

PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREATER NEW ORLEANS EXPRESSWAY COMMISSION, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2018, 10:00 A.M., VOA BUILDING, 3939 NORTH CAUSEWAY BLVD, SUITE 400, METAIRIE, LA 70002

PRESENT: Patrick W. Fitzmorris, Acting Chairman; Joy Zainey, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer; Tim Coulon, Member; Donald Sharp, Member

OTHERS: Carlton Dufrechou; Melissa M. Phillpott; Crystal Scott; Chief Nick Congemi; Red Thompson; Stacie Heffker; Georgie Bagnetto; Eileen Barthe; Robert Graham; Craig Watson, Blue Williams; Liz Lambert, Riess LeMieux; Cary Bourgeois, GEC; Jim Martin, DEI Engineering; Jan Evans and Hossien Ghara, Volkert and Associates; Michael Weinstein, Sisung Securities group; Rene Chopin III, Burke-Kleinpeter, Inc.; Mark Hoffa and General John Basilica, HNTB; Cullen Ledet, Modjesli and Masters; Babak Naghavi, Hardesty and Hanover, LLP; Shelby LaSalle

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

Mr. Fitzmorris recognized outgoing chairman Shelby LaSalle. Mr. Fitzmorris summarized Mr. LaSalle's multiple decades of service to the GNOEC and presented Mr. LaSalle a plaque for his accomplishments.

On the motion by Mr. Fitzmorris, seconded by Mrs. Zainey, the minutes of the regular meeting held on October 31, 2018 were accepted as written. Mr. Fitzmorris, Mrs. Zainey, Mr. Coulon and Mr. Sharp voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Fitzmorris stated on the election of officers, agenda item number 5, the Commission seeks to elect the officers from the current members.

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

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

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

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

Mr. Dufrechou reported in October the Drawbridge operations included 26 vessel openings, 7 test openings and 1 incident. He stated Madisonville had the wooden boat festival and that is the reason for the increase in vessel traffic.

Mr. Dufrechou reported, since the last GNOEC meeting, there were six days of fog operations; Nov. 5th, 6th, 7th, 23rd, 24th and 25th.

Mr. Dufrechou reported there were 396 breakdown responses in October on the Causeway Bridge. He stated 184 of those breakdowns were due to mechanical

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problems and 202 were caused by debris on the Causeway Bridge. Mr. Dufrechou reported 39 breakdowns on the Huey P. Long Bridge. He stated 34 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 435 breakdown responses for both bridges in October.

Mr. Dufrechou reported in the month of October there were a total of 10 accidents on the Causeway Bridge. He stated 3 occurred Northbound, 6 Southbound, and 1 in a Crossover. Mr. Dufrechou reported 1 was caused by a breakdown on the Causeway Bridge. He also stated in the month of October, 12 accidents occurred on the Huey P. Long Bridge. He reported 5 Eastbound and 7 Westbound. Mr. Dufrechou reported 2 were caused by breakdowns on the Huey P. Long Bridge.

Mr. Dufrechou reported the Northbound Causeway Bridge was closed on November 7, 2018 from 1:27 am to 1:40 am to rescue a jumper.

On November 7, 2018 Mr. Dufrechou reported the Northbound Causeway Bridge was closed from 1:27 am to 1:40 am to rescue a jumper. Also, the Southbound Causeway Bridge was closed from 8:09 am to 8:51 am due to a crash with injuries.

Mr. Dufrechou reported the GNOEC Annual Bridge Inspection was completed on November 15, 2018.

Due to a tremendous Northshore back up on November 29, 2018, Mr. Dufrechou stated the GNOEC Tolls were lifted to relieve the Thanksgiving Holiday and Saints game traffic between 5:00 pm and 6:00 pm.

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

HNTB presented a PowerPoint summarizing their review/recommendations for strategic initiatives to help the GNOEC improve operations.

On the GNOEC Bylaws, Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval to adopt version 12.5.18. **On motion by Mr. Coulon, seconded by Mrs. Zainey, the Commissioners of the GNOEC desire to implement rules and a comprehensive resource to govern its operations and authority as proscribed by law. Based upon the recommendation of the GNOEC, its staff, and legal counsel, the GNOEC hereby adopts the Bylaws, Version 12.5.18, which are directed to be attached to the minutes of this Commission meeting. Mr. Fitzmorris, Mrs. Zainey, Mr. Coulon and Mr. Sharp voted in favor of the motion.**

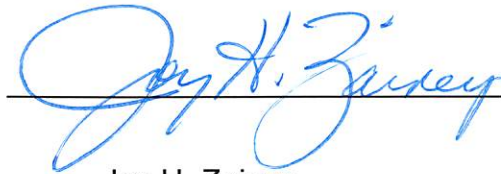
On the Safety Bay and Rail Improvement project, Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval to advertise for Project Management Services. **On motion by Mrs. Zainey, seconded by Mr. Sharp, the GNOEC is seeking Statements of Qualifications from qualified firms interested in providing project management services for the GNOEC Safety Bay and Safety Rail Improvement Projects. Accordingly, the GNOEC hereby authorizes the General Manager to advertise the issuance of a RFQ for project management services for the Safety Bay and Safety Rail Improvement Projects. Mr. Fitzmorris, Mrs. Zainey, Mr. Coulon and Mr. Sharp voted in favor of the motion.**

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Mr. Fitzmorris reminded everyone the next meeting is tentatively scheduled January 9, 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
Vice Chairman



Joy H. Zainey
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer