

**MINUTES OF VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING NO. 2438
COMMISSIONERS OF
JEFFERSON COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 7**

Place: 3400 Highway 73
Port Arthur, Texas

Date: February 28, 2025

Present: Commissioners
Richard Beaumont
Matthew Vincent
Lester Champagne
Toby Davis, Assistant Manager
Nathan Brandimarte, Attorney for District

Absent: Albert Moses, Jr.
James Gamble, Sr.

Visitors: Terry Wade, DD7
Rene Jackson, DD7
Brady Girouard, DD7
Garrett Boudoin, DD7
Kirby Johnson, DD7
Dwayne Harrison
Koby Landry, W-Industries
Cody Ligen, W-Industries
Josh Hanser
Jacob Manteil

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.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. 2437

The Minutes of Meeting No. 2437 were approved as read.

Earth Works Landscape	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$44,723.76
GP Evans Contractor, LLC	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$49,852.00
Southern Style Services	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	\$49,470.00

Mr. Davis stated that the total base bid is for one round of mowing. Commissioner Champagne moved to table the bids submitted for study and review by the District’s engineer and staff and award the bid for Calendar Year 2025 Seasonal Mowing Services at the next meeting board meeting. Commissioner Vincent seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay Summary

Mr. Toby Davis stated that he, Commissioner Vincent and Mr. Allen Sims attended the Texas House Appropriations Committee Hearing. Mr. Davis stated that Ross Gordan explained to the Subcommittee how the requested \$230 million funds would be utilized. Mr. Davis stated that he thought it was a positive meeting, and that now the Subcommittee better understands the need for the funds and how they will be used. A letter was received from the Corps requesting the District’s work in kind contributions relating to Contract 4. Contract 4 is a \$600 million project that includes the Rose Hill Park area to Lakeview Pump Station. The Corps required the District to send its 35% cost share at the beginning of the project. The \$21,830,000 that was requested from the Gulf Coast Protection District is 35% of the overage. Mr. Allen Sims, Barron Cook and Alex Thibodeaux are attending a meeting today with the Corps to discuss the requirements and procedure for the District to receive credit for the work in kind and LERRD. Straight piles, H piles, and batter piles are being driven for Contract 3A.

Manager Reports

The District received a \$41 million CDBG Grant to fund part of the design of the Shreveport Pump Station and part of the construction of miscellaneous pump station projects replacing generators, rakes, etc.

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. 25957 – Albert Moses
\$529.00 – Health Insurance Payment

Ck. No. 25958 – Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas
\$157.18 – Health Insurance Payment

Ck. No. 25959 – Cintas Corp.
\$84.06 – Traffic Mat Service – Admin Building

Ck. No. 25960 – Fidelity Exterminating Company
\$225.00 – Quarterly Pest Control

Ck. No. 25961 – Groves Equipment Rental Co., Inc.
\$2,700.00 – 15 Ton Crane Rental

Ck. No. 25962 – James Gamble, Sr.
\$270.00 – Health Insurance Payment

Ck. No. 25963 – LAWCO
\$83,479.00 – OCI Site Equipment & Groves Detention Site Clearing

Ck. No. 25964 – LJA Engineering, Inc.
\$233,134.43 – FMA Study, Storm Water Management & Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay Project Contract 3A Work in Kind

Ck. No. 25965 – M & S Services, LLC
\$450.00 – Transport Crane from Pump Station 16 to Pump Station 2

Ck. No. 25966 – Port Arthur Newsmedia, LLC
\$611.44 – 2025 Equipment Provisions and Seasonal Mowing Bid Advertisements

Ck. No. 25967 – Richard Beaumont
\$137.55 – Health Insurance Payment

Ck. No. 25968 – Richards, Rodriguez & Skeith, LLP
\$2,280.00 – Star Lake Ditch Remediation

Ck. No. 25969 – Sam & Tash Services, Inc.
\$1,569.62 – Admin Building Janitorial Services

Ck. No. 25970 – Texan Engineering & Consulting, LLC
\$15,910.00 – General Engineering Services & Blocks Bayou Project

Ck. No. 25971 – Waukesha-Pearce Industries, Inc.
\$25,436.00 – Multiple Equipment Rentals

Ck. No. 25982 – Duck's Dragline Service, Inc.
\$14,030.00 – Trackhoe Work

Commissioner Vincent moved that the checks from the Maintenance Fund 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 10:23 a.m., Commissioner Champagne moved that the meeting be adjourned. Commissioner Vincent seconded the motion. The motion carried.



Richard Beaumont, Chairman



Matthew Vincent, Assistant Secretary



VISITOR SIGN-IN SHEET
MEETING NO. 2438
Friday, February 28, 2025

	Name	Contact Information Email or Telephone	Public Comment	
1	DWAYNE MARRISON	713 539 12 63 CHPT 72464@ADJ.com	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
2	Koby Landry	837 581 - 0843 koby-landry@w-industries.com	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
3	Cody Ligon	580 919 0391 cody-ligon@w-industries.com	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
4	Josh Hansen	337-563-8554/JHansen@Bayou1	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
5	Prince Evans Jr	409-201-1300	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
6	JACOB NIANJEL	361-704-2855	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
7	Nathan Brandmark		Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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