

PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREATER NEW ORLEANS
EXPRESSWAY COMMISSION, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2018, 10:30 A.M., VOA
BUILDING, 3939 NORTH CAUSEWAY BLVD, SUITE 400, METAIRIE, LA 70002

PRESENT: Shelby P. LaSalle, Jr., Chairman; Patrick W. Fitzmorris, Secretary; P.
Lindsey Williams, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer; Joy Zainey, Member;
Tim Coulon, Member

OTHERS: Carlton Dufrechou; Melissa M. Phillipott; Crystal Scott; Chief Nick
Congemi; Lt. Thea Andras; Georgie Bagnetto; Eileen Barthe; Robert
Graham; Craig Watson and Liz Lambert, Blue Williams; Cary Bourgeois
and Philip Meyers, GEC; Rene Chopin III, Burk Kleinpeter; Jan Evans,
Volkert and Associates; Michael Weinstein, Sisung; Terri Dupre, Meyer
Engineers; Kinton Lawler, AIMS International; Kathy Gambino and Matt
Byrd, Arthur J. Gallagher; Fannie Bennett, Bucart Horn; Babak Naghavi

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

**On the motion by Mr. Fitzmorris, seconded by Ms. Zainey, the minutes of the
regular meeting held on November 16, 2017 were accepted as written. Mr.
LaSalle, Mr. Williams, Mr. Fitzmorris, Ms. Zainey and Mr. Coulon voted in favor of
the motion.**

Mr. LaSalle asked the audience if anyone had any comments or questions for the
Commission. There were no comments or questions.

Mr. Dufrechou reported in November the Drawbridge operations included 10 vessel
openings, 1 test opening and 1 incident.

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Mr. Dufrechou reported there were 228 breakdown responses in November on the Causeway Bridge. He stated 142 of those breakdowns were due to mechanical problems and 76 were caused by debris on the Causeway Bridge. Mr. Dufrechou reported 41 breakdowns on the Huey P. Long Bridge. He stated 36 of those breakdowns were due to mechanical problems and 5 were caused by debris on the Huey P. Long Bridge. Mr. Dufrechou reported a total of 269 breakdown responses for both bridges in November.

Mr. Dufrechou reported in the month of November there were a total of 17 accidents on the Causeway Bridge. He stated 9 occurred Northbound, 6 Southbound and 2 in Crossovers. Mr. Dufrechou reported 7 were caused by breakdowns on the Causeway Bridge. He also stated in the month of November, 10 accidents occurred on the Huey P. Long Bridge. He reported 4 Eastbound, 6 Westbound and 1 breakdown.

Mr. Dufrechou reported in December the Drawbridge operations included 5 vessel openings, 1 test opening and 0 incidents.

Mr. Dufrechou reported there were 165 breakdown responses in December on the Causeway Bridge. He stated 165 of those breakdowns were due to mechanical problems and 0 were caused by debris on the Causeway Bridge. Mr. Dufrechou reported 26 breakdowns on the Huey P. Long Bridge. He stated 26 of those breakdowns were due to mechanical problems and 0 were caused by debris on the Huey P. Long Bridge. Mr. Dufrechou reported a total of 191 breakdown responses for both bridges in December.

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Mr. Dufrechou reported in the month of December there were a total of 29 accidents on the Causeway Bridge. He stated 7 occurred Northbound, 21 Southbound and 1 in Crossovers. He also stated in the month of December, 14 accidents occurred on the Huey P. Long Bridge. He reported 10 Eastbound, 4 Westbound and 0 breakdowns.

Mr. Dufrechou reported thirteen fog days since the last Commission meeting; November 30th; December 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 17th, 18th, 20th, and 22nd; and January 8th, 10th, 11th, and 22nd.

Mr. Dufrechou presented a PowerPoint summarizing significant events that occurred since the last Commission meeting (Please see attached for the PowerPoint).

On the Demolition of 9-Mile Turnaround project, Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval to rescind the resolution regarding Plan Change No. 1. **On motion by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Fitzmorris, on April 27, 2017, the GNOEC authorized the General Manager to execute Plan Change No. 1 for the installation of 65 MPH impact attenuators instead of the specified 62 MPH impact attenuators. The manufacturer no longer offers the 65 MPH impact attenuator. Based upon the recommendations of the Staff, Legal Counsel and its Consulting Engineers, the GNOEC hereby rescinds the resolution passed on April 27, 2017 which authorized the General Manager to execute Plan Change No. 1. Mr. LaSalle, Mr. Williams, Mr. Fitzmorris, Ms. Zainey and Mr. Coulon voted in favor of the motion.**

On the Switchgear Replacement project, Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval for Plan Change No. 2. **On motion by Mr. Fitzmorris, seconded by Mr. Williams, the project provided for an evaluation of old switchgear to determine if an**

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economical repair could be made to have a spare unit. The cost of repair has been determined to be feasible. Plan Change No.2 provides for the repair of the existing switchgear in the amount of \$26,029.10 and 204 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 No. 2. Mr. LaSalle, Mr. Williams, Mr. Fitzmorris, Ms. Zainey and Mr. Coulon voted in favor of the motion.

Ms. Zainey asked if the repaired Switchgear will come with a warranty or guarantee on for the repairs. Mr. Dufrechou confirmed the repaired equipment will come with a warranty.

On the Relocation of Generator and Fuel Station project, Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval for Plan Change No. 3. On motion by Mr. Coulon, seconded by Mr. Fitzmorris, the project on the Relocation of Generator and Fuel Station which provides for the addition of five items to the contract at total cost of \$22,008.12 and 64 calendar days. The following items are added: 1. New Manual Transfer Switch, 2. Additional Annunciator Wiring, 3. New Receptacle for Trailer Mounted Generator, 4. Generator Fuel Piping Protection, and 5. Generator Emergency Stop Button. Based upon the recommendation of the Staff and Consultants, the GNOEC authorizes the General Manager to complete the execution of Plan Change No. 3. Mr. LaSalle, Mr. Williams, Mr. Fitzmorris, Ms. Zainey and Mr. Coulon voted in favor of the motion.

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On the Insurance Producer of Record for the GNOEC Casualty Program and Risk Management Construction and Insurance Compliance, Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval to advertise the issuance of a RFQ. **On motion by Ms. Zainey, seconded by Mr. Coulon, the GNOEC is seeking Statements of Qualifications from qualified insurance producers interested in acting as the Producer of Record for the GNOEC Property and Casualty Program and for Risk Management Construction and Insurance Compliance. Accordingly, the GNOEC hereby authorizes the General Manager to advertise the issuance of a RFQ for an insurance producer to act as Producer of Record for the GNOEC Property and Casualty Program and for Risk Management Construction and Insurance Compliance for the GNOEC. Mr. LaSalle, Mr. Williams, Mr. Fitzmorris, Ms. Zainey and Mr. Coulon voted in favor of the motion.**

Mr. Dufrechou stated the steel rails passed the MASH TL4 with Texas A&M two years ago. He stated there is potential producer that has a fiberglass rail option out of Houston. Mr. Dufrechou reported that they have made it through three MASH test and there is one more (Exceedance) test that was done with GNOEC rails. He stated the designers and GEC are in contact with each other regarding the specifications for our bid documents. Mr. LaSalle stated there is a model available in Mr. Dufrechou's office.

Mr. LaSalle stated it was time for the election of officers. **On motion by Mr. Fitzmorris, seconded by Mr. Williams, the elections of officers for the Greater New Orleans Expressway are as follows; Mr. Shelby LaSalle Jr. nominated Chairman, Mr. Lindsey Williams nominated as Treasurer, Ms. Joy Zainey nominated as Assistant Secretary/Treasurer, and Mr. Tim. P. Coulon nominated as Member. Mr.**

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LaSalle, Mr. Williams, Mr. Fitzmorris, Ms. Zainey and Mr. Coulon voted in favor of the motion.

On motion by Mr. LaSalle, seconded by Mr. Williams, Mr. Patrick Fitzmorris was nominated as Vice Chairman. Mr. LaSalle, Mr. Williams, Mr. Fitzmorris, Ms. Zainey and Mr. Coulon voted in favor of the motion.

On opening the agenda, Mr. LaSalle requested approval for a resolution to implement some measures of awarding and recognizing GNOEC staff for exceptional effort during the recent winter storm and other extreme weather. **On motion by Mrs. Zainey, seconded by Mr. Williams, the GNOEC approved to open the agenda for the resolution. Mr. LaSalle, Mr. Williams, Mr. Fitzmorris, Ms. Zainey and Mr. Coulon voted in favor of the resolution.**

For their outstanding efforts, Mr. LaSalle requested approval to recognize GNOEC staff. **On motion by Mr. LaSalle, seconded unanimously, this resolution will implement measures to recognize unusual and meritorious service and action by the GNOEC staff. In the past sixty days, the GNOEC had thirteen fog days and two major winter storms, which is a seasonal record for the Bridge. Based on the outstanding efforts of all GNOEC staff, the Commission authorizes Carlton Dufrechou, General Manager, in conjunction with Mr. LaSalle, to implement measures to appropriately recognize and reward staff exhibiting unusual and meritorious services and actions which promote the economy and efficiency of GNOEC. Mr. LaSalle, Mr. Williams, Mr. Fitzmorris, Ms. Zainey and Mr. Coulon voted in favor of the resolution.**

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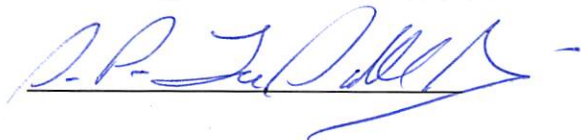
Mr. LaSalle thanked all GNOEC staff for a great job. He stated there were many staff members working around the clock for multiple days. Mr. LaSalle thanked all staff for being on board. He stated some of the accidents could have been avoided if the safety bays were in place. Mr. LaSalle stated that the process needs to be accelerated to get the safety projects done.

Mr. Coulon also expressed his appreciation to all GNOEC staff. Mr. Coulon stated he received several calls complimenting the staff for their competence and professionalism. He stated he could not state enough positive things about the GNOEC staff and their reaction. Mr. Coulon stated that says a lot about the leadership. He also thanked the Commission for going through the laborious and political process within the last year. Mr. Coulon stated now the pressure is on the Engineering firms to deliver post haste.

Ms. Zainey stated that the commuters should also be aware of the availability of the window punches that are used to break a vehicle window in the event of an overboard, especially since it could prevent a fatality, and could save a life. Mr. Dufrechou agreed that is important safety measure to inform the commuters about those instruments.

Mr. LaSalle reminded everyone the next meeting is tentatively scheduled March 14, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the VOA building on the South Shore.

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



Shelby P. LaSalle Jr.
Chairman



Patrick W. Fitzmorris
Secretary