

PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREATER NEW ORLEANS EXPRESSWAY COMMISSION, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2020, 10:00 A.M., VOA BUILDING, 3939 NORTH CAUSEWAY BLVD, SUITE 400, METAIRIE, LA 70002

PRESENT: Patrick W. Fitzmorris, Chair; Joy Zainey, Vice Chair; Tim Coulon, Treasurer; Donald Sharp, Secretary

ABSENT: P. Lindsey Williams, Member

OTHERS: Carlton Dufrechou; Melissa M. Phillpott; Robert Graham; Commander Curt Franz; Lt. Mike Kelly; Lt. Thea Andras; Stacie Heffker; Eileen Barthe; Crystal Scott; Georgie Bagnetto; Craig Watson, Blue Williams; Liz Lambert, Riess LeMieux; Cary Bourgeois and Johnny Bradberry, GEC; Jim Martin and John Hartgreve, DEI Engineering; Jan Evans, Hossein Ghara, and Bruce Adams, Volkert and Associates; Michael Weinstein, Sisung Securities; Bob Schmidt, Huval & Associates; Babak Naghavi, Hardesty and Hanover; Cullen Ledet, Modjeski and Masters, Inc., Patricia Roth, HNTB; Shelby LaSalle

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

On the motion by Mr. Coulon, seconded by Mr. Sharp, the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 4, 2019 were accepted as written. Mr. Fitzmorris, Mrs. Zainey, Mr. Coulon, and Mr. Sharp voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Dufrechou reported in November the Drawbridge operations included 16 vessel openings, 2 test openings and no incidents.

Mr. Dufrechou reported, since the last GNOEC meeting, there were six days of fog operations; December 14th, 15th, 16th, 26th, 28th, and 29th.

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Mr. Dufrechou reported there were 277 breakdown responses in November on the Causeway Bridge. He stated 187 of those breakdowns were due to mechanical problems and 90 were caused by debris on the Causeway Bridge. Mr. Dufrechou reported 17 breakdowns on the Huey P. Long Bridge. He stated 14 of those breakdowns were due to mechanical problems and 3 were caused by debris on the Huey P. Long Bridge. Mr. Dufrechou reported a total of 294 breakdown responses for both bridges in November.

Mr. Dufrechou reported in the month of November there were a total of 10 accidents on the Causeway Bridge. He stated 5 occurred Northbound and 5 Southbound. Mr. Dufrechou reported 3 were caused by breakdowns on the Causeway Bridge. He also there were 8 accidents that occurred on the Huey P. Long Bridge in November. He reported 4 Eastbound and 4 Westbound. Mr. Dufrechou reported 1 was caused by breakdowns on the Huey P. Long Bridge.

Mr. Dufrechou reported in December the Drawbridge operations included 7 vessel openings, 1 test openings and no incidents.

Mr. Dufrechou reported there were 285 breakdown responses in December on the Causeway Bridge. He stated 195 of those breakdowns were due to mechanical problems and 90 were caused by debris on the Causeway Bridge. Mr. Dufrechou reported 22 breakdowns on the Huey P. Long Bridge. He stated 18 of those breakdowns were due to mechanical problems and 4 were caused by debris on the Huey P. Long Bridge. Mr. Dufrechou reported a total of 307 breakdown responses for both bridges in December.

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Mr. Dufrechou reported in the month of December there were a total of 18 accidents on the Causeway Bridge. He stated 3 occurred Northbound and 15 Southbound. Mr. Dufrechou reported 4 were caused by breakdowns on the Causeway Bridge. He also said there were 8 accidents that occurred on the Huey P. Long Bridge in December. He reported 2 Eastbound and 6 Westbound. Mr. Dufrechou reported none were caused by breakdowns on the Huey P. Long Bridge.

On December 26, 2019, Mr. Dufrechou reported a jumper was rescued, from Lake Pontchartrain, near the 1 mile marker.

On January 4, 2020, from 3:50 pm to 4:16 pm, the Northbound span on the Causeway Bridge was closed due to an overturned vehicle crash.

Mr. Dufrechou presented a PowerPoint updating significant events since the last Commission meeting.

On the GNOEC Bylaws, Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval to amend Article 5. On motion by Mrs. Zainey, seconded by Mr. Sharp, the GNOEC desires to amend the language of Article 5 of the Bylaws to remove the requirement that Officer positions be rotated annually, providing full discretion to Commission members to elect Officers that are in the best interest of the GNOEC. All amendments are in compliance with the Louisiana Open Meetings Law. The GNOEC hereby amends Article 5 of the Bylaws as provided in Exhibit A attached to this Resolution. Mr. Fitzmorris asked the audience if anyone had comments or questions for the Commission regarding this resolution. There were no comments or questions

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from the audience. Mr. Fitzmorris, Mrs. Zainey, Mr. Coulon, and Mr. Sharp voted in favor of the motion.

On the Segmented Shoulder Improvements project, Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval for Plan Change 14. **On motion by Mr. Coulon, seconded by Mrs. Zainey, Plan Change No. 14 provides for the modification of Safety Bay traffic control signs to provide for alternating flashers, as opposed to synchronous flashers, which will match other existing Causeway sign operations and to delete the provision of left-lane merge signs in the vicinity of the Safety Bays. The cost of this change will be \$52,249.81. No additional days will be added to the contract. Based upon the recommendations of Staff and the Engineers, the GNOEC approves the execution of Plan Change No. 14. Mr. Fitzmorris asked the audience if anyone had comments or questions for the Commission regarding this resolution. There were no comments or questions from the audience. Mr. Fitzmorris, Mrs. Zainey, Mr. Coulon, and Mr. Sharp voted in favor of the motion.**

On the Segmented Shoulder Improvements project, Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval for Plan Change 18. **On motion by Mr. Sharp, seconded by Mr. Coulon, Plan Change No. 18 provides for final adjustments to the elevations of several deck spans for Safety Bays 1 and 3 to bring these spans to acceptable differential elevations compared to adjacent existing Causeway deck spans which have undulation. Plan Change No. 18 also covers the installation of deck sealing material at the location of horizontal saw cuts that were used to remove the existing concrete barrier rails. This covers Safety Bays 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11. The cost of this Plan Change will be \$65,131.55. No additional days will be added to**

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the contract. Based upon the recommendations of Staff and the Engineers, the GNOEC approves the execution of Plan Change No. 18. Mr. Fitzmorris asked the audience if anyone had comments or questions for the Commission regarding this resolution. There were no comments or questions from the audience. Mr. Fitzmorris, Mrs. Zainey, Mr. Coulon, and Mr. Sharp voted in favor of the motion.

On the Segmented Shoulder Improvements project, Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval for Plan Change 20. On motion by Mr. Fitzmorris, seconded by Mr. Sharp, Plan Change No. 20 provides for the following as a part of the Partial Acceptance process for Safety Bays 9 and 11; adds 0 Excessive Adverse Weather Days from November 1, 2019 through November 4, 2019 to the contract completion date, Recognizes the Partial Acceptance of Safety Bay 9, and provides a \$33,000 early completion incentive payment for Safety Bay 9. Based upon the recommendations of Staff and the Engineers, the GNOEC approves the execution of Plan Change No. 20. Mr. Fitzmorris asked the audience if anyone had comments or questions for the Commission regarding this resolution. There were no comments or questions from the audience. Mr. Fitzmorris, Mrs. Zainey, Mr. Coulon, and Mr. Sharp voted in favor of the motion.

On the Segmented Shoulder Improvements project, Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval for Plan Change 21. On motion by Mrs. Zainey, seconded by Mr. Coulon, Plan Change No. 21 provides for increasing function and safety by modification and addition of longitudinal and transverse joint seals in Safety Bays 1, 7, 9, and 11 (southbound bridge) and all six Safety Bays (northbound bridge). The cost of this Plan Change will be \$153,121.53. This provides companion work to Plan

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Change No. 11 authorized previously. No additional days will be added to the contract. Based upon the recommendations of Staff and the Engineers, the GNOEC approves the execution of Plan Change No. 21. Mr. Fitzmorris asked the audience if anyone had comments or questions for the Commission regarding this resolution. There were no comments or questions from the audience. Mr. Fitzmorris, Mrs. Zainey, Mr. Coulon, and Mr. Sharp voted in favor of the motion.

On the Segmented Shoulder Improvements project, Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval for Plan Change 22. On motion by Mr. Coulon, seconded by Mrs. Zainey, Plan Change No. 22 provides for the following as a part of the Partial Acceptance process for Safety Bays 7 and 9; adds 0 Excessive Adverse Weather Days from November 5, 2019 through November 27, 2019 to the contract completion date, recognizes the Partial Acceptance of Safety Bay 7, and provides a \$31,500 early completion incentive payment for Safety Bay 7. Based upon the recommendations of Staff and the Engineers, the GNOEC approves the execution of Plan Change No. 22. Mr. Fitzmorris asked the audience if anyone had comments or questions for the Commission regarding this resolution. There were no comments or questions from the audience. Mr. Fitzmorris, Mrs. Zainey, Mr. Coulon, and Mr. Sharp voted in favor of the motion.

On GNOEC equipment, Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval to disposal and to declare surplus. On motion by Mr. Sharp, seconded by Mr. Coulon, based on the recommendation of the Staff and its Consulting Engineers, the GNOEC approves and authorizes the General Manager to dispose of the equipment in the attached list which has been declared surplus equipment. Mr. Fitzmorris asked the

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audience if anyone had comments or questions for the Commission regarding this resolution. There were no comments or questions from the audience. Mr. Fitzmorris, Mrs. Zainey, Mr. Coulon, and Mr. Sharp voted in favor of the motion.

On the CCTV project, Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval to begin development and advertisement. On motion by Mr. Fitzmorris, seconded by Mr. Sharp, based on the recommendation of the GNOEC Staff, the General Manager is hereby authorized to execute the Project Memorandum for the project titled Upgrade the CCTV System and the Consulting Engineers are authorized to begin development of plans and specifications and advertise the project. Mr. Fitzmorris asked the audience if anyone had comments or questions for the Commission regarding this resolution. There were no comments or questions from the audience. Mr. Fitzmorris, Mrs. Zainey, Mr. Coulon, and Mr. Sharp voted in favor of the motion.

On motion by Mr. Coulon, Mr. Fitzmorris is re-nominated as Chair of the GNOEC. Mrs. Zainey, Mr. Coulon and Mr. Sharp voted in favor of the motion.

On motion by Mr. Fitzmorris, Mrs. Zainey is re-nominated as Vice Chair of the GNOEC. Mr. Fitzmorris, Mr. Coulon and Mr. Sharp voted in favor of the motion.

On motion by Mr. Fitzmorris, Mr. Coulon is re-nominated as Treasurer of the GNOEC. Mrs. Fitzmorris, Mrs. Zainey and Mr. Sharp voted in favor of the motion.

On motion by Mr. Fitzmorris, Mr. Sharp is re-nominated as Secretary of the GNOEC. Mrs. Fitzmorris, Mrs. Zainey and Mr. Coulon voted in favor of the motion.

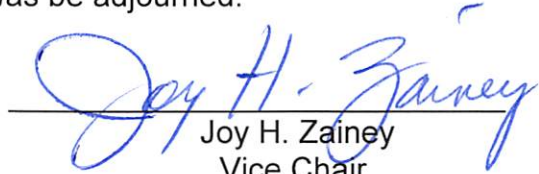
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Mr. Fitzmorris reminded everyone the next meeting is tentatively scheduled on Wednesday, February 5, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at the VOA building on the South Shore.

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



Patrick Fitzmorris
Chair



Joy H. Zainey
Vice Chair