

**MINUTES OF VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING NO. 2429
COMMISSIONERS OF
JEFFERSON COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 7**

Place: 3400 Hwy 73
Port Arthur, Texas

Date: October 15, 2024

Present: Commissioners
Richard Beaumont
Lester Champagne
Matthew Vincent
Albert Moses, Jr.
James Gamble, Sr.
Phil Kelley, General Manager

Visitors: Allen Sims, DD7
Toby Davis, DD7
Brady Girouard, DD7
Brian McZeal, DD7
Garrett Boudoin, DD7
Barron Cook, DD7
Kirby Johnson, DD7
Dean Depew, DD7
Terry Wade, DD7
Ike Mills, Mills Consulting

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. 2428

The Minutes of Meeting No. 2428 was approved as read.

Consider Progress Payment No. 1 and Payment No. 2 to Cummins Sales and Service for Six (6) Diesel Engines and Reduction Gears for El Vista, Star Lake, And Rodair Pump Stations

Mr. Kirby Johnson submitted a recommendation letter to pay two (2) invoices received from Cummins Sales and Service for six (6) Diesel Engines and Reduction

Gears for El Vista, Star Lake, and Rodair Pump Stations in the amount of Three Hundred Seventy-Seven Thousand Three Hundred Forty and 00/100 (\$377,340.00) Dollars each. Mr. Dean Depew stated that six (6) engines have been delivered, and he concurred with the recommended payment. The intention was to replace diesel engines and reduction gears at El Vista, Star Lake, and Rodair Pump Stations, but due to construction surrounding those pump stations, it was decided that three diesel engines and reduction gears would be replaced at Foley Pump Station and three at Lakeside Pump Station. The combined total of both invoices is Seven Hundred Fifty-Four Thousand Six Hundred Eighty and 00/100 (\$754,680.00) Dollars. Commissioner Champagne moved to approve Payments 1 and 2 to Cummins Sales and Service for six (6) Diesel Engines and Reduction Gears in the amount of Seven Hundred Fifty-Four Thousand Six Hundred Eighty and 00/100 (\$754,680.00) Dollars. Commissioner Gamble seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Consider Resolution to Approve 2024 Certified Tax Roll

Resolution No. 523 approving the 2024 Certified Tax Roll was presented for approval by Mr. Phil Kelley. Commissioner Moses moved that Resolution No. 523 approving the 2024 Certified Tax Roll be approved. Commissioner Champagne seconded the motion. The motion carried. A copy of Resolution No. 523 is attached hereto and made part of these minutes.

Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay Project Summary

Mr. Allen Sims stated that he, Mr. Toby Davis, and Mr. Barron Cook attended a meeting with the Gulf Coast Protection District ("GCPD") the week prior. An agreement was executed with the General Land Office for 2023 House Bill 1 funds in the amount of

\$550 million. The District is working on an amended agreement with the GCPD to obtain its portion of those funds. Results are expected from the Corps with minimal changes to the levee elevation in the hydraulic modeling. The District continues to work with TxDOT on the Hwy 365 gate structure. Mr. Sims gave an update on the Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay Project to the City of Port Arthur City Council.

Manager Reports

Mr. Phil Kelley presented the financial statements prepared by FMW, P.C. for the period ending September 30, 2024, and gave a collateral securities report as of September 30, 2024.

Executive Session – Pursuant to Sections 551.074, Texas Government Code, Regarding Personnel

At 2:13 p.m., the Commissioners entered an Executive Session regarding personnel.

At 2:29 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 as a result of the Executive Session.

Checks & Purchase Orders

Maintenance Fund

Ck. No. 25271 – Airgas USA, LLC
\$392.40 – Multiple Cylinder Rentals

Ck. No. 25272 – Arceneaux Wilson & Cole LLC
\$500.00 – Main Office Repair

Ck. No. 25273 – Cintas Corp.
\$82.00 – Traffic Mat & Hand Sanitizer Service – Admin Building

Ck. No. 25274 – Cummins Sales and Service
\$377,340.00 – Three (3) Cummins Engines and Reduction Gears

Ck. No. 25275 – Duck’s Dragline Service, Inc.
\$35,720.00 – Trackhoe Work

Ck. No. 25276 – FMW, P.C.
\$2,300.00 – Accounting Services – September 2024

Ck. No. 25277 – Function 4 LLC
\$402.81 – Konica Copier Lease – October 2024

Ck. No. 25278 – Gannett Fleming, Inc.
\$2,366.81 – Engineering Services – Groves Detention

Ck. No. 25279 – GFL Plant Services, LP
\$2,892.22 – Rollbox & Holding Tank Rental – Multiple Pump Stations

Ck. No. 25280 – GP Evans Contractors
\$13,851.45 – Seasonal Mowing Services

Ck. No. 25281 – Groves Equipment Rental Co., Inc.
\$1,144.00 – 15 Ton Carrydeck Crane Rental

Ck. No. 25282 – Industrial Specialty Crafts, LLC
\$6,021.33 – Pump Motor Exhaust Insulation PS 19

Ck. No. 25283 – Inland Environmental, Ltd
\$3,950.00 – PS 19 Asbestos Removal

Ck. No. 25284 – Lansdale Painting and Wallcovering LLC
\$740.00 – Oak Podium Staining

Ck. No. 25285 – LAWCO
\$31,445.00 – Taft Elementary Site Clearing

Ck. No. 25286 – LJA Environmental Services, LLC
\$10,251.11 – Environmental Services – A3A & Groves Detention

Ck. No. 25287 – LJA Surveying, Inc.
\$42,500.00 – Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay Project – Valero Tie Rod Investigation

Ck. No. 25288 – Nerbert Frelow
\$5,320.00 – Dump Truck Services

Ck. No. 25289 – Port Arthur News
\$72.08 – Hazard Mitigation Plan Public Meeting Notice

Ck. No. 25290 – Richard Beaumont
\$131.67 – Health Insurance Payment

Ck. No. 25291 – Sam & Tash Services, Inc.
\$1,569.62 – Admin Building Janitorial Services

Ck. No. 25292 – Southeast Texas Regional Planning Commission
\$150.00 – FY 2025 Membership Dues

Ck. No. 25293 – Terry Wuenschel, Tax Assessor-Collector
\$24,608.22 – 2024 Tax Year Collection Fee

Ck. No. 25294 – Texas Water Conservations Association
\$3,600.00 – TWCA 2024 Fall Conference Registration Fees

Ck. No. 25295 – Thorpe Plant Services, Inc.
\$404.30 – PS 1 Scaffolding Rental

Ck. No. 25296 – Wave Solutions, LLC
\$65.00 – Battery Backup – Carole

Ck. No. 25297 – Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas
\$157.18 – Health Insurance Payment

Ck. No. 25298 – Mutual of Omaha Companies
\$1,228.69 – Health Insurance Payment

GLO Fund

Ck. No. 5087 – LJA Environmental Services
\$4,853.38 – Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay Project

Ck. No. 5088 – Texan Engineering
\$9,184.88 – Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay Project

Commissioner Vincent moved that the checks from the Maintenance 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 3:30 p.m., Commissioner Gamble moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Commissioner Champagne seconded the motion. The motion carried.



Albert Moses, Jr., Secretary



Richard Beaumont, Chairman

RESOLUTION NO. 523

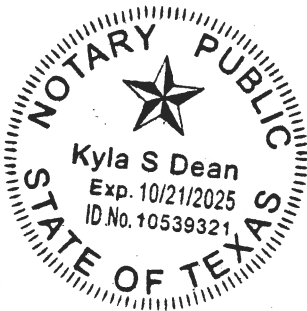
BE IT RESOLVED pursuant to the Texas Property Tax Code, Section 26.09, that the Board of Directors of Jefferson County Drainage District No. 7, hereby approve the 2024 Tax Roll this the 15th day of October 2024.

JEFFERSON COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 7



RICHARD BEAUMONT
Chairman

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me, the undersigned authority, on this the 15th day of October 2024.





NOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR
THE STATE OF TEXAS

Tax Collection System - JEFFERSON COUNTY
 Certified Roll Jurisdiction Summary
 Processing For Tax Year: 2024 County Code: ALL Tax Unit: ALL Roll Codes: ALL

Jurisdiction: **51 DRAINAGE DISTRICT #7**
 Total Parcels: 58,591 Tax Rate: 0.2976320
 Market Value: 20,473,888,441 State Hom: 0 Opt Hom: 0.2000000
 State O65: 0 Opt O65: 40,000
 Disabled: 40,000 Opt Disabled: 0

AG Exclusion Count: 222 AG Exclusion Amt: 62,482,165
 Timber Exclusion Count: 0 Timber Exclusion Amt: 0
 HS Capped Count: 15,283 HS Capped Amt: 453,141,306
 NHS Capped Count: 8,645 NHS Capped Amt: 187,224,480
 Assessed Value: 19,771,040,490

Prorated-Exxx Cnt/Amt: 2,154 Disaster Cnt/Amt: 1 50,917
 Immed Residential Homestead Cnt/Amt: 98 Surviving Spouse Active Duty Cnt/Amt: 1 17,930
 100% Exempt Vet Cnt/Amt: 354 Pollution Control Cnt/Amt: 79 486,085,578
 Chdo Cnt/Amt: 15 1,529,776 Freeport Cnt/Amt: 37 223,968,913
 Pro Schools Cnt/Amt: 36 24,651,243 Hb366 Cnt/Amt: 338 361,184
 Military Deferral Cnt/Amt: 1 0 Abatement Cnt/Amt: 5 1,739,721,895
 Pro Charitable Functions Cnt/Amt: 19 3,112,898 Goods In Transit Cnt/Amt: 1 51,534
 Low Income Housing Cnt/Amt: 7 11,810,409 Prorated-Exl Cnt/Amt: 1 2,530
 Pro Youth Associations Cnt/Amt: 6 447,686 Solar Exemption Cnt/Amt: 8 446,834
 Pro Misc Exempts Cnt/Amt: 10 2,088,480

State Homestead Count: 0 State Homestead Amt: 0
 Local Homestead Count: 24,033 Local Homestead Amt: 826,598,068
 State Over 65 Count: 0 State Over 65 Amt: 0
 Local Over 65 Count: 9,392 Local Over 65 Amt: 361,729,909
 Surviving Spouse Count: 81 Surviving Spouse Amt: 3,123,692
 State Disabled Count: 0 State Disabled Amt: 0
 Local Disabled Count: 1,000 Local Disabled Amt: 38,697,326
 Total VET Count: 527 Total VET Amt: 5,510,835
 *VET Surviving Spouse Count: 25 *VET Surviving Spouse Amt: 280,429

Partial Exempt Values: 1,235,659,830
 Taxable Value: 14,720,364,571
 Total Levy Amt: 43,899,310.08
 Late AG Penalty Count: 5 Late AG Penalty Amt: 103.98
 Frozen Account Count: 0 Late Rendition Penalty Amt: 86,688.79
 Frozen Homestead Value: 0
 Frozen Taxable Value: 0
 Unfrozen Levy Amt: 0.00
 Frozen Levy Amt: 0.00
 Frozen Levy Loss Amt: 0.00
 Total Non-Exempt Parcel Count: 58,591