

**MINUTES OF VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING NO. 2365
COMMISSIONERS OF
JEFFERSON COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 7**

Place: 4749 Twin City Highway, Suite 300
Port Arthur, Texas

Date: February 1, 2022

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

Phil Kelley, General Manager
Pete Steele, Attorney

Visitors: Allen Sims, DD7
Dean Depew, DD7
Garrett Boudoin, DD7
Kim Carroll, Texan Engineering & Consulting, LLC (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 Vincent gave the invocation.

Minutes of Meeting No. 2364

The Minutes of Meeting No. 2364 was approved as read.

Consider Approval to Attend TWCA Annual Convention

Mr. Kelley stated that the TWCA Annual Convention will be held at the Worthington Renaissance in Fort Worth March 9 – 11, 2022. Commissioner Champagne moved that the Commissioners and staff be authorized to attend. Commissioner Gamble seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay Project Summary

Mr. Allen Sims gave a brief update on the Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay Project (SP2GB). Contract 1 is under construction. Contract 2 is in the design phase. Contract 3 and 3B are almost ready to go out for bids. Contract 3A is being broken out into two parts to enable the District to go out for bids sooner while issues with pipe relocations at Motiva are being addressed. The engineering negotiations are complete on Contract 4 and will begin in the next few weeks. Mr. Kelley, Sims and Girouard traveled to Vicksburg, Mississippi to meet with the USACE at the Engineering Research and Development Center to discuss risk factors and levee elevations regarding Contract 5. The design modeling is expected to be complete late March early April.

Mr. Kelley added that Contract 2, which is off Highway 87, and Contract 3 which is located inside Valero are both owned by Valero and are restricted sites. He advised that during some test digs within the Valero site that Mr. Girouard stated that small levels of Benzene had been detected. The Corps' policy states that the District must provide a clean, unrestricted site. The District has tried to get the Corps to waive this policy within the industrial areas but has been unsuccessful. Mr. Kelley has explained to the Corps representatives that he does not feel that the Board would purchase any right-of-way knowing ground contamination will be encountered. Mr. Kelley stated that Corps considers the project has commenced once the Phase 1 tests have been completed and the 1st Contract is let and they will not come back to do a Phase 2. However, the District has elected to spend the money to perform the tests to do our due

diligence on contracts 3 and 3b and this work has been approved by the Corps as Work-In-Kind and will be credited to the Drainage District's 35% cost share.

Mr. Kelley advised that Mr. Sims attended a Port Arthur City Council Meeting with two representatives from the Corps. In an effort to keep them informed, Mr. Sims made a presentation that showed the City Council what the District's construction plans were concerning this project for the relocation of water and sewer line downtown and seawall areas.

Manager's Miscellaneous Reports

Since the date of the last Commissioner's meeting, the following work has been done:

HFPL MAINTENANCE/HERBICIDE CREW

Herbicide Application

See below

Levee

- Repairing HFPL repair at Sta. 1479+00 to 1485+50.
- Both herbicide, and levee construction crews are working together on the repair.

Misc.

- Checked crossings and flap gates.
- Received material to replace gate and fence at John's Gully & 3514 on 1/28/22.

Contractor:

- Duck's Dragline Service: HFPL repair at Sta. 1479+00 – 1485+50.

Construction Notes - Alligator Bayou Pump Station Annex

January 10, 2022 – January 21, 2022

Monday, January 10:

Alligator Project; Allco did not work on site today. Weather conditions were sunny. The site conditions were dry.

Wiesinger on site with (4) personnel reported.

Welding crew (Daniel, James, Martin, DJ) came out and welded tees in 1½" air line so DD7 can pipe station air to clutches on Units #1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.

Wiesinger came in to install Unit #6 angle gear on to the pump base.

Tuesday, January 11:

Alligator Project; Allco worked on site today. Weather conditions were sunny. The site conditions were dry.

No (0) Allco superintendents on site with (5) operators/laborers reported.

Wiesinger on site with (4) personnel reported.

Unit #6 pump was run for 1½ hours to allow for Wiesinger to check for vibration on the pump. All station pumps were then started so additional vibration checks could be conducted. All tests checked out good.

Wednesday, January 12:

Alligator Project; Allco worked on site today. Weather conditions were sunny. The site conditions were dry.

Allco superintendent (1) on site (Joe) with (5) operators/laborers reported.

Allco is digging dirt out from the inside of the cofferdam.

Thursday, January 13:

Alligator Project; Allco worked on site today. Weather conditions were sunny. The site conditions were dry.

Allco superintendent (1) on site (Joe) with (5) operators/laborers reported.

Allco is digging down the sides of the sheet pile and cutting them off 1'- 2' below the ground level.

The station's overhead crane is making an odd noise when the hook cables down. Mike Nunez came out to look at and operate the crane. He is going to have a technician come diagnose the problem.

Friday, January 14:

Alligator Project; Allco worked on site today. Weather conditions were sunny. The site conditions were dry.

Allco superintendent (1) on site (Joe) with (5) operators/laborers reported.

Allco is working on cutting the sheet pile from the cofferdam.

Monday, January 17:

Alligator Project; DD7 and Allco are not working on site in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

Tuesday, January 18:

Alligator Project; Allco worked on site today. Weather conditions were sunny to partly cloudy. The site conditions were dry.

Allco superintendent (1) on site (Joe) with (5) operators/laborers reported.

Allco is digging dirt from the cofferdam and cutting the sheet pile off below the ground level.

Wednesday, January 19:

Alligator Project; Allco worked on site today. Weather conditions were cloudy. The site conditions were dry.

Allco superintendent (1) on site (Joe) with (5) operators/laborers reported.

Allco is digging dirt from the cofferdam and cutting the sheet pile off below the ground level.

Thursday, January 20:

Alligator Project; Allco worked on site today. Weather conditions were cloudy and cold. The site conditions were dry.

Allco superintendent (1) on site (Joe) with (5) operators/laborers reported.

Allco is cutting up the sheet pile for scrap iron. It was too muddy to work on the cofferdam.

Friday, January 21:

Alligator Project; Allco worked on site today. Weather conditions were sunny. The site conditions were dry.

Allco superintendent (1) on site (Joe) with (5) operators/laborers reported.

Allco is digging dirt from the cofferdam and cutting the sheet pile off below the ground level.

Permits

Entergy Texas, Inc. – Proposed overhead crossing of the lateral B-4-B Ditch and Easement. Mr. Garrett Boudoin recommended approval subject to the special conditions contained within the permit. There will be no bond or permit fee required. Commissioner Vincent moved to approve Mr. Boudoin's recommendation. Commissioner Gamble seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Checks & Purchase Orders Maintenance Fund

Ck. No. 19633 – Dan Delich Consulting
\$1,500.00 – Legislative Consulting Fees

Ck. No. 19634 – Dannenbaum Engineering Corps.
\$15,443.53 – Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay Project and
Groves Detention HMGP Project

Ck. No. 19635 – Deep South Crane & Rigging Co.
\$2,500.00 – Rental of Crane, Move In and Out Charge
1/22/2022

Ck. No. 19636 – Sage Industrial, Inc.
\$250.00 – Delivery / Pick Up Charge

Ck. No. 19637 – Duck's Dragline Service, Inc.
\$10,320.00 – Rental LS250X4 Trackhoe 1/12/22 – 1/22/22, Move Charge,
Rental LS250X4 Trackhoe 1/18/22 – 1/27/22, Move Charge

Ck. No. 19638 – FILMR, LLC
\$96.00 – Social Media Posting

Ck. No. 19639 – Function-4, LLC
\$206.30 – Konmin Copier Rental 1/15/22 – 2/14/22

Ck. No. 19640 – Function 4, LLC
\$371.34 – Copy Charges for Copier and Overage Copies

Ck. No. 19641 – ISTC
\$955.00 – Gulf Coast Protection District Board Meeting

Ck. No. 19942 – James Gamble, Sr.
\$270.00 – Health Insurance Payment

Ck. No. 19643 – KT Trucking & Cattle Co.
\$345.00 – Transport Truck Rental to Move Dozer

Ck. No. 19644 – Kyla Dean
\$18.90 – Insurance Policy Refund

Ck. No. 19645 – LAWCO
\$4,140.00 – Erosion Control at Rodair and Main C Bank Repair

Ck. No. 19646 – M & S Unlimited Services, LLC
\$825.00 – Rental of Transport Truck to Move Komatsu Dozer 1/18/22, and
Rental of Transport Truck to Move Pad Foot Roller 1/14/22

Ck. No. 19647 – Mazzanti & Associates, LLC
\$2,500.00 – Legislative Consulting Fees

Ck. No. 19648 – Mustang Rental Services
\$2,822.85 – Compactor Rental, Delivery and Pickup Charge

Ck. No. 19649 – Ray Russo
\$4,997.30 – Legislative Consulting Fee and Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay Project

Ck. No. 19650 – Sunbelt Rentals
\$358.99 – Core Drill Rig and Bit Rental 1/18/22 – 1/19/22

Ck. No. 19651 – Texan Engineering & Consulting, LLC
\$11,250.00 – HMGP Projects, Permits, General & Blocks Bayou

Ck. No. 19652 – Tidal Basin Government Consulting, LLC
\$330.00 – HMGP Project A-3-A Detention

Ck. No. 19653 – TWCA
\$176.00 – Auto Physical Damage Amendment

Ck. No. 19654 – Waukesha-Pearce Industries, Inc.
\$9,540.00 – Komatsu Dozer Rental 1/4/22 – 2/1/22

Ck. No. 19655 – Wells Fargo
\$1,124.97 – Payroll Checks and Envelopes

Ck. No. 19680 – Sunbelt Rentals
\$228.85 – Self Propelled Floor Saw Rental and Diamond Blade 1/20/22

Ck. No. 19681 – Waukesha-Pearce Industries, Inc.
\$3,559.00 – Bomag Compactor Rental 1/5/22 – 2/2/22

Ck. No. 19682 – LJA Engineering, Inc.
\$1,650.00 – Update Data Operations System

Commissioner Champagne moved that the checks from the Maintenance Fund be approved for payment. Commissioner Moses seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Executive Session – Pursuant to Section 551.071, Texas Government Code, Regarding Pending or Threatened Litigation and Pursuant to Section 551.072, Texas Government Code, Regarding Real Estate

At 2:09 p.m., the Commissioners entered an Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.071, Texas Government Code, regarding pending or threatened litigation and pursuant to Section 551.072, Texas Government Code, regarding real estate.

At 2:35 p.m., the meeting returned to regular session.

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

Commissioner Vincent moved to extend the closing for the purchase of the property located at 3033 Oak West in Nederland, Texas to allow the foreclosure bank more time to clarify lien issues and title problems. Commissioner Gamble seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Champagne moved to accept the conveyance of the easement in fee for the properties located at 8749 Beauxart Garden Road, Beaumont, Jefferson County, Texas 77705. Commissioner Moses seconded the motion. The motion carried.

At 2:38 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