

**MINUTES OF VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING NO. 2349  
COMMISSIONERS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY  
DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 7**

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

Date: June 1, 2021

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

Absent: None

Visitors: Allen Sims, DD7  
Dean Depew, DD7  
Brady Girouard, DD7  
Garrett Boudoin, DD7  
Kirby Johnson, DD7  
Pamela Langford, Director of Development Services, City of Port Arthur  
Alberto Elefano, City of Port Arthur (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 Champagne gave the invocation.

Minutes of Meeting No. 2347

The Minutes of Meeting No. 2347 was approved as read.

Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay Project Summary

Mr. Brady Girouard gave a brief update on the Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay Project Summary Project. Contract 1 is still underway. The Corps' contractor has started constructing earthen levee pursuant to the requirement to create a Temporary

Flood Protection ("TFP") plan to have no more than 500-foot of levee breached at any one time. Approximately 400 feet has been constructed since last Friday. There is a meeting scheduled to discuss the unrealistic requirement that upon receipt of a 24-hour notice, the Contractor must erect an earthen levee for temporary flood control within the 24-hour period. It has taken a long time, but the Corps has finally relaxed a little on the dirt spec issues, and it appears that the Contractor may be able to utilize some of the District's clay and dirt that has been excavated from the Halbouty Detention area. Contract 2 remains the same and work-in-kind services are being requested. Contract 3 is making progress on the relocations and are coordinating between the designer RDS and the Corps' Buffalo and Chicago District. There is a good path forward to start moving with getting designs and contracts underway. Contract 3B is a very similar situation, with some issues completed to a 95% design effort and others having conflicts with real estate requirements. Contract 3A is approaching the 65% design effort, and conflicts are still being worked out on the conflicts with the Port Arthur ISD old Woodrow Wilson School and the Old Armory Building. Contracts 4 and 5 does not have a fully defined scope and it is uncertain as to which relocations and additional rights-of-way will be required.

Mr. Phil Kelley stated, as he has previously reported, the Corps of Engineers has started its Communication Plan on the Levee Improvement Project by meeting with the Jefferson County Commissioners' Court. The next step is to meet with the City of Port Arthur. The Corps will lead this charge, but Mr. Kelley will be reaching out to Ron Burton to schedule a Special Meeting rather than getting on the agenda at a regular City

Council meeting because it could last a couple of hours. He will coordinate the meeting with Dr. Betty Reynard of Lamar State College, Dr. Mark Porterie, Superintendent of Port Arthur ISD, and representatives from the Port of Port Arthur. This meeting will probably not be held until sometime in July.

### 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:

- Crane Bayou Main, Crane Bayou Main Lat. 2, El Vista Outfall, El Vista W. Lat.
- El Vista W. Lat. Ext., Tiger Bayou, HFPL Surface from PS6 to PS16
- Atlantic Main, Atlantic Main Ext., Atlantic Main Lat. 1

##### Levee:

- Completed dry run inspection setting panels at KCS and Port of Port Arthur
- Leveling dirt and filling in pool at 4414 Lakeshore Drive property

##### Misc.:

- Checked crossings and flap gates after rain events.
- Worked various pump stations during rain events.

##### Contractor:

- GP Evans Contractors: Mowing HFPL and District Rights-of Way Areas 1, 2, 10

#### Construction Notes - Alligator Bayou Pump Station Annex

May 10, 2021 – May 21, 2021

##### Monday, May 10:

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

Allco's superintendent (1) on site Terrell (1) with (5) operators/laborers reported.

Allco is pulling sheet pile out form the intake bay. The crew is also welding steel plates to the tops of the piling for reinforcement.

There was a site meeting with Allen Sims, Billy Patterson, Shane with E.S.I, and Scott Snyder in attendance. The guys discussed what all is left to do to get the station online. Scott showed Billy and Allen where some fuel leaks are present. They also

discussed the generator's transfer switch, the automatic fueling of the generator, and who all needs to come out and service the issues at hand. All parties should know after this meeting what problems they are responsible for. It was noted that DD7 still needs to get with Lufkin Gear about the angle gears for units # 5 and 6 and that an air power pack is needed for unit #1's clutch system.

Tuesday, May 11:

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

Allco's superintendent (1) on site Terrell (1) with (5) operators/laborers reported. Allco is water jetting around the sheet piling and preparing to pull more sheets.

Wednesday, May 12:

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

Allco's superintendent (1) on site Terrell (1) with (5) operators/laborers reported. Allco is pulling sheet piling from the intake bay.

Thursday, May 13:

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

Allco's superintendent (1) on site Terrell (1) with (5) operators/laborers reported. Allco is pulling more sheet piling today from the intake bay.

Friday, May 14:

Alligator Project; Allco did work on site today; however, DD7's site representative was off, so a daily report was not generated.

Monday, May 17:

Alligator Project; Allco is not working on site today due to a rain out. Weather conditions today held significant rain. By the time of this report, rain gauges showed over 6-inches of rain. The site conditions were muddy.

DD7's Daniel Roy and James Brown are at the station and pumping with units #3 and 4. These units are the only units running in the station at the time of this report.

Tuesday, May 18:

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

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

Allco's crew pulled (2) sheet piles today. The crew had to stop working, because Alligator was pumping with (4) engines making the current too strong to work within the intake bay. The crew left around 8:30~9:00 am.

DD7's Scott Snyder entered the pump station and found unit #6's clutch air compressor was running for no reason. He had the electricians disconnect the power to

the compressor. Nathan, Tony, and Scott hooked up units' #1, 2 and 3 clutches up to the station's air so that they can be ran during the forecasted heavy rain. The crew started units #1, 2, 3, and 4 and pumped the system down with them.

Wednesday, May 19:

Alligator Project; Allco did not work on site today due to a rain out. Weather conditions were cloudy with rain early this morning, about 2-inches of rainfall. The site conditions were muddy.

DD7's Nathan and Tony pumped all night with units #2, 3, and 4. This morning Scott and Thad adjusted the engine vibration which had shut down unit #1. The guys were able to get unit #1 operating. Thad and Pete are now pumping with units #1, 2, 3, and 4.

Thursday, May 20:

Alligator Project; Allco did not work on site today. Weather conditions held rain throughout the day with heavy rainfall last night. The site conditions were muddy.

Allco could not work today due to the current being too strong in the intake bay with the pump stations running.

DD7's Thad and Pete are pumping with units # 1, 2, 3, and 4.

Friday, May 21:

Alligator Project; Allco did not work on site today due to a rain out and the current in the intake bay being too strong. Weather conditions were cloudy with rain throughout the day.

Mr. Phil Kelley reported that some visitors from the Corps of Engineers' Headquarters will be coming on Thursday morning, June 3, for a meeting here at the office and then later in the afternoon, go out for some site visits within the District. Ms. Phoebe Purcell who oversees Dam and Levee Safety and who is highly involved with developing new Levee Safety Standards and a Levee Safety Plan, will be in attendance along with Corps representatives from Galveston. After the District site visits, they plan to go to Orange County.

Mr. Kelley further gave an update on the recent legislative session and stated they did appropriate Two Hundred Million and No/100 (\$200,000,000.00) Dollars but it is not yet known how the funds will be divided because the creation of the Gulf Coast

Protection District passed as well. Some of the money will most likely be dedicated to the new District over the next two (2) years and Orange County will probably get more of the dollars than the other two (2) projects because they have a lot of property acquisitions to begin. Once the new Gulf Coast Protection District is created, supposedly by January, the Gulf Coast Protection District will sign a Project Partnership Agreement with the Corps to build a Levee System in Orange County.

Commissioner Champagne asked about the approval check to Arceneaux, Wilson & Cole. Mr. Kelley stated this is one of the three (3) mitigation grant projects the District was awarded for review and is the A-3-A Detention. The three (3) projects are A-3-A Detention, Groves Detention and Halbouty Detention. All these projects are in Phase I, which is the grant administration phase. Arceneaux, Wilson & Cole has started some work on this project to prove the benefit cost ratio is positive, which must be done before the project is funded.

#### Permits

City of Port Neches – Proposed 10-Inch Waterline Overground Crossing of Lateral A-3. Mr. Garrett Boudoin recommended approval with a no permit fee or bond required subject to the special conditions contained within the permit. Commissioner Champagne moved to approve Mr. Boudoin's recommendation. Commissioner Vincent seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Dean Depew reported that the Corps of Engineers has completed raising and replacing the motor control center panels at Pump Station Nos. 8 and 10 and all is working well. The District is very happy with the work that was done by the Corps'

contractor. Two (2) new engines have been received and are ready to be installed at Pump Station No. 18 as soon as the predicted rain for the next week has ended.

Checks & Purchase Orders  
Maintenance Fund

Ck. No. 18404 – Advanced Staffing, Inc.  
\$424.32 – Contract Laborer

Ck. No. 18405 – Albert Moses, Jr.  
\$1,000.00 – Advance on Expenses to Attend TWCA Summer Conference

Ck. No. 18406 – Allen Sims  
\$1,000.00 – Advance on Expenses to Attend TWCA Summer Conference

Ck. No. 18407 – Arceneaux, Wilson & Cole LLC  
\$173,040.00 – A-3-A Detention HMGP Project

Ck. No. 18408 - Dan Delich Consulting  
\$1,687.86 – Legislative Consulting Fees

Ck. No. 18409 - Dannenbaum Engineering Group  
\$70,043.89 – Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay Project and Groves  
Detention HMGP Project (2)

Ck. No. 18410 – Duck’s Dragline Services, Inc.  
\$2,240.00 – Rental LS250X4 Trackhoe, 5/25-5/26/21 and Rental  
Cutter Head, 5/25-5/26/21

Ck. No. 18411 – Filmr, LLC  
\$436.00 – Social Media Posts & Editing

Ck. No. 18412 – Funchess, Mills, White & Co., P.C.  
\$6,960.00 – Accounting Services

Ck. No. 18413– GB Dumpsters and Demolition LLC  
\$14,900.00 – Removing Pool at 4414 Lakeshore, Port Arthur

Ck. No. 18414 - James Gamble, Sr.  
\$270.00 – Health Insurance Payment

Ck. No. 18415 – Lester Champagne  
\$1,000.00 - Advance on Expenses to Attend TWCA Summer Conference

Ck. No. 18416 – M & S Unlimited Services LLC  
\$600.00 - Rental of Transport Truck for 2 Moves

Ck. No. 18417 – Matthew Vincent  
\$1,000.00 – Advance on Expenses to Attend TWCA Summer Conference

Ck. No. 18418 – Mazzanti & Associates, Inc.  
\$2,500.00 – Legislative Consulting Fees

Ck. No. 18419 – Phil Kelley  
\$1,000.00 – Advance on Expenses to Attend TWCA Summer Conference

Ck. No. 18420 – Ray Russo  
\$6,250.00 – Legislative Consulting Fees

Ck. No. 18421 – Richard Beaumont  
\$1,000.00 – Advance on Expenses to Attend TWCA Summer Conference

Ck. No. 18422 – Texan Engineering & Consulting, LLC  
\$13,590.00 – HMGP Projects, Reviews/Permits and A-3-A Crossings

Ck. No. 18423 – Tidal Basin Government Consulting, LLC  
\$510.00 – A-3-A Detention HMGP Project

Ck. No. 18424 – Tower Medical Center of Nederland  
\$3,501.40 – Temperature Checks for Employees

Ck. No. 18425 - Waukesha-Pearce Industries, Inc.  
\$4,230.00 – Rental of Soil Compactor 4/27-5/25/21

Ck. No. 18426 – Wells Fargo Remittance System  
\$224.85 – Zoom Annual Charge and Otterbox Phone Case

Ck. No. 18427 – Function 4, LLC  
\$192.98 – Rental of Konmin Printer, 5/15-6/14/21

Ck. No. 18428 – Duck's Dragline Service, Inc.  
\$5,040.00 – Rental LS250X3 Trackhoe 5/14-5/28/21 and  
Rental LS240X4 Trackhoe 5/26-5/28/21

Ck. No. 18429 – Tolunay-Wong Engineers, Inc.  
\$7,214.00 – Repairs to Sheetpile Discharge Bay P.S. No. 5, Sabine  
Pass to Galveston Work-in-Kind Additional Scope PA Floodwall,  
Sabine Pass to Galveston Work-in-Kind Contract 3 & 3B



Ck. No. 18430 – Industrial Helicopters

\$24,750.00 – Furnish all Labor, Material and Equipment, Including Helicopter and Pilot, to Apply Herbicides to Control Vegetation

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

Chairman Beaumont asked if there were any questions or comments from the public or attendees via Zoom. There were none.

At 2:15 p.m., Commissioner Gamble moved that the meeting be adjourned. Commissioner Vincent seconded the motion. The motion carried.



Albert Moses, Jr., Secretary



Richard Beaumont, Chairman