

Proceeding of the Regular Meeting of the Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission (GNOEC), Wednesday, September 14, 2022, 10 AM, North Toll Plaza Conference Room, 100 North Causeway Blvd., Mandeville, Louisiana 70448

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, Robert Graham, Curt Franz, and Michelle Carlisle, GNOEC; Craig Watson, Blue Williams; and Cary Bourgeois, GEC; Kent Schexnayder and Michael Weinstein Sisung; Lee Bressler and Stephanie Ferry, Raymond James; and Brennan Black, Foley.

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

On a motion by Mr. Cox, seconded by Mr. Thompson, the minutes of the August 3, 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 August 2022:

- Drawbridge: 1 test opening and 0 incidents.
- Fog Ops: None
- Bridge Closures: Aug 5, NB closed from 11:21 AM to 11:42 AM due to crash with injuries midspan. Aug 17, SB closed from 5:35 AM to 5:45 AM to pick up debris from moving truck. Aug 30, SB closed from 4:28 AM to 4:48 AM for truck engine oil spill in right lane at drawbridge.
- Breakdowns: During Aug, we responded to 396 on the CW (167 mechanical and 129 debris) and 55 on the HPL (51 mechanical and 4 debris) for a total of 451 for the month.
- Accidents: During Aug, we responded to 6 on the CW (2N, 4S) 3 due to breakdowns or debris and 17 on the HPL (8E, 9W) 0 due to breakdown or debris for a total of 23 for both bridges.

Bascule Bridge Tenders House Rehabilitation, GNOEC Project #212, Res #2022-14: On a motion by Col. Spiceland, seconded by Mr. Cooper: Based on the recommendation of the GNOEC staff, the General Manager is hereby authorized to execute the Project memorandum for the project titled Bascule Bridge Tenders House Rehabilitation and the Consulting Engineers are authorized to begin development of plans and specifications and advertise the project. Chair Theriot, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Thompson, Col. Spiceland, and Mr. Cox voted in favor of the motion.

Erosion Repairs at the North Toll Plaza, GNOEC Project #639, Res #2022-15: On a motion by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mr. Thompson: Based on the recommendation of the GNOEC staff, the General Manager is hereby authorized to execute the Project memorandum for the project titled Erosion Repairs at the North Toll Plaza and the Consulting Engineers are authorized to begin development of plans and specifications and advertise the project. Chair Theriot, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Thompson, Col. Spiceland, and Mr. Cox voted in favor of the motion.

Update on Refunding Opportunities: Lee Bressler of Raymond James and Kent Schexnayder of Sisung presented a summary of recent bond market conditions. While conditions are not beneficial at present, they believe that the potential for Cinderella Refunding of our senior bonds could develop within the next year. They will continue to monitor and notify the GNOEC when conditions are beneficial to proceed.

Chair Theriot announced that the next GNOEC meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, October 12, 2022, 10 AM, in the south shore conference room.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.


Wanda Theriot
Chair


James Thompson
Secretary