

Proceeding of the Regular Meeting of the Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission (GNOEC), Wednesday, August 3, 2022, 10 AM, VOA Building Conference Room, 3939 North Causeway Blvd., Metairie, Louisiana 70002

Present: Wanda Theriot, Chair; Gary Cooper, Vice Chair; Red Thompson, Secretary; Col. Evans Spiceland, Treasurer; and Ralph Cox, Jr.

Absent: None

Others: Carlton Dufrechou, Melissa Phillpott, Eileen Barthe', Robert Graham, Thea Andras, Crystal Scott, and Michelle Carlisle, GNOEC; Craig Watson, Blue Williams; and Cary Bourgeois, GEC.

Chair Wanda Theriot called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

On a motion by Col. Spiceland, seconded by Mr. Cooper, the minutes of the June 15, 2022, regular meeting were accepted as written. Chair Theriot, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Thompson, Col. Spiceland, and Mr. Cox voted in favor of the motion.

General Manager's report for June and July 2022:

- Drawbridge: During June, 9 vessel openings, 2 test opening, and 1 incident. During July, 14 vessel openings, 1 test openings, and 0 incident.
- Fog Ops: None
- Bridge Closures: July 26, SB closed from 7:06 AM to 7:22 AM due to crash at 3 MM. July 26, SB closed from 3:45 PM to 5:50 PM due to crash with injuries involving overturned box truck at 2.7 MM. July 29, NB closed from 5:02 PM to 5:30 PM for overturned trailer at 6.3 MM.
- Breakdowns: During June, we responded to 369 on the CW (249 mechanical and 120 debris) and 55 on the HPL (45 mechanical and 10 debris) for a total of 424 for the month. During July, we responded to 401 on the CW (253 mechanical and 148 debris) and 38 on the HPL (29 mechanical and 9 debris) for a total of 439 for the month.
- Accidents: During June, we responded to 12 on the CW (7N, 5S) 5 due to breakdowns or debris and 10 on the HPL (4E, 6W) 0 due to breakdown or debris for a total of 22 for both bridges. During July, we responded to 10 on the CW (5N, 5S) 3 due to breakdowns or debris and 21 on the HPL (13E, 8W) 2 due to breakdown or debris for a total of 31 for both bridges.

Executive Session: On a motion by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Cooper: The Commission considered an executive session to discuss the annual review of the General Manager (GM) in connection with employment agreement. Chair Theriot, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Thompson, Col. Spiceland, and Mr. Cox voted in favor of the motion. The executive session began about 10:15 AM and concluded around 10:40 AM. On behalf of the Commission, Chair Theriot noted that the Commission was pleased with the GM's performance and very appreciative to the entire staff for their dedication and diligent work.

Budget, GNOEC Res #2022-13: On a motion by Mr. Cox, seconded by Mr. Thompson: The GNOEC accepts and approves the Amended Budget for fiscal year November 1, 2021 – October 31, 2022, and the Proposed Budget for fiscal year November 1, 2022 – October 31, 2023, as presented. The Commission also accepts and approves the Toll Covenant calculations made of the net worth requirements in accordance with Section 6.15 of the Bond Indenture. Chair Theriot, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Thompson, Col. Spiceland, and Mr. Cox voted in favor of the motion.

Chair Theriot stated that the next GNOEC meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, September 7, 2022, 10 AM, in the north shore conference room.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Wanda Theriot
Chair



James Thompson
Secretary