

**MINUTES OF VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING NO. 2420  
COMMISSIONERS OF  
JEFFERSON COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 7**

Place: 3400 Hwy 73  
Port Arthur, Texas

Date: June 4, 2024

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

Visitors: Garrett Boudoin, DD7  
Kirby Johnson, DD7  
Barron Cook, DD7  
Dean Depew, DD7  
Brady Girouard, DD7  
Brian McZeal, DD7  
Becky Ames, Griffith, Moseley Johnson and Associates  
Kim Carroll, Texan Engineering & Associates (Via Zoom)  
Allen Sims, DD7 (Via Zoom)  
Toby Davis, DD7 (Via Zoom)

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. 2419

The Minutes of Meeting No. 2419 was approved as read.

Consider Resolution Authorizing Tax Abatement Agreement with Linde, Inc.

Resolution No. 516 regarding authorizing a Tax Abatement Agreement with Linde, Inc. was presented for consideration. Mr. Phil Kelley introduced Mrs. Becky Ames with Griffith, Moseley, Johnson and Associates, Inc. Mrs. Ames stated that

Linde, Inc. is constructing a trucking terminal to facilitate the receipt and distribution of helium assets stored in an underground cavern developed, owned, and operated by Golden Triangle Storage, LLC. Mr. Kelley stated that the tax abatement period will begin January 1, 2027, and end December 31, 2036. Jefferson County Commissioners Court has approved the Tax Abatement with Linde, Inc. and he recommends approval of Resolution 516 and the proposed tax abatement agreement. Commissioner Vincent motioned to approve Resolution No. 516 authorizing the Tax Abatement Agreement with Linde, Inc. Commissioner Moses seconded the motion. The motion carried. A copy of Resolution 516 is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

Consider Approval to Advertise for Bids for Blocks Bayou Ditch, Phase 2 Project

Mr. Phil Kelley requested approval to advertise for bids for Blocks Bayou Ditch, Phase 2 Project. Commissioner Moses moved to approve the request to Advertise for Bids for the Blocks Bayou Ditch, Phase 2 Project. Commissioner Champagne seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay Project Summary

Mr. Brady Girouard stated there is no significant construction progress to report. Mr. Phil Kelley stated that USACE will be visiting the District on Thursday. Colonel Blackmon and a Colonel from the Chicago District are touring contract sites located in the Port of Port Arthur and Valero Refinery.

Manager Reports

Mr. Kelley advised that the District experienced a diesel spill at Lakeside Pump Station (PS 17). One of the Detroit engines blew a seal on a fuel filter. The

spill was discovered Sunday morning by maintenance personnel performing weekend rounds. Approximately three to four inches of diesel leaked into the intake bay. Rick Masters with LJA Environmental was called out. The area was immediately blocked off. TCEQ, the Texas General Land Office, the Coast Guard, and the EPA were notified of the spill. The District contacted Garner Environmental to begin the cleanup of the site. The District has been monitoring the crews working around the clock. Mr. Dean Depew stated that TCEQ will require the pump station to be pressure washed and steam cleaned before it can return to operation.

Mr. Phil Kelley stated that a funding request was received from Motiva. Motiva is requesting \$12 million for Construction Milestone 1. The GLO funds will be used for the construction phase to relocate electrical and communication lines, demo the firewater pump, demo the diesel water draw area, construct a laydown yard, and construct a pipe bridge and approach structure with pipe in the pipe bridge.

Executive Session – Pursuant to Section 551.072, Texas Government Code, Regarding Property Acquisitions

At 2:10 p.m., the Commissioners entered an Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.072, Texas Government Code, regarding property acquisitions.

At 2:44 p.m., the meeting returned to its regular session.

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

No action was taken.

Checks & Purchase Orders

Maintenance Fund

Ck. No. 24500 – 4 Horn Industrial

\$2,922.79 – Light Tower Rental – Vehicle Shed

Ck. No. 24501 – Albert Moses, Jr.

\$529.00 – Health Insurance Payment

Ck. No. 24502 – Andrew Robicheaux

\$209.00 – Reimbursement for Safety Glasses

Ck. No. 24503 – Cintas Corp.

\$135.00 – Traffic Mat & Hand Sanitizer Service – Admin Building

Ck. No. 24504 – Dan Delich Consulting

\$2,500.00 – Legislative Consulting

Ck. No. 24505 – DE Corp.

\$23,808.07 – Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay Project

Ck. No. 24506 – DISA, Inc.

\$50.00 – Health Insurance Payment

Ck. No. 24507 – Duck's Dragline Service, Inc.

\$9,240.00 – LS250X4 Trackhoe Rental – Vehicle Shed Project

Ck. No. 24508 – Electrical Specialties, Inc.

\$45.00 – Alarm System Monitoring – Admin Building

Ck. No. 24509 – Fidelity Exterminating Company

\$200.00 – Quarterly Pest Control at the Control Center

Ck. No. 24510 – FMW, P.C.

\$6,000.00 – Accounting Services Year End Financials

Ck. No. 24511 – GFL Plant Services, LP

\$3,921.41 – Holding Tank & Rollbox Rental – Multiple Pump Stations

Ck. No. 24512 – HERC Rental Corporation

\$3,005.85 – Dump Truck Rental 4/29 – 5/27/24

Ck. No. 24513 – Honesty Environmental Services, Inc.

\$12,851.93 – Groves Detention HMGP Project

Ck. No. 24514 – James Gamble, Sr.  
\$270.00 – Health Insurance Payment

Ck. No. 24515 – Ken’s Electrical Marine Service  
\$230.00 – Voltage Regulator Repair for Generator PS 11

Ck. No. 24516 – KT Trucking & Cattle Co.  
\$2,975.00 – Transport Truck Rental – 2 Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay Project &  
1 Detention Pond

Ck. No. 24517 – M & S Unlimited Services, LLC  
\$450.00 – 15 Ton Picker – PS 13 & PS 16

Ck. No. 24518 – Mazzanti & Associates, LLC  
\$2,500.00 – Legislative Consulting Fees

Ck. No. 24519 – Ray Russo  
\$4,066.58 – Legislative Consulting Fees

Ck. No. 24520 – Richard Beaumont  
\$131.67 – Health Insurance Payment

Ck. No. 24521 – Ron Lewis & Associates  
\$3,500.00 – Legislative Consulting Fees

Ck. No. 24522 – Sam & Tash Services, Inc.  
\$1,569.62 – Janitorial Services – Admin Building

Ck. No. 24523 – Texan Engineering & Consulting, LLC  
\$10,535.00 – General Engineering, Grant Support & Blocks Bayou Project

Ck. No. 24524 – Wells Fargo  
\$4,740.40 – Travel & Meeting, Computer Software, Office Supplies

Ck. No. 24547 – Albert Moses, Jr.  
\$1,200.00 – Travel Advance to Attend 2024 TWCA Summer Conference


GLO Fund

Ck. No. 5075 – Union Pacific Railroad Company  
\$2,558.10 – Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay Project

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

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

At 2:46 p.m., Commissioner Moses moved that the meeting be adjourned. Commissioner Champagne seconded the motion. The motion carried.

  
Richard Beaumont, Chairman

  
Matthew Vincent, Assistant Secretary

**RESOLUTION NO. 516  
AUTHORIZING TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENT WITH  
LINDE INC.**

STATE OF TEXAS

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COUNTY OF JEFFERSON

WHEREAS, Jefferson County Drainage District No. 7 (the "District") adopted Resolution 258 on October 15, 1996, setting forth its policy concerning tax abatements; and

WHEREAS, the District has memorialized, restated, and amended its tax abatement policy several times through the years, with its last amendment being by Resolution 502 on July 5, 2023, adopting the Jefferson County Amended Uniform Tax Abatement Policy-2023 as its tax abatement policy; and

WHEREAS, in open meetings the District has stated that the District's policy is to consider tax abatement agreements for entities requesting a tax abatement if they mirror the terms and conditions of the same abatement request approved by the Commissioner's Court of Jefferson County; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to enter into a Tax Abatement Agreement (in the form and content of that approved by the Commissioners' Court of Jefferson County) with Linde Inc. and wishes to authorize the District's Manager, Phil Kelley, to execute the Agreement on behalf of the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 7:

THAT it is in the best interest of the District to enter into a Tax Abatement Agreement with Linde Inc. for property located within the Linde Terminal 2024 Reinvestment Zone for

construction of a trucking terminal to facilitate the receipt and distribution of helium assets stored in an underground cavern developed, owned and operated by Golden Triangle Storage, LLC and authorize its Manager, Phil Kelley, to execute on behalf of the District the Tax Abatement Agreement attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference.

THAT the terms of the Tax Abatement Agreement and the property subject to the agreement meet the applicable guidelines and criteria adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the District under Section 312.002, Texas Tax Code.

THAT the Manager be, and hereby is, authorized to take any and all action and is authorized to execute any and all instruments, documents, or filings in connection with the accomplishment of the transactions outlined in this resolution and to certify the adoption of such resolutions to such parties which such Manager deems necessary or appropriate.

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. 2420 held on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of June 2024, 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 4<sup>th</sup> day of June 2024.

  
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Secretary  
JEFFERSON COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 7