

**MINUTES OF VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING NO. 2458
COMMISSIONERS OF
JEFFERSON COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 7**

Place: 3400 Highway 73
Port Arthur, Texas

Date: January 6, 2026

Present: Commissioners
Richard Beaumont
Lester Champagne
Albert Moses, Jr.
Matthew Vincent
James Gamble, Sr.
Allen Sims, General Manager
Nathan Brandimarte, Attorney for District

Visitors: Toby Davis, DD7
Garrett Boudoin, DD7
Rene Jackson, DD7
Brian McZeal, DD7
Brady Girouard, DD7
Barron Cook, DD7
Zachary Hinajosa, DD7
Kirby Johnson, DD7
Ike Mills, Mills Consulting
Wil Thorne, Brandimarte Law Firm
Keith Zotzky, AWC

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Chairman Beaumont after ascertaining that the Notice of Meeting had been posted in accordance with the law. Commissioner Moses gave the invocation.

Minutes of Meeting No. 2457

The Minutes of Meeting No. 2457 were approved as read.

Public Comment

Mr. Ike Mills wished the board and attendees a happy new year and thanked the District for all that they do to further economic development.

Consider Pay Request No. 2 to Brystar Contracting, Inc. for Sanitary Sewer Line Relocation at Lake Charles Lift Station

Mr. Keith Zotsky with Arceneaux, Wilson and Cole, Inc. presented Pay Request No. 2 submitted by Brystar Contracting, Inc. for the Relocation of the Sanitary Sewer Line at Lake Charles Lift Station for approval. Mr. Zotsky submitted an invoice from Brystar Contracting, Inc. for Three Hundred Seventy-Two Thousand Four Hundred Sixty-Four and 60/100 (\$372,464.60) for traffic control, trench safety system, dewatering, 42" PVC sanitary sewer line, and manholes. Approximately 60% of the project is complete. The request has been reviewed, and it is recommended that the Board approve Pay Request No. 2 in the amount of Three Hundred Seventy-Two Thousand Four Hundred Sixty-Four and 60/100 (\$372,464.60) Dollars. Commissioner Vincent moved to approve Pay Request No. 2 from Brystar Contracting, Inc. for Relocation of the Sanitary Sewer Line at the Lake Charles Lift Station in the amount of Three Hundred Seventy-Two Thousand Four Hundred Sixty-Four and 60/100 (\$372,464.60) Dollars. Commissioner Gamble seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Consider Pay Request No. 1 to Cummins, Inc. for Diesel Engines and Reduction Gears for Star Lake & Rodair Pump Stations

Mr. Kirby Johnson presented Pay Request No. 1 from Cummins, Inc. for two (2) Diesel Engines and Reduction Gears for Star Lake and Rodair Pump Stations for approval. Mr. Johnson submitted an invoice from Cummins, Inc. for Two Hundred Sixty Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Six and 00/100 (\$260,756.00). The contractor is

requesting payment for two (2) 500 HP Marine Auxiliary Engines with Appurtenances, two (2) Engine Reduction Gears for 500 HP Engines, and tariff charges. The request has been reviewed, and it is recommended that the Board approve Pay Request No. 1 in the amount of Two Hundred Sixty Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Six and 00/100 (\$260,756.00) Dollars. Commissioner Moses moved to approve Pay Request No. 1 from Cummins, Inc. for Diesel Engines and Reduction Gears for Star Lake & Rodair Pump Stations in the amount of Two Hundred Sixty Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Six and 00/100 (\$260,756.00) Dollars. Commissioner Champagne seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay Summary

Mr. Allen Sims reported that a meeting will be held next Wednesday or Thursday with General Walter and Mr. Hibner. The Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, Adam Telle, is scheduled to be in Houston on January 21, 2026, where he will meet with the General Manager of the Gulf Coast Protection District and Mr. Sims to tour the Port of Houston and the District facilities. Representatives from Washington, D.C. will also be in the area the week of January 21, 2026, for meetings. In addition, an executive leadership meeting will be held on January 21, 2026, with the Colonel and General to review the projects.

Mr. Sims also reported that reimbursement was received for the District's backhoe that was destroyed by a contractor at a job site. The District has since purchased a replacement backhoe using the reimbursed funds.

A possible resolution to the coating issue on contract 4 may have been reached. The Corps told the contractor that no coatings will be allowed on the sheet pile. A new design with no coating is expected.

Manager Reports

The City of Port Arthur Chamber of Commerce Annual Luncheon will be held on January 13, 2026, at the Bob Bowers Civic Center. General Land Office Commissioner Dawn Buckingham will serve as the guest speaker. The District has purchased a table for the luncheon. Mr. Sims requested that anyone interested in attending contact him. To date, the District's 35% cost share for the Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay Project has been provided by the General Land Office.

Mr. Sims also advised that on January 14, 2026, he will make a presentation to the Texas Gulf Coast Infrastructure Coalition at Texas A&M University in Galveston, Texas. The presentation will focus on non-federal sponsors working with the federal government and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on coastal storm risk reduction projects.

Mr. Sims further reported that the current design of the Shreveport pump station rake system is not appropriate. Mr. Toby Davis, Mr. Rene Jackson, and Mr. Eric Williams will travel to Dallas on January 15, 2026, to review alternative rake system designs that may prove to be more effective.

The District is constructing an additional employee parking lot to allow employees to park away from equipment traffic. This project was included in the current year's budget. In addition, a new covered area will be constructed near the existing covered area to provide more shelter for equipment that does not fit under the existing covered structure.

The District's new SCADA system project remains ongoing. The contractor has completed wiring at the old Alligator Pump Station for integration into the new system and is proceeding to the next station.

Executive Session – Consider and Take Action, if any, on Items Discussed in Executive Session

No Executive Session was held.

Checks and Purchase Orders

Maintenance Fund

Ck. No. 27607 – Albert Moses, Jr.
\$529.00 – Health Insurance Payment

Ck. No. 27608 – Atkinsrealis USA, Inc.
\$20,443.85 – Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay Project Management – PAV04 WIK

Ck. No. 27609 – Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas
\$188.37 – Health Insurance Payment

Ck. No. 27610 – Caddo Land Management, LLC
\$7,200.00 – Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay Project – Land Acquisition – PAV03C WIK

Ck. No. 27611 – Cintas Corp.
\$142.11 – Traffic Mat & Hand Sanitizer Service – Admin Bldg.

Ck. No. 27612 – Crown Weather Services
\$1,100.00 – Weather Service Subscription

Ck. No. 27613 – Cummins Sales and Service
\$260,756.00 – Diesel Engine & Reduction Gear Replacement – Star Lake & Rodair Pump Stations

Ck. No. 27614 – Dan Delich Consulting
\$3,500.00 – Legislative Consulting Services

Ck. No. 27615 – Duck's Dragline Service, Inc.
\$8,160.00 – Cutting Grade for New Employee Parking Lot

Ck. No. 27616 – Freese and Nichols, Inc.
\$4,855.68 – Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay Project – PAV03C – Shreveport Pump Station Fronting Projection - WIK

Ck. No. 27617 – Gannett Fleming, Inc.
\$6,722.30 – Engineering Services – Groves Detention Project

Ck. No. 27618 – GFL Plant Services, LP
\$4,282.02 – Rollbox & Holding Tank Rental – Various Pump Stations

Ck. No. 27619 – Gregory Bostwick
\$500.00 – Weather Services – December 2025

Ck. No. 27620 – Groves Equipment Rental Co., Inc.
\$2,700.00 – 15 Ton Crane Rental

Ck. No. 27621 – James Gamble, Sr.
\$270.00 – Health Insurance Payment

Ck. No. 27622 – Lawco
\$31,545.00 – Site Work at Various Locations

Ck. No. 27623 – LJA Engineering, Inc.
\$30,714.37 – Engineering Services – Various Projects

Ck. No. 27624 – Mazzanti & Associates LLC
\$2,500.00 – Legislative Consulting Services

Ck. No. 27625 – National Waterways Conference, Inc.
\$699.00 – Conference Registration

Ck. No. 27626 – Nerbert Frelow
\$950.00 – Dump Truck Services

Ck. No. 27627 – Overhead Door Company
\$379.00 – Repair of Overhead Door – Mechanic Shop

Ck. No. 27628 – Ray Russo
\$6,687.50 – Legislative Consulting Services

Ck. No. 27629 – Richard Beaumont
\$149.48 – Health Insurance Payment

Ck. No. 27630 – Richards, Rodriguez & Skeith, LLP
\$240.00 – Legal Services – Star Lake

Ck. No. 27631 – Safeguard Business Systems, Inc.
\$789.23 – Purchase of Maintenance Checks

Ck. No. 27632 – Sam & Tash Services, Inc.
\$3,139.24 – Janitorial Services – Admin Building

Ck. No. 27633 – Texan Engineering & Consulting, LLC
\$11,180.00 – Engineering Services – Permits & Blocks Bayou Project

Ck. No. 27634 – TWCA Risk Management Fund
\$5,14.00 – New Trucks and Equipment added to Insurance

Ck. No. 27635 – TX Commission on Environmental Quality
\$100.00 – Stormwater Permit

Ck. No. 27636 – TX Department of Agriculture
\$75.00 – Bryant James Certification Renewal

Ck. No. 27637 – Wave Solutions LLC
\$5,921.00 – Monthly Software & IT Services, New Computer

Ck. No. 27638 – FNBO
\$1,132.60 – Meeting Expenses, Employee Lunches, Project Advertisements

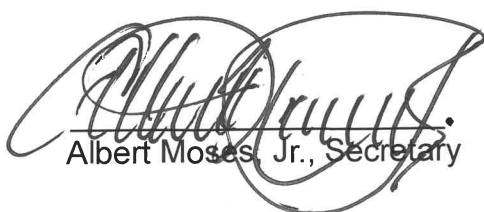
GLO Account

Ck. No. 5115 – Brystar Contracting, Inc.
\$372,464.60 – PAV03C CoPA Relocation at Lake Charles Life Station

Commissioner Gamble moved that the checks from the Maintenance Fund and GLO Account be approved for payment. Commissioner Champagne seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chairman Beaumont asked if there was any other business to come before the Board. There was none.

At 2:20 p.m., Commissioner Vincent moved that the meeting be adjourned. Commissioner Gamble seconded the motion. The motion carried.



Albert Moses, Jr., Secretary



Richard Beaumont, Chairman



VISITOR SIGN-IN SHEET
MEETING NO. 2458
Tuesday, January 6, 2026

	Name	Contact Information Email or Telephone	Public Comment	
1	KEITH ZOTZKY	ANC	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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