

PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREATER NEW ORLEANS EXPRESSWAY COMMISSION, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 2015, 10:00 A.M., GNOEC CONFERENCE ROOM, VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA BUILDING, 3939 NORTH CAUSEWAY BOULEVARD, SUITE 400, METAIRIE, LA

PRESENT: Stephen G. Romig, Chairman; Michael R. Lorino, Jr., Vice Chairman; Anthony V. Ligi, Jr., Treasurer; Joseph A. Jaeger, Jr., Member

OTHERS: Carlton Dufrechou; Debbie Lopreore; Georgie Bagnetto; Melissa M. Phillpott; Chief Nick Congemi; Perry Daigrepoint; Red Thompson; Robert Graham; Eileen Barthe; Cary Bourgeois & Phil Meyers, GEC, Inc.; Craig Watson, Blue Williams; Rene Chopin, Burk-Kleinpeter; Steve Bowes, Sisung Securities; Jim Lynch & Kathy Gambino, Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Svc.; Dr. William Williams, Texas A & M; Byron Poydras, Bank of New York; Robert Rhoden, Times Picayune; Rob Masson, WVUE Fox 8; Polly Greene, St. Tammany Farmer; Faimon Roberts III, The Advocate

ABSENT: Shelby P. LaSalle, Jr., Secretary

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

On the motion by Ligi, seconded by Capt. Lorino, the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 13, 2015 were accepted as written. Mr. Romig, Capt. Lorino, Mr. Ligi, and Mr. Jaeger voted in favor of the motion.

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

Mr. Romig then asked about the Causeway Charitable Foundation. Chief Nick Congemi stated there was nothing to report this month.

Mr. Carlton Dufrechou introduced Mr. Perry Daigrepoint. He stated the Perry has been with the organization for 34 years. Mr. Dufrechou stated that after 30 plus years of

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service to the GNOEC Perry is retiring. He reported that whenever anything needed to be accomplished with our commuters and toll tags, Perry is the go to person. Mr. Dufrechou stated he has done a magnificent job. He asked Ms. Debbie Lopreore to summarize Perry's career at the GNOEC. Ms. Lopreore reported that Perry started in August of 1981 as a toll collector on the South Shore. He moved to the Maintenance department and then to the Commuter Sales Office. In 1992 Perry became the supervisor of Commuter Sales. Ms. Lopreore reported that he has performed an outstanding job. She stated he has worked long days, Hurricane days, has handled the phone systems and pagers. Ms. Lopreore stated Perry has gone above and beyond as Commuter Sales Supervisor. Mr. Dufrechou added that if Perry is called in the middle of the night, he always came into the office where he was needed. Ms. Lopreore congratulated Perry on an outstanding job and stated it was wonderful working with him for 34 years and she wished him the best in his retirement. Mr. Dufrechou stated that Perry has offered to help if needed in the future. Mr. Romig presented Perry Daigrepoint with a GNOEC lapel pin, a plaque that recognized his hard work and dedication and a clock with an inscription of the GNOEC appreciation. Perry Daigrepoint thanked the Commission, the GNOEC staff and the audience. He stated it has been an honor to work as a team with everyone at the Causeway. Mr. Dufrechou stated he is always a part of the GNOEC and thanked him once again for his hard work and dedication.

On the Drawbridge operations, Mr. Dufrechou reported there were 17 vessel openings, 11 test openings and 1 limit switch incident.

Mr. Dufrechou reported that there is no fog to report for the last month.

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Mr. Dufrechou stated that we are in Hurricane season and all preparations are complete. He stated all departments have run through their operations and the GNOEC is ready if there are any storms.

Mr. Dufrechou reported that Police and MAP responded to 213 breakdowns on the Causeway Bridge and 19 breakdowns on the Huey P. Long Bridge for a total of 232. He reported 12 accidents on the Causeway Bridge. Mr. Dufrechou also reported 10 accidents occurred on the Huey P. Long Bridge.

Mr. Dufrechou reported that on May 25, 2015 both bridges were closed due to severe weather from 2:15 PM to 3:00 PM. He stated on May 26, 2015 severe weather closed both bridges again from 4:15 AM to 5:00 AM.

Mr. Dufrechou showed pictures of the new high visibility decal on the rear of the MAP unit. He stated that the decal is to make the MAP trucks as conspicuous as possible. Mr. Dufrechou said the MAP unit is very eye catching. Robert Graham confirmed that the decal has only been placed on one MAP unit as a test and is in operation on the Bridge. Mr. Dufrechou stated the reason for this change is so commuters will see and recognize the MAP units as soon as possible.

Mr. Dufrechou showed a picture of a cat that was rescued on June 10, 2015 on the Northbound span at 6:50 PM by Officer Melton. He stated that the cat was adopted by another Officer. The second picture was taken two weeks later of the cat and an English bulldog. Mr. Dufrechou commented that the Officer who adopted the cat stated that both animals are now best friends.

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Mr. Dufrechou proudly reported that the GNOEC ranked number 8 in the state with DWI's intercepts. Chief Congemi confirmed that fact and stated the ranking includes all of Louisiana State Troops. Mr. Dufrechou stated that for a smaller department that is a phenomenal performance record. He stated that our enforcement is very stringent on the Causeway Bridge.

On the North Channel Bascule Control System Replacement, Mr. Dufrechou reported the work is complete and proposed an acceptance of the project. **On motion by Mr. Ligi, seconded by Capt. Lorino, based upon the recommendation of the Staff and its Consulting Engineers, the Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission accepts the project titled North Channel Bascule Control System Replacement. 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. Romig, Capt. Lorino, Mr. Ligi, and Mr. Jaeger voted in favor of the motion.**

On Replacing the Dynamic Message Signs, Mr. Dufrechou reported that the GNOEC's Dynamic Message Signs (originally called the Variable Message Signs) were first installed in 1983. He stated that they were upgraded approximately 15 years ago but have now reached their end of life. Mr. Dufrechou reported one sign has been cannibalized to keep the existing signs in operation. He stated the solution is to replace the 10 signs currently on the Bridge, 1 on the Southshore and 4 on the Northshore. Mr. Dufrechou stated this is for the design work and for bidding on this project. **On motion by Capt. Lorino, seconded by Mr. Ligi, based upon the recommendation of the GNOEC Staff, the General Manager is hereby authorized to execute the project**

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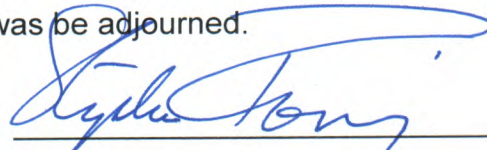
memorandum for the project titled **Replace the Dynamic Message Signs and the Consulting Engineers** are authorized to begin development of plans and specifications and advertise the project. **Mr. Romig, Capt. Lorino, Mr. Ligi, and Mr. Jaeger** voted in favor of the motion.

On the Overlay of the West Causeway Approach Road, Mr. Dufrechou presented Change Order No. 1. Mr. Dufrechou stated this project is already underway and everyone is working to get the roadwork completed before school starts in early August.

On motion by Mr. Jaeger, seconded by Capt. Lorino, Plan Change No. 1 provides for the adjustment of pipe size and quantity in the amount \$35,650.00 and no 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 1. Mr. Romig, Capt. Lorino, Mr. Ligi, and Mr. Jaeger voted in favor of the motion.

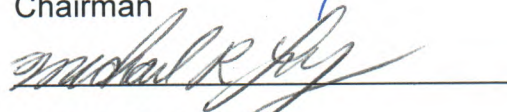
Mr. Dufrechou introduced Dr. William Williams from Texas A&M traffic institute. Dr. Williams presented recommendations on railings. The recommendations are for double rails (Option B-1) Southbound and a single railing (Option A) Northbound.

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



Stephen G. Romig

Chairman



Michael R. Lorino Jr.

Vice Chairman