

**Proceedings of the Regular Meeting of the Greater New Orleans
Expressway Commission (GNOEC), Wednesday, August 9, 2023, 10 AM,
South Shore Conference Room, 3939 North Causeway Blvd., Metairie,
Louisiana 70002**

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

Absent: None

Others: Carlton Dufrechou, Melissa Phillpott, Robert Graham, Curt Franz, Eileen Barthe', Michelle Carlisle, GNOEC; Craig Watson, Blue Williams; and Cary Bourgeois, GEC.

Col. Spiceland called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM.

On a motion by Mr. Calub, seconded by Mr. Cox, the minutes of the June 28, 2023, regular meeting were accepted as written. Col. Spiceland, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Cox, Mr. Calub, and Mrs. Theriot voted in favor of the motion.

Overlay the West Causeway Approach Road at Chinchuba Bayou, GNOEC Project No. 638, Plan Change No. 2, GNOEC Resolution No. 2023-13: On a motion by Mrs. Theriot, seconded by Mr. Cooper: Plan Change No. 2 provides for emergency repairs to roadway heaves on the North Approach. Based upon the recommendations of the staff and the Consulting Engineers, the GNOEC authorizes the General Manager to complete the execution of Plan Change No. 2 in the amount of \$25,840.29 and no additional calendar days. Col. Spiceland, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Cox, Mr. Calub, and Mrs. Theriot voted in favor of the motion.

Erosion Repairs at the North Toll Plaza, GNOEC Project No. 639, Plan Change No. 1, GNOEC Res No. 2023-14: On a motion by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mrs. Theriot: Drainage issues in Lane 1 at the North Toll Plaza are impacting the exit loop detector. This plan change will remove and replace a catch basin, repair associated drainage, replace pavement panels near the catch basin and install a new loop detector. Estimated cost is approximately \$130,000.00. Final payment will be on a time and materials basis under the "Force Account" provisions of Subsection 109.04(3) of the contract specifications. Based upon the recommendations of the staff and Consulting Engineers, the GNOEC authorizes the General Manager to complete the execution of Plan Change No. 1 in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00 and 10 additional calendar days. Col. Spiceland, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Cox, Mr. Calub, and Mrs. Theriot voted in favor of the motion.

Executive Session, GNOEC Res No. 2023-15: On a motion by Mr. Calub, seconded by Mrs. Theriot: In accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 42:17,

the Commissioners of the GNOEC desire to enter into Executive Session to address the character and professional competence of its General Manager, Carlton Dufrechou, in connection with his annual contract review. Mr. Dufrechou has been provided notice and has not objected to the Commissioners entering into Executive Session. Col. Spiceland, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Cox, Mr. Calub, and Mrs. Theriot voted in favor of the motion.

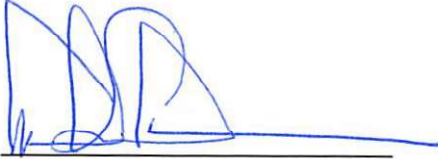
At 10:20 AM, Commissioners retired into Executive Session with counsel. At 11:15 AM, Commissioners returned. Col. Spiceland moved to continue the Regular Meeting. Mrs. Theriot seconded. Col. Spiceland, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Cox, Mr. Calub, and Mrs. Theriot voted in favor of the motion.

Col. Spiceland requested the General Manager's report.

- Drawbridge, June: 4 vessel openings, 2 test openings and 0 incidents.
- Drawbridge, July: 12 vessel openings, 4 test openings and 1 incidents.
- Fog Ops: None.
- Bridge Closures: SB closed July 28, 1:30 PM to 1:45 PM to pick up nails spilled in roadway.
- Breakdowns: During June, we responded to 374 on the CW (244 mechanical and 130 debris) and 31 on the HPL (28 mechanical and 3 debris) for a total of 405 for the month.
- Breakdowns: During July, we responded to 355 on the CW (229 mechanical and 126 debris) and 31 on the HPL (28 mechanical and 3 debris) for a total of 386 for the month.
- Accidents: During June, we responded to 9 on the CW and 13 on the HPL for a total of 22 for both bridges.
- Accidents: During July, we responded to 11 on the CW and 9 on the HPL for a total of 20 for both bridges.

Budget, GNOEC Res No. 2023-16: On a motion by Mr. Cox, seconded by Mr. Calub: In connection with the Proposed budget and in compliance with Section 6.15 of the GNOEC's July 12, 2017 General Bond resolution, the GNOEC retained Stantec to perform traffic engineering services to study and recommend a schedule of tolls to ensure toll revenues are sufficient to satisfy the GNOEC's administration, operations, and bond obligations. Taking into account traffic counts, socio-economic traffic trends, and inflation, Stantec confirmed that the toll increase estimates adopted by the then-Commission in 2016 for the fiscal year 2024 were sufficient to satisfy the GNOEC's fiscal obligations. In consideration of Stantec's recommendations, the previously adopted estimates for the increase to tolls for fiscal year 2024 are incorporated into this Proposed Budget. The Commission accepts and approves the Amended Budget for fiscal year November 1, 2022 – October 31, 2023, and the Proposed Budget for fiscal year November 1, 2023 – October 31, 2024 as presented. Col. Spiceland, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Cox, Mr. Calub, and Mrs. Theriot voted in favor of the motion.

Col. Spiceland asked Commissioners if they had any other matters to discuss. Hearing none, Col. Spiceland announced that the next GNOEC meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, October 11, 2023, 10 AM, in the North Shore conference room. There being no further business, Col. Spiceland asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Cooper moved and Mr. Calub seconded. All voted in favor and the meeting adjourned.



Col. Evans Spiceland
Chair



Lindsay Calub
Secretary