

**Proceedings of the Regular Meeting of the Greater New Orleans
Expressway Commission (GNOEC), Wednesday, May 3, 2023, 10 AM, South
Shore Conference Room, 3939 North Causeway Blvd., Metairie, Louisiana
70002**

Present: Col. Evans Spiceland, Chair; Gary Cooper, Vice Chair; Ralph Cox, Jr., Treasurer; Lindsay Calub, Secretary; and Wanda Theriot, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer.

Absent: None

Others: Carlton Dufrechou, Melissa Phillipott, Robert Graham, Matt Haley, Michelle Carlisle, Eileen Barthe', and Crystal Scott, GNOEC; Craig Watson, Blue Williams; and Cary Bourgeois and Ben Bartlett, GEC/DEI.

Col. Spiceland called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

On a motion by Mr. Cox, seconded by Mr. Calub, the minutes of the March 15, 2023, regular meeting were accepted as written. Col. Spiceland, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Cox, Mr. Calub, and Mrs. Theriot voted in favor of the motion.

General Manager's report for March and April 2023:

- Drawbridge, Mar: 14 vessel openings, 0 test openings and 0 incidents.
- Drawbridge, Apr: 20 vessel openings, 1 test openings and 0 incidents.
- Fog Ops: None.
- Bridge Closures, Mar: None.
- Bridge Closures, Apr: SB closed Apr 5, 10:35 AM to 10:45 AM for response to crash into attenuator truck. NB close Apr 14, 1:03 PM to 1:38 PM for response to four car crash at 10.9 MM.
- Breakdowns: During Mar, we responded to 334 on the CW (224 mechanical and 110 debris) and 28 on the HPL (24 mechanical and 4 debris) for a total of 362 for the month.
- Breakdowns: During Apr, we responded to 332 on the CW (219 mechanical and 113 debris) and 17 on the HPL (15 mechanical and 2 debris) for a total of 349 for the month.
- Accidents: During Mar, we responded to 11 on the CW and 12 on the HPL for a total of 23 for both bridges.
- Accidents: During Apr, we responded to 9 on the CW and 15 on the HPL for a total of 24 for both bridges.

Bascule Generator Replacement, GNOEC Project No. 211, GNOEC Res No. 2023-05: On a motion by Mr. Calub, seconded by Mr. Cooper: Two bids were received on April 18, 2023, for the Bascule Generator Replacement Project. However, neither bid was in compliance with the Public Bid Law. Based upon the recommendations of staff, the Consulting Engineers, and legal counsel, the

GNOEC hereby rejects the bids received for the Bascule Generator Replacement, Project No. 211, as nonresponsive and in accordance with procedures outlined in Title 38 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, the GNOEC authorizes the re-advertisement of same. Col. Spiceland, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Cox, Mr. Calub, and Mrs. Theriot voted in favor of the motion.

Overlay the West Causeway Approach Road at Chinchuba Bayou, GNOEC Project No. 638, GNOEC Resolution No. 2023-06: On a motion by Mr. Cox, seconded by Mrs. Theriot: Based upon the recommendation of the staff and the Consulting Engineers, the project titled Overlay the West Causeway Approach Road at Chinchuba Bayou, GNOEC Project No. 638, is awarded to the low bidder, Barriere Construction Co., LLC, in the total amount of \$1,746,494.28. The General Manager is hereby authorized to execute the contract with Barriere Construction Co., LLC, pending the review of the bonds and insurance by legal counsel and insurance representatives. Col. Spiceland, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Cox, Mr. Calub, and Mrs. Theriot voted in favor of the motion.

Erosion Repairs at the North Toll Plaza, GNOEC Project No. 639, GNOEC Res No. 2023-07: On a motion by Mrs. Theriot, seconded by Mr. Cox: Based upon the recommendation of the staff and the Consulting Engineers, the project titled Erosion Repairs at the North Toll Plaza, GNOEC Project No. 639, is awarded to the low bidder, Boh Bros. Construction Co., LLC, in the total amount of \$674,700.50. The General Manager is hereby authorized to complete the execution of the contract with Boh Bros. construction Co., LLC, pending the review of the bonds and insurance by legal counsel and insurance representatives. Col. Spiceland, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Cox, Mr. Calub, and Mrs. Theriot voted in favor of the motion.

Authorization to Purchase Software for Credit Cards, GNOEC Res No. 2023-08: On a motion by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mrs. Theriot: To advance the technology of the Causeway Bridge and provide for a convenient alternative for commuters to pay tolls, the GNOEC desires to purchase upgraded software to process credit card transactions for toll payments. Pursuant to La. R.S. 38:2212.1, the GNOEC hereby authorizes its General Manager to purchase upgraded software to process credit card transactions for toll payments from The Revenue Markets, Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$59,500.00. Col. Spiceland, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Cox, Mr. Calub, and Mrs. Theriot voted in favor of the motion.

Col. Spiceland asked Commissioners if they had any other matters to discuss. Hearing none, Col. Spiceland announced that the next GNOEC meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, June 28, 2023, 10 AM, in the North Shore conference room. There being no further business, Col. Spiceland asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Calub moved and Mr. Cooper seconded. All voted in favor and the meeting adjourned.



Col. Evans Spiceland
Chair



Lindsay Calub
Secretary