

Proceeding of the Regular Meeting of the Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission (GNOEC), Wednesday, February 8, 2023, 10 AM, South Shore Conference Room, 3939 North Causeway Blvd., Metairie, Louisiana 70002

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

Absent: None

Others: Carlton Dufrechou, Melissa Phillpott, Robert Graham, Curt Franz, and Michelle Carlisle, GNOEC; Craig Watson, Blue Williams; and Cary Bourgeois and Jim Martin, GEC/DEI.

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

On a motion by Chair Theriot, seconded by Mr. Cox, the minutes of the December 7, 2022, regular meeting were accepted as written. Chair Theriot, Mr. Cooper, Col. Spiceland, Mr. Cox, and Mr. Calub voted in favor of the motion.

General Manager's report for December 2022 and January 2023:

- Drawbridge Dec: 19 vessel openings, 2 test openings and 0 incidents. Jan: 2 vessel openings, 1 test openings and 0 incidents.

- Fog Ops: Dec 8, 9, and 10, and Jan 1, 2, 30, and 31.

- Bridge Closures: Dec 8, Both bridges closed from 8:26 AM to 9:16 AM due to dense fog. Dec 14, Both bridges closed from 2:50 PM to 3:53 PM due to severe weather. Jan 1, Both bridges closed from 2:35 AM to 7:31 AM due to dense fog. Jan 16, NB closed from 12:58 PM to 1:40 PM for two vehicle crash with injuries at 4.4 MM. Jan 26, NB closed from 8:47 AM to 9:55 AM for two vehicle crash with injuries at 6.0 MM.

- Breakdowns: During Dec, we responded to 278 on the CW (195 mechanical and 83 debris) and 28 on the HPL (21 mechanical and 7 debris) for a total of 306 for the month. During Jan, we responded to 272 on the CW (175 mechanical and 97 debris) and 34 on the HPL (27 mechanical and 7 debris) for a total of 306 for the month.

- Accidents: During Dec, we responded to 16 on the CW and 18 on the HPL for a total of 34 for both bridges. During Jan, we responded to 8 on the CW and 11 on the HPL for a total of 19 for both bridges.

Authorization to Amend Article 9 of the Bylaws: On a motion by Mr. Cox, seconded by Col. Spiceland: Due to inflationary increase in costs of goods and services, the GNOEC desires to amend the language of Article 9 of the Bylaws to increase the General Manager's discretionary authority to \$35,000 for the procurement of services, payment of vendors, and management of day-to-day operations and emergency matters of the GNOEC, subject to all rules, regulations, and laws governing expenditure of public funds. The GNOEC hereby amends Article 9 of the Bylaws as provided in Exhibit A attached to the

resolution. Chair Theriot, Mr. Cooper, Col. Spiceland, Mr. Cox, and Mr. Calub voted in favor of the motion.

Upgrade to the CCTV System, GNOEC Project No. 207, GNOEC Res #2023-01: On a motion by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mr. Calub: Plan Change No. 2 provides for additional South Shore Conduit Routing to the contract at a total cost of \$37,600 and 28 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. 2. Chair Theriot, Mr. Cooper, Col. Spiceland, Mr. Cox, and Mr. Calub voted in favor of the motion.

Election of Officers:

Chair - On a motion by Chair Theriot, seconded by Mr. Cooper: Col. Spiceland was nominated as GNOEC Chair. Chair Theriot, Mr. Cooper, Col. Spiceland, Mr. Cox, and Mr. Calub voted in favor of the motion. Outgoing Chair Theriot handed the gavel to incoming Chair Spiceland.

Vice-Chair – On a motion by Chair Spiceland, seconded by Mr. Cox: Mr. Cooper was nominated as GNOEC Vice-Chair. Chair Spiceland, Mrs. Theriot, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Cox, and Mr. Calub voted in favor of the motion.

Treasurer - On a motion by Chair Spiceland, seconded by Mr. Cooper: Mr. Cox was nominated as GNOEC Treasurer. Chair Spiceland, Mrs. Theriot, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Cox, and Mr. Calub voted in favor of the motion.

Secretary - On a motion by Chair Spiceland, seconded by Mr. Cox: Mr. Calub was nominated as GNOEC Secretary. Chair Spiceland, Mrs. Theriot, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Cox, and Mr. Calub voted in favor of the motion.

Chair Spiceland praised former Chair Theriot for her leadership over the last two years and presented Mrs. Theriot with a plaque recognizing her selfless service.

Chair Spiceland announced that the next GNOEC meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, March 15, 2023, 10 AM, in the North Toll Plaza conference room.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Col. Evans Spiceland
Chair



Lindsay Calub
Secretary