

Proceeding of the Regular Meeting of the Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission (GNOEC), Wednesday, March 16, 2023, 10 AM, North Shore Conference Room, 100 North Causeway Blvd., Mandeville, Louisiana 70448

Present: Col. Evans Spiceland, Chair; Gary Cooper, Vice Chair; Ralph Cox, Jr., Treasurer; Lindsay Calub, Secretary; Wanda Theriot, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer.

Absent: None

Others: Carlton Dufrechou, Melissa Phillpott, Robert Graham, Curt Franz, Mike Kelly, Thea Andras, Matt Haley, Mike Bernard, Mark Brewster, Henry Martin, Liz Files, Ashley Lang, and Michelle Carlisle, GNOEC; Craig Watson, Blue Williams; Cary Bourgeois and Jim Martin, GEC/DEI; and Orelia Minor, Heather Olivier, and Todd Burrall, Regions Bank.

Col. Spiceland called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

On a motion by Mr. Cox, seconded by Mrs. Theriot, the minutes of the February 8, 2023, regular meeting were accepted as written. Col. Spiceland, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Cox, Mr. Calub, and Mrs. Theriot voted in favor of the motion.

Col. Spiceland summarized his recent briefings with elected officials and others about the GNOEC and our operations.

General Manager's report for February 2023:

- Drawbridge: 10 vessel openings, 2 test openings and 0 incidents.
- Fog Ops: None.
- Bridge Closures: None.
- Breakdowns: During Feb, we responded to 281 on the CW (190 mechanical and 91 debris) and 23 on the HPL (18 mechanical and 5 debris) for a total of 304 for the month.
- Accidents: During Feb, we responded to 5 on the CW and 8 on the HPL for a total of 13 for both bridges.

Financial Agent and Banking Services, RFQ No. 2022-100, GNOEC Res No. 2023-02: On a motion by Mrs. Theriot, seconded by Mr. Cooper: On November 2, 2022, the GNOEC issued RFQ No. 2022-100, seeking Statements of Proposals from qualified federally-insured depository institutions to provide financial agent and banking services to the GNOEC in accordance with La. R.S. 39:1211, et seq. After evaluation, consideration, and upon recommendation from the GNOEC staff and its consultants, the GNOEC hereby selects Regions Bank, which is determined to be reasonable and qualified to provide financial agent, and banking services to the GNOEC in accordance with La. R.S. 39:1211, et seq. Additionally, the General Manager is hereby authorized to execute all necessary documents with Regions Bank in connection with its services. Col.

Spiceland, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Cox, Mr. Calub, and Mrs. Theriot voted in favor of the motion.

Equipment for the Hazard Incident Lighting Stations (HILS), RFQ No. 2022-005, GNOEC Res No. 2023-03: On a motion by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mr. Calub: On January 17, 2023, the GNOEC issued RFQ No. 2022-005, seeking Statements of Proposals for the purchase of wireless equipment, electronic transmission systems, LED lights, and other related equipment for the GNOEC to install Hazardous Incident Lighting Stations to provide visual warnings to approaching motorists. After evaluation, consideration, and upon recommendation from the GNOEC staff and its consultants, the GNOEC hereby selects ACP International, Inc., which was the only respondent and is determined to be reasonable and qualified. Additionally, the General Manager is hereby authorized to execute all necessary documents with ACP International, Inc. in connection with its services. Col. Spiceland, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Cox, Mr. Calub, and Mrs. Theriot voted in favor of the motion.

Upgrade to the CCTV System, GNOEC Project No. 207, GNOEC Res No. 2023-04: On a motion by Mr. Calub, seconded by Mr. Cox: Plan Change No. 3 provides for repairing the South Shore Camera Pole Foundation at a total cost of \$9,750 and seven additional calendar days. Based upon the recommendation of the Staff and Consulting Engineers, the GNOEC authorizes the General Manager to complete the execution of Plan Change No. 3. Col. Spiceland, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Cox, Mr. Calub, and Mrs. Theriot voted in favor of the motion.

Chair Spiceland recognized former Commissioner James "Red" Thompson II for his lifelong services to the GNOEC, our commuters, and the citizens of St. Tammany Parish. Col. Spiceland presented Mr. Thompson with a flag flown over the Causeway noting that he and the GNOEC will always welcome Mr. Thompson's experience and advice. Mr. Thompson expressed his appreciation and said that he is looking forward to slowing down and his responsibilities as a grandfather.

Chair Spiceland announced that the next GNOEC meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, May 3, 2023, 10 AM, in the South Shore Conference Room conference room.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Col. Evans Spiceland
Chair



Lindsay Calub
Secretary