

**MINUTES OF VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING NO. 2435
COMMISSIONERS OF
JEFFERSON COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 7**

Place: 3400 Highway 73
Port Arthur, Texas

Date: January 23, 2025

Present: Commissioners
Richard Beaumont
James Gamble, Sr.
Matthew Vincent
Lester Champagne
Allen Sims, General Manager

Absent: Albert Moses, Jr.

Visitors: Toby Davis, DD7
Terry Wade, DD7
Rene Jackson, DD7
Brady Girouard, DD7
Garrett Boudoin, DD7
Barron Cook, DD7
Kirby Johnson, DD7

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 Vincent gave the invocation.

Minutes of Meeting No. 2434

The Minutes of Meeting No. 2434 were approved as read.

Consider Approval of Sale of Surplus Property

Mr. Allen Sims requested the declaration of and approval to sell surplus property. A list of miscellaneous items was submitted as follows:

THE DIESEL ENGINES ARE PAIRED WITH THE POWER TAKE-OFF CLUTCH ASSEMBLIES

Make	Model	Serial Number
Detroit Diesel (P.S. # 15)	16V -71	(16VA-4682)
Power Take -Off	PTA -1/2 1827-D	446279

Detroit Diesel (P.S.# 15)	16V-71	(16VA-4679)
Power Take-Off	PTA-1/2 1827-D	448283

Detroit Diesel (P.S.#19)	16V-71	(16VA-4758)
Power Take-Off	PTA-1/2 1827-D	446277

Detroit Diesel (P.S.# 19)	16V-71	(16VA-4759)
Power Take-Off	PTA-1/2 1827-D	44276

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Pump Station # 17

Make	Model	Serial Number
Detroit Diesel Series 60 14.0 Liter	6063HV39 Series 60	06R1023285
Detroit Diesel Series 60 14.0 Liter	6063HV39 Series 60	06R1023286

Commissioner Champagne moved to declare the subject property as surplus and to be sold. Commissioner Gamble seconded the motion. The motion carried

Consider Approval to Attend Golden Triangle Days

Mr. Sims stated that 2025 Golden Triangle Days will be held in Austin, Texas, March 3 - 5, 2025. Mr. Sims stated that he was informed by Texas Senate staffers and Texas House of Representative staffers that the \$230 million to be used for GCPD and the Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay Project was not included in the state budget presented for consideration. This turn of events will require the District to lobby for 26/27 funding. It is also unclear whether the bill to change Chapter 49 of the Texas Water Code will be

presented to the Senate and House of Representative for consideration. This bill would enable the District to hold elections during odd years in November which would ensure that the District will always be able to partner with the County elections, saving the District over a hundred thousand dollars. Commissioner Champagne moved that any Commissioner and/or staff be authorized to attend. Commissioner Gamble seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Consider Approval to attend National Waterways Conference

Mr. Sims stated that the National Waterways 2025 Legislative Summit will be held in Washington, D.C. March 10 - 12, 2025. Commissioner Gamble moved that any Commissioner and/or staff be authorized to attend. Commissioner Vincent seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Consider Approval to Attend TWA (Formerly TWCA) 2025 Annual Convention

Mr. Sims stated that the TWA 2025 Annual Convention will be held in Austin, Texas March 5 - 6, 2025. Commissioner Vincent moved that any Commissioner and/or staff be authorized to attend. Commissioner Champagne seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay Summary

Mr. Sims stated as mentioned earlier, he received notice that the \$230 million that the District requested for GCPD and the Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay Project was not included in the Texas Legislative budget submitted for approval. Once funding is omitted from the budget it is difficult to get it reinstated. Mr. Sims stated that he is going to request to speak at the budget hearing scheduled for next week.

Manager Reports

Mr. Allen Sims presented the financial statements prepared by FMW, P.C. for the period ending December 31, 2024, and gave a collateral securities report as of December 31, 2024.

Mr. Dean Depew is taking his remaining leave and will be officially retired as of February 28, 2025. Mr. Rene Jackson is being temporarily assigned as supervisor over pump stations.

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. 25747 – Airgas USA, LLC
\$434.00 – Multiple Cylinder Rentals

Ck. No. 25748 – Allterra Central, Inc.
\$1,000.00 – VRS Surveying Subscription

Ck. No. 25749 – Buna Electric Motor Services, Inc.
\$5,300.00 – PS #10 Unit 2 Electric Motor Testing

Ck. No. 25750 – Cintas Corp.
\$96.36 – Traffic Mat & Hand Sanitizer Service – Administration Building

Ck. No. 25751 – Duck’s Dragline Service, Inc.
\$20,740.00 – Trackhoe Work – OCI & Rodair Gully

Ck. No. 25752 – FMW, P.C.
\$2,300.00 – Accounting Services – December 2024

Ck. No. 25753 – Function 4 LLC
\$421.71 – Konica Copier Lease – January 2025

Ck. No. 25754 – GFL Plant Services, LP
\$3,874.50 – Rollbox & Holding Tanks Rentals – Multiple Pump Stations

Ck. No. 25756 – Jeffrey S. Ward & Associates, Inc.
\$10,000.00 – Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

Ck. No. 25757 – Kansas City Southern
\$125.00 – Drainage Pipe Rental

Ck. No. 25758 – LJA Engineering, Inc.
\$6,486.59 – Engineering Services – Various Projects

Ck. No. 25759 – LJA Environmental Services, LLC
\$7,625.00 – Environmental Services – Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay Project, A3A HMGP
& Grove HMGP

Ck. No. 25760 – M & S Unlimited Services, LLC
\$2,050.00 – Equipment Hauling

Ck. No. 25761 – Sam & Tash Services, Inc.
\$1,569.62 – Janitorial Services for Admin Building

Ck. No. 25762 – TCEQ Financial Admin Div Cashiers' Office
\$400.00 – General Permit MS4 Phase II Stormwater Discharge

Ck. No. 25763 – Toby Davis
\$53.85 – GCPD Meeting – Lunch Reimbursement

Ck. No. 25764 – TWCA Risk Management Fund
\$2,100.00 – Auto Liability – Add New Trucks

Ck. No. 25765 – TX Commission on Environmental Quality
\$100.00 – Annual Stormwater Permit Fee

Ck. No. 25766 – Mutual of Omaha Companies
\$1,228.69 – Health Insurance Payment

Ck. No. 25767 – Waukesha-Pearce Industries, Inc.
\$23,322.00 – Multiple Equipment Rentals

GLO Account


Ck. No. 5093 – Texan Engineering
\$1,228.69 – PAV03A.1 Sanitary Sewer Line Relocation Engineering

Ck. No. 5094 – Union Pacific Railroad Company
\$1,228.69 – PAV02 UPRR Review of Plans

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

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

At 2:17 p.m., Commissioner Champagne moved that the meeting be adjourned. Commissioner Gamble seconded the motion. The motion carried.


Matthew E. Vincent, Assistant Secretary


Richard Beaumont, Chairman



VISITOR SIGN-IN SHEET
MEETING NO. 2435
Thursday, January 23, 2025

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No Visitors for Mtg.