. Serving as Assistant Secretary-Treasurers are Mr. John M. Kroon, Cornwall, Ontario, appointed to the Authority in 1998; Ms. Sheila A. Tremblay, Cornwall, Ontario, appointed to the Authority in 1998; Mr. Patrick J. Simpson, Alexandria Bay, NY, appointed to the Authority in 2004; and Mr. Glenn A. Lafave, Brownville, NY, appointed to the Authority in 2009. All Board members of the Thousand Islands Bridge Authority are appointed for five-year terms by the Jefferson County Board of Legislators.

The composition of the seven-member board consists of four U.S. members and three Canadian members. Since its inception, the Authority has been comprised of business and civic-minded citizens working to create and maintain international trade, travel and commerce.

The Thousand Islands Bridges have experienced traffic counts exceeding two million vehicles annually since 1990 as compared to the first fiscal year (1938-1939) count of 93,500. Since 1938, 92,000,000 vehicles have used this crossing. In addition, the Thousand Islands Bridge system experiences a billion dollars in commercial trade per month or twelve billion a year using this border crossing.

Since completion in 1938, the Thousand Islands Bridge Authority and its Canadian partners, the Federal Bridge Corporation Limited, have completed numerous improvement projects to its bridges, enabling this vital and important crossing to meet the needs of its customers.