

PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREATER NEW ORLEANS EXPRESSWAY COMMISSION, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28, 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. Phillipott; Robert Graham; Lt. Mike Kelly; Stacie Heffker; Eileen Barthe; Crystal Scott; Georgie Bagnetto; Red Thompson; Craig Watson, Blue Williams; Liz Lambert, Riess LeMieux; Johnny Bradberry, Cary Bourgeois, GEC; Jim Martin, DEI Engineering; Neil Kantner, Volkert and Associates; General John Basilica and Scott Cooper, HNTB; Babak Naghavi, Hardesty and Hanover, LLP; Randy Schuler, Burke-Kleinpeter, Inc.; Lyle I. Hunter and Todd Burrall, Regions Bank; Michael Weinstein, Sisung Securities; Terry Bupre, Meyer Engineering; Tanesha Morgan; Mason Williams; 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 July 31, 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 July the Drawbridge operations included 24 vessel openings, 3 test openings and 2 incidents.

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

Mr. Dufrechou reported there were 308 breakdown responses in July on the Causeway Bridge. He stated 184 of those breakdowns were due to mechanical problems and 124 were caused by debris on the Causeway Bridge. Mr. Dufrechou reported 24

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breakdowns on the Huey P. Long Bridge. He stated 21 of those breakdowns were due to mechanical problems and 3 were caused by debris on the Huey P. Long Bridge. Mr. Dufrechou reported a total of 332 breakdown responses for both bridges in July.

Mr. Dufrechou reported in the month of July there were a total of 12 accidents on the Causeway Bridge. He stated 6 occurred Northbound and 6 Southbound. Mr. Dufrechou reported 3 were caused by breakdowns on the Causeway Bridge. He also there were 10 accidents that occurred on the Huey P. Long Bridge in July. He reported 5 Eastbound and 5 Westbound. Mr. Dufrechou reported none were caused by breakdowns on the Huey P. Long Bridge.

On August 15, 2019, Mr. Dufrechou reported the Southbound span, on the Causeway Bridge, was closed from 9:10 am to 10:25 am for a overturned vehicle, with injuries, at the 21 mile marker. Mr. Dufrechou thanked the Police and Maintenance departments for picking up debris from this accident quickly.

On the Fiber Optic Maintenance project, Mr. Dufrechou recommended selection of A.J. Labourdette, Inc. **On motion by Mr. Coulon, seconded by Mrs. Zainey, on July 2, 2019, the GNOEC issued RFP No. 201907-202, seeking Statements of Proposals to provide maintenance and service for Fiber Optics. After evaluation, consideration, and upon recommendation from the GNOEC staff, the GNOEC hereby selects A.J. Labourdette, Inc. The General Manager is hereby authorized to execute all necessary documents with A.J. Labourdette, Inc. 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**

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**audience. Mr. Fitzmorris, Mrs. Zainey, Mr. Coulon, Mr. Sharp, and Mr. Williams voted in favor of the motion.**

**On the High Voltage 25KV Maintenance and Service project, Mr. Dufrechou recommended selection of Kevin Clark Electrical Services, LLC. On motion by Mr. Sharp, seconded by Mr. Coulon, on July 2, 2019, the GNOEC issued RFP No. 201907-203, seeking Statements of Proposals to provide maintenance and service for the High Voltage 25KV. After evaluation, consideration, and upon recommendation from the GNOEC staff, the GNOEC hereby selects Kevin Clark Electrical Services LLC. The General Manager is hereby authorized to execute all necessary documents with Kevin Clark Electrical Services LLC. 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 GNOEC Maintenance Facility Canopy project, Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval for Plan Change 2. On motion by Mrs. Zainey, seconded by Mr. Coulon, Plan Change No. 2 provides for corrective difference credit from Plan Change 2 in the amount of \$219.00 and increase of \$2,138.00 for additional lighting wall packs, photo cells, and redirecting the existing raceway to the equipment shed building. The total increase is \$1,919.00 with no additional days. Based upon the recommendation of the Staff and the Architect, the GNOEC authorizes the General Manger to complete the execution of Plan Change No. 2 with CM Combs Construction LLC. There were no comments or questions from the audience. Mr.**

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**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 6. **On motion by Mr. Coulon, seconded by Mrs. Zainey, Plan Change No. 6 provides for audible striping at each of the 12 Segmented Shoulders performed by the contractor in one operation near the end of the project, as opposed to 12 individual operations over the course of the project. This will reduce the number of lane closures, improving safety, and reduce the contract amount by \$94,400. No additional days will be added to the contract. Based upon the recommendations of Staff and the Engineers, the GNOEC approves the execution of Plan Change No. 6. 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, and Mr. Sharp voted in favor of the motion. Due a call received, Mr. Williams was absent for this vote.**

On the Segmented Shoulder Improvements project, Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval for Plan Change 9. **On motion by Mr. Coulon, seconded by Mr. Sharp, Plan Change No. 9 provides for a reduction in concrete pile lengths at Segmented Shoulder 12, as afforded by a shallow sand layer and based on geotechnical analysis. This will reduce the contract amount by \$57,990.40. No additional days will be added to the contract. Based upon the recommendations of Staff and the Engineers, the GNOEC approves the execution of Plan Change No. 9. Mr. Fitzmorris asked the audience if anyone had comments or questions for the**

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**Commission regarding this resolution. There were no comments or questions from the audience. Mr. Fitzmorris, Mrs. Zainey, Mr. Coulon, and Mr. Sharp voted in favor of the motion. Due a call received, Mr. Williams was absent for this vote.**

On the Segmented Shoulder Improvements project, Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval for Plan Change 10. **On motion by Mr. Coulon, seconded by Mr. Sharp, Plan Change No. 10 provides for the following as a part of the Partial Acceptance process for Segmented Shoulder 1: Adds three accumulated excessive adverse weather days from July 1, 2019, through July 21, 2019 to the contract completion date, Recognizes the Partial Acceptance of Segmented Shoulder 1, Recognizes partial release of retainage monies withheld to date until Partial Acceptance of Segmented Shoulder 1, Provides a \$16,500 early completion incentive payment for Segmented Shoulder 1. Based upon the recommendations of Staff and the Engineers, the GNOEC approves the execution of Plan Change No. 10. 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 11. **On motion by Mr. Coulon, seconded by Mr. Williams, Plan Change No. 11 provides for the modification and addition of longitudinal and transverse joint seal material at each of the 12 Segmented Shoulders, increasing function and safety. This will increase the contract by an amount not to exceed \$320,000. No additional days will be added to the contract. Based upon the**

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**recommendations of Staff and the Engineers, the GNOEC approves the execution of Plan Change No. 11. 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 Employee Benefits Producer, Mr. Dufrechou recommended selecting Compass Capital management. On motion by Mrs. Zainey, seconded by Mr. Coulon, on March 13, 2019, GNOEC issued RFQ and RFP No. 2019-06EB, seeking Statements of Qualifications and Statements of Proposals from qualified firms to provide insurance broker, administration, and consultation services related to employment benefits. After evaluation, consideration, and upon recommendation from GNOEC staff and its consultants, the GNOEC hereby selects Compass Capital Management, who is determined to be reasonable and qualified, to serve as the employee benefits producer. Further, the General Manager is hereby authorized to execute all necessary documents with Compass Capital Management 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 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 457(b) Retirement Plan Administrator Consultant, Mr. Dufrechou recommended selecting Compass Capital management. On motion by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Sharp, on March 13, 2019, GNOEC issued RFQ and RFP No. 2019-06EB,**

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**seeking Statements of Qualifications and Statements of Proposals from qualified firms to provide insurance broker, administration, and consultation services related to the 457(b) Retirement Plan. After evaluation, consideration, and upon recommendation from GNOEC staff and its consultants, the GNOEC hereby selects Compass Capital Management, who is determined to be reasonable and qualified, to serve as the 457(b) Retirement Plan Administrator Consultant. Additionally, the General Manager is hereby authorized to execute all necessary documents with Compass Capital Management 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 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 replacement of GNOEC's portable radios, Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval to select Motorola Inc. On motion by Mr. Sharp, seconded by Mr. Coulon, the GNOEC desires to procure portable radios in order to replace the current technology, which is reaching the end of its useful life. The GNOEC hereby authorizes its General Manager to contract with Motorola Inc., an approved state contract vendor under contract with the State of Louisiana, pursuant to La. R.S. 39:1701, et seq., to provide for the portable radios. 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.**

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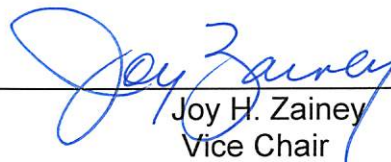
On the amended GNOEC budget, for fiscal year November 1, 2018 through October 31, 2019 and proposed budget for fiscal year November 1, 2019 through October 31, 2020, Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval. **On motion by Mrs. Zainey, seconded by Mr. Williams, the Commission accepts and approves the Amended Budget for fiscal year November 1, 2018 – October 31, 2019 and the Proposed Budget for fiscal year November 1, 2019 – October 31, 2020 as presented. The Commission also accepts and approves the Toll Covenant calculations made of the net worth requirements in accordance with Section 6.15 of the Bond Indenture. 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 thanked Melissa Phillpott, and other GNOEC staff members, for keeping GNOEC's operating cost lower than it was in 2009.**

In honor of the Bridge's 63<sup>rd</sup> birthday on August 30, 2019, Mr. Dufrechou showed footage of the Causeway in 1959, sent to him from Ms. Gwendolyn P. Sanders, with Eustis Engineering.

Mr. Fitzmorris reminded everyone the next meeting is tentatively scheduled October 2, 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