

**MINUTES OF VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING NO. 2414
COMMISSIONERS OF
JEFFERSON COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 7**

Place: 3400 Hwy 73
Port Arthur, Texas

Date: March 5, 2024

Present: Commissioners
Richard Beaumont
Albert Moses, Jr.
James Gamble, Sr.
Lester Champagne
Matthew Vincent
Allen Sims, Assistant Manager
Glenn Steele, Attorney for the District

Visitors: Toby Davis, DD7
Dean Depew, DD7
Brady Girouard, DD7
Brian McZeal, DD7
Garrett Boudoin, DD7
Kirby Johnson, DD7
Barron Cook, 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 Moses gave the invocation.

Minutes of Meeting No. 2413

The Minutes of Meeting No. 2413 was approved as read.

Open Bids and Consider Award for Bids for Roof Replacement at Central Pump Station

Bids were opened and read as follows for Roof Replacement at Central Pump Station:

Contractor	Bid Bond	Form 1295	Acknowledge Addendums 1 & 2	# of Working Days to Complete	Total Base Bid
Mike Barnett Construction	✓	--	✓	30	\$153,410.00
High Country Roofing	✓	✓	✓	45	-----

The bid submitted by High Country Roofing is ineligible for consideration. Page 13 which contained the total base bid was unintentionally omitted from the bid. Commissioner Vincent moved to table the bids submitted for study and review by the District's engineer and staff and award the bid for roof replacement at Central Pump Station. Commissioner Gamble seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Open Bids and Consider Award for Bids for Asbestos Abatement /Demolition of Former Taft Elementary School

Bids were opened and read as follows for Asbestos Abatement/Demolition of former Taft Elementary School:

Contractor	Bid Bond	Number of Working Days	Total Base Bid
RNDI Companies Inc.	✓	60	\$397,796.00
AAR Inc.	✓	48	\$311,340.00
Inland Environments, Ltd.	✓	50	\$278,880.00
Grant Mackay Demolition Co.	✓	70	\$340,000.00
Sitek Omni Services, Inc.	✓	75	\$464,400.00

Commissioner Champagne moved to table the bids submitted for study and review by the District's engineer and staff and award the bid for Asbestos Abatement/Demolition of

Former Taft Elementary School. Commissioner Moses seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Consider Progress Payment to Cummins Sales and Service for Diesel Engines and Reduction Gears for Foley & Ninth Avenue Pump Stations

An invoice received from Cummins Sales and Service was submitted to the Board for payment consideration for Diesel Engines and Reduction Gears for Foley and Ninth Avenue Pump Stations in the amount of Three Hundred Thirty-Four Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-Two and 00/100 (\$334,742.00) Dollars. Mr. Allen Sims stated the engines and gears have been delivered and recommended payment. Commissioner Moses moved to approve the Progress Payment to Cummins Sales and Service for Diesel Engines and Reduction Gears for Foley and Ninth Avenue Pump Stations in the amount of Three Hundred Thirty-Four Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-Two and 00/100 (\$334,742.00) Dollars. Commissioner Vincent seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Consider Approval to Advertise for Bids for Sewer Line Relocation Near FM 365 for Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay Project

Mr. Sims requested approval to advertise for bids for Bids for Sewer Line Relocation Near FM 365 for the Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay Project. Commissioner Vincent moved to approve the request to Advertise for Bids for Sewer Line Relocation Near FM 365 for the Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay Project. Commissioner Gamble seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Consider Approval to Advertise for Bids for Utility (Water & Sewer) Relocation Between the Port of Port Arthur and Rose Hill Park Relating to Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay Project

Mr. Sims requested approval to advertise for bids for Utility (Water & Sewer) Relocation relating to the Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay Project. This request includes three separate locations. Commissioner Gamble moved to approve the request to

Advertise for Bids for Utility (Water & Sewer) Relocation Park Relating to the Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay Project. Commissioner Moses seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Consider Acceptance of Certification of Unopposed Candidates

Mr. Allen Sims read the Certification of Unopposed Candidates form offered for consideration to the Board certifying that candidates Richard Beaumont, James Gamble, Sr., and Matthew Vincent are unopposed for the election scheduled to be held on May 4, 2024. The deadline to file for a place on the general election ballot was February 16, 2024, at 5:00 pm and the deadline to file as a write-in candidate was February 20, 2024, at 5:00 pm. Both deadlines passed without any filings for candidacy. Commissioner Moses motioned to accept the Certification of Unopposed Candidates. Commissioner Champagne seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Consider Order of Cancellation of Election

Mr. Sims read the proposed Order of Cancellation of Election offered for consideration to the Board canceling the election as to candidates Richard Beaumont, James Gamble, Sr., and Matthew Vincent scheduled to be held on May 4, 2024. A copy of this Order will be posted on election day at each polling place that would have been used in the election. Commissioner Moses motioned to approve the Order of Cancellation of Election. Commissioner Champagne seconded the motion. The motion carried. The swearing-in of the unopposed candidates must take place after the May 4, 2024, Election Day, and the oaths will be administered at the May 7, 2024, Board meeting.

Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay Project Summary

Mr. Allen Sims stated there is no significant progress to report and the standard update meetings on miscellaneous projects continue. Mr. Sims, Mr. Toby Davis, and Commissioner Champagne are attending the National Waterways Conference and, Texas Water Day in Washington, DC March 10 – 14, 2024. A meeting is scheduled with USACE at their headquarters on Monday. Tuesday meetings are scheduled with U.S. Senator John Cornyn, U.S. Senator Ted Cruz, and U.S. Representative Brian Babin. The 1986 version of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) states that the cost of land purchased from a taxing entity for USACE projects can be counted as part of the non-federal sponsor's 35% cost share. However, the USACE's current policy for supplemental funded projects does not allow the cost of land purchased from a taxing entity to be counted toward the non-federal sponsor's 35% cost share. The goal is to add wording to the WRDA that states all USACE projects shall comply with the 1986 version of WRDA. The other issue to be addressed is that the project is not currently subject to the 20% cap; however, the USACE has arbitrarily decided to implement the 20% cap. The goal is to convince the Chief of Engineers and Office of Council that the cap does not apply. This will allow the cost of this project to increase by more than 20% without having congressional approval.

Manager Reports

There are no manager reports at this time.

Permits

JCWCID #10 – Proposed 14-inch HDPE Force Main Underground Crossing(s) of Humphries Ditch & Central Gardens Ditch. The permit fee is waived, and no bond is

required. Mr. Garrett Boudoin recommended approval subject to the special conditions contained within the permit. Commissioner Vincent moved to approve the permit requested by JCWCID #10 as recommended by Mr. Boudoin. Commissioner Champagne seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Entergy Transfer Spindletop, LLC - Proposed 12-inch Pipeline Underground Crossing of Johns Gully. The permit fee is \$550.00, and no bond is required. Mr. Garrett Boudoin recommended approval subject to the special conditions contained within the permit. Commissioner Gamble moved to approve the permit requested by JCWCID #10 as recommended by Mr. Boudoin. Commissioner Champagne seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

No executive session was held.

Checks & Purchase Orders

Maintenance Fund

Ck. No. 23787 – DE Corp.

\$474.90 – Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay Project Land Acquisitions

Ck. No. 23788 – Cummins Sales and Service

\$334,742.00 – Progress Payment for Diesel Engines and Reduction Gears for Foley & Ninth Avenue Pump Stations

Ck. No. 23789 – Dan Delich Consulting

\$2,500.00 – Legislative Consulting Fees

Ck. No. 23790 – DE Corp.

\$6,713.78 – Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay Project & Groves HMGP Detention Project

Ck. No. 23791 – Deep South Crane & Rigging Co.

\$1,680.00 – Crane Rental, Move In/Out Charge PS 13

Ck. No. 23792 – Duck’s Dragline Service, Inc.
\$14,750.00 – Equipment Rental – Administration Building Detention & Vehicle Shed Area

Ck. No. 23793 – ECHO Maintenance, LLC
\$2,773.08 – Manway Repair I Valero Refinery

Ck. No. 23794 – Electrical Specialties, Inc.
\$45.00 – Monthly Alarm System Monitoring

Ck. No. 23795 – FMW, P.C.
\$4,800.00 – Accounting Services – Year End Financials

Ck. No. 23796 – Groves Equipment Rental Co., Inc.
\$2,700.00 – 15 Ton Terrain Crane Rental 2/17 – 3/16/24

Ck. No. 23797 – Honesty Environmental Services, Inc.
\$4,990.00 – Groves Detention HMGP Project

Ck. No. 23798 – James Gamble, Sr.
\$270.00 – Health Insurance Payment

Ck. No. 23799 – LAWCO Construction
\$24,850.00 – Administration Building Detention

Ck. No. 23800 – M & S Unlimited Services, LLC
\$450.00 – Transport 15-Ton Cherry Picker – Halbouty to Yard

Ck. No. 23801 – Mazzanti & Associates, LLC
\$2,500.00 – Legislative Consulting

Ck. No. 23802 – Melvin Getwood
\$175.00 – Reimbursement for Spouse Group Health Insurance for March 2024

Ck. No. 23803 – Nerbert Frelow
\$960.00 – Dump Truck Rental 2/20 – 2/21/24

Ck. No. 23804 – Port Arthur News
\$472.92 – Advertisement – Roof Repair for PS 5

Ck. No. 23805 – Ray Russo
\$5,110.57 – Legislative Consulting

Ck. No. 23806 – Ron Lewis & Associates
\$3,500.00 – Legislative Consulting

Ck. No. 23807 – Sam & Tash Inc.
\$1,569.62 – Janitorial Services for Administration Building

Ck. No. 23808 – Southwest Building Systems
\$240.26 – Board Room Computer System Repair

Ck. No. 23809 – TCS Consulting
\$676.56 – Control Center Computer Configuration Changes

Ck. No. 23810 – Texan Engineering & Consulting, LLC
\$14,405.00 – General Engineering, Grant Support, and Blocks Bayou

Ck. No. 23811 – Triangle Concrete Services, Inc.
\$23,850.00 – Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay Project PAV03B

Ck. No. 23812 – Waukesha-Pearce Industries, Inc.
\$4,662.00 – Soil Compactor Rental – Administration Building Drainage Project

Ck. No. 23813 – Wells Fargo
\$10,602.14 – Travel & Meetings, Computer Subscriptions, and Phone Systems

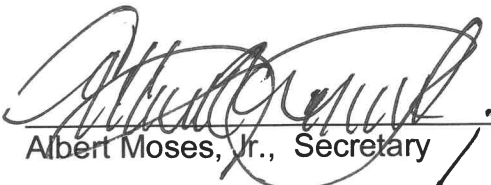
Ck. No. 23815 – Wave Solutions
\$1,200.00 – Conference Room Workstation

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

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

At 2:29 p.m., Commissioner Moses moved that the meeting be adjourned. Commissioner Gamble seconded the motion. The motion carried.


Richard Beaumont, Chairman


Albert Moses, Jr., Secretary