

**Proceeding of the Regular Meeting of the Greater New Orleans Expressway  
Commission (GNOEC), Wednesday, March 9, 2022, 10 AM, via  
Video Conference**

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 Phillipott, Robert Graham, Curt Franz, Eileen Barthe, Crystal Scott, and Michelle Carlisle, GNOEC; Craig Watson, Blue Williams; Johana Elizabeth Lambert, Riess LeMieux; Jim Martin, DEI; Meredith Harthorne and Brennan Black, Foley; Kent Schexnayder, Sisung; and Lee Bressler, Raymond James.

Chair Wanda Theriot called the meeting to order at 10:06 AM and welcomed Mr. Ralph Cox, Jr. to the Commission.

On a motion by Chair Theriot, seconded by Mr. Thompson, the minutes of the January 12, 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 January and February 2022:

- Drawbridge: During Jan, 3 vessel openings, 0 test openings, and 0 incidents. During Feb, 3 vessel openings, 11 test openings, and 0 incidents.
- Fog Ops: None
- Bridge Closures: Feb 2, SB bridge closed from 8:17 PM to 9:09 AM for 6 vehicle crash with injury response. Feb 8, SB bridge closed from 8:14 AM to 9:14 AM for 6 vehicle crash response. Mar 3, NB bridge closed from 2:08 PM to 3:56 PM for 2 vehicle crash with injury response at drawbridge.
- Breakdowns: During Jan, we responded to 288 on the CW (170 mechanical and 118 debris) and 50 on the HPL (34 mechanical and 16 debris) for a total of 338 for the month. During Feb, we responded to 302 on the CW (193 mechanical and 109 debris) and 45 on the HPL (33 mechanical and 12 debris) for a total of 347 for the month.
- Accidents: During Jan, we responded to 8 on the CW (2N, 4S, 2CO) 3 involved breakdowns or debris and 10 on the HPL (3E, 7W) 0 due to breakdown or debris for a total of 18 for both bridges. During Feb, we responded to 11 on the CW (6N, 5S) 1 involved breakdowns or debris and 20 on the HPL (14E, 6W) 0 due to breakdown or debris for a total of 31 for both bridges.


**Refunding Series 2013, 2014, and 2017 Bonds, GNOEC Res #2022-05:** On a motion by Col. Spiceland, seconded by Mr. Thompson: A resolution granting preliminary approval to the issuance of not exceeding \$28.5 million of Refunding Revenue Bonds and not exceeding \$99 million of Toll Revenue Subordinate Lien

Refunding Bonds of the Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission, in one or more series, on a taxable or tax-exempt basis; providing certain terms of said bonds; authorizing application to the Louisiana State Bond Commission, the St. Tammany Parish Council, and the Jefferson Parish Council for approval of the issuance of said bonds; providing certain details with respect to the bonds; employing professionals; and other matters in connection therewith. Chair Theriot, Mr. Cooper, Col. Spiceland, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Cox voted in favor of the motion.

**Request for Qualifications (RFQ) and Request for Proposals (RFP) for insurance services related to Employee Benefits, GNOEC Res #2022-06:** On a motion by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Cooper: The GNOEC desires to procure a qualified firm or firms to provide insurance broker administration, and consultation services related to the employment benefits and the 457(b) retirement plan. The GNOEC further desires to procure insurance quotes related to the employment benefits and the 457(b) retirement plan. The GNOEC hereby authorizes its General Manager to issue and advertise a RFQ and RFP to provide for insurance services and quotations related to the employment benefits and the 457(b) retirement plan. Chair Theriot, Mr. Cooper, Col. Spiceland, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Cox voted in favor of the motion.

Chair Theriot and Mr. Dufrechou reminded everyone that the next GNOEC meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, April 6, 2022, 10 AM, in the south shore conference room.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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James Thompson  
Secretary