

PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREATER NEW ORLEANS EXPRESSWAY COMMISSION, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 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; Bob Schmidt, Huval & Associates; Jan Evans and Hossein Ghara, Volkert and Associates; Babak Naghavi and Fred Wetekamm, Hardesty and Hanover; Cullen Ledet, Modjeski & Masters; and Shelby LaSalle

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

**On the motion by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Sharp, the minutes of the regular meeting held on August 19, 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 August the Drawbridge operations included 20 vessel openings, no test openings and no incidents.

Mr. Dufrechou reported in September the Drawbridge operations included 16 vessel openings, no test openings and no incidents.

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

Mr. Dufrechou reported there were 302 breakdown responses in August on the Causeway Bridge. He stated 191 of those breakdowns were due to mechanical problems and 111 were caused by debris on the Causeway Bridge. Mr. Dufrechou reported 11 breakdowns on the Huey P. Long Bridge. He stated 10 of those breakdowns were due to mechanical problems and 1 was caused by debris on the Huey P. Long Bridge. Mr. Dufrechou reported a total of 313 breakdown responses for both bridges in August.

Mr. Dufrechou reported there were 278 breakdown responses in September on the Causeway Bridge. He stated 165 of those breakdowns were due to mechanical problems and 113 were caused by debris on the Causeway Bridge. Mr. Dufrechou reported 20 breakdowns on the Huey P. Long Bridge. He stated none of those breakdowns were due to mechanical problems and 20 were caused by debris on the Huey P. Long Bridge. Mr. Dufrechou reported a total of 298 breakdown responses for both bridges in September.

Mr. Dufrechou reported in the month of August there were a total of 3 accidents on the Causeway Bridge. He stated 1 occurred Northbound and 2 Southbound. Mr. Dufrechou stated 1 was the results of a breakdown. He reported there were 4 accidents that occurred on the Huey P. Long Bridge in August. Mr. Dufrechou stated none Eastbound, 4 Westbound and none were caused by breakdown or debris in the roadway.

Mr. Dufrechou reported in the month of September there were a total of 4 accidents on the Causeway Bridge. He stated 1 occurred Northbound and 3 Southbound. Mr. Dufrechou stated none were the result of a breakdown. He reported there were 8

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accidents that occurred on the Huey P. Long Bridge in September. Mr. Dufrechou stated 2 Eastbound, 6 Westbound and none were caused by breakdown or debris in the roadway.

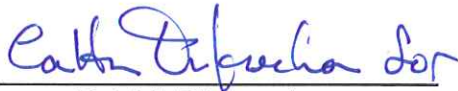
On the Professional Engineering Services for Bridge Inspection, Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval to reject two proposals. **On motion by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Sharp, on July 15, 2020 the GNOEC received 7 proposals for R.F.Q. No. 2020-101 from firms to provide professional engineering services for bridge inspections on an as needed basis for the GNOEC. After review of the proposals, it was determined that Volkert and SDR do not meet the minimum insurance requirements as set forth in Section 7.0 of the RFQ. Accordingly, Volkert and SDR's proposals received on July 15, 2020 are hereby rejected. 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 Improvement project, Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval to execute supplemental Agreement 3. **On motion by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Sharp, 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. 3 will increase DEI's hourly not to exceed**

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budget by \$2,576,000 to provide Construction Administration and Resident Inspection and Testing. Accordingly, after consideration, and upon recommendation from the GNOEC staff, the engineers, and the project manager, the GNOEC hereby authorizes the General Manager, in conjunction with legal, to execute Supplemental Agreement No. 3 with DEI, Inc. 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 reminded everyone the next meeting is tentatively scheduled on Wednesday, ~~November 4, 2020~~ (the meeting date was changed to December 2, 2020) at 10:00 a.m. via Video Conferencing. There being no further business, the meeting was be adjourned.



Patrick Fitzmorris  
Chair



Joy H. Zainey  
Vice Chair