

**Proceedings of the Regular Meeting of the Greater New Orleans  
Expressway Commission (GNOEC), Wednesday, May 8, 2024, 10 AM, South  
Shore Conference Room, 3939 North Causeway Blvd., Metairie, Louisiana  
70002**

Call to Order

Col. Spiceland called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Col. Evans Spiceland, Chair; Ralph Cox, Jr., Treasurer; Justin Clinton, and Tim Coulon. Absent: James Tucker.

Others Attending: Carlton Dufrechou, Melissa Phillpott, Robert Graham, Roy Jacob, Eileen Barthe, Michelle Carlisle, Branden Fos, Lt. Mike Kelly, Sgt. Mathew Halley, GNOEC; Craig Watson, Blue Williams; Cary Bourgeois, GEC; Gavin Gillen, All South; Madalyn Williams, DEI; Stephanie Ferry, Raymond James; Kent Schexnayder, Sisung.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Mr. Coulon, seconded by Mr. Cox, the minutes of the March 13, 2024, regular meeting were accepted as written. Col. Spiceland, Mr. Cox, Mr. Coulon, and Mr. Clinton voted in favor of the motion.

Chairman's Remarks

Col. Spiceland welcomed all attending and reminded the audience to limit comments to three minutes in accordance with GNOEC meeting guidelines.

General Manager's report

- Drawbridge, Mar: 10 vessel openings, 4 test opening and 0 incidents.
- Drawbridge, Apr: 8 vessel openings, 1 test opening and 0 incidents.
- Fog Ops: None.
- Bridge Closures: SB bridge closed Mar 4, 2:57 PM to 3:03 PM due to crash at drawbridge. SB bridge closed Mar 4, 9:07 PM to 9:45 PM to retrieve burro fallen from truck. SB bridge closed Apr 9, from 5:30 PM to 6:16 PM for response to crash at 18 MM requiring transport of 11 special needs individuals. Both bridges closed, Apr 10, from 9:52 AM to 10:44 AM for adverse weather. SB closed Apr 13, from 6:51 PM to 7:30 PM due to crash with injuries at 12.6MM. SB closed May 5, from 2:30 PM to 3:10 PM to rescue jumper.
- Breakdowns: During Mar, we responded to 299 on the CW (217 mechanical and 82 debris) and 33 on the HPL (25 mechanical and 8 debris) for a total of 332 for both bridges.
- Breakdowns: During Apr, we responded to 384 on the CW (287 mechanical and 97 debris) and 31 on the HPL (29 mechanical and 2 debris) for a total of 415 for both bridges.

- Accidents: During Mar, we responded to 12 on the CW and 10 on the HPL for a total of 22 for both bridges.
- Accidents: During Apr, we responded to 10 on the CW and 10 on the HPL for a total of 20 for both bridges.
- Chief Roy Jacob summarized the water rescue of Sunday, May 5. Exceptional performance was noted for Sgts. Colt Bruhl and Tate Gallo entering Lake Pontchartrain to rescue the jumper. MAP Grayson Crespo and Jordan Spears were recognized for flawless operation of rescue equipment and rapid recovery of our officers and jumper from the rough waters of Lake Pontchartrain. Dispatchers were also noted for excellent coordination of all responders.

#### Action Items

**Erosion Repairs at North Toll Plaza, GNOEC Project No. 639, Acceptance and Final Plan Change, GNOEC Resolution No. 2024-06:** On a motion by Mr. Cox, seconded by Mr. Coulon: The final inspection for the Erosion Repairs at the North Toll Plaza was conducted on March 29, 2024 with all items including the punch list found to be complete. Based upon the recommendations of the staff and Consulting Engineers, the Commission accepts the project titled Erosion Repairs at the North Toll Plaza. The GNOEC authorizes the General Manager to execute any documents associated with the acceptance of this project, including execution of the final balancing Plan Change No.3 in the amount of \$23,233.33. Col. Spiceland, Mr. Cox, Mr. Coulon, and Mr. Clinton voted in favor of the motion.

**Bascule Generator Replacement, GNOEC Project No. 211, Plan Change No. 1, GNOEC Resolution No. 2024-07:** On a motion by Mr. Cox, seconded by Mr. Coulon: Corrosion was discovered inside the starters for the emergency span motors at the North Channel Bascule, indicating the oncoming of potential equipment failures. The internal components of a safety disconnect on the Southbound left lane lockbar (pin) motor have failed and need replacement. The proposed change order will replace a total of four motor starters and one safety disconnect switch. Based on the recommendations of the staff and Consulting Engineers, the GNOEC authorizes the General Manager to complete the execution of Plan Change No. 1 in the amount of \$30,686.68 and 10 additional calendar days. Col. Spiceland, Mr. Cox, Mr. Coulon, and Mr. Clinton voted in favor of the motion.

**Fender Repairs and Structural Improvements, GNOEC Project No. 436, GNOEC Resolution No. 2024-08:** On a motion by Mr. Clinton, seconded by Mr. Coulon: Based on the recommendation of the staff, the General Manager is authorized to execute the Project Memorandum for the project titled Fender Repairs and Structural Improvements and the Consulting Engineers are authorized to advertise the project. Col. Spiceland, Mr. Cox, Mr. Coulon, and Mr. Clinton voted in favor of the motion.

**Bridge Sign Replacement, GNOEC Project No. 437, GNOEC Resolution No. 2024-09:** On a motion by Col. Spiceland, seconded by Mr. Coulon: Based on the

recommendation of the staff, the General Manager is authorized to execute the Project Memorandum for the project titled Bridge Sign Replacement and the Consulting Engineers are authorized to advertise the project. Col. Spiceland, Mr. Cox, Mr. Coulon, and Mr. Clinton voted in favor of the motion.

Election of 2024 Officers

For Chair: Mr. Cox moved to nominate Col. Evans Spiceland as Chairman. Mr. Coulon seconded. No public comment received. All voted in favor; thus Col. Spiceland was elected Chairman.

For Vice-Chair: Col. Spiceland moved to nominate Mr. Ralph Cox as Vice-Chairman. Mr. Coulon seconded. No public comment received. All voted in favor; thus Mr. Cox was elected Vice-Chairman.

For Treasurer: Col. Spiceland moved to nominate Mr. Tim Coulon as Treasurer. Mr. Cox seconded. No public comment received. All voted in favor; thus Mr. Coulon was elected Treasurer.

For Secretary: Col. Spiceland moved to nominate Mr. Justin Clinton as Secretary. Mr. Coulon seconded. No public comment received. All voted in favor; thus Mr. Clinton was elected Vice-Chairman.

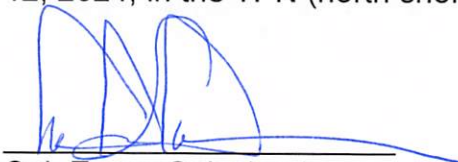
Col. Spiceland closed the election by expressing deep gratitude to all commissioners for their service to the GNOEC and our commuters.

Other Matters

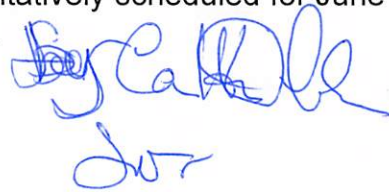
Mr. Kent Schexnayder of Sisung and Ms. Stephanie Ferry of Raymond James updated status of the proposed Series 2024 Refunding Revenue Bonds and potential benefits/interest savings to the GNOEC.

Closing/Next Meeting

Col. Spiceland asked if there was any further business or comments. There being none, Col. Spiceland asked to adjourn the meeting. All concurred and the meeting adjourned. The next GNOEC meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 12, 2024, in the TPN (north shore) conference room.



Col. Evans Spiceland  
Chair



Justin Clinton  
Secretary