

Proceeding of the Regular Meeting of the Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission (GNOEC), Wednesday, June 15, 2022, 10 AM, Toll Plaza Conference Room, 100 North Causeway Blvd., Mandeville, Louisiana 70448

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

Absent: Col. Evans Spiceland, Treasurer

Others: Carlton Dufrechou, Robert Graham, Curt Franz, and Michelle Carlisle, GNOEC; Craig Watson, Blue Williams; Cary Bourgeois, GEC; Jim Martin and Ben Bartlett, DEI; Michael Weinstein, Sisung; and Gavin Gillen, All South Engineering.

Chair Wanda Theriot called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

On a motion by Chair Theriot, seconded by Mr. Thompson, the minutes of the April 6, 2022, regular meeting were accepted as written. Chair Theriot, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Cox voted in favor of the motion.

General Manager's report for April and May 2022:

- Drawbridge: During Apr, 19 vessel openings, 1 test opening, and 2 incidents. During May, 19 vessel openings, 3 test openings, and 1 incident.
- Fog Ops: None
- Bridge Closures: Apr 8, NB bridge closed from 11:30 AM to 12 noon for response to jumper and save at 8 mile hump. Apr 19, SB closed from midnight to 1:02 AM due to two vehicle crash with injuries and 9.1 MM. Apr 23, SB closed from 9:08 PM to 9:26 PM for debris removal between 22 and 19 MM. Apr 28, 7:25 PM drawbridge was opened for a vessel passage but failed to close. The backup system closed SB and the south leaf of NB but not the north leaf. To get our NB commuters home, we executed a contraflow until about 10 PM. NB leaf was secured and NB bridge opened at 11:30 PM.
- Breakdowns: During Apr, we responded to 338 on the CW (211 mechanical and 127 debris) and 54 on the HPL (36 mechanical and 16 debris) for a total of 392 for the month. During May, we responded to 387 on the CW (251 mechanical and 136 debris) and 59 on the HPL (52 mechanical and 7 debris) for a total of 446 for the month.
- Accidents: During Apr, we responded to 13 on the CW (7N, 5S, 1CO) 3 involved breakdowns or debris and 17 on the HPL (11E, 4W) 1 due to breakdown or debris for a total of 30 for both bridges. During May, we responded to 11 on the CW (3N, 7S, 1CO) 3 involved breakdowns or debris and 13 on the HPL (9E, 4W) 1 due to breakdown or debris for a total of 24 for both bridges.

Authorization to Cancel Request for Qualifications (RFQ) and Request for Proposals (RFP) for Employee Benefits Producer and 457(b) Retirement

Plan Administrator, GNOEC Res #2022-10: On a motion by Mr. Cox, seconded by Mr. Thompson: The GNOEC issued an RFQ and RFP for Employee Benefits Producer and 4579B) Retirement Plan Administrator consultant (#2022-001A) on March 18, 2022. Due to lack of sufficient sample size for the GNOEC's consideration, the GNOEC staff recommends that it is in the best interest of the GNOEC to cancel and withdraw the RFQ and RFP. The GNOEC hereby cancels and withdraws the RFQ/RPF #2022-001A. Chair Theriot, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Cox voted in favor of the motion.

Official Journal, GNOEC Res #2022-11: On a motion by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mr. Cox: The official journal for the GNOEC is chosen for one year to publish all notices, proceedings, and financial statements as required by state law. The GNOEC's Articles of Incorporation require it to alternate the official journal between newspapers published in the parishes of Jefferson and St. Tammany. This year the official journal will be awarded to a qualified newspaper published in St. Tammany Parish in accordance with LA.R.S.43:142 effective July 3, 2021. The Advocate and the St. Tammany Farmer are qualified publications in St. Tammany Parish and both submitted proposals. The Advocate is the lower bidder and is recommended as official journal. Chair Theriot, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Cox voted in favor of the motion.

Bascule Emergency Generator Replacement, GNOEC Res #2022-12 (GNOEC Project Number 211): On a motion by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Cooper: Based on the recommendation of the GNOEC staff, the General Manager is hereby authorized to execute the Project Memorandum for the project titled Bascule Emergency Generator Replacement and the Consulting Engineers are authorized to begin development of plans and specifications and advertise the project. Chair Theriot, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Cox voted in favor of the motion.

Chair Theriot noted that the next GNOEC meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, August 3, 2022, 10 AM, in the south shore conference room.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.


Wanda Theriot
Chair


James Thompson
Secretary