

PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREATER NEW ORLEANS EXPRESSWAY COMMISSION, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 2020, 10:00 A.M., VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE.

PRESENT: Patrick W. Fitzmorris, Chair; Joy Zainey, Vice Chair; Donald Sharp, Secretary; Wanda Theriot, Member; Red Thompson, Member

OTHERS: Carlton Dufrechou; Melissa M. Phillipott; Robert Graham; Commander Curt Franz; Lt. Mike Kelly; Lt. Thea Andras; Stacie Heffker; Eileen Barthe; Crystal Scott; Georgie Bagnetto; Craig Watson, Blue Williams; Liz Lambert and Chris LeMieux, Riess LeMieux; Cary Bourgeois and Johnny Bradberry, GEC; Jim Martin and John Hartgreve, DEI Engineering; Jan Evans and Hossein Ghara, Volkert and Associates; Bob Schmidt, Huval & Associates; Babak Naghavi and Fred Wetekamm, Hardesty and Hanover

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

On the motion by Ms. Zainey, seconded by Mr. Thompson, the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 13, 2020 were accepted as written. Mr. Fitzmorris asked for comments or questions. There were none. Mr. Fitzmorris, Mrs. Zainey, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Thompson, and Mrs. Theriot voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Dufrechou reported in May the Drawbridge operations included 25 vessel openings, 2 test openings and 1 incident.

Mr. Dufrechou reported, since the last GNOEC meeting, there were no days of fog operations.

Mr. Dufrechou reported there were 237 breakdown responses in May on the Causeway Bridge. He stated 141 of those breakdowns were due to mechanical problems and 96 were caused by debris on the Causeway Bridge. Mr. Dufrechou reported 17 breakdowns on the Huey P. Long Bridge. He stated 15 of those breakdowns were due to mechanical

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problems and 2 were caused by debris on the Huey P. Long Bridge. Mr. Dufrechou reported a total of 254 breakdown responses for both bridges in May.

Mr. Dufrechou reported in the month of May there were a total of 8 accidents on the Causeway Bridge. He stated 4 occurred Northbound and 4 Southbound. Mr. Dufrechou stated 2 were as the results of breakdowns. He reported there were 7 accidents that occurred on the Huey P. Long Bridge in May. Mr. Dufrechou stated 3 Eastbound, 4 Westbound and none were caused by breakdown or debris in the roadway.

On GNOEC's Official Journal, Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval to accept the Advocate for one year. **On motion by Mrs. Zainey, seconded by Mrs. Theriot, the Official Journal for the Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission is chosen for one year to publish all notices, proceedings, and financial statements as required by state law. Based on a proposals received, the Commission appoints the low bidder, the Advocate, with a bid of \$0.33 per agate line, as the Official Journal for one year, effective July 2, 2020. Mr. Fitzmorris asked the audience if anyone had comments or questions for the Commission regarding this resolution. There were no comments or questions from the audience. Mr. Fitzmorris, Mrs. Zainey, Mr. Sharp, Mrs. Theriot, and Mr. Thompson voted in favor of the motion.**

On the Southbound Bridge Rail Improvements project, Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval for Plan Change 9. **On motion by Mrs. Theriot, seconded by Mrs. Zainey, Plan Change No. 9 provides to ratify installation of Rail Ends at Bascule for \$18,205.80 with no additional calendar days. Based upon the recommendations of the Staff and the Engineers, the GNOEC authorizes the General Manager to complete the execution of Plan Change No. 9 with JB James Construction. Mr.**

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Fitzmorris asked the audience if anyone had comments or questions for the Commission regarding this resolution. There were no comments or questions from the audience. Mr. Fitzmorris, Mrs. Zainey, Mr. Sharp, Mrs. Theriot, and Mr. Thompson voted in favor of the motion.

On the Construction Engineering and Inspection Service contract, Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval for Supplemental Agreement 2. On motion by Mr. Fitzmorris, seconded by Mrs. Theriot, on January 9, 2019, the Commission selected DEI, Inc. as having the most advantageous proposal to perform the Construction Engineering and Inspection services for the Rail Improvement Project. The contractor has taken longer to complete the project than originally scheduled and as such the number of hours required for Construction Administration and Resident Inspection need to be increased. Supplemental Agreement No. 2 is will increase DEI's hourly not to exceed budget by \$646,182 to provide Construction Administration and Resident Inspection and Testing through June and July of 2020. Accordingly, after consideration, and upon recommendation from the GNOEC staff, the engineers, the project manager, and legal counsel, the GNOEC hereby authorizes the General Manager to execute Supplemental Agreement No. 2 with DEI, Inc. Ms. Theriot stated, since she is new to the Commission, she would like to obtain more information on this project with Mr. Dufrechou and the GNOEC's Counsel. Mr. Dufrechou stated he and Ms. Lambert can schedule a subsequent meeting to discuss and provide an outline of the contract and history of the project. Mr. Fitzmorris asked the audience if anyone had comments or questions for the Commission regarding this resolution. There were no comments or questions from

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the audience. Mr. Fitzmorris, Mrs. Zainey, Mr. Sharp, Mrs. Theriot, and Mr. Thompson voted in favor of the motion.

On the Segmented Shoulder Improvements project, Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval for Plan Change 28. On motion by Mr. Sharp, seconded by Mr. Thompson, Plan Change No. 28 provides for revisions to Plan Sheet 31 (Suggested Maintenance of Traffic) regarding traffic attenuators. There will be no cost nor time added to the contract. Based upon the recommendations of Staff and the Engineers, the GNOEC approves the execution of Plan Change No. 28. Mr. Fitzmorris asked the audience if anyone had comments or questions for the Commission regarding this resolution. There were no comments or questions from the audience. Mr. Fitzmorris, Mrs. Zainey, Mr. Sharp, Mrs. Theriot, and Mr. Thompson voted in favor of the motion.

On the Segmented Shoulder Improvements project, Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval for Plan Change 33. On motion by Mr. Sharp, seconded by Mr. Thompson, Plan Change No. 33 provides for the following as a part of the Partial Acceptance process for Segmented Shoulder 2; adds 2 Excessive Adverse Weather Days from April 23, 2020 through May 11, 2020 to the contract completion date, recognizes the Partial Acceptance of Segmented Shoulder 2, provides for \$9,000 incentive payment to the contractor for early completion of Segmented Shoulder 2. Based upon the recommendations of Staff and the Engineers, the GNOEC approves the execution of Plan Change No. 33. Mr. Fitzmorris asked the audience if anyone had comments or questions for the Commission regarding this resolution. There were

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no comments or questions from the audience. Mr. Fitzmorris, Mrs. Zainey, Mr. Sharp, Mrs. Theriot, and Mr. Thompson voted in favor of the motion.

On the Segmented Shoulder Improvements project, Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval for Plan Change 34. On motion by Mr. Fitzmorris, seconded by Mrs. Theriot, Plan Change No. 34 provides for modifications in the ITS controller cabinet for Segmented Shoulder 2 to provide improved functionality of the shoulder flashing lights from the dispatch center. This will be a Time and Material Plan Change with a cost not to exceed \$12,000. Based on actual costs and other observations from Segmented Shoulder 2 modifications, a subsequent Plan Change will be issued to cover modification to cabinets in the other 11 bays. No time will be added to the contract. Based upon the recommendations of Staff and the Engineers, the GNOEC approves the execution of Plan Change No. 34. Mr. Fitzmorris asked the audience if anyone had comments or questions for the Commission regarding this resolution. There were no comments or questions from the audience. Mr. Fitzmorris, Mrs. Zainey, Mr. Sharp, Mrs. Theriot, and Mr. Thompson voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Dufrechou presented slides showing the condition at the North Channel Bascule span motor.

On the North Channel Bascule, Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval to authorize to repair the spider gear shift key. On motion by Mr. Sharp, seconded by Mr. Thompson, during the routine exercising of the emergency span motor on the southwest leaf of the North Channel Bascule it was observed that the spider gear shear key was no longer functioning to transmit load. As the procedure to repair the shear key

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would necessitate the removal of the emergency span motor a low cost solution was developed to install a supplemental clevis pin to transmit the load. Boh Bros. Construction Co., L.L.C. was issued a purchase order to install the supplemental clevis pin. The clevis pin was only able to momentarily transmit the load before shearing which will necessitate the removal of the emergency span motor for the replacement of the shear key.

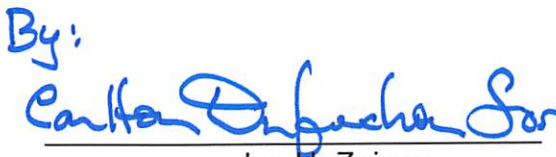
Based upon the recommendation of the Staff and the Engineers, the GNOEC authorizes the General Manager to execute a contract with Boh Bros. Construction Co., L.L.C. in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for the repair of the spider gear shear key. Mr. Fitzmorris asked the audience if anyone had comments or questions for the Commission regarding this resolution. There were no comments or questions from the audience. Mr. Fitzmorris, Mrs. Zainey, Mr. Sharp, Mrs. Theriot, and Mr. Thompson voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Fitzmorris thanked the GNOEC staff for handling the challenges presented due to the Pandemic and Social Distancing. Mrs. Zainey, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Thompson, and Mrs. Theriot echoed the appreciation for adapting to the situation.

Mr. Fitzmorris reminded everyone the next meeting is tentatively scheduled on ~~Wednesday, July 22, 2020~~ (the meeting date was changed to August 19, 2020) at 10:00 a.m. via Video Conferencing. There being no further business, the meeting was be adjourned.

By:


Patrick Fitzmorris
Chair

By:


Joy H. Zainey
Vice Chair