

**MINUTES OF VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING NO. 2444
COMMISSIONERS OF
JEFFERSON COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 7**

Place: 3400 Highway 73
Port Arthur, Texas

Date: June 3, 2025

Present: Commissioners
Lester Champagne
Matthew Vincent
Albert Moses, Jr.
James Gamble, Sr.

Allen Sims, General Manager
Nathan Brandimarte, Attorney for District

Absent: Richard Beaumont

Visitors: Terry Wade, DD7
Rene Jackson, DD7
Brady Girouard, DD7
Kirby Johnson, DD7
Garrett Boudoin, DD7
Brian McZeal, DD7
Keith Zotzky, Arceneaux Wilson and Cole

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

Minutes of Meeting No. 2443

The Minutes of Meeting No. 2443 were approved as read.

Consider Resolution Adopting 2025 Jefferson County Drainage District No. 7 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

Consider Resolution No. 536 Adopting the 2025 Jefferson County Drainage District No. 7 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update. Mr. Sims stated that an updated Hazard Mitigation Plan is required every 5 years by the state and federal entities that offer grants which the

District utilizes for many of its projects. Commissioner Vincent moved to approve Resolution No. 536 authorizing the Adoption of the 2025 Jefferson County Drainage District No. 7 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update. Commissioner Moses seconded the motion. The motion carried. A copy of Resolution No. 536 is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay Summary

Mr. Allen Sims stated that the funds that were originally to be allocated to the District for the Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay Project were removed from House Bill 1 as well as Senate Bill 500 which was the supplemental funding. There was no explanation given, only that it was a last-minute decision. Mr. Sims stated that he was advised that when the federal budget was passed there were no funds allocated for the Coastal Texas Project and since there is approximately \$600 million in funds still available from 2021 and 2023 State budget allocations the current legislature decided not to give more funds in the 2025 budget. The District is in negotiations with the Gulf Coast Protection District (GCPD) board members and staff relating to the \$350 million that was supposed to be allocated to the Coastal Texas Project (Ike Dike Project). The GCPD's current plan is to set aside approximately \$150 million out of the \$350 million to begin engineering. The remaining \$200 million would be available to the District to fund its projects. Currently, the District's project is officially budgeted at \$863 million in accordance with the United States Corps of Engineers (USACE). USACE is currently working on a Post Authorization Change Report (PACR) which is scheduled for completion in July. The PACR will then go to the review process which will expect approval in July 2026. PACR approval will allow USACE to move funds within the Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay Project budget

which could allow the unused funds from the Velasco Project to be reallocated to DD7 to complete its project.

Commissioner Champagne asked if the work that is being performed in Port Acres at Hwy 365 part of the Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay Project. Mr. Sims stated that it is and is considered fronting protection from storm surge which will protect Rodair Pump Station, Lakeside Pump Station, Alligator Pump Station, and their surrounding areas.

The last day to appeal Contract 4 was June 2, 2025. A contracting officer kick-off meeting is scheduled for June 11, 2025, which is a meeting between the USACE and the contractor. There will also be a town hall meeting later this summer in the affected area to advise the community on what is being done and what to expect during and after construction.

The District held an Executive Governance Meeting on May 29, 2025. Approximately twenty-five people attended, including the Colonel, and a division representative attended via teleconference. It was a positive and productive meeting. The District's goal is to get all its projects under construction in the next two years which would allow it to obtain the available previously committed funding.

Manager Reports

Mr. Sims stated that the District has been preparing for the hurricane season procuring equipment, supplies, fuel, food, etc., ensuring that all gates and structures are working properly, ditches are clear, and equipment and vehicles are serviced. The District has an agreement with ISTC to house/shelter employees if a storm surge greater than 20 feet is expected. An all-hands meeting will be held June 18, 2025, to hand out schedules, explain what each department's duties are, etc.

The District had its first test of the 4-10 schedule and call outs. Everyone that was called out responded. All employees have positive reviews of the new work schedule.

The bill submitted to the State House and Senate to change the District's board elections from May to November passed both the House and Senate. Upon the signature of the Governor the bill will go into effect immediately or 19 days from the date of the last vote. Commissioner Moses and Commissioner Champagne are up for re-election November 2025.

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

No Executive Session was held.

Permits

Cardinal Conservation & Management LLC is submitting a permit for HFPL property access. The permit fee is \$550.00. Mr. Brady Girouard recommended approval subject to the special conditions contained within the permit. Commissioner Moses moved to approve the permit requested by Cardinal Conservation & Management LLC as recommended by Mr. Girouard. Commissioner Vincent seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Stash Box Storage is submitting a permit for two 24" HDPE discharge pipes directly entering the District's Crane Bayou main channel. The permit fee is \$315.00. Mr. Garrett Boudoin recommended approval subject to the special conditions contained within the permit. Commissioner Moses to approve the permit requested by Stash Box Storage as recommended by Mr. Boudoin. Commissioner Gamble seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Checks and Purchase Orders

Maintenance Fund

Ck. No. 26533 – Albert Moses, Jr.
\$529.00 – Health Insurance Payment

Ck. No. 26534 – Allied Electrical Systems
\$2,340.25 – Fire Extinguisher Inspections & Service

Ck. No. 26535 – Angel Lady Services, LLC
\$45,407.64 – Season Mowing Services

Ck. No. 26536 – Capitol Law Group PLLC
\$5,000.00 – Legislative Consulting Services

Ck. No. 26537 – Cintas Corp
\$42.03 – Traffic Mat Service – Administration Building

Ck. No. 26538 – Dan Delich Consulting
\$3,500.00 – Legislative Consulting Services

Ck. No. 26539 – Disa Global Solutions, Inc.
\$200.00 – New Employee Drug Testing

Ck. No. 26540 – Duck's Dragline Service, Inc.
\$15,910.00 – Mowing & Trackhoe Work

Ck. No. 26541 – Electrical Specialties, Inc.
\$45.00 – Monthly Alarm System Monitoring

Ck. No. 26542 – Environmental Tree Service, LLC
\$7,200.00 – Tree Removal Services

Ck. No. 26543 – Fidelity Exterminating Company
\$200.00 – Quarterly Pest Control – Administration Building

Ck. No. 26544 – Function 4 LLC
\$824.52 – Konica Copier Lease – May & June 2025

Ck. No. 26545 – Groves Equipment Rental Co., Inc.
\$2,700.00 – 15 Ton Crane Rental

Ck. No. 26546 – James Gamble, Sr.
\$270.00 – Health Insurance Payment

Ck. No. 26547 – Jefferson County Texas
\$38,346.42 – Crane Bayou Pump Station #7

Ck. No. 26548 – Jeffrey S. Ward & Associates, Inc.
\$2,500.00 – Grant Administration Services

Ck. No. 26549 – Johnny's Towing & Recovery
\$350.00 – Transport Dump Truck

Ck. No. 26550 – LAWCO
\$44,770.00 – OCI Site - Earthwork

Ck. No. 26551 – M & S Unlimited Services, LLC
\$900.00 – Transport 15 Ton Picker & Crane

Ck. No. 26552 – Mazzanti & Associates LLC
\$2,500.00 – Legislative Consulting Services

Ck. No. 26553 – National Tank & Equipment, LLC
\$6,306.40 – Multiple Pump Rentals

Ck. No. 26554 – Nerbert Frelow
\$3,800.00 – Dump Truck Services

Ck. No. 26555 – Pitney Bowes
\$225.63 – Postage Meter Rental

Ck. No. 26556 – Ray Russo
\$4,994.68 – Legislative Consulting Services

Ck. No. 26557 – Richard Beaumont
\$142.33 – Health Insurance Payment

Ck. No. 26558 – Richards, Rodriguez & Skeith, LLP
\$5,820.00 – Legal Services – Star Lake

Ck. No. 26559 – Sam & Tash Services, Inc.
\$1,569.62 – Janitorial Services – Administration Building

Ck. No. 26560 – FNBO
\$47.27 – Meeting Expense

Ck. No. 26561 – SWAT Construction
\$27,650.00 – Road Plate Rental

Ck. No. 26562 – Texan Engineering & Consulting, LLC
\$10,320.00 – Engineering Services – Blocks Bayou & General

Ck. No. 26563 – The Brandimarte Law Firm, PLLC
\$26,969.11 – Legal Services – May 2025

Ck. No. 26564 – Tower Medical Center of Nederalnd
\$805.00 – Summer Laborer Physicals

Ck. No. 26565 – TWCA Risk Management Fund
\$384.00 – Add Trucks to Insurance

Ck. No. 26566 – Waukesha-Pearce Industries, Inc.
\$9,324.00 – Soil Compactor Rental

Ck. No. 26567 – Wave Solutions LLC
\$13,461.75 – Computer Equipment, Software & Services

Ck. No. 26568 – Wells Fargo Bank
\$1,817.82 – Computer Software Subscriptions

Insurance Admin Account

Ck. No. 10173 – Assured Benefits Administrators
\$75,902.16 – June 2025 Insurance Monthly Admin Services

Commissioner Vincent moved that the checks from the Maintenance Fund Account and Insurance Admin Account approved for payment. Commissioner Moses seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

At 2:24 p.m., Commissioner Gamble moved that the meeting be adjourned. Commissioner Vincent seconded the motion. The motion carried.



Albert Moses, Secretary



Lester Champagne, Vice Chairman

RESOLUTION 536

RESOLUTION ADOPTING 2025 JEFFERSON COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 7 HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE

WHEREAS, on this 3rd day of June 2025, at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Jefferson County Drainage District No. 7, upon motion of Commissioner Vincent,
Seconded by Commissioner Moses duly put and carried a:

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED THAT WHEREAS, The Jefferson County Drainage District No. 7 recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within the planning area of Jefferson County Drainage District No. 7; and

WHEREAS, Jefferson County Drainage District No. 7 has prepared an updated single- jurisdiction hazard mitigation plan hereby known as The Jefferson County Drainage District No. 7 2025 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update in accordance with federal laws, including the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, as amended; the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended; the National Dam Safety Program Act, as amended; and

WHEREAS, The Jefferson County Drainage District No. 7 2025 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update identifies mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property in the Jefferson County Drainage District No. 7 planning area from the impacts of future hazards and disasters; and

WHEREAS, adoption by the Board of Commissioners, Jefferson County Drainage District No. 7 demonstrates its commitment to hazard mitigation and achieving the goals outlined in The Jefferson County Drainage District No. 7 2025 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT 7, THAT:

Jefferson County Drainage District No. 7 Board of Commissioners hereby adopts The Jefferson County Drainage District No. 7 2025 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 3rd Day of June 2025.

I, Albert Moses, Jr., Secretary of the Board of Commissioners of Jefferson County Drainage District No. 7, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Jefferson County Drainage District No. 7, at their meeting No. 2444 held on the 3rd day of June, 2025 upon motion made by Commissioner Vincent, and seconded by Commissioner Moses, and adopted unanimously by said Board, a quorum being present.

Given under my hand this 3rd day of June, 2025.


Secretary

Jefferson County Drainage District No. 7