

**Proceedings of the Regular Meeting of the Greater New Orleans
Expressway Commission (GNOEC), Wednesday, August 14, 2024, 10 AM,
South Shore Conference Room, 3939 North Causeway Blvd., Metairie,
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; Justin Clinton, Secretary; and James Tucker, Assistant Sec/Treasurer. Absent: None.

Others Attending: Carlton Dufrechou, Melissa Phillpott, Robert Graham, Chief Roy Jacob, Eileen Barthe', Capt. Mike Kelly, Capt. Thea Andras, Sgt. Dawn Ingersol, Sgt. Matt Haley, and Michelle Carlisle, GNOEC; Craig Watson, Blue Williams; Cary Bourgeois, GEC; Gavin Gillen, All South; Lloyd Orferndorf, Volkert; and families of Capt. Kelly, Capt. Andras, and Sgt. Ingersol.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Mr. Clinton, seconded by Mr. Coulon, the minutes of the June 12, 2024, regular meeting were accepted as written. Col. Spiceland, Mr. Cox, Mr. Coulon, Mr. Clinton, 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: Dawn Ingersol to Sergeant, Thea Andras to Captain, and Mike Kelly to Captain. Col. Spiceland and Chief Jacob presented each officer with certificates of promotion, expressed congratulations to each officer, and gratitude to their families.

General Manager's report

- At Col. Spiceland's request, Mr. Dufrechou summarized last month's meeting with Lieutenant Governor Nungesser and Mandeville officials regarding beautification of approach roads
- Drawbridge, June: 15 vessel openings, 0 test opening and 1 incident.
- Drawbridge, June: 5 vessel openings, 3 test opening and 3 incidents.
- Fog Ops: None.
- Bridge Closures: SB bridge closed June 3, 8:01 PM to 8:39 PM to retrieve fire hoses dropped on bridge. NB bridge closed June 21, 11:08 AM to 11:54 AM due to crash with injuries near 18MM. Both bridge closed July 19, 12:38 PM to 1:04 PM due to severe weather. NB bridge closed August 13, 7:44 PM to 8:20 PM for crash at 13.4 MM with multiple injuries.

- Breakdowns: During June, we responded to 419 on the CW (294 mechanical and 125 debris) and 29 on the HPL (24 mechanical and 5 debris) for a total of 448 for both bridges.
- Breakdowns: During July, we responded to 376 on the CW (254 mechanical and 122 debris) and 41 on the HPL (32 mechanical and 9 debris) for a total of 417 for both bridges.
- Accidents: During June, we responded to 10 on the CW and 19 on the HPL for a total of 26 for both bridges.
- Accidents: During July, we responded to 5 on the CW and 15 on the HPL for a total of 20 for both bridges.

Action Items

Bascule Generator Replacement, GNOEC Project No. 211, Plan Change No. 2, GNOEC Resolution No. 2024-13: On a motion by Mr. Coulon, seconded by Mr. Cox: The substructure installed as part of the project was designed for a generator manufactured by Cummins. The contractor submitted an alternate generator manufactured by Taylor Power Systems. As the two generators have different anchor bolt requirements an adapter bracket will need to be fabricated and installed. Proposed Plan Change No. 2 will install an adapter plate to connect the generator to the steel substructure. Based on the recommendation of the staff and Consulting Engineers, the General Manager is hereby authorized to complete execution of Plan Change No. 2 in the amount of \$29,734.99. Col. Spiceland, Mr. Cox, Mr. Coulon, Mr. Clinton, and Mr. Tucker voted in favor of the motion.

Cable Tray Repairs, GNOEC Project No. 438, GNOEC Resolution No. 2024-14: On a motion by Mr. Cox, seconded by Mr. Tucker: Based upon the recommendations of staff, the Consulting Engineers, and legal counsel, the project titled Cable Tray Repairs, Project No. 438, is awarded to the low bidder, C.E.C., Inc., in the amount of \$3,489,175.00. The General Manager is hereby authorized to complete execution of the contract with C.E.C., Inc., pending the review of the bonds and insurance by legal counsel and insurance representatives. Col. Spiceland, Mr. Cox, Mr. Coulon, Mr. Clinton, and Mr. Tucker voted in favor of the motion.

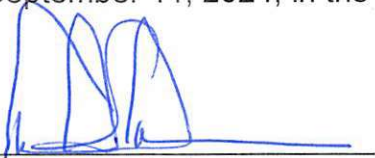
Official Journal, GNOEC Resolution No. 2024-15: On a motion by Mr. Clinton, seconded by Mr. Coulon: The official journal for the Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission (GNOEC) is chosen for one year to publish all notices, proceedings, and financial statements as required by state law. The GNOEC's Articles of Incorporation require it to alternate the official journal between newspapers published in the parishes of Jefferson and St. Tammany. For the year 2024, the official journal will be awarded to the Times Picayune/Advocate, a qualified newspaper published in St. Tammany Parish. Col. Spiceland, Mr. Cox, Mr. Coulon, Mr. Clinton, and Mr. Tucker voted in favor of the motion.

Off Agenda Item to go into Executive Session to address the character and professional competence of the General Manager in connection with his annual performance review: On a motion by Mr. Coulon, seconded by Mr. Cox: The Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission desires to add this off agenda item. Col. Spiceland, Mr. Cox, Mr. Coulon, Mr. Clinton, and Mr. Tucker voted in favor of the motion. Upon approval, this item was added to the agenda. On a motion by Col. Spiceland, seconded by Mr. Coulon: The Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission desires to go into an Executive Session to review the General Manager's character and professional competence in connection with his annual performance review. Col. Spiceland, Mr. Cox, Mr. Coulon, Mr. Clinton, and Mr. Tucker voted in favor of the motion. The Commission entered into executive session at 10:35 AM. The executive session concluded at 10:47 AM.

Budget, GNOEC Resolution No. 2024-16: On a motion by Mr. Tucker, seconded by Mr. Cox: The Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission accepts and approves the Amended Budget for fiscal year November 1, 2023 – October 31, 2024 and the Proposed Budget for fiscal year November 1, 2024 – October 31, 2025, as amended and attached to the minutes of this meeting. The Commission also accepts and approves the Toll Covenant calculations made of the net worth requirements in accordance with Section 6.15 of the Bond Indenture. Col. Spiceland, Mr. Cox, Mr. Coulon, Mr. Clinton, 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 September 11, 2024, in the Toll Plaza (north shore) conference room.



Col. Evans Spiceland
Chair



Justin Clinton
Secretary