

PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREATER NEW ORLEANS EXPRESSWAY COMMISSION, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2016 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE COVINGTON COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 222 EAST KIRKLAND STREET, COVINGTON, LA 70433

PRESENT: Anthony V. Ligi, Jr., Chairman; Shelby P. LaSalle, Jr., Vice Chairman; Stephen G. Romig, Secretary

ABSENT: Joseph A. Jaeger Jr., Treasurer

OTHERS: Carlton Dufrechou; Chie Nick Congemi; Melissa M. Phillpott; Stacie Heffker; Robert Graham; Red Thompson; Mayor Mike Cooper, Mayor of Covington; Cary Bourgeois and Philip Meyers, GEC, Inc.; Craig Watson, Blue Williams; Jan Evans, Volkert and Associates; Steve Bowes, Sisung Securities; Dean DuPlantier, Broadmoor Design Group; Juba Diez; Faimon Roberts III, The Advocate

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

On the motion by Mr. Jaeger, seconded by Mr. LaSalle, the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 17, 2016 were accepted as written. Mr. Ligi, Mr. LaSalle and Mr. Romig voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Anthony Ligi addressed the audience to see if anyone had any comments or questions for the commission. There were no comments or questions.

Mr. Carlton Dufrechou thanked Mayor Mike Cooper of Covington for hosting the GNOEC Commission meeting in the Covington Council Chambers. Mayor Cooper stated it was his pleasure to help out the GNOEC.

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On the Drawbridge operations, Mr. Dufrechou reported in February and March there were 25 vessel openings, 10 test openings and 1 pin motor incident.

Mr. Dufrechou reported fog operations took place on February 1, 2016 and February 2, 2016.

Mr. Dufrechou reported from February 1, 2016 through March 31, 2016, Police and MAP responded to 157 breakdowns on the Causeway Bridge and 44 breakdowns on the Huey P. Long Bridge for a total of 201. He reported in February there were 27 accidents on the Causeway Bridge and 13 accidents occurred on the Huey P. Long Bridge. Mr. Dufrechou stated in March there were 14 accidents on the Causeway Bridge and 13 on the Huey P. Long Bridge.

Mr. Dufrechou stated on April 28, 2016 SB 273 was scheduled to be approved in the Senate Committee on Finance.

Mr. Dufrechou showed three pictures from a truck fire that happened on the Causeway Bridge on Friday, February 19, 2016 at approximately 1:30 pm. He explained that two trucks were traveling Southbound when one stuck the other at the 5.5 mile marker. Mr. Dufrechou stated that the truck flipped, hit the rail and then caught fire. He reported that the Causeway Bridge was closed for approximately forty five minutes. Mr. Dufrechou stated two occupants suffered moderate injuries and were transported to East Jefferson Hospital and as a result of this accident.

Mr. Dufrechou showed a video of a waterspout that was taken on February 23, 2016. He stated it was captured by the 9 mile Camera on the Causeway Bridge.

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Mr. Dufrechou showed four videos to emphasize the importance of additional safety measures on the Causeway Bridge. The first video occurred on September 30, 2013 where a truck traveling Southbound can be seen going overboard. The second video showed the Texas A&M rail test that was performed with a large truck on September 29, 2015. The third video showed a vehicle rear end of vehicles that were stopped for a drawbridge opening. The fourth video is a 3D representation of proposed safety shoulders.

On the 9-Mile Turnaround Spans, Mr. Dufrechou presented Plan Change No. 3. **On motion by Mr. Romig, seconded by Mr. LaSalle, Plan Change No. 3 incorporates revised plan sheets necessary for the relocation of cell sites into the project. The revised plans will install a new transformer, fiber optic communications and enhanced grounding in an amount not to exceed \$222,000.00 and 90 calendar days. Based upon the recommendation of the Staff and its Consulting Engineers, the GNOEC authorizes the General Manager to complete the execution of Plan Change No. 3. Mr. Ligi, Mr. LaSalle and Mr. Romig voted in favor of the motion.**

On the South Channel Fender Repair and Structural Improvements, Mr. Dufrechou presented Plan Change No. 1. **On motion by Mr. LaSalle, seconded by Mr. Romig, Plan Change No. 1 provides for waler replacement on the North Channel Fender System in the amount of \$126,852.96 and 8 additional working days. Based upon the recommendation of the Staff and its Consulting Engineers, the GNOEC authorizes the General Manager to complete the execution of Plan Change No. 1. Mr. Ligi, Mr. LaSalle and Mr. Romig voted in favor of the motion.**

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On Overlay the West Causeway Approach, Mr. Dufrechou presented Plan Change No. 4. On motion by Mr. Romig, seconded by Mr. LaSalle, Plan Change No. 4 will delete the driveway modifications at the North Toll Plaza, add modifications to the curb at Mandeville High Blvd and adjust final quantities in a net credit to the GNOEC of \$181,720.15 and 14 additional calendar days. Based upon the recommendation of the Staff and its Consulting Engineers, the GNOEC authorizes the General Manager to complete the execution of Plan Change No. 4. Mr. Ligi, Mr. LaSalle and Mr. Romig voted in favor of the motion. Also on Overlay the West Causeway Approach, Mr. Dufrechou presented the acceptance of this project. On motion by Mr. Ligi, seconded by Mr. Romig, based upon the recommendation of the Staff and its Consulting Engineers, the Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission accepts the project titled Overlay the West Causeway Approach. The Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission authorizes General Manager Carlton Dufrechou to execute any documents associated with the acceptance of this project on behalf of the Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission. Mr. Ligi, Mr. LaSalle and Mr. Romig voted in favor of the motion.

On the North Toll Plaza Police Building GNOEC #182, Mr. Dufrechou presented the following information. On motion by Mr. LaSalle, seconded by Mr. Romig, Seven bids were received on April 13, 2016 for the North Toll Plaza Police Building Renovations. Based upon recommendations of GNOEC Staff, Legal Counsel, and Architects, the GNOEC authorizes the General Manager to follow the procedures outlined in Title 38 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes and execute a contract with


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the lowest responsible bidder. Mr. Ligi, Mr. LaSalle and Mr. Romig voted in favor of the motion.

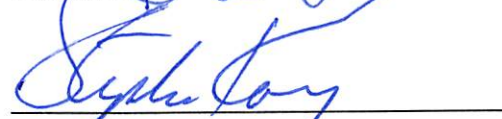
Mr. Shelby LaSalle reminded everyone that the GNOEC Police Department is crammed in a small building at the North Toll Plaza since the U.S. Corp. of Engineers demolished their South Shore headquarters building. Chief Congemi thanked Carlton Dufrechou and the Commission for additional space for the department. Mr. Carlton Dufrechou thanked Mr. Dean DuPlantier from Broadmoor Design Group for the design.

Mr. Ligi reminded everyone the next meeting is scheduled in Mid-June at the VOA building on the South Shore.

There being no further business, the meeting was be adjourned.



Anthony V. Ligi, Jr.
Chairman



Stephen G. Romig
Secretary