

PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREATER NEW ORLEANS EXPRESSWAY COMMISSION, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2019, 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; P. Lindsey Williams, Member

OTHERS: Carlton Dufrechou; Melissa M. Phillpott; Robert Graham; Lt. Mike Kelly; Cpl. Shawn Rice; Cpl. Mike Bernard, Jr.; Red Thompson; Stacie Heffker; Georgie Bagnetto; Eileen Barthe; Crystal Scott; Craig Watson, Blue Williams; Liz Lambert and Chris LeMieux, Riess LeMieux; Cary Bourgeois, GEC; Jim Martin, John Holtgrove, and Ben Bartlett, DEI Engineering; Jan Evans, Volkert and Associates; Michael Weinstein, Sisung Securities Group; Rene Chopin III, Burke-Kleinpeter, Inc.; Babak Naghavi, Hardesty and Hanover, LLP; Terri Dupre, Meyer Engineering; Justin Peltier, Huval and Associates; Renee Melchiode, Melchiode Marks King LLC

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

Mr. Fitzmorris welcomed Mr. Lindsey Williams back to the Commission.

On the motion by Mrs. Zainey, seconded by Mr. Coulon, the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 9, 2019 were accepted as written. Mr. Fitzmorris, Mrs. Zainey, Mr. Coulon, Mr. Sharp and Mr. Williams voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Fitzmorris asked the audience if anyone had any comments or questions for the Commission. He advised that the public comment period is three minutes per speaker in accordance with Article 6 of the Bylaws.

Mr. Dufrechou reported in January the Drawbridge operations included 7 vessel openings, 4 test openings and 0 incidents.

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Mr. Dufrechou reported there were 254 breakdown responses in January on the Causeway Bridge. He stated 174 of those breakdowns were due to mechanical problems and 80 were caused by debris on the Causeway Bridge. Mr. Dufrechou reported 22 breakdowns on the Huey P. Long Bridge. He stated 15 of those breakdowns were due to mechanical problems and 7 were caused by debris on the Huey P. Long Bridge. Mr. Dufrechou reported a total of 276 breakdown responses for both bridges in January.

Mr. Dufrechou reported in the month of January there were a total of 6 accidents on the Causeway Bridge. He stated 2 occurred Northbound and 4 Southbound. Mr. Dufrechou reported 3 were caused by breakdowns on the Causeway Bridge. He also stated in the month of January, 18 accidents occurred on the Huey P. Long Bridge. He reported 10 Eastbound and 8 Westbound. Mr. Dufrechou reported none were caused by breakdowns on the Huey P. Long Bridge.

Mr. Dufrechou reported in February the Drawbridge operations included 11 vessel openings, 2 test openings and 1 incident.

Mr. Dufrechou reported there were 242 breakdown responses in February on the Causeway Bridge. He stated 161 of those breakdowns were due to mechanical problems and 81 were caused by debris on the Causeway Bridge. Mr. Dufrechou reported 26 breakdowns on the Huey P. Long Bridge. He stated 20 of those breakdowns were due to mechanical problems and 6 were caused by debris on the Huey P. Long Bridge. Mr. Dufrechou reported a total of 268 breakdown responses for both bridges in February.

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Mr. Dufrechou reported in the month of February there were a total of 10 accidents on the Causeway Bridge. He stated 6 occurred Northbound and 4 Southbound. Mr. Dufrechou reported 6 were caused by breakdowns on the Causeway Bridge. He also stated in the month of February, 11 accidents occurred on the Huey P. Long Bridge. He reported 7 Eastbound and 4 Westbound. Mr. Dufrechou reported none were caused by breakdowns on the Huey P. Long Bridge.

Mr. Dufrechou reported, since the last GNOEC meeting, there were twelve days of fog operations; February 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 10th, 11th, 21st, 22nd and March 2nd, 3rd and 11th.

On January 21, 2019, Mr. Dufrechou reported the Huey P. Long Bridge was closed from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm to rescue a jumper.

Mr. Dufrechou reported on February 6, 2019, the Southbound Causeway Bridge was closed from 10:10 am to 10:42 am due to two car crash with injuries.

On February 19, 2019, Mr. Dufrechou reported the Northbound Causeway Bridge was closed from 2:20 pm to 2:56 pm due to two separate multi car crashes.

Mr. Dufrechou reported the Southbound Causeway Bridge was closed on February 25, 2019 from 5:45 pm to 6:56 pm, for a four vehicle crash with injuries.

On February 27, 2019, Mr. Dufrechou reported the Huey P. Long Bridge was closed from 1:39 pm to 4:00 pm for an emergency inspection due to an impact from a ship's antenna.

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

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On the North Plaza Civil Site Work, Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval for Plan Change No. 1. On motion by Mr. Fitzmorris, seconded by Mrs. Zainey, Plan Change No. 1 provides for the adjustment of plan quantities to the actual field quantities installed and for the addition of five items to the contract at a total cost of \$37,321.48 and 38 working days. The following items are added: Concrete Drainage Collar, Sawing and Sealing Asphalt Joints, 12” Incidental Paving, Traffic Gate Modifications, and Swale on Copal. Based upon the recommendation of the Staff and the Consulting Engineers, the GNOEC authorizes the General Manager to complete the execution of Plan Change No. 1. Mr. Fitzmorris, Mrs. Zainey, Mr. Coulon, Mr. Sharp and Mr. Williams voted in favor of the motion.

On the North Plaza Civil Site Work, Mr. Dufrechou recommended acceptance for the project. On motion by Mrs. Zainey, seconded by Mr. Sharp, based upon the recommendation of the Staff and its Consulting Engineers, the Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission accepts the project titled North Toll Plaza Civil Site Work. The Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission authorizes General Manager Carlton Dufrechou to execute any documents associated with the acceptance of this project on behalf of the Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission. Mr. Fitzmorris, Mrs. Zainey, Mr. Coulon, Mr. Sharp and Mr. Williams voted in favor of the motion.

On the 6C Protocol Transponders, Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval to advertise for Requests for Proposals. On motion by Mr. Coulon, seconded by Mr. Sharp, the GNOEC desires to procure 6C protocol transponders to reduce costs and provide the capability of interoperability to the toll tag system. The GNOEC hereby

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authorizes its General Manager to issue and advertise a Request for Proposal, RFP No. 2019-TT01, under La. R.S. 38:2234, et seq., to provide for 6C protocol transponders. Mr. Fitzmorris, Mrs. Zainey, Mr. Coulon, Mr. Sharp and Mr. Williams voted in favor of the motion.

On the Network Switches for the toll tag system, Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval to contract with Cisco Systems, Inc. On motion by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Coulon, the GNOEC desires to procure network switches and related services in order to replace the current technology, which is reaching the end of its useful life at the end of 2019. The network switches provide for the connectivity of the toll tag system. The GNOEC hereby authorizes its General Manager to contract with Cisco Systems, Inc. through Roundtower Technologies, Inc., an approved state vendor under contract with the State of Louisiana, under La. R.S. 39:1701, et seq., to provide for the network switches and related services. Mr. Fitzmorris, Mrs. Zainey, Mr. Coulon, Mr. Sharp and Mr. Williams voted in favor of the motion.

On the Employee Benefits and the 457(b) Retirement Plan, Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval to advertise for Requests for Qualifications and Requests for Proposals. On motion by Mr. Fitzmorris, seconded by Mrs. Zainey, the GNOEC desires to procure a qualified firm to provide insurance broker, administration, and consultation services related to the employment benefits and the 457(b) retirement plan. The GNOEC further desires to procure insurance quotes related to the employment benefits and the 457(b) retirement plan. The GNOEC hereby authorizes its General Manager to issue and advertise a Request for Qualifications and Request for Proposals, RFQ and RFP No. 2019-05EB, to

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provide for insurance services and quotations related to the employment benefits and the 457(b) retirement plan. Mr. Fitzmorris, Mrs. Zainey, Mr. Coulon, Mr. Sharp and Mr. Williams voted in favor of the motion.

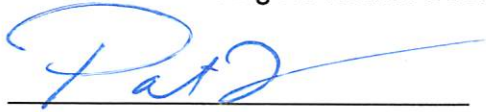
On the Project management Services for the Safety Rail and Safety Bay Improvements projects, Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval to select Huval and Associates. On motion by Mrs. Zainey, seconded by Mr. Sharp, on December 19, 2018, the GNOEC authorized the advertisement for Statements of Qualifications from qualified firms interested in providing project management services for the GNOEC Safety Rail and Safety Bay Improvements. On January 10, 2019, responses were received from three firms. Two firms met the minimum requirements as advertised in the RFQ. After evaluation and consideration by the Evaluation Committee, both firms meeting the minimum requirements were found to be qualified to provide the services to the GNOEC. Accordingly, upon recommendation from GNOEC staff and legal counsel, the GNOEC hereby selects Huval and Associates as having the most advantageous proposal and further authorizes the General Manager to negotiate and the Chairman and General Manager to execute a contract with Huval and Associates to provide project management services for the GNOEC Safety Rail and Safety Bay Improvements. Mr. Fitzmorris, Mrs. Zainey, Mr. Coulon, Mr. Sharp and Mr. Williams voted in favor of the motion.

On the Southbound Bridge Rail Improvements, Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval for Plan Change No. 1. On motion by Mr. Coulon, seconded by Mr. Williams, Plan Change No. 1 provides for the purchase of spare rail components in the amount

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of \$277,522.69 and no calendar days. Based upon the recommendation of the Staff and the Engineers, the GNOEC authorizes the General Manager to complete the execution of Plan Change No. 1. Mr. Fitzmorris, Mrs. Zainey, Mr. Coulon, Mr. Sharp and Mr. Williams voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Fitzmorris reminded everyone the next meeting is tentatively scheduled ~~April 3, 2019~~ (late moved to April 17, 2019) 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