# Proceedings of the Regular Meeting of the Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission (GNOEC), Wednesday, June 12, 2024, 10 AM, North Shore Conference Room, 100 North Causeway Blvd., Mandeville, Louisiana 70002

# Call to Order

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

### Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Col. Evans Spiceland, Chair; Ralph Cox, Jr., Vice Chair; Tim Coulon, Treasurer; and James Tucker, Assistant Sec/Treasurer. Absent: Justin Clinton, Secretary

Others Attending: Carlton Dufrechou, Melissa Phillpott, Robert Graham, Chief Roy Jacob, Lt. Thea Andras, Sgt. Mathew Halley, Sgt. and Mrs. Tyrone Banks, Cpl. Michael Miller, Cpl. and Mrs. Bryan Taylor, and Michelle Carlisle, GNOEC; Craig Watson, Blue Williams; Cary Bourgeois, GEC; Gavin Gillen, All South; Jan Evans, Volkert; and Shelby Lasalle.

# **Approval of Minutes**

On a motion by Mr. Cox, seconded by Mr. Coulon, the minutes of the May 8, 2024, regular meeting were accepted as written. Col. Spiceland, Mr. Cox, Mr. Coulon, and Mr. Tucker voted in favor of the motion.

# Chairman's Remarks

Col. Spiceland welcomed all attending and reminded the audience to limit comments to three minutes in accordance with GNOEC meeting guidelines. Col. Spiceland then recognized the following CPD officers and announced their respective promotions: Tyrone Banks to Sergeant, Michael Miller to Corporal, and Bryan Taylor to Corporal. Col. Spiceland and Chief Jacob presented each officer with new CPD badges, expressed congratulations to each officer, and gratitude to their families. Also, Col. Spiceland summarized recent meetings with City of Mandeville officials and the Lieutenant Governor's office regarding beautification of approach roads.

### General Manager's report

- Drawbridge, May: 20 vessel openings, 0 test opening and 1 incident.
- Fog Ops: None.
- Bridge Closures: SB bridge closed May 5, 2:30 PM to 3:10 PM to rescue jumper. SB bridge closed June 3, 8:01 PM to 8:39 PM to retrieve hoses dropped from fire truck.
- Breakdowns: During May, we responded to 365 on the CW (258 mechanical and 107 debris) and 17 on the HPL (15 mechanical and 2 debris) for a total of 382 for both bridges.
- Accidents: During May, we responded to 7 on the CW and 9 on the HPL for a total of 16 for both bridges.

### Action Items

**Electrical and Mobile Generator, GNOEC Project No. 215, GNOEC Resolution No. 2024-10**: On a motion by Mr. Cox, seconded by Mr. Coulon: Based on the recommendation of the staff, the General Manager is hereby authorized to execute the Project Memorandum for the project titled Electrical and Mobile Generator and the Consulting Engineers are authorized to advertise the project. Col. Spiceland, Mr. Cox, Mr. Coulon, and Mr. Tucker voted in favor of the motion.

Cable Tray Repairs, GNOEC Project No. 438, GNOEC Resolution No. 2024-11: On a motion by Mr. Coulon, seconded by Mr. Cox: One bid was received on June 4, 2024, for the Cable Tray Repair. However, the bid was not in compliance with the Public Bid Law. Based upon the recommendations of staff, the Consulting Engineers, and legal counsel, the GNEOC hereby rejects the bid received for the Cable Tray Repairs, Project No. 438, as nonresponsive and in accordance with procedures outlined in Title 38 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, the GNOEC authorizes the re-advertisement of same. Col. Spiceland, Mr. Cox, Mr. Coulon, and Mr. Tucker voted in favor of the motion.

North Causeway Approach Road Overlay, GNOEC Project No. 637, GNOEC Resolution No. 2024-12: On a motion by Mr. Tucker, seconded by Mr. Coulon: Based on the recommendation of the staff, the Consulting Engineers, and legal counsel, the Project titled North Causeway Approach Road Overlay, GNOEC Project No. 637, is awarded to the Low Bidder, Barriere Construction Co., L.L.C., in the amount of \$1,832,801.24 for the Base Bid and \$343,803.76 for Alternate No. 1, for a total of \$2,176,605.00. The General Manager is hereby authorized to complete the execution of the contract with Barriere construction Co., L.L.C., pending the review of the bonds and insurance by legal counsel and insurance representatives. Col. Spiceland, Mr. Cox, Mr. Coulon, and Mr. Tucker voted in favor of the motion.

Closing/Next Meeting

Col. Spiceland asked if there was any further business or comments. There being none, Col. Spiceland asked to adjourn the meeting. All concurred and the meeting adjourned. The next GNOEC meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 14, 2024, in the VOA (south shore) conference room.

Col. Evans Spiceland

Chair

Justin Clinton Secretary