

PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREATER NEW ORLEANS
EXPRESSWAY COMMISSION, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2016, 10:00 A.M., VOA
BUILDING, 3939 NORTH CAUSEWAY BLVD, SUITE 400, METAIRIE, LA 70002

PRESENT: Anthony V. Ligi, Jr., Chairman; Shelby P. LaSalle, Jr., Vice Chairman;
Stephen G. Romig, Secretary; Patrick W. Fitzmorris, Member

ABSENT: P. Lindsey Williams, Member

OTHERS: Carlton Dufrechou; Chief Nick Congemi; Melissa M. Phillpott; Stacie
Heffker; Robert Graham; Georgie Bagnetto; Craig Watson, Blue Williams;
Cary Bourgeois and Phil Meyers, GEC, Inc.; Rene Chopin, Burk
Kleinpeter; Kathy Gambino, Arthur J. Gallagher; Chris Coulon, Adams and
Reese; Faimon Roberts, The Advocate; John Walker, St. Tammany
Farmer; Hugh Martin; Charles Goodwin

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

On the motion by Mr. Romig, seconded by Mr. LaSalle, the minutes of the regular meeting held on September 7, 2016 were accepted as written. Mr. Ligi, Mr. LaSalle, Mr. Romig and Mr. Fitzmorris voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Ligi addressed the audience to see if anyone had any comments or questions for the Commission. There were no comments or questions.

Mr. Dufrechou stated that everyone was delighted to have Mr. Ligi back.

On the Drawbridge operations, Mr. Dufrechou reported there were 15 vessel openings, 3 test openings and 1 incident.

Mr. Dufrechou reported that Police and MAP responded to 127 breakdowns on the Causeway Bridge and 26 breakdowns on the Huey P. Long Bridge for a total of 153. He reported 14 accidents on the Causeway Bridge. Mr. Dufrechou stated 4 occurred

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Northbound and 10 Southbound. Mr. Dufrechou also stated 4 accidents occurred on the Huey P. Long Bridge. He reported 1 Eastbound and 3 Westbound.

Mr. Dufrechou showed three pictures from the water rescue training classes given by the GNOEC Police department on Saturday, September 10, 2016 and Saturday, September 17, 2016.

Mr. Dufrechou showed one picture of a possum that was rescued by Officer Tristan Thomas at the .3 mile marker on Wednesday, September 14, 2016.

Mr. Dufrechou showed a video of an incident that occurred at the North Toll Plaza on Saturday, September 17, 2016. In the video a vehicle pulled into Lane two with a dog outside the car but tied up on the inside. The commuter had no idea the dog had jumped out of his vehicle. Mr. Dufrechou explained that it was because of the quick thinking of the Toll Collector that the dog was saved. He further explained that later the commuter was arrested for DUI in Crossover 2000 and the dog was rescued by Animal Control.

Mr. Dufrechou showed one picture of a tour of GNOEC provided to from Zach Rau, Ms. Collen McCrory and Mr. Daniel Waguespack from the State of Louisiana Legislative Fiscal office that occurred on Tuesday, September 20, 2016.

Mr. Dufrechou showed one picture and one diagram of a rear end crash at the 1.5 mile marker on Sunday, September 25, 2016. He explained this accident occurred due to a breakdown.

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Mr. Dufrechou showed one video from a two vehicle accident on Wednesday, September 28, 2016. He reported one vehicle lost its tire and hit the side of the Southbound span around the 2.4 mile marker.

Also on Thursday, September 28, 2016, Mr. Dufrechou showed a video from a Causeway Police pursuit of a stolen vehicle that was traveling Northbound. The subject was later arrested.

On the South Channel Fender Repair and Structural Improvements, Mr. Dufrechou presented Plan Change Number 3. **On motion by Mr. Romig, seconded by Mr. LaSalle, Plan Change Number 3 provides for the replacement of two walers damaged by recent storms in the amount of \$15,580.00. Additional working days will be added as necessary to complete the project. Based upon the recommendation of the Staff and its Consulting Engineers, the GNOEC authorizes the General Manager to complete the execution of Plan Change Number 3. Mr. Ligi, Mr. LaSalle, Mr. Romig and Mr. Fitzmorris voted in favor of the motion.**

Also on the South Channel Fender Repair and Structural Improvements, Mr. Dufrechou recommended acceptance of this project. **On motion by Mr. Romig, seconded by Mr. LaSalle, based upon the recommendation of the Staff and its Consulting Engineers, the Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission accepts the project titled South Fender Channel Repair and Structural Improvements. The Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission authorizes General Manager, Carlton Dufrechou, to execute any documents associated with the acceptance of this**

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project on behalf of the Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission. Mr. Ligi, Mr. LaSalle, Mr. Romig and Mr. Fitzmorris voted in favor of the motion.

On the Surplus Property, Mr. Dufrechou presented a resolution to authorize the sale. On motion by Mr. Fitzmorris, seconded by Mr. Romig, on July 20, 2016, the GNOEC authorized the advertisement for bids for the sale of surplus property consisting of an unimproved parcel of land measuring approximately 1.743 Acres located on the west side of Antibes Street West and the east side of North Causeway Boulevard, Mandeville, St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana, 70448 (“the Property”). Following advertisement, the GNOEC received a single bid from C. Arlen Braud of Braud & Gallagher, LLC, in the amount of \$152,000, the fair market and appraised value of the property. On September 7, 2016, the GNOEC adopted a Proposed Resolution to sell the property to C. Arlen Braud of Braud & Gallagher, LLC, in the amount of \$152,000, and authorized the advertisement of the proposed sale. Having been advertised three times, one week apart, and having received no timely written opposition to the proposed sale, the GNOEC adopts the Proposed Ordinance for the Sale of Surplus Property, and authorizes its General Manager, Carlton Dufrechou, to execute all necessary documents and proceed with the sale of the property to C. Arlen Braud of Braud & Gallagher, LLC, in the amount of \$152,000. This Resolution shall not become effective until ten days after its passage. Mr. Ligi, Mr. LaSalle, Mr. Romig and Mr. Fitzmorris voted in favor of the motion.

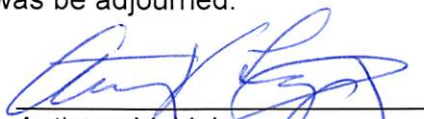
On establishing a schedule of tolls, Mr. Dufrechou presented an amendment of the August 2016 resolution. On motion by Mr. LaSalle, seconded by Mr. Fitzmorris, on

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August 10, 2016, the Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission approved the construction of six sets of Safety Shoulders, and construction of bridge rail improvements to the Southbound Expressway. On that same date, the Commission approved a resolution establishing a schedule of tolls for transit over or use of the Lake Pontchartrain Causeway. To proceed with implementation of the safety improvements, including financing and pre-construction activities, the GNOEC hereby adopts an amendment restating Section 1 of an August 10, 2016 Resolution entitled, “A resolution establishing a schedule of tolls for the transit over or use of the Lake Pontchartrain Causeway”, authorizing and adopting the unconditional implementation of the Tolls on the effective date of May 1, 2017 as provided in the 2017 GNOEC Fiscal Budget. Mr. Ligi, Mr. LaSalle, Mr. Romig and Mr. Fitzmorris voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Ligi reminded everyone the next meeting is tentatively scheduled November 2, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at the VOA building on the South Shore.


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



Anthony V. Ligi
Chairman



~~Stephen G. Romig~~
Secretary


Shelby LaSalle
Vice Chairman