

**Proceeding of the Regular Meeting of the Greater New Orleans Expressway
Commission (GNOEC), Wednesday, November 3, 2021, 10 AM, via video
conference**

Present: Wanda Theriot, Chair; Joy Zainey, Vice Chair; Red Thompson, Treasurer; Gary Cooper, Secretary; and Col. Evans Spiceland, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

Absent: None

Others: Carlton Dufrechou, Melissa M. Phillpott, Robert Graham, Thea Andras, Eileen Barthe, Crystal Scott, and Michelle Carlisle, GNOEC; Craig Watson, Blue Williams; Liz Lambert, Reiss LeMieux; Cary Bourgeois, GEC; Jim Martin, DEI; Bob Schmidt, Huval; Jan Evans and Hossein Ghara, Volkert; Babak Naghavi, Hardest and Hanover; Nathan Junis, Linfield, Hunter, and Junis; Cullen Ledet, Modjeski and Masters; and Shelby LaSalle.

Chair Wanda Theriot called the meeting to order at 10 AM.

On a motion by Chair Theriot, seconded by Mr. Red Thompson, the minutes of the October 6, 2021, regular meeting were accepted as written. Chair Theriot, Mrs. Joy Zainey, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Gary Cooper, and Col. Evans Spiceland voted in favor of the motion.

As Mrs. Zainey had another engagement pending, the agenda's ACTION ITEM was advanced before the GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT.

Regarding RFQs for Financial Consultation Services and Bond Counsel, GNOEC Res #2021-14, staff and attorneys, recommended advertising RFQs. On a motion by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mr. Thompson: To facilitate costs savings, the GNOEC desires to explore refunding opportunities on one or more series of its previously issued revenue bonds. The GNOEC seeks qualified professionals to serve as financial and/or municipal bond advisor, and bond counsel to assist in any refunding opportunities. The GNOEC hereby authorizes its General Manager to advertise Requests For Qualifications (RFQs) for firms to provide for financial and/or municipal bond advisory services, and bond counsel. Chair Theriot asked the audience if anyone had comments or questions for the Commission regarding this resolution. There were no additional comments or questions. Chair Theriot, Mrs. Zainey, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Cooper, and Col. Spiceland voted in favor of the motion.

Mrs. Zainey exited the meeting.

General Manager's report for October 2021:

- Drawbridge: During October, we had 13 vessel openings, 0 test openings, and 3 gates damaged by a reckless operated vehicle. The gates were repaired on October 1.
- Fog Ops: N/A

- Breakdowns: During October, we responded to 364 on the CW (205 mechanical and 159 debris) and 33 on the HPL (23 mechanical and 10 debris) for a total of 397 for the month.

- Accidents: During October, we responded to 9 on the CW (4N, 5S) 2 involved breakdowns or debris and 21 on the HPL (7E, 14W) 0 due to breakdown for a total of 28 for both bridges.

Chair Theriot reminded everyone that the next GNOEC meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, December 1, 2021, 10 AM, via video conferencing.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

by
Carla Onquesha
for

Wanda Theriot
Chair

by
Carla Onquesha
for

Gary Cooper
Secretary