

PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREATER NEW ORLEANS EXPRESSWAY COMMISSION, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2020, 10:00 A.M., VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE.

PRESENT: Joy Zainey, Vice Chair; Donald Sharp, Secretary; Wanda Theriot, Member; Red Thompson, Member; Gary Cooper, Member

OTHERS: Carlton Dufrechou; Melissa M. Phillipott; Robert Graham; Commander Curt Franz; Lt. Mike Kelly; Lt. Thea Andras; Stacie Heffker; Eileen Barthe; Crystal Scott; Georgie Bagnetto; Craig Watson, Blue Williams; Liz Lambert and Chris LeMieux, Riess LeMieux; Cary Bourgeois, Heath Pope, Sherri LeBas, and Johnny Bradberry, GEC; Jim Martin and John Hartgreve, DEI; Bob Schmidt, Huval & Associates; Jan Evans and Hossein Ghara, Volkert and Associates; Babak Naghavi and Fred Wetekamm, Hardesty and Hanover; Cullen Ledet and Anthony Schoenecker, Modjeski & Masters; Kazem Alikhani and Ujjal Dasgupta, ECM Consultants, Inc.; and Shelby LaSalle

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

On the motion by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Sharp, the minutes of the regular meeting held on October 7, 2020 were accepted as written. Mrs. Zainey asked for comments or questions. There were none. Mrs. Zainey, Mr. Sharp, Mrs. Theriot, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Cooper voted in favor of the motion.

Mrs. Zainey introduced Mr. Gary Cooper and welcomed him to the Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission. Mr. Cooper thanked everyone and stated he looked forward to the opportunity to work with the other Commissioners, GNOEC Staff, Consultants, and legal Counsel.

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Mr. Dufrechou reported in October the Drawbridge operations included 30 vessel openings, 8 test openings and no incidents.

Mr. Dufrechou reported, since the last GNOEC meeting, there were no days of fog operations.

Mr. Dufrechou reported there were 269 breakdown responses in October on the Causeway Bridge. He stated 166 of those breakdowns were due to mechanical problems and 103 were caused by debris on the Causeway Bridge. Mr. Dufrechou reported 27 breakdowns on the Huey P. Long Bridge. He stated 21 of those breakdowns were due to mechanical problems and 6 were caused by debris on the Huey P. Long Bridge. Mr. Dufrechou reported a total of 296 breakdown responses for both bridges in October.

Mr. Dufrechou reported in the month October there were a total of 7 accidents on the Causeway Bridge. He stated none occurred Northbound, 6 Southbound, and 1 in a Crossover. Mr. Dufrechou stated 1 was caused by debris in the roadway. He reported there were 16 accidents that occurred on the Huey P. Long Bridge in October. Mr. Dufrechou stated 8 Eastbound, 8 Westbound and 2 were caused by breakdown or debris in the roadway.

Mr. Dufrechou introduced the five qualifying firms for the Bridge Inspections RFQ; ECM Consultants, GEC, Inc., Hardesty & Hanover, Huval & Associates, and Modjeski & Masters, Inc. Each firm presented a PowerPoint summarizing their firm's bridge inspection capabilities. Their presentations were followed by a brief question and answer period.

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On the Consulting Engineering Services, Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval to enter into and negotiate a contract with GEC, Inc. **On motion by Mrs. Theriot, seconded by Mr. Thompson, on February 19, 2020, the GNOEC issued RFQ No. 2020-001C for Statements of Qualifications from firms interested in providing professional engineering services, including but not limited to consulting engineering, construction management, and resident inspections on bridge and road projects for the GNOEC, on an as needed basis. On March 25, 2020, six responses were received by the GNOEC. After evaluation, consideration, and upon recommendation from GNOEC staff and legal counsel, the GNOEC hereby selects GEC, Inc. and further authorizes the General Manager to negotiate and enter into a contract with GEC, Inc. for consulting engineering services on an as needed basis. Mrs. Zainey asked the audience if anyone had comments or questions for the Commission regarding this resolution. There were no comments or questions from the audience. Mrs. Zainey, Mr. Sharp, Mrs. Theriot, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Cooper voted in favor of the motion.**

On the Segmented Shoulder Improvement project, Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval of Plan Change No. 38. **On motion by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Sharp, given that all work has been satisfactorily completed in accordance with the contract requirements, Plan Change No. 38 is a Final Change Order executed for administrative and pay item adjustments to balance all project quantities, outstanding costs, credits, and release of retainage monies withheld. Previously authorized change orders are reduced by \$35,308.36. One contract day is added to the project for an excess weather delay day on April 22, 2020. A cost summary for the construction of the project is as follows; three advance CMAR contracts (for test piles,**

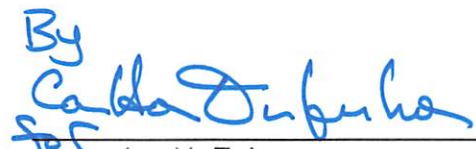
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pile fabrication, and girder fabrication) for \$5,746,414.96, final GMP CMAR contract for \$48,239,979.92, and CMAR risk items for \$3,366,164.40 (total contract amount: \$57,352,559.28). Based upon the recommendations of Staff and the Engineers, the GNOEC approves the execution of Plan Change No. 38. Mrs. Zainey asked the audience if anyone had comments or questions for the Commission regarding this resolution. There were no comments or questions from the audience. Mrs. Zainey, Mr. Sharp, Mrs. Theriot, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Cooper voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Dufrechou noted the Joint Legislative Budget Committee approved the GNOEC 2020/2021 budget on Friday, November 20, 2020. He thanked Melissa Phillpott and staff for their help preparing the budget and with briefing for Representatives and Senators.

Mr. Dufrechou stated they will defer the Commissioner's election of officers until the January 2021 meeting.

Mrs. Zainey reminded everyone the next meeting is tentatively scheduled on Wednesday, ~~January 6, 2021~~ (the meeting date was changed to January 20, 2021) at 10:00 a.m. via Video Conferencing. There being no further business, the meeting was be adjourned.

By

for
Joy H. Zainey
Vice Chair

By

for
Donald Sharp
Secretary