

Proceeding of the Regular Meeting of the Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission (GNOEC), Wednesday, January 12, 2022, 10 AM, via Video Conference

Present: Wanda Theriot, Chair; Joy Zainey, Vice Chair; Red Thompson, Treasurer; Gary Cooper, Secretary; and Col. Evans Spiceland, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

Absent: None

Others: Carlton Dufrechou, Melissa M. Phillipott, Robert Graham, Curt Franz, Thea Andras, Eileen Barthe, Crystal Scott, and Michelle Carlisle, GNOEC; Craig Watson, Blue Williams; Johana Elizabeth Lambert, Riess LeMieux; Cary Bourgeois, GEC; Jim Martin, DEI; Brennan Black, Foley; and Lee Bressler, Raymond James.

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

On a motion by Chair Theriot, seconded by Mrs. Zainey, the minutes of the December 8, 2021, regular meeting were accepted as written. Chair Theriot, Mrs. Zainey, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Cooper, and Col. Spiceland voted in favor of the motion.

General Manager's report for December 2021:

- Drawbridge: During Dec, 8 vessel openings, 0 test openings, and 0 incidents.
- Fog Ops: Dec 8 and 18
- Bridge Closures: Dec 16, NB bridge closed from 1:45 PM to 2:15 PM for 4 vehicle crash with injury response. Dec 23, NB bridge closed from 11:34 AM to 12:08 PM for 3 vehicle crash with injury response. Dec 24, SB bridge closed from 6:12 AM to 6:49 AM for 2 vehicle crash. Dec 24, NB bridge closed from 10:40 AM to 11:17 AM to rescue dog. Dec 24, NB bridge closed from 4:25 PM to 4:50 PM for 2 vehicle crash.
- Breakdowns: During Dec, we responded to 277 on the CW (180 mechanical and 97 debris) and 31 on the HPL (26 mechanical and 5 debris) for a total of 308 for the month.
- Accidents: During Dec, we responded to 9 on the CW (5N, 4S) 6 involved breakdowns or debris and 18 on the HPL (9E, 9W) 1 due to breakdown or debris for a total of 27 for both bridges.
- Annual Safety Review: Prior to safety bays, annual crashes average 177. Crashes have been decreasing annually since safety bays were completed in 2019. Crashes decreased to 134, 105, and 102 for calendar years 2019, 2020, and 2021 respectively.

Financial/Municipal Bond Advisory Services, GNOEC Res #2022-01: On a motion by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mr. Thompson: To facilitate debt service savings, on November 5, 2021, the Greater New Orleans Expressway

Commission (GNOEC) issued RFQ No. 2021-002A, seeking statements of qualifications from professionals to provide financial and/or municipal bond advisory services. Two proposals were received. After evaluation, consideration, and upon recommendation of the GNOEC and its legal counsel, the GNOEC hereby selects Sisung Securities Corporation as the most advantageous to provide financial and/or municipal bond advisory services to the GNOEC. The GNOEC hereby authorizes its General Manager to execute all necessary documents and contracts to retain the services of Sisung Securities Corporation. Chair Theriot, Mrs. Zainey, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Cooper, and Col. Spiceland voted in favor of the motion.

Bond Legal Counsel, GNOEC Res #2022-02: On a motion by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Cooper: To facilitate debt service savings, on November 5, 2021, the GNOEC issued RFQ No. 2021-002B, seeking statements of qualifications from professionals to provide legal counsel in connection with potential refunding of bonds. One proposal was received. After evaluation, consideration, and upon recommendation of the GNOEC and its legal counsel, the GNOEC hereby selects Foley & Judell, L.L.P. as the most advantageous to provide bond legal services to the GNOEC. The GNOEC hereby authorizes its General Manager to execute all necessary documents and contracts to retain the services of Foley & Judell, L.L.P. Chair Theriot, Mrs. Zainey, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Cooper, and Col. Spiceland voted in favor of the motion.

CCTV Upgrade Project, GNOEC Project No. 207, Res #2022-03: On a motion by Col. Spiceland, seconded by Mr. Thompson: Contingent upon receipt of a valid bid and subject to the review and recommendation of legal counsel, staff, and consulting engineers, the GNOEC authorizes its General Manager to execute all necessary documents and contracts with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder pursuant to Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes for the project titled CCTV Project, GNOEC Project No. 207. Chair Theriot, Mrs. Zainey, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Cooper, and Col. Spiceland voted in favor of the motion.

Election of Officers, Res #2022-04:

- On a motion by Mrs. Zainey, seconded by Col. Spiceland: Wanda Theriot was nominated as Chair for 2022. Chair Theriot, Mrs. Zainey, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Cooper, and Col. Spiceland voted in favor of the motion.
- On a motion by Mrs. Zainey, seconded by Chair Theriot: Gary Cooper was nominated as Vice Chair for 2022. Chair Theriot, Mrs. Zainey, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Cooper, and Col. Spiceland voted in favor of the motion.
- On a motion by Mrs. Zainey, seconded by Mr. Thompson: Col. Evans Spiceland was nominated as Treasurer for 2022. Chair Theriot, Mrs. Zainey, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Cooper, and Col. Spiceland voted in favor of the motion.
- On a motion by Mrs. Zainey, seconded by Chair Theriot: James Thompson was nominated as Secretary for 2022. Chair Theriot, Mrs. Zainey, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Cooper, and Col. Spiceland voted in favor of the motion.

Chair Theriot reminded everyone that the next GNOEC meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, February 9, 2022, 10 AM, via video conferencing.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Wanda Theriot
Chair



James Thompson
Secretary