

PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREATER NEW ORLEANS EXPRESSWAY COMMISSION, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 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; Commander Curt Franz; Lt. Mike Kelly; Lt. Thea Andras; Stacie Heffker; Eileen Barthe; Crystal Scott; Georgie Bagnetto; Red Thompson; Craig Watson, Blue Williams; Liz Lambert and Chris LeMieux, Riess LeMieux; Cary Bourgeois, GEC; Jim Martin and John Karlin, DEI Engineering; Jan Evans, Volkert and Associates; Michael Weinstein, Sisung Securities; Terry Dupre, Meyer Engineering; David Boh, Boh Bros. Construction; Faimon Roberts; Times Picayune / The Advocate; Bob Schmidt, Huval & Associates; 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 August 28, 2019 were accepted as written. Mr. Fitzmorris, Mrs. Zainey, Mr. Coulon, Mr. Sharp, and Mr. Williams voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Dufrechou reported in August the Drawbridge operations included 21 vessel openings, 3 test openings and 1 incident.

Mr. Dufrechou reported, since the last GNOEC meeting, there were no fog days.

Mr. Dufrechou reported there were 336 breakdown responses in August on the Causeway Bridge. He stated 225 of those breakdowns were due to mechanical problems and 111 were caused by debris on the Causeway Bridge. Mr. Dufrechou

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reported 38 breakdowns on the Huey P. Long Bridge. He stated 33 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 374 breakdown responses for both bridges in August.

Mr. Dufrechou reported in the month of August there were a total of 14 accidents on the Causeway Bridge. He stated 7 occurred Northbound, 6 Southbound, and 1 in a Crossover. Mr. Dufrechou reported 4 were caused by breakdowns on the Causeway Bridge. He also there were 11 accidents that occurred on the Huey P. Long Bridge in August. He reported 3 Eastbound and 8 Westbound. Mr. Dufrechou reported 1 was caused by breakdowns on the Huey P. Long Bridge.

On September 3, 2019, Mr. Dufrechou reported the Northbound span, on the Causeway Bridge, was closed from 9:10 pm to 10:00 pm for a vehicle crash near the 21 mile marker.

On September 25, 2019, from 7:42 am to 8:28 am, the Northbound span on the Causeway Bridge was closed for a vehicle crash with injuries at the 16 mile marker.

On September 26, 2019, a kitten was rescued at the 23.4 mile marker on the Southbound span of the Causeway Bridge in the predawn hours.

Mr. Dufrechou reintroduced Commander Curt Franz. He reported Commander Franz was a former Lieutenant with the Causeway Police who returned to Supervise the department. Mr. Dufrechou stated he has been back nine days and it was good to have him back.

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

On the Employee Benefits Producer, Mr. Dufrechou recommended selecting Benjamin Frank with Compass Capital management, Harold Pesses, and Care Insurance Services, Inc. for clarification of Resolution #2019-38 that was passed by the GNOEC Commission on August 28, 2019. **On motion by Mrs. Zainey, seconded by Mr. Sharp, on May 1, 2019, GNOEC issued RFQ and RFP No. 2019-06EB, seeking qualified firms to provide insurance broker, administration, and consultation services related to employment benefits. On August 28, 2019, GNOEC passed Resolution #2019-38, selecting Compass Capital Management to provide the employment benefits services and authorized the General Manager to execute all necessary documents. After evaluation, consideration, and upon recommendation from GNOEC staff and its consultants, the GNOEC hereby supplements for clarification the previous selection and selects Benjamin Frank, Compass Capital Management, Harold Pesses, and Care Insurance Services, Inc., who had jointly submitted a response to the original RFQ/RFP, and are hereby determined to be reasonable and qualified and are selected to jointly provide employment benefits services. Further, the General Manager is hereby authorized to execute all necessary documents with Benjamin Frank, Compass Capital Management, Harold Pesses, and Care Insurance Services, Inc. in connection with their services. Mr. Fitzmorris asked the audience if anyone had comments or questions for the Commission regarding this resolution. There were no**

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

On the Segmented Shoulder Improvements project, Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval for Plan Change 12. On motion by Mr. Coulon, seconded by Mrs. Zainey, Plan Change No. 12 provides for the following as a part of the Partial Acceptance process for Safety Bay 5: 1) adds zero accumulated excessive adverse weather days from August 1, 2019 through August 26, 2019 to the contract completion date, 2) recognizes the partial acceptance of Safety Bay 5, and 3) provides a \$7,500 early completion incentive payment for Safety Bay 5. Based upon the recommendations of Staff and the Engineers, the GNOEC approves the execution of Plan Change No. 12. 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, Mr. Sharp, and Mr. Williams voted in favor of the motion.

On the Segmented Shoulder Improvements project, Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval for Plan Change 13. On motion by Mr. Sharp, seconded by Mr. Coulon, Plan Change No. 13 provides for the following as a part of the Partial Acceptance process for Safety Bay 3: 1) adds zero accumulated excessive adverse weather days from August 27, 2019 through September 18, 2019 to the contract completion date, 2) recognizes the partial acceptance of Safety Bay 3, and 3) provides a \$4,500 early completion incentive payment for Safety Bay 3. Based upon the recommendations of Staff and the Engineers, the GNOEC approves the execution of Plan Change No. 13. Mr. Fitzmorris asked the audience if anyone had

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

On the Southbound Bridge Rail Improvements project, Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval for Plan Change 3. **On motion by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Coulon, Plan Change No. 3 provides for the following: 1) fabrication and furnishing of blunt end rail termination protection systems, 2) installation (and removal) of blunt end rail termination protection systems as directed by the Owner or Engineer, 3) furnishing of concrete cores of the existing bridge rail to the Owner for testing by TTI, and 4) incorporation of revised Plan sheets 42A, 43A, 44A, 50A, 101A, and 102A. Based upon the recommendations of Staff and the Engineers, the GNOEC authorizes the General Manager to complete the execution of Plan Change No. 3. 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, Mr. Sharp, and Mr. Williams voted in favor of the motion.**

On the Southbound Bridge Rail Improvements project, Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval for Plan Change 4. **On motion by Mr. Fitzmorris, seconded by Mr. Coulon, Plan Change No. 4 provides for all labor, materials, equipment, tools, and incidentals required to drill and/or core drill and perform all required ancillary work including, but not limited to, the following: 1) cleaning and preparation of core drilled holes, 2) furnishing, installing, repositioning, and removing additional temporary signs and barricades, 3) implementation and coordination of additional**

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police details, 3) acquisition of additional core drilling and hole cleaning equipment, and 5) implementation of a slurry pit for disposal of core drilled hole cleaning/preparation waste. Beginning October 9, 2019, the Plan Change will increase the contract amount by \$5,976,440.80 and adds zero calendar days to the contract time. Based upon the recommendations of Staff and the Engineers, the GNOEC authorizes the General Manager to complete the execution of Plan Change No. 4 and approves Boh Bros. Construction Co., L.L.C. as a subcontractor for the project. The GNOEC additionally authorizes the General Manager to make revisions to the Plan Change that do not affect the contract time or contract amount with the written approval of the GNOEC Chairman. 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, Mr. Sharp, and Mr. Williams voted in favor of the motion.

On the Southbound Bridge Rail Improvements project, Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval for Plan Change 5. On motion by Mrs. Zainey, seconded by Mr. Coulon, Plan Change No. 5 provides for all labor, materials, equipment, tools, and incidentals required to drill holes prior to October 9, 2019 and perform all required ancillary work including, but not limited to, the following: 1) cleaning and preparation of core drilled holes, 2) furnishing, installing, repositioning, and removing additional temporary signs and barricades, 3) implementation and coordination of additional police details, 4) acquisition of core drilling and hole cleaning equipment, and 5) testing of methods to drill through existing

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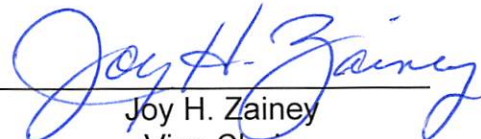
reinforcing steel. The Plan Change will increase the contract amount by \$490,379.30 and add zero calendar days to the contract time. Based upon the recommendations of the Staff and the Engineers, the GNOEC authorizes the General Manager to complete the execution of Plan Change No. 5. Mr. Fitzmorris 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, Mr. Sharp, and Mr. Williams voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Dufrechou announced the 2019/20 GNOEC budget briefing with the Joint Budget Committee on Friday, October 18, 2019. He thanked Mr. Coulon and Mr. Fitzmorris for their help with briefing meetings with many of the Representatives and Senators.

Mr. Fitzmorris reminded everyone the next meeting is tentatively scheduled **November 6, 2019** (later the meeting date was changed to December 4, 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