

**Proceeding of the Regular Meeting of the Greater New Orleans Expressway
Commission (GNOEC), Wednesday, April 6, 2022, 10 AM, VOA Building,
3939 North Causeway Blvd., Metairie, LA 70002**

Present: Wanda Theriot, Chair; Gary Cooper, Vice Chair; Col. Evans Spiceland, Treasurer; Red Thompson, Secretary; and Ralph Cox, Jr.

Absent: None

Others: Carlton Dufrechou, Melissa Phillpott, Robert Graham, Curt Franz, Eileen Barthe, and Crystal Scott, GNOEC; Craig Watson, Blue Williams; Jim Martin, DEI; Kent Schexnayder, Sisung; and Stephanie Ferry and Lee Bressler, Raymond James.

Chair Wanda Theriot called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM and welcomed all meeting in person again.

On a motion by Chair Theriot, seconded by Col. Spiceland, the minutes of the March 9, 2022, regular meeting were accepted as written. Chair Theriot, Mr. Cooper, Col. Spiceland, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Cox voted in favor of the motion.

General Manager's report for March 2022:

- Drawbridge: During Mar, 8 vessel openings, 1 test opening, and 0 incidents.
- Fog Ops: None
- Mar 3, NB bridge closed from 2:08 PM to 3:56 PM for multi vehicle crash with injuries and fuel leak.
- Mar 10, SB closed from 6:45 AM to 7 AM due to power fluctuation disabling toll system.
- Breakdowns: During Mar, we responded to 354 on the CW (218 mechanical and 136 debris) and 69 on the HPL (51 mechanical and 18 debris) for a total of 423 for the month.
- Accidents: During Mar, we responded to 10 on the CW (5N, 5S) 3 involved breakdowns or debris and 16 on the HPL (5E, 11W) 0 due to breakdown or debris for a total of 26 for both bridges.

Bond Underwriter, GNOEC Res #2022-07: On a motion by Mr. Cox, seconded by Col. Spiceland: The GNOEC, through its Bond Financial Advisor, solicited Statements of Qualifications from firms interested in begin engaged as underwriter to assist the Commission relative to the issuance of bonds in relation to potential refunding opportunities. Based on the recommendations of the GNOEC, its staff, and advisors, the GNOEC selects Raymond-James, as underwriter to assist the Commission relative to the issuance of bonds. The GNOEC further authorizes its General Manager to execute all necessary documents and contract(s) to effectuate this selection. Chair Theriot, Mr. Cooper, Col. Spiceland, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Cox voted in favor of the motion.

Cyber Protection, GNOEC Res #2022-08: On a motion by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Cooper: To safeguard its data and digital operations, the GNOEC desires to upgrade its cyber protection technology. The GNOEC hereby authorizes its General Manager to contract with approved state vendors pursuant to La. R.S. 39:1702, *et seq.*, to upgrade its cyber protection technology. Chair Theriot, Mr. Cooper, Col. Spiceland, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Cox voted in favor of the motion.

Toll System UPS Replacement, GNOEC Res #2022-09: On a motion by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mr. Thompson: The existing toll system UPS is approximately nine years old and has reached end of life. As some of the components are starting to fail it is time to install a replacement UPS. In accordance with GNOEC purchasing guidelines, quotes are being obtained from UPS vendors and electrical contractors for the purchase and installation of a replacement UPS. Contingent upon the receipt of valid quotes and subject to the review and recommendation of staff, legal counsel, and consulting engineers, the GNOEC authorizes the General Manager to complete the execution of the purchase documents. The combined total of products and services shall not exceed \$35,000. Chair Theriot, Mr. Cooper, Col. Spiceland, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Cox voted in favor of the motion.


Chair Theriot reminded everyone that the next GNOEC meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, May 4, 2022, 10 AM, in the north shore conference room.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

by:

for

Wanda Theriot
Chair

by:

for

James Thompson
Secretary