

**MINUTES OF VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING NO. 2375
COMMISSIONERS OF
JEFFERSON COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 7**

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

Date: July 5, 2022

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

Absent: Albert Moses, Jr.

Visitors: Allen Sims, DD7
Brady Girouard, DD7
Dean Depew, DD7
Garrett Boudoin, DD7

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. 2374

The Minutes of Meeting No. 2374 was approved as read.

Consider Commitment of Funding for Shreveport and Rodair Gully Pump Stations for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Applications

Mr. Phil Kelley stated copies of the Applications for the Shreveport and Rodair Gully Pump Stations Hazard Mitigation Grants are included in the meeting packet. Upon submitting these applications, Mr. Kelley is required to sign a Commitment of Funding for the 10% local share stating the District has the money. In that the 10% local shares are high, Mr. Kelley wants to get Board approval before signing the

Commitment. The Application deadline was Friday, July 1, 2022, and applications for these grants were submitted; however, if for some reason the Board decides to not approve the Commitment of Funding, the applications will be withdrawn. The estimated funding for the grant for a potential pump station on Rodair Gully is \$108,326,000, with the 10% local match being \$10,832,600. The estimated funding for the grant for the Shreveport Pump Station is \$15,518,500, with the 10% local match being \$1,551,850. The total local share matches total a little over \$12,000,000. The District is hoping to get the grant for Shreveport for sure in that help is needed to increase drainage in the downtown area and the pump station is in need of structural repair. The Rodair Gully Pump Station will go along with the Levee Improvement Project in which the District is currently trying to get the Corps to change the alignment. It would be ideal for all of this to work together with this grant. The Corps will look at the economics of one versus the other, and this pump station would likely put it out of sight. Commissioner Champagne verified with Mr. Kelley that the District does have the funds available for the local share and then moved to Approve the Commitment of Funding for the Shreveport and Rodair Gully Pump Stations for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Applications. Commissioner Gamble seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Consider Reimbursement Agreement with Union Pacific Railroad Related to Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay Project

Mr. Phil Kelley stated Contract 2 for the Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay Project ("S2G Project") is currently in the design stages, which is in the area where the levee wall failure occurred. Contract 2 is a rebuild of that particular section wherein the

alignment will be moved back away from the turning basin to between the railroad track and Highway 87. Therefore, interactions with Union Pacific Railroad ("UP") will be necessary, and UP requires a Reimbursement Agreement to be entered into before they will even review the Corps plans. The District is responsible for lands, relocations, and rights-of-way, and, consequently, the District is required to put up the money for UP to review the plans. The amount is currently \$225,000; however, if more expenses are incurred, the District will also cover this expense. The amount is considered creditable to the District's 35% cost share and reimbursable by the General Land Office. Pete Steele, the District's attorney, has reviewed and approved the Agreement. Commissioner Vincent moved to approve the Reimbursement Agreement with Union Pacific Railroad related to the S2G Project. 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 (S2G). All efforts are currently being focused on Contract 3B in that this is the next Contract the Corps anticipates advertising and awarding. Mr. Pete Steele is working on an offer letter to be submitted to KCS Railroad, the City of Port Arthur and the Port of Port Arthur for lands that is a part of the base contract. Offers will contain a time limit to respond and landowner bill of rights will be sent with the offer letters. Appraisals and surveys are complete. Once properties are secured, the Corps will be able to move forward in the bidding and awarding process. It is anticipated that the offers will be accepted in that the lots are vacant and will most likely never be

developed. All other contracts have taken a backseat at this time, but routine meetings are continuing with no significant changes to report.

Manager's Miscellaneous Reports

The following report was submitted to give an updated status:

Construction Notes - Alligator Bayou Pump Station Annex
June 13, 2022 – June 24, 2022

Monday, June 13:

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

Allco superintendent (0) on site with (0) operators/laborers reported.

Tuesday, June 14:

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

Allco superintendent (0) on site with (0) operators/laborers reported.

Wednesday, June 15:

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

Allco superintendent (0) on site with (0) operators/laborers reported.

Thursday, June 16:

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

Allco superintendent (0) on site with (0) operators/laborers reported.

Friday, June 17:

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

Allco superintendents (1) on site Mike Nunez (1) with (1) operators/laborers reported.

Allco's Mike N. and Issac H. worked on the overhead crane. They removed a shim from the upper-side of the cable follower. It was reported that the crane sounds much better during hook travel.

Monday, June 20:

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

Allco superintendent (0) on site with (0) operators/laborers reported.

Tuesday, June 21:

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

Allco superintendent (0) on site with (0) operators/laborers reported.

Wednesday, June 22:

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

Allco superintendent (0) on site with (0) operators/laborers reported.

Thursday, June 23:

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

Allco superintendent (0) on site with (0) operators/laborers reported.

Friday, June 24:

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

Allco superintendent (0) on site with (0) operators/laborers reported

Mr. Phil Kelley gave a recap on the July 1, 2022, rain event, and Mr. Dean Depew stated Shreveport Pump Station recorded 10.62" of rain with Foley Pump Station recording 9.5". Rain fell fast and hard. Mr. Kelley stated he received a telephone call from Greg Bostwick at Channel 6 on Friday morning telling him the Port of Port Arthur had recorded 8" of rain received and at one point it was raining at a rate 6" per hour. There was a lot of the area around West 17th, 18th, and 19th Streets in Port Arthur under water, but all District pump stations were running. The District received an enormous amount of phone calls from irate citizens Friday morning with the majority not understanding and thinking the pumps were not on and working. Mr. Kelley talked with the City of Port Arthur City Manager several times on Friday discussing the fact that citizens do not think the District's pumps are on and the City referring everyone to the

District. All District personnel were out checking crossings and following up on all complaints. Mr. Kelley stated the District's practice is to check out all complaints regardless of who is responsible, and once the situation is assessed, relay the problem to the appropriate responsible party, i.e., the City of Port Arthur Drainage Department. Commissioner Gamble stated it is the opinion of some residents that the City of Port Arthur is not cleaning out the ditches and asked if this was the biggest problem. Mr. Kelley answered that the water is not properly draining off, especially on that end of Port Arthur, and District personnel verified that levels at Foley Pump Station were dropping but several blocks away, the areas were still holding water that evening. Obviously there are some issues somewhere, but the District does not want to drop the City in the grease and the cities are designed for a 2 year frequency rain storm, which does not take a lot of rain to back up in the streets and out of the roadside ditches, and once the rain subsides, the water makes it way to the District's pump stations. There are some areas that definitely need attention. The District personnel does coordinate with City of Port Arthur personnel on all findings, and it is the District's understanding that the City of Port Arthur is attempting to get grant funding for drainage studies in the subject areas. The District spends 365 days a year maintaining its system so it works during rain events (and it works well), but when you get a lot of rain in a short period of time, there will be problems.

Permits

Faith Tabernacle Church – Proposed Entrance into Main "C" Canal. Mr. Garrett Boudoin stated the permit is not ready to be considered at this time. Commissioner

Vincent moved to table the permit until further information is provided. Commissioner Gamble seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Checks & Purchase Orders
Maintenance Fund

Ck. No. 20440 – Dannenbaum Engineering Corp.
\$12,733.06 – Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay Project

Ck. No. 20441 – Dannenbaum Engineering Corp.
\$33,314.31 – Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay Project

Ck. No. 20442 – 4 Horn Industrial
\$285.60 – Hydraulic Breaker for Skid Steer Overhead Crane at PS 2

Ck. No. 20443 – Advanced Staffing, Inc.
\$12,729.60 – Summer Help Labor, 6/13-6/19/22 and 6/20-6/26/22

Ck. No. 20444 - Dan Delich Consulting
\$1,500.00 – Legislative Consulting Fee

Ck. No. 20445 – Dannenbaum Engineering Corp.
\$1,453.71 - Groves Detention HMGP Project

Ck. No. 20446 – Duck’s Dragline Service, Inc.
\$15,640.00 – LS250X3 Trackhoe Rental/Pear Ridge Ditch 5/31-6/3/22,
LS250X4 Trackhoe Rental/EI Vista Lat 2 Ditch 5/26-6/16/22
and LS250X3 Trackhoe Rental/A-5 Ditch Washout, 6/20-6/29/22

Ck. No. 20447 – FILMR LLC
\$168.00 – Social Media Posts

Ck. No. 20448 – Function 4 LLC
\$197.38 – Konmin Copier Lease Payment 6/15-7/14/22

Ck. No. 20449 – GP Evans Contractors
\$21,927.00 – Seasonal Mowing Contract

Ck. No. 20450 – Groves Equipment Rental Co., Inc.
\$2,700.00 – Rental 15 Ton Crane 6/17-7/16/22

Ck. No. 20451 – James Gamble, Sr.
\$270.00 – Health Insurance Payment

Ck. No. 20452 – Jeffrey S. Ward & Associates, Inc.
\$32,500.00 – Groves Detention HMGP Project and HMGP Applications

Ck. No. 20453 - Mazzanti & Associates LLC
\$2,500.00 – Legislative Consulting Fees

Ck. No. 20454 – Nerbert Frelow
\$3,360.00 – Dump Truck Rental 6/21-6/29/22

Ck. No. 20455 - Ray Russo
\$6,284.48 – Legislative and S2G Consulting Fees

Ck. No. 20456 – Sunbelt Rentals
\$1,013.23 – Hydraulic Hammer for Skid Steer and Enviro Fee 6/8-6/9/22
and Hydraulic Hammer for Skid Steer, Mini Excavator and Enviro
Fee 6/9/11

Ck. No. 20457 – TX County & Dist. Retirement System
\$510.00 – Registration Fees for Allen Sims and Kyla Dean for
TCDRA Annual Conference

Ck. No. 20458 - Texan Engineering & Consulting, LLC
\$10,440.00 – General Engineering, Blocks Bayou and HMGP Projects

Ck. No. 20459 – Tidal Basin Government Consulting, LLC
\$618.75 – Rodair Gully Detention HMGP Project and
A-3-A Detention HMGP Project

Ck. No. 20460 – TWCA Risk Management Fund
\$438,407.00 – 22-23 Auto and Property Insurance Renewal

Ck. No. 20461 – United States Treasury
\$643.72 – 2022 PCORI Fee-Form 720

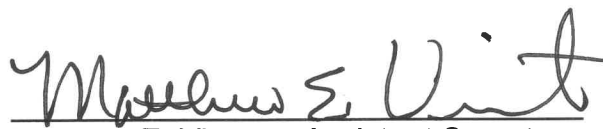
Ck. No. 20462 – Elite Card Payment Center (Wells Fargo)
\$1,081.60 – Quickbooks, Travel & Meeting and Office Supplies

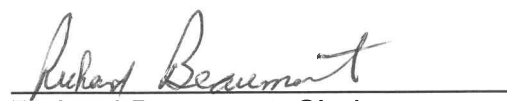
Ck. No. 20463 – Richard Beaumont
\$207.58 – Health Insurance Payment

Commissioner Vincent 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 was any other business to come before the Board, and Commissioner Gamble commented on the District not recognizing the recent Juneteenth holiday and stated he would like it to be considered in the future. Mr. Kelley responded that the District's practice has historically been to follow Jefferson County holidays, and the District contacted the County to ascertain if the County was observing the holiday this year and was advised it was not. District holidays are set at the last meeting in December each year, and the Board can consider adding the holiday at that time.

At 2:22 p.m., Commissioner Gamble moved that the meeting be adjourned. Commissioner Champagne seconded the motion. The motion carried.


Matthew E. Vincent, Assistant Secretary


Richard Beaumont, Chairman