

**Proceedings of the Regular Meeting of the Greater New Orleans  
Expressway Commission (GNOEC), Wednesday, December 6, 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; and Wanda Theriot, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer.

Absent: None

Others: Carlton Dufrechou, Melissa Phillipott, Robert Graham, Curt Franz, Roy Jacob, Michelle Carlisle, Shane Gaeta, GNOEC; Craig Watson, Blue Williams; Cary Bourgeois, GEC, and former Commissioner Shelby LaSalle.

Col. Spiceland called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM.

On a motion by Mrs. Theriot, seconded by Mr. Cox, the minutes of the August 9, 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 asked the General Manager to read the letter of appreciate from Mrs. Joy Neely recognizing the efforts of dispatchers, officers, and MAP who located her missing husband on December 1. On the Spot award certificates were presented to Officer Shane Gaeta who represented Sgt. Bryan Moore, Sgt. Colt Bruhl, Cpl. Jimmy Griffin, Ofc. Tyler Simmons, MAP Jordan Spears, Dispatcher Hope Michel, and Dispatcher Melissa Yeager for their textbook teamwork locating and helping Mr. Neely and helping Mrs. Neely.


Col. Spiceland requested the General Manager's report.

- Drawbridge, Oct: 46 vessel openings, 3 test openings and 0 incidents.
- Drawbridge, Nov: 7 vessel openings, 2 test openings and 0 incidents.
- Fog Ops: Oct 23 and Nov 7, 8.
- Bridge Closures: Both bridges closed Oct 23, 6:40 AM – 8:50 AM due to dense fog/smog and crash response. SB closed Nov 14, 11:15 AM to 12:01 PM for response to truck fire at 22MM.
- Breakdowns: During Oct, we responded to 356 on the CW (263 mechanical and 93 debris) and 29 on the HPL (22 mechanical and 7 debris) for a total of 385 for the month.
- Breakdowns: During Nov, we responded to 347 on the CW (232 mechanical and 115 debris) and 24 on the HPL (16 mechanical and 8 debris) for a total of 371 for the month.
- Accidents: During Oct, we responded to 11 on the CW and 10 on the HPL for a total of 21 for both bridges.
- Accidents: During Nov, we responded to 10 on the CW and 10 on the HPL for a total of 20 for both bridges.

**Overlay the West Causeway Approach Road at Chinchuba Bayou, GNOEC Project No. 638, Acceptance and Final Plan Change, GNOEC Resolution No. 2023-17:** On a motion by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mr. Calub: The Overlay of the West Causeway Approach Road at Bayou Chinchuba is substantially complete with only punch list items remaining to be accomplished. Based upon the recommendation of the staff, legal counsel, and Consulting Engineers, the Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission accepts the project titled Overlay the West Causeway Approach Road at Bayou Chinchuba. The Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission authorizes the General Manager to execute any documents associated with the acceptance of this project, including execution of a final balancing plan change resulting in a credit to the GNOEC, on behalf of the Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission

Col. Spiceland asked Commissioners if they had any other matters to discuss. Hearing none, Col. Spiceland thanked everyone for their services during 2023, wished everyone a Merry Christmas, and announced that the next GNOEC meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, January 10, 2023, 10 AM, in the South Shore conference room. There being no further business, Col. Spiceland asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Cox moved and Mrs. Theriot seconded. All voted in favor and the meeting adjourned.

  
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Gary Cooper  
Vice Chair

  
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Lindsay Calub  
Secretary