

PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREATER NEW ORLEANS EXPRESSWAY COMMISSION, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 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. Phillpott; Eileen Barthe'; Georgie Bagnetto; Chief Nick Congemi; Perry Daigrepoint; Cary Bourgeois, Bob Boagni & Gavin Gillen, GEC, Inc; Craig Watson, Blue Williams; Bill Murhammer; Dr. Andrea Calvin, Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation; Rene Chopin, Burk-Kleinpeter; Jim Lynch & Kathy Gambino, Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Svc.; Steve Bowes, Sisung Securities; Patrice McNeal, Chase BNK; Byron Poydras, Bank of New York; Polly Greene, St. Tammany Farmer; Robert Rhoden, Times Picayune

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

On the motion by Lorino, seconded by Cvitanovich, the minutes of the regular meeting held on August 6, 2014 were accepted as written. Capt. Lorino, Mr. Romig, Mr. Ligi, Mr. Rase and Mr. Cvitanovich voted in favor of the motion.

On behalf of the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation (LPBF), Dr. Calvin reported the water quality looks on the South Shore. She stated that there was a big rain event. Dr. Calvin stated that out of the 40 samples taken, 30 of the samples (75%) met primary contact recreation standards.

For the Causeway Police Charitable foundation, Mr. Gavin Gillen reported that the skeet shoot is scheduled for October 10, 2014. He stated that this is the main fundraiser. Mr. Gilen encourages everyone to attend.

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On the Drawbridge operations, Mr. Dufrechou reported there were 13 vessel openings, 2 pin motor incidents, 1 limit switch incidents, 1 circuit breaker incident and 12 test openings in the last month. He stated there was no fog last month because it is in the summer.

Mr. Dufrechou reported that Police and MAP responded to a record of 283 breakdowns on the Causeway Bridge and 28 breakdowns on the Huey P. Long. Mr. Dufrechou reported there were 10 accidents on the Causeway Bridge. He stated 4 were south bound and 6 were Northbound. Mr. Dufrechou stated 1 was due to wet weather conditions. He reported 5 accidents on the Huey P. Long.

Mr. Dufrechou stated on June 24th the Causeway Bridge was closed due to severe weather from 4:30 to 4:50 PM and from 7:30 to 8:00 PM.

Mr. Dufrechou stated that we were selected to receive an award from the American Society of Engineers, Louisiana chapter for their centennial award. He stated that the Causeway was selected over many other bridges and structures and we are very proud to be the recipient.

Mr. Dufrechou also showed pictures of a nails that were pick up from the median at the Huey P. Long on three separate incidents. He stated that fortunately the police have not had to change many tires despite these nails.

Mr. Dufrechou showed pictures of Mr. Tony Wenzel who visited the Causeway a month ago. Mr. Wenzel is 92 years old and was a field engineer at Brown and Root in the 1950's the company that designed the original span of the Causeway Bridge. Mr. Dufrechou stated that Mr. Wenzel lived in Texas and has never traveled on the

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Causeway Bridge. His family brought him to visit the office on the North shore and South shore along with a trip on the Bridge itself. Mr. Dufrechou stated that Mr. Wenzel is an accomplished professional and he was so glad that he was able to see the Bridge.

Mr. Dufrechou reported that the new mile marker signage started on August 18, 2014. He showed pictures of the signs being installed.

Mr. Dufrechou stated that on August 30, 2014 we had an incident and asked Chief Nick Congemi to give a briefing. Chief Congemi reported that Jefferson Parish Sherriff's office called and stated that there was an armed robbery on Veterans Highway at a Circle K. Chief stated JPSO reported the subject was going Northbound on Causeway Blvd. He said that Causeway Officers clocked the vehicle going 98 mph. Chief said our dispatchers contacted St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's office and Mandeville Police to deploy their officers and lay out spike strips on the North shore at the end of the bridge. Chief Congemi stated the suspect ran into the back of one of our police units. He stated several shots were fired disabling the vehicle and the suspect but he was not hit. Chief stated the subject's air bag deployed in the vehicle and caused some injuries. He reported that the subject was transported to a hospital on the North shore where he was booked with multiple robberies and possible additional charges in St. Tammany. Chief said he was thankful that no police offers were injured in this pursuit. Mr. Dufrechou stated the Causeway Bridge was closed for approximately one hour due to this incident.

On the North Toll Plaza Lane Modifications, Mr. Dufrechou presented Change Order No. 5. **On motion by Rase, seconded by Lorino, Plan Change No. 5 in the amount of \$0 and no additional calendar days was approved by the GNOEC on May 1,**

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2013. Based upon the recommendation of the staff and its Consulting Engineers, the GNOEC hereby rescinds Plan Change No. 5 dated May 1, 2013. Revised Plan Change No. 5 provides for adjustments to the plans necessary to accommodate unforeseen site conditions in the amount of \$21,277.49 and no additional calendar days. Based upon the recommendation of the Staff and its Consulting Engineers, the GNOEC authorizes the General Manager to complete the execution of Revised Plan Change No. 5. Mr. Lorino, Mr. Romig, Mr. Cvitanovich, Mr. Ligi and Mr. Rase voted in favor of the motion.

On the North Toll Plaza Lane Modifications, Mr. Dufrechou presented Change Order No. 10, 11, 12 & 13. On motion by Romig, seconded by Cvitanovich, Plan Change No. 10 provides for the payment of stockpiled material that could not be incorporated into the project due to differing site conditions in the amount of \$8,280.26 and no additional calendar days. Plan Change No. 11 provides for the removal of the blue steel from the roof of the toll plaza canopy in the amount of \$14,144.01 and no additional calendar days. Plan Change No. 12 provides for the adjustment of plan quantities to the final field quantities in the amount of \$20,155.12 and no additional calendar days. Plan Change No. 13 provides for the adjustment of plan quantities to the final field quantities in the amount of \$1,364.00 and no additional calendar days. Based upon the recommendation of the Staff and its Consulting Engineers, the GNOEC authorizes the General Manager to complete the execution of Revised Plan Changes No. 10, 11, 12 & 13. Mr. Lorino, Mr. Romig, Mr. Cvitanovich, Mr. Ligi and Mr. Rase voted in favor of the motion.

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Mr. Dufrechou presented final acceptance of the North Toll Plaza Lane Modifications. On motion by Romig, seconded by Lorino, based upon the recommendation of the Staff and its Consulting Engineers, the Commission accepted the project titled North Toll Plaza Lane Modifications, GNOEC Project No. 634, State Project No. H.009324. The Commission authorizes the General Manager, Carlton Dufrechou, to execute any documents associated with the acceptance of this project on behalf of the Commission. Capt. Lorino, Mr. Romig, Mr. Cvitanovich, Mr. Ligi and Mr. Rase voted in favor of the motion.

On the North Channel Bascule Control System Replacement Project, Mr. Dufrechou presented Change Order No. 6. On motion by Mr. Cvitanovich, seconded by Rase, Plan Change No. 6 provides for the suspension of contract time as of May 23, 2014 to allow for debugging of the control system. Based upon the recommendation of the staff and its Consulting Engineers, the Commission accepted Plan Change No. 6 on the referenced project. The General Manager is hereby authorized to complete the execution of Plan Change No. 6. Capt. Lorino, Mr. Romig, Mr. Cvitanovich, Mr. Ligi and Mr. Rase voted in favor of the motion.

On the Realignment of Northbound Bridge Spans, Mr. Dufrechou presented Plan Changes No. 6 & 7. On motion by Lorino, seconded by Romig, Plan Change No. 6 provides for revised access and traffic control for the installation of the shear keys in the credit amount of \$37,672.80 and no additional calendar days. Plan Change No. 7 provides for structure jacking and bearing pad replacement at the North Abutment in the amount of \$11,100.00 and no additional calendar days. Based upon the recommendation of the Staff and its Consulting Engineers, the

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Commission authorizes the General Manager, Carlton Dufrechou, to complete the execution of Plan Change No. 6 & 7 of this project on behalf of the Commission. Capt. Lorino, Mr. Romig, Mr. Cvitanovich, Mr. Ligi and Mr. Rase voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Dufrechou presented final acceptance of the Realignment of Northbound Bridge Spans. On motion by Ligi, seconded by Romig, based upon the recommendation of the Staff and its Consulting Engineers, the Commission accepted the project titled Realignment of Northbound Bridge Spans, GNOEC Project No. ER-0005, State Project No. H.005973. The Commission authorizes the General Manager, Carlton Dufrechou, to execute any documents associated with the acceptance of this project on behalf of the Commission. Capt. Lorino, Mr. Romig, Mr. Cvitanovich, Mr. Ligi and Mr. Rase voted in favor of the motion.

On the South Channel Fender Repair and Structural Improvements, Mr. Dufrechou recommends concurrence with DOTD to award to the low bidder. On motion by Ligi, seconded by Rase, based upon the recommendation of the Staff and its Consulting Engineers, the Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission concurs with the recommendation of the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) to award State Project No. H.009325 to the low bidder C.E.C., Inc. in the amount of \$2,031,865.00. The Commission authorizes the General Manager, Carlton Dufrechou, to execute any documents associated with the award of this project on behalf of the Commission. Capt. Lorino, Mr. Romig, Mr. Cvitanovich, Mr. Ligi and Mr. Rase voted in favor of the motion.

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On the Cable Support Tray Repairs, Mr. Dufrechou recommends concurrence with DOTD to award to the low bidder on this project. On motion by Cvitanovich, seconded by Romig, based on the recommendation of the Staff and its Consulting Engineers, the Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission concurs with recommendation of the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) to award State Project No. H.011206 to the low bidder C.E.C., Inc. in the amount of \$2,080,430.00. The Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission authorizes General Manager Carlton Dufrechou to execute any documents associated with the award of this contract on behalf of the Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission. On motion by Romig, seconded by Lorino, based upon the recommendation of the Staff and its Consulting Engineers, the Commission awarded the project titled Cable Support Tray Repairs, GNOEC Project No. ER-I001, State Project No. H.011206. The Commission authorizes the General Manager, Carlton Dufrechou, to execute any documents associated with the award of this project on behalf of the Commission. Capt. Lorino, Mr. Romig, Mr. Cvitanovich, Mr. Ligi and Mr. Rase voted in favor of the motion.

On the North Toll Plaza Scour Protection project, Mr. Dufrechou recommends concurrence with DOTD to award to the low bidder. On motion by Romig, seconded by Lorino, based on the recommendation of the Staff and its Consulting Engineers, the Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission concurs with recommendation of the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) to award State Project No. H.011231 to the low bidder D.

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O'Brian Construction, L.L.C. in the amount of \$154,250.00. The Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission authorizes General Manager Carlton Dufrechou to execute any documents associated with the award of this contract 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.

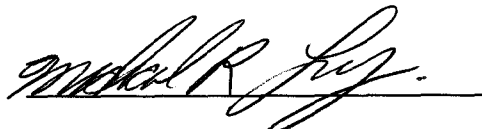
For the Rails Crash Testing, Mr. Dufrechou presented a contract with Texas A & M. On motion by Lorino, seconded by Romig, the GNOEC is authorized to enter into a contract with Texas A & M to perform crash testing of rail options A & B and such contract may be approved by the General Manager acting in his discretion. Also, in connection with this contract, the General Manager is hereby authorized and directed, for and on behalf of the GNOEC, to execute such documents, necessary and desirable to complete the contract. Capt. Lorino, Mr. Romig, Mr. Cvitanovich, Mr. Ligi and Mr. Rase voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Dufrechou presented the RFP for Enhanced Safety and Revenue. On motion by Rase, seconded by Cvitanovich, based on the recommendation of the staff, the Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission authorizes the advertisement of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for enhanced safety and revenue from interested parties and/or project developers. The Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission authorizes General Manager Carlton Dufrechou to execute any documents associated with this RFP 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.

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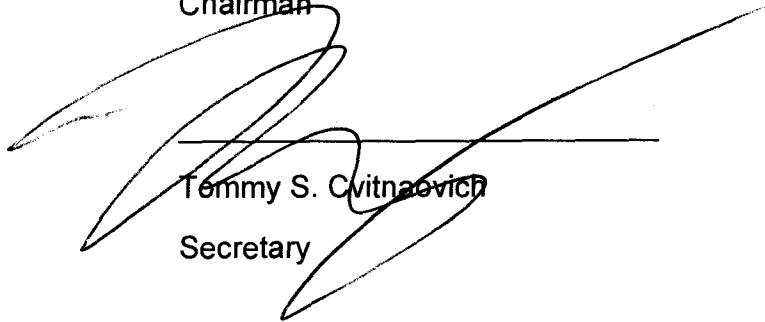
Mr. Dufrechou stated that the contractor started the Southbound striping yesterday (September 2, 2014) and the Northbound this morning. Mr. Dufrechou confirmed with Cary Bourgeois that this should be completed by the end of November. Mr. Rase asked Cary Bourgeois if the East Causeway job completed. Mr. Bourgeois stated the job is 99% completed. Mr. Bourgeois stated that there are some stripes that need to be added in the median. Mr. Bourgeois said the completion paperwork should be ready for acceptance at the next Commission meeting. Mr. Rase said that the work is well done and in a timely manner.

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



Michael R. Lorino, Jr.

Chairman



Tommy S. Cvitnaevich

Secretary