

PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREATER NEW ORLEANS EXPRESSWAY COMMISSION, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2014, 10:00 A.M., GNOEC CONFERENCE ROOM, VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA BUILDING, 3939 NORTH CAUSEWAY BOULEVARD, SUITE 400, METAIRIE, LA

PRESENT: Michael R. Lorino, Jr., Chairman; Stephen G. Romig, Vice Chairman; Anthony V. Ligi, Jr., Treasurer; Tommy S. Cvitanovich, Secretary; Lawrence M. Rase, Assistant Secretary Treasurer

OTHERS: Carlton Dufrechou; Debbie Lopreore; Melissa M. Phillipott; Eileen Barthe; Chief Nick Congemi; Perry Daigrepoint; Red Thompson; Robert Graham; Cary Bourgeois, GEC, Inc; Craig Watson, Blue Williams; Jim Lynch & Kathy Gambino, Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Svc.; Steve Bowes, Sisung Securities; Rene Chopin, Burk-Kleinpeter

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

**On the motion by Ligi, seconded by Cvitanovich, the minutes of the regular meeting held on October 8, 2014 were accepted as written. Capt. Lorino, Mr. Romig, Mr. Ligi, Mr. Rase and Mr. Cvitanovich voted in favor of the motion.**

On the Drawbridge operations, Mr. Dufrechou reported there were 46 vessel openings, 1 pin motor incident, 2 gate incidents and 3 test openings in the month of October. Mr. Dufrechou reminded everyone that the wooden boat festival occurred in October therefore we had more than the usual openings. He also reported in month of November there were 11 vessel openings, 1 brake incident and 1 test opening.

Mr. Dufrechou stated Fog has arrived.

Mr. Dufrechou reported that Police and MAP responded to 463 breakdowns on the Causeway Bridge and 25 breakdowns on the Huey P. Long for a total of 488 in the last

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two months. Mr. Dufrechou reported there were 17 accidents on the Causeway Bridge and 9 on the Huey P. Long in October. He stated there were 15 accidents on the Causeway Bridge and 12 on the Huey P. Long Bridge in November.

Mr. Dufrechou also showed pictures of the Police Charitable foundation skeet shoot that was held on October 10, 2014. He stated the event was very successful with many sponsors donating to a good cause.

Mr. Dufrechou showed a picture from the Night Out Against Crime that took place on October 12, 2014. He stated this is an annual event in Kenner that we have participated in for several years. Mr. Dufrechou reported that Sgt. Jacob was the coordinator and representative for the Causeway Police at this event.

Mr. Dufrechou showed a video of an incident that happened on October 20, 2014. He stated at the South end of the bridge, a guy was using water jet equipment called a flyboard that his company rents locally. Mr. Dufrechou explained he used the equipment in the lake next to the Northbound Bridge to draw attention to his company and advertise his business. Mr. Dufrechou stated the gentleman was asked to leave as a safety precaution to prevent potential commuter distractions.

Mr. Dufrechou also showed pictures of an incident that occurred on October 30, 2014 on the Southbound span near the 4 mile marker. He stated that a tanker truck was approaching the work zone when it impacted two automobiles. Mr. Dufrechou reported after the impact the truck was on the curb demolishing some of the Bridge's railing.

Mr. Dufrechou also showed pictures of two overboard vehicles that happened in November. He stated the first incident occurred on November 3, 2014 on the

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Southbound span at the 20 mile marker. He reported that as a garbage truck was reaching a work zone it rolled. Chief Congemi reported the driver of the garbage truck stated that a can became lodged under his brake pedal and he was unable to stop. Capt. Lorino inquired if any can was found in the cab of the truck. The Chief responded that nothing was found and the claim was unsubstantiated. Chief reported the garbage truck turned over on its side and smashed into the attenuator truck pushing it overboard. He stated the garbage truck continued on and hit a Causeway Police unit. Mr. Dufrechou showed a picture of the mangled attenuator truck. Mr. Dufrechou stated the second incident occurred on November 23, 2014 when a Toyota SUV rolled and went overboard. He showed pictures of this incident and stated unfortunately this accident ended with a fatality.

Mr. Dufrechou reported that on November 27, 2014 the Times Picayune had a positive article titled "Thanks for making this place better". He stated the article praised Cpl. Tate Gallo, Officer Tyrone Banks, Officer Tristan Thomas, Officer Scott Huff and Officer Lee Hunt for their rescue of a person that jumped off of the Causeway Bridge in early October.

Capt. Lorino addressed the audience to see if anyone had any comments or questions for the commission. There were no comments or questions.

On the Overlay of the East Causeway Approach Road, Mr. Dufrechou presented Change Order No. 3. **On motion by Rase, seconded by Cvitanovich, Plan Change No. 3 provides for the adjustment of plan quantities to the final field quantities in the amount of \$47,609.02 and 90 additional calendar days. Based upon the**

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recommendation of the Staff and its Consulting Engineers, the Commission authorized the General Manager to execute Plan Change No. 3. Capt. Lorino, Mr. Romig, Mr. Cvitanovich, Mr. Ligi and Mr. Rase voted in favor of the motion. Also on the Overlay of the East Causeway Approach Road, Mr. Dufrechou presented the acceptance of this project. On motion by Cvitanovich, seconded by Capt. Lorino, Based upon the recommendation of the Staff and its Consulting Engineers, the Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission accepts the project titled Overlay of the East Causeway Approach Road. The Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission authorized the General Manager to execute any documents associated with the acceptance of this project on behalf of the Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission. Capt. Lorino, Mr. Romig, Mr. Cvitanovich, Mr. Ligi and Mr. Rase voted in favor of the motion.

On the Pavement Marking of Bridge Deck, Mr. Dufrechou presented Change Order No. 1. On motion by Mr. Romig, seconded by Mr. Rase, Plan Change No. 1 provides for the additional of painted traffic striping on the North Shore Frontage Roads and for additional thermoplastic traffic striping on the East Approaching Road at Florida Street in amount of \$22,500.00. Based on the recommendation of the Staff and its Consulting Engineers, the GNOEC authorizes the General Manager to complete the execution of Plan Changes No. 1. Capt. Lorino, Mr. Romig, Mr. Cvitanovich, Mr. Ligi and Mr. Rase voted in favor of the motion.

On the Overlay the West Causeway Approach Road, Mr. Dufrechou presented a project design memorandum. On motion by Mr. Ligi, seconded by Mr. Romig, this authorizes to begin development of plans and specifications and advertise the

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project. Based on the recommendation of the GNOEC Staff and its Consulting Engineers, the General Manager is hereby authorized to execute the project memorandum for the project titled Overlay the West Causeway Approach Road. Capt. Lorino, Mr. Romig, Mr. Cvitanovich, Mr. Ligi and Mr. Rase voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Dufrechou presented Mr. Rase with an American flag to commemorate his many years of services and many accomplishments on the Greater New Orleans Expressway. Capt. Lorino thanked Mr. Rase for his six years of service of behalf of the Causeway and the staff. Mr. Rase reminisced about his first trip on the bridge and how many things have changed. He stated it was his pleasure to work with such an efficient Commission and staff. Mr. Rase concluded that it was an honor to serve as Chairman and thanked everyone for their hard work.

Capt. Lorino stated this was his last meeting as chairman. He said he enjoyed his time and thanked everyone for making the Causeway a safe roadway. He stated it has been an eye opening honor to serve as chairman of the Commission. Capt. Lorino requested a motion for the election of officers. Mr. Rase read the new appointment of officers. Mr. Stephen G. Romig was nominated as chairman. Mr. Michael R. Lorino, Jr. was nominated as vice chairman. Anthony V. Ligi Jr. was nominated as treasurer. Tommy Cvitanovich was nominated assistant secretary treasurer. **Mr. Rase made a motion to accept the new appointments. Capt. Lorino seconded the motion. Mr. Romig, Mr. Cvitanovich, Mr. Ligi and Mr. Rase voted in favor of the motion.**

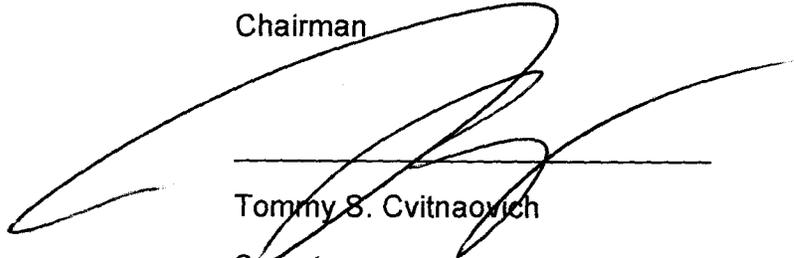
There being no further business, the meeting was be adjourned.

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Michael R. Lorino, Jr.

Chairman



Tommy S. Cvitnaovich

Secretary