

PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREATER NEW ORLEANS EXPRESSWAY COMMISSION, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2019, 10:00 A.M., VOA BUILDING, 3939 NORTH CAUSEWAY BLVD, SUITE 400, METAIRIE, LA 70002

PRESENT: Patrick W. Fitzmorris, Chair; Joy Zainey, Vice Chair; Tim Coulon, Treasurer; P. Lindsey Williams, Member

ABSENT: Donald Sharp, Secretary

OTHERS: Carlton Dufrechou; Melissa M. Phillpott; Robert Graham; Lt. Mike Kelly; Chief Nick Congemi; Red Thompson; Stacie Heffker; Georgie Bagnetto; Eileen Barthe; Crystal Scott; Craig Watson, Blue Williams; Liz Lambert, Riess LeMieux; Cary Bourgeois, GEC; Jim Martin, DEI Engineering; Jan Evans, Volkert and Associates; Bruce Badon, Burke-Kleinpeter, Inc.; Babak Naghavi, Hardesty and Hanover, LLP; Terri Dupre, Meyer Engineering; Shelby LaSalle

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

On the motion by Mr. Coulon, seconded by Mrs. Zainey, the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 13, 2019 were accepted as written. Mr. Fitzmorris, Mrs. Zainey, Mr. Coulon, and Mr. Williams voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Dufrechou reported in March the Drawbridge operations included 19 vessel openings, 4 test openings and 1 incident.

Mr. Dufrechou reported, since the last GNOEC meeting, there were two days of fog operations; March 12th and April 6th.

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Mr. Dufrechou reported there were 293 breakdown responses in March on the Causeway Bridge. He stated 181 of those breakdowns were due to mechanical problems and 112 were caused by debris on the Causeway Bridge. Mr. Dufrechou reported 25 breakdowns on the Huey P. Long Bridge. He stated 22 of those breakdowns were due to mechanical problems and 3 were caused by debris on the Huey P. Long Bridge. Mr. Dufrechou reported a total of 318 breakdown responses for both bridges in March.

Mr. Dufrechou reported in the month of March there were a total of 11 accidents on the Causeway Bridge. He stated 6 occurred Northbound, 1 Southbound, and 4 in Crossovers. Mr. Dufrechou reported 3 were caused by breakdowns on the Causeway Bridge. He also stated in the month of March, 11 accidents occurred on the Huey P. Long Bridge. He reported 7 Eastbound and 4 Westbound. Mr. Dufrechou reported none were caused by breakdowns on the Huey P. Long Bridge.

On March 14, 2019, Mr. Dufrechou reported Northbound on the Causeway Bridge was closed from 1:00 pm to 1:30 pm for a two car crash with injuries.

Mr. Dufrechou stated he was pleased to announce that Boh is under full scale pile driving operations. He asked Mr. Bobby Naghavi, Hardesty and Hanover, LLP about the status of the piles. Mr. Naghavi confirmed that almost 80% of the piles have been fabricated. Mr. Dufrechou reported the girders have been delivered to the Almonaster yard for deck fabrication.

Mr. Fitzmorris announced a new procedure in regards to public comment at GNOEC meetings. He stated that public comment will now be limited to those items on the

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Agenda. Mr. Fitzmorris explained that each member of the public wishing to comment on an agenda item is limited to 3 minutes. He also explained any person wishing to have an item considered for inclusion on a future Agenda must submit a request in writing to the Commission.

Mr. Dufrechou stated it was National Public Safety Telecommunications week. He congratulated Georgie Bagnetto and our Dispatchers for their hard work.

On the eCitation program, Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval to select General Informatics. On motion by Mrs. Zainey, seconded by Mr. Coulon on August 24, 2018, the GNOEC issued RFP No. 2018-08450, seeking Statements of Proposals for data processing systems, including equipment and related services, to implement an eCitation program for use by the Causeway Police Department in accordance with La. R.S. 32:398.1, et seq. Three Proposals were received. In connection with this RFP, from January 28th through March 10th 2019 the GNOEC conducted an eCitation Pilot Program to test and evaluate the data processing systems and equipment from the three Proposers. After evaluation, consideration, and upon recommendation from the GNOEC staff and legal counsel, the GNOEC, in accordance with La. R.S. 38:2234, hereby selects General Informatics, highest ranked, to implement the eCitation program. General Informatics' data processing systems and equipment are determined to be the most advantageous to the GNOEC. The General Manager is hereby authorized to execute all necessary documents with General Informatics to implement the eCitation program. Mr. Fitzmorris asked the audience if anyone had any comments or questions for the Commission regarding this resolution. There were

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no comments or questions from the audience. Mr. Fitzmorris, Mrs. Zainey, Mr. Coulon, and Mr. Williams voted in favor of the motion.

On the High Voltage project, Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval to advertise for Requests for Qualifications. On motion by Mr. Fitzmorris, seconded by Mrs. Zainey, the GNOEC is seeking Statements of Qualifications from qualified firms interested in providing maintenance and service for the High Voltage 25KV. Accordingly, the GNOEC hereby authorizes the General Manager to advertise an RFQ for High Voltage 25KV maintenance and service. Mr. Fitzmorris asked the audience if anyone had any comments or questions for the Commission regarding this resolution. There were no comments or questions from the audience. Mr. Fitzmorris, Mrs. Zainey, Mr. Coulon, and Mr. Williams voted in favor of the motion.

On the Fiber Optics maintenance and service, Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval to advertise for Requests for Proposals. On motion by Mr. Coulon, seconded by Mr. Williams, the GNOEC is seeking Statements of Qualifications from qualified firms interested in providing maintenance and service for the Fiber Optics. Accordingly, the GNOEC hereby authorizes the General Manager to advertise an RFQ for Fiber Optics maintenance and service. Mr. Fitzmorris asked the audience if anyone had any comments or questions for the Commission regarding this resolution. There were no comments or questions from the audience. Mr. Fitzmorris, Mrs. Zainey, Mr. Coulon, and Mr. Williams voted in favor of the motion.

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On the Safety Bay Improvement project, Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval to authorize Supplemental No. 3 to the Professional Design Engineering Services contract with Volkert, Inc. On motion by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Coulon, on January 3, 2018 the GNOEC entered into a contract with Volkert, Inc. to provide design engineering services for the GNOEC Safety Bay Improvement Project No. 432; and Supplemental Agreement No. 3 is needed for design and construction phase services to produce all applicable details for the removal and replacement of all existing elastomeric bearings pads and span leveling for all bents and spans within the limits of the northbound safety bays and will increase the contract amount by \$30,427.34. Accordingly, after consideration, and upon recommendation from the GNOEC staff, the project manager, and legal counsel, the GNOEC hereby authorizes the General Manager to execute Supplemental Agreement No. 3 with Volkert, Inc. Mr. Fitzmorris asked the audience if anyone had any comments or questions for the Commission regarding this resolution. There were no comments or questions from the audience. Mr. Fitzmorris, Mrs. Zainey, Mr. Coulon, and Mr. Williams voted in favor of the motion.

On the Safety Bay Improvement project, Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval to execute Supplemental Agreement No. 2 to the Construction Engineering and Inspection Contract with Hardesty & Hanover. On motion by Mrs. Zainey, seconded by Mr. Williams, on August 22, 2018, the GNOEC entered into a Contract with Hardesty & Hanover for construction engineering and inspection services for the Safety Bay Improvement Project No. 432. Supplemental Agreement No. 2 is needed for continuing cylinder pile inspection services for “Segmented GMP #2 – Advanced

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Pile Package” due to a delay in the completion of cylinder pile fabrication and will increase the contract amount by \$25,575.68. Accordingly, after consideration, and upon recommendation from the GNOEC staff, the project manager, and legal counsel, the GNOEC hereby authorizes the General Manager to execute Supplemental Agreement No. 2 with Hardesty & Hanover. Mr. Fitzmorris asked the audience if anyone had any comments or questions for the Commission regarding this resolution. There were no comments or questions from the audience. Mr. Fitzmorris, Mrs. Zainey, Mr. Coulon, and Mr. Williams voted in favor of the motion.

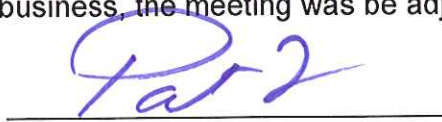
On the Safety Bay Improvement project, Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval to execute Supplemental Agreement No. 3 to the Construction Engineering and Inspection Contract with Hardesty & Hanover. On motion by Mr. Coulon, seconded by Mrs. Zainey, on August 22, 2018, the GNOEC entered into a Contract with Hardesty & Hanover for construction engineering and inspection services for the Safety Bay Improvement Project No. 432. Supplemental Agreement No. 3 is needed for additional Quality Assurance services for concrete testing, inspection and reporting for the fabrication of pre-cast bridge deck units as these services were not included in the original contract and will increase the contract amount by \$177,500. Accordingly, after consideration, and upon recommendation from the GNOEC staff, the project manager, and legal counsel, the GNOEC hereby authorizes the General Manager to execute Supplemental Agreement No. 3 with Hardesty & Hanover. Mr. Fitzmorris asked the audience if anyone had any comments or questions for the Commission regarding this resolution. There were

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no comments or questions from the audience. Mr. Fitzmorris, Mrs. Zainey, Mr. Coulon, and Mr. Williams voted in favor of the motion.

On the Safety Rail Improvement project, Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval to execute Plan Change No. 2. On motion by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Coulon, Plan Change No. 2 provides for the extension of the Assembly Period for thirty-one calendar days. Based upon the recommendations of the Staff and the Engineers, the GNOEC authorizes the General Manager to complete the execution of Plan Change No. 2 with JB James Construction. Mr. Fitzmorris asked the audience if anyone had any comments or questions for the Commission regarding this resolution. There were no comments or questions from the audience. Mr. Fitzmorris, Mrs. Zainey, Mr. Coulon, and Mr. Williams voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Fitzmorris reminded everyone the next meeting is tentatively scheduled May 29, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at the VOA building on the South Shore. There being no further business, the meeting was be adjourned.



Patrick Fitzmorris
Chair



Joy H. Zainey
Vice Chair