

PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREATER NEW ORLEANS EXPRESSWAY COMMISSION, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2014, 5:00 P.M., CITY OF MANDEVILLE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 3101 EAST CAUSEWAY APPROACH, MANDEVILLE, LA.

PRESENT: Michael R. Lorino, Jr., Chairman; Stephen G. Romig, Vice Chairman; Anthony V. Ligi, Jr., Treasurer; Lawrence M. Rase, Assistant Secretary Treasurer

OTHERS: Carlton Dufrechou; Debbie Lopreore; Melissa M. Phillpott; Georgie Bagnetto; Red Thompson; Robert Graham; Chief Nick Congemi; Perry Daigrepoint; Mayor Donald Villere & Rick Danielson, City of Mandeville; Phil Meyers, Cary Bourgeois & Gavin Gillen, GEC, Inc; Dr. William Williams, Texas A&M; Dean Duplantier, Broadmoor Design Group; Chris LeMieux, Blue Williams; Bill Murhammer; Rene Chopin, Burk-Kleinpeter; Jim Lynch, Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Svc.; Polly Greene, St. Tammany Farmer; Robert Rhoden, Times Picayune; James Digby; Charles Marsala; Barry Brubaker; Sherry Meyer

ABSENT: Tommy S. Cvitanovich, Secretary

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

On the motion by Romig, seconded by Rase, the minutes of the regular meeting held on June 18, 2014 were accepted as written. Capt. Lorino, Mr. Romig, Mr. Ligi and Mr. Rase voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Charles Marsala, a commuter, spoke before the Commission. He stated that he grew up and lives on the South Shore again after living in California for thirty years. He commutes on the bridge to Covington for his job. He stated he appreciates the job the Commission is doing. He knows it is a challenging job. Mr. Marsala stated that he noticed a new speed limit sign that was erected that day. He stated there is sometimes

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confusion when the speed limit drops from 65 mph to 35 mph in the transition zone. He believes that the new sign may have resolved the situation He asked the Commission to monitor the speed of commuters on the Bridge. Capt. Lorino thanked Mr. Marsala for speaking before the Commission and assured him that the situation will be monitored.

On behalf of the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation (LPBF), Mr. Carlton Dufrechou reported for the month of June recreational water quality criteria was met 83% of the time and July 72% met criteria.

For the Causeway Police Charitable foundation, Mr. Gavin Gillen reported that they are working on an event for March 2015. He stated the Charitable Foundation is considering several local charities that they would like to donate to help them out.

On the Drawbridge operations, Mr. Dufrechou reported it is operational again. There were 31 vessel openings in the past two months and 11 test openings.

Mr. Dufrechou reported in June, Police and MAP responded to 211 breakdowns on the Causeway Bridge and 32 breakdowns on the Huey P. Long. He reported in July, Police and MAP responded to 226 breakdowns on the Causeway Bridge and 24 breakdowns on the Huey P. Long.

Mr. Dufrechou reported there were 7 accidents on the Causeway Bridge in June. He reported 3 on the Huey P. Long.

Mr. Dufrechou stated on June 24th the Causeway Bridge was closed due to severe weather from 4:30 to 4:50 PM and from 7:30 to 8:00 PM.

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Mr. Dufrechou reported on June 11th work began on the East Approach for resurfacing.

Mr. Dufrechou stated that on June 27th, a kitten was rescued from the Northbound bridge mid-span. He showed pictures of the rescued kitten.

Mr. Dufrechou also presented pictures of the water rescue training that was performed on Saturday, June 21st and Saturday, June 28th. Chief Congemi stated that this exercise is essential to the operations of rescuing any individuals that go overboard.

Mr. Dufrechou also showed pictures of a sailboat that hit the Northbound Bridge in a storm on July 12th. He reported that there was no damage to the Bridge.

Mr. Dufrechou stated that on July 30th, another kitten was rescued from the Huey P. Long.

Mr. Dufrechou reported that another sail boat hit the Causeway Bridge on August 7th approximately a mile and a half from the North Shore.

On the North Channel Bascule Control System Replacement Project, Mr. Dufrechou presented Change Order No. 5. **On motion by Rase, seconded by Lorino, Plan Change No. 5 provides for code revisions to the PLC in the amount of \$27,030.82. Based upon the recommendation of the staff and its Consulting Engineers, the Commission accepted Plan Change No. 5 on the referenced project. The General Manager is hereby authorized to complete the execution of Plan Change No. 5. Mr. Lorino, Mr. Romig, Mr. Ligi and Mr. Rase voted in favor of the motion.**

Mr. Dufrechou presented a resolution to appoint the Times Picayune as the Official Journal for one year. **On motion by Ligi, seconded by Romig the Official Journal for**

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the Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission is chosen for one year alternating between a publication located in the Parish of Jefferson or St. Tammany. Based on a proposal received from the Times Picayune, which quoted a rate of \$0.49 per column inch, the Commission appoints the Times Picayune (Parish of St. Tammany) as the Official Journal for one year, effective August 6, 2014. The Commission authorized the General Manager to appoint the Times Picayune as the Official Journal. Mr. Lorino, Mr. Romig, Mr. Ligi and Mr. Rase voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Dufrechou presented a resolution to accept and approve the amended budget for the fiscal year November1, 2013 – October 31, 2014 and the proposed budget for fiscal year November 1, 2014 – October 31, 2015. On a motion by Lorino, seconded by Romig this approval will amend the budget for the fiscal year November1, 2013 – October 31, 2014 and the proposed budget for fiscal year November 1, 2014 – October 31, 2015 as presented and will accept and approve the Toll Covenant calculations made of the new worth requirements in accordance with Section 6.15 of the Bond Indenture. Mr. Lorino, Mr. Romig, Mr. Ligi and Mr. Rase voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Dufrechou presented a resolution regarding the request for qualifications for legal services. On motion by Romig, seconded by Lorino, this resolution authorizes the advertisement of a request for qualifications for legal services and seeks responses from law firms/attorneys experienced in legal matters pertaining to the Boards and Commissions. Mr. Lorino, Mr. Romig, Mr. Ligi and Mr. Rase voted in favor of the motion.

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Capt. Lorino addressed the Commission, Staff and audience to wish a happy 20th anniversary to Mr. Rase and his wife.

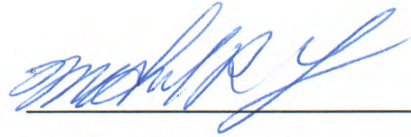
Mayor Villere thanked the GNOEC for providing a new surface for the east approach. He also commented on outstanding cooperation and good working relationship that the Causeway has with Mandeville. The Mayor stated he has always had a positive experience when dealing with the GNOEC and resolving any problems. Capt. Lorino thanked Mayor Villere for all of the help the city of Mandeville has provided for the Causeway Commission and staff.

Mr. Rase inquired about the surplus auction. Robert Graham stated that the Causeway netted a Hundred and Thirteen Thousand dollars. Mr. Dufrechou stated we also acquired an additional Two Thousand for scrap. Robert Graham agreed with that figure. Capt. Lorino asked Chief Congemi how many new police vehicles do we have ordered. Chief Congemi stated that there are seven new police vehicles arriving in a week. He said they need five or six additional vehicles to complete the entire fleet. Mr. Dufrechou stated the Chief is trying to proactively get us back to five or six new vehicles every year.

Mr. Dufrechou then introduced Mr. Dean Duplantier, the principal architect from Broadmoor Design Group, who is actively designing our new police building. Mr. Dufrechou thanked Mr. Duplantier for attending the meeting.

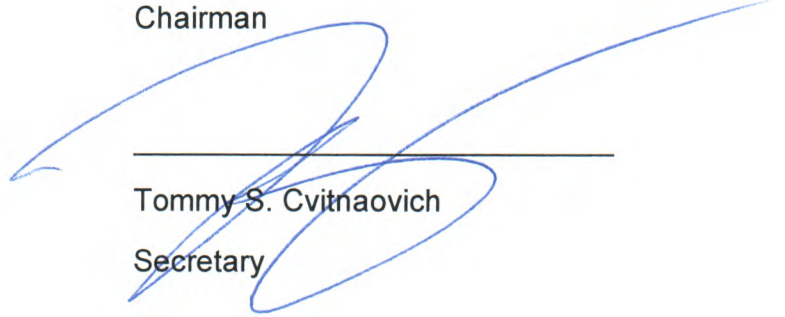
There being no further business, the meeting will be adjourned.

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Michael R. Lorino, Jr.

Chairman



Tommy S. Cvithaovich

Secretary