

**MINUTES OF VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING NO. 2350
COMMISSIONERS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY
DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 7**

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

Date: June 15, 2021

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

Absent: Albert Moses, Jr.

Visitors: Allen Sims, DD7
Brady Girouard, DD7
Garrett Boudoin, DD7
Kirby Johnson, DD7
Kim Carrol, 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 Gamble gave the invocation.

Minutes of Meeting No. 2349

The Minutes of Meeting No. 2349 was approved as read.

Consider Pay Request No. 7 to Norman Highway Constructors, Inc. for Improvements to Lateral A-3-A Crossings at Hogaboom Road and Baird Street

A recommendation letter was received from Kim Carroll of Texan Engineering & Consulting for Pay Request No. 7 to Norman Highway Constructors, Inc. for Improvements to Lateral A-3-A Crossings at Hogaboom Road and Baird Street in the amount of Seventy-Eight Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-Seven and 28/100

(\$78,587.28) Dollars. Mr. Garrett Boudoin stated the pay request is for work on the second phase of the project. The contractor has mobilized the heavy equipment, implemented the traffic control plan, demolished and removed old concrete structures and installed new concrete box culverts. Mr. Boudoin feels by the end of next month, the Contractor should be completed. The contractor has completed 83% of the work using 66% of the contract time and is doing a really good job. Commissioner Champagne moved to approve Pay Request No. 7 to Norman Highway Constructors, Inc. for Improvements to Lateral A-3-A Crossings at Hogaboom Road and Baird Street in the amount of Seventy-Eight Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-Seven and 28/100 (\$78,587.28) Dollars. Commissioner Gamble seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay Project Summary

Mr. Brady Girouard gave a brief update on the Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay Project Summary (SP2GB) Project. Contract 1 is underway and making good progress. They have worked out some of the issues with the panel and mix design. Of interest to the District is that the requirement for the Temporary Flood Protection ("TFP") plan to have no more than 500 feet of earthen levee breached at one time has now been minimized to 250 feet. Contract 2 has no progress to report. The District is starting preliminary work on work-in-kind credits to submit to the Corps. Contract 3 is moving forward with the heavy technical relocations to be made within the industrial setting of the Valero refinery. Contract 3B is still at a 95% design level. There are some variance issues that need to be coordinated with the Corps, specifically allowable uses within the

easements. Contract 3A is at a 65% design level and has some variance requests. There are currently no active relocates. A meeting was held on Contracts 4 and 5 with the Corps' Memphis District who will be engaged in the design efforts. Mr. Kelley, Allen Sims and Brady Girouard brought Corps representatives out and gave them a brief overview of the District's system. This work should be kicked off within the next few months. Commissioner Champagne asked if there has been a resolution on the clay issues. Mr. Girouard answered no resolution has been made at this time; however, Mr. Kelley stated he made it clear to one of the Galveston District representatives during the meeting held last week that the whole levee system is built with clay mined from this area and the required dirt spec is for dirt that is not available in our area. There are shrink and swell issues involved, as well as disbursing rates. The Corps is always about reducing risks and the District needs to establish more holes for detention, so hopefully an agreement can be reached to make it work utilizing the District's clay.

Manager's Miscellaneous Reports/Financials

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

HFPL Maintenance/Herbicide Crew

Herbicide Application:

- Pear Ridge Lat. 3 (raw section, North Port Acres Ditch B.
- HFPL Surface, PS 17 pit.

Levee:

- Completed demo of District property at 4414 Lakeshore Drive.
- Began inspection of HFPL system.

Misc.:

- Checked crossings and flap gates after rain events.

- Clearing trees on District property between C3 and C5.
- Pulling trash at various locations during recent rain events.

Contractor:

- Evans Contractors: Mowing HFPL and District Rights-of-Ways. Areas: 2, 3, 4 and 5

Construction Notes - Alligator Bayou Pump Station Annex

May 24, 2021 – June 4, 2021

Monday, May 24:

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 water jetting around the remaining sheet piling in the intake bay and welding steel support plates to the tops of the sheets.

Tuesday, May 25:

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 water jetting around the remaining sheet piling and preparing to pull the sheets.

Wednesday, May 26:

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

Allco's superintendent (1) on site Terrell (1) with (5) operators/laborers reported. Allco is servicing the headache ball hook during the morning. They were able to replace the part and started back water jetting after lunch.

Thursday, May 27:

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 water jetting around the sheet piling, getting the remaining sheets ready to be pulled out.

Friday, May 28:

Alligator Project; Allco worked on site today until 9:30 am due to a rainout. Weather conditions were cloudy in the morning with a strong chance of rain later in the day. The site conditions were dry.

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

Allco is water jetting around the remaining sheet piling. Allco rained out around 9:30 am.

Monday, May 31:

Alligator Project; Allco and DD7 are not working on site in observance of the Memorial Day holiday break.

Tuesday, June 1:

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

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

Wednesday, June 2:

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

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

Allco is water jetting around the remaining sheet piling and preparing to pull the sheets.

Thursday, June 3:

Alligator Project; Allco worked on site today until 12:30 pm due to a rainout. Weather conditions held rain on and off throughout the day. The site conditions were muddy.

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

Allco is water jetting around the remaining sheet piling. Allco rained out around 12:30 pm.

Friday, June 4:

Alligator Project; Allco did not work on site today due to a rain out. Weather conditions held rain throughout the day.

Mr. Kelley stated Dean Depew had included several photographs in the meeting packet which show the old Detroit engines that have been taken out at Pump Station No. 18 and the two (2) new Cummins engines that are being installed. Once engines are in place, a test run will be made under no load. A Cummins representative will be onsite for the startup. After the Pump Station No. 18 installation, crews will go back to Pump Station No. 8 and install the last engine there. Pump Station No. 8 installations

were put on hold while the Corps finished the contracted work at that location. Mr. Kelley further stated that Dean Depew has obtained all the engine specifications for the next four engines to be installed at Pump Station No. 19, and Kirby Johnson will be putting the specs into a contract document form so advertisement for bids can begin.

Mr. Kelley reported he attended a meeting last Thursday at the request of the City of Port Arthur pertaining to the HUD grant money that none of the local counties were awarded, including Jefferson County. The City of Port Arthur was very hopeful they would get the \$96 million that they applied for to rebuild all the drainage as part of the downtown revitalization, and, in turn, the District had filed for \$35 million knowing if the City of Port Arthur did all the proposed improvements, the District would most likely have to improve its Pump Stations. The City of Port Arthur City Manager set up a meeting with Congressman Weber to discuss the issue. Mayor Bartie was present, and Judge Jeff Branick was also in attendance. Congressman Weber was not sure if there was a lot he could do in that the money is already in HUD's hands, but this federal money does come through the State/General Land Office ("GLO"). Congressman Weber did state he would talk to Commissioner Bush or the GLO to see if there is anything that can be done at this point. It was a good meeting and the first time Mr. Kelley had met Congressman Weber. Mr. Kelley simply attended to support the City of Port Arthur.

Mr. Kelley also reported it is his understanding that Governor Abbott will be having some type of signing ceremony soon due to the fact the State Legislature has adjourned and the Gulf Coast Protection District ("GCPD") Bill has passed.

Subsequently, the Governor will appoint five (5) of the eleven (11) Directors for the newly formed GCPD to get things started. The State did budget \$200 million, but all of it was appropriated to the GCPD. The newly created GCPD will sign a Project Partnership Agreement ("PPA") with the United States Corps of Engineers for Orange County to build a levee, and it is assumed that Orange County will get a large share of the \$200 million to begin, but once the GCPD gets up and running, the District will need to sit down and plead its case, although the GLO is working with the District to try to get \$65 million more to help the District get through the next two (2) years until the next legislative session. The State has already appropriated \$35 million to the District, so the remainder of the \$106 million is still available. District staff will be very busy with work on these matters soon.

Mr. Phil Kelley presented the financial statements prepared by FMW, P.C. for the period ended May 31, 2021, and gave a collateral securities report as of May 31, 2021.

Mr. Kelley reported the District is getting really close to going out for proposals for a new SCADA system to redo the Control Center, and it is hoped to at least advertise for bids before the end of the fiscal year.

Checks & Purchase Orders
Maintenance Fund

Ck. No. 18487 – 4 Horn Industrial
\$3,623.07 – Rental of Forklift 5/14-5/18/21, Rental of Backhoe 5/17-5/24/21, Rental of Skid Steer Loader, 5/17-5/24/21 and Rental of Forklift, 5/24-5/26/21

Ck. No. 18488 – Advanced Staffing, Inc.
\$1,272.96 – Contract Laborer

Ck. No. 18489 – Duck’s Dragline Service, Inc.
\$4,200.00 – Rental LS250X4 Trackhoe 6/7-6/11/21

Ck. No. 18490 – Electrical Specialties, Inc.
\$48,589.00 – Alligator Bayou Upgrade

Ck. No. 18491 – FILMR, LLC
\$132.00 – Social Media Posts

Ck. No. 18492 - GP Evans Contractors
\$31,750.00 – Mowing Levee

Ck. No. 18493 – Groves Equipment Rental Co., Inc.
\$2,700.00 – Rental 15 Ton Crane, 5/17–6/16/21

Ck. No. 18494 – Jefferson Central Appraisal District
\$68,013.01 – Third Quarter Payment on 2021 Entity Allocations

Ck. No. 18495 – Jeffrey S. Ward & Associates, Inc.
\$5,833.33 – Groves Detention HMGP Project; Halbouty Detention HMGP Project

Ck. No. 18496 –Johnny’s Towing & Recovery
\$125.00 – Rental of Transport Truck, 6/3/2021

Ck. No. 18497 – Kansas City Southern
\$125.00 – 48” Drainage Pipe Crossing

Ck. No. 18498 – KT Trucking & Cattle Co.
\$330.00 – Rental of Transport Truck 5/25/21

Ck. No. 18499 – LJA Engineering, Inc.
\$45,554.31 – Stormwater Management Plan, Data System and GIS
Project 2021, Nederland, Groves, Port Neches and Port
Arthur Coalition, Halbouty Detention Pond HMGP Project

Ck. No. 18500 – LJA Environmental Services, LLC
\$2,820.00 – Groves Detention HMGP Project and Halbouty
Detention HMGP Project

Ck. No. 18501 – M&S Unlimited Services, LLC
\$250.00 – Rental of Transport Truck 6/2/21

Ck. No. 18502 – Mutual of Omaha Companies
\$2,046.26 – Health Insurance Payment

Ck. No. 18503 – Nerbert Frelow
\$1,200.00 – Rental of Dump Truck 6/9-6/11/21

Ck. No. 18504 – Norman Highway Constructors, Inc.
\$78,587.28 – Upgrade to Lateral A3A Hogaboom & Baird Street

Ck. No. 18505 – Richard Beaumont
\$207.58 – Health Insurance Payment

Ck. No. 18506 – Ron Lewis & Associates
\$3,500.00 – Legislative Consulting Fees

Ck. No. 18507 – Sprint Waste Services, LP
\$9,041.76 – Removal of Waste from Pump Stations May 2021

Ck. No. 18508 – Star Lake Canal Cooperating Group
\$95,056.44 – Starlake Litigation

Ck. No. 18509 – Sunbelt Rentals
\$106.36 – Rental of Grapple Bucket, 6/10-6/11/21

Ck. No. 18510 – Texas Water Conservation Risk Mgt
\$7.50 – Policy Change MVR Billing

Ck. No. 18511 – Tolunay-Wong Engineers, Inc.
\$848.50 – PS #18 Abandoned Pipeline Repair

Ck. No. 18512 – Tower Medical Center of Nederland
\$40.00 – New Employment Physical

Ck. No. 18513 – W-Industries of Texas, LLC
\$42,582.89 – Update Data Operations Control Center

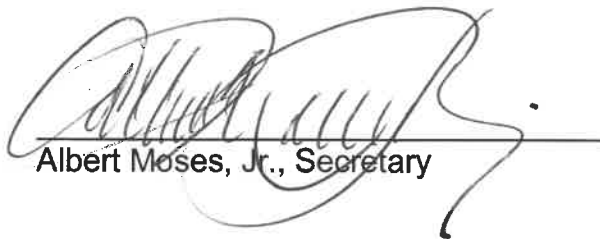
Ck. No. 18514 - Waukesha-Pearce Industries, Inc.
\$10,697.00 - Rental Komatsu Dozer, 5/17-6/14/21 and
Rental Soil Compactor, 5/25-6/3/21

Ck. No. 18515 – Ronnie Hollier
\$339.36 – Reimbursement of Travel to TWCA Summer Conference
at Horseshoe Bay Resort 6/9-6/11/21

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

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

At 2:21 p.m., Commissioner Champagne moved that the meeting be adjourned. Commissioner Vincent seconded the motion. The motion carried.



Albert Moses, Jr., Secretary



Richard Beaumont, Chairman