

**MINUTES OF VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING NO. 2464
COMMISSIONERS OF
JEFFERSON COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 7**

Place: 3400 Highway 73
Port Arthur, Texas

Date: April 7, 2026

Present: Commissioners
Richard Beaumont
James Gamble, Sr.
Matthew Vincent
Allen Sims, General Manager
Nathan Brandimarte, Attorney for District

Absent: Lester Champagne
Albert Moses, Jr.

Attendees: Toby Davis, DD7
Barron Cook, DD7
Garrett Boudoin, DD7
Rene Jackson, DD7
Brian McZeal, DD7
Brady Girouard, DD7
Kirby Johnson, DD7
Zachary Hinojosa, DD7
Terry Wade, DD7
Wil Thorne, Brandimarte Law Firm
Keith Zotzky, AWC
Cody Crowley, GFT

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 and lead the pledge of allegiance.

Minutes of Meeting No. 2463

The Minutes of Meeting No. 2463 were approved as read.

Consider Final Pay Request No. 5 to Brystar Contracting, Inc. for Sanitary Sewer Line Relocation at Lake Charles Lift Station

Mr. Keith Zotzky with Arceneaux, Wilson and Cole, Inc. presented the final Pay Request No. 5 submitted by Brystar Contracting, Inc. for the Relocation of the Sanitary Sewer Line at Lake Charles Lift Station for approval. Mr. Zotzky submitted an invoice from Brystar Contracting, Inc. for Sixty-Nine Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-Nine and 50/100 (\$69,289.50) Dollars for the 5% retainage as stipulated in the contract documents. 100% of the project is complete. The request has been reviewed, and it is recommended that the Board approve Final Pay Request No. 5 in the amount of Sixty-Nine Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-Nine and 50/100 (\$69,289.50) Dollars. Commissioner Gamble moved to approve final Pay Request No. 5 from Brystar Contracting, Inc. for Relocation of the Sanitary Sewer Line at the Lake Charles Lift Station in the amount of Sixty-Nine Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-Nine and 50/100 (\$69,289.50) dollars. Commissioner Vincent seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Consider Pay Request No. 2 to Brystar Contracting, Inc. for Sanitary Sewer Line Relocation at City Hall

Mr. Keith Zotzky with Arceneaux, Wilson and Cole, Inc. presented Pay Request No. 2 submitted by Brystar Contracting, Inc. for the Relocation of the Sanitary Sewer Line at City Hall for approval. Mr. Zotzky submitted an invoice from Brystar Contracting, Inc. for Three Hundred Eighty-Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-Three and 40/100 (\$387,953.40) Dollars for mobilization, traffic control, Storm Water Pollution Plan, bypass pumping, trench safety system, dewatering, 36" PVC SDR26 sanitary sewer line and replacing manhole covers. Approximately 64% of the project is complete. The request has been reviewed, and it is recommended that the Board approve Pay Request No. 2 in

the amount of Three Hundred Eighty-Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-Three and 40/100 (\$387,953.40) Dollars. Commissioner Vincent moved to approve Pay Request No. 2 from Brystar Contracting, Inc. for Relocation of the Sanitary Sewer Line at the City Hall in the amount of Three Hundred Eighty-Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-Three and 40/100 (\$387,953.40) Dollars. Commissioner Gamble seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Consider Surplus Property for Sale

Mr. Allen Sims presented the following list of property and asked that all items be deemed surplus and be approved for sale.

Purple Wave Auction Items

Location	Description	Unit #
8918	Detroit Diesel 16 V 71 Serial # 16VA4756 Paired With Power Take Of Clutch PTA - ½ 1827 - D Serial # 446278	4
8918	Detroit Diesel 16 V 71 Serial # 16VA4757 Paired With Power Take Of Clutch PTA - ½ 1827 - DX2 Serial # 427737	5

Horn Auction Items

Qty	Description	Model #	Serial #	Lot #
8	50' White Cloth Hoses			1
1	23' Yellow Cloth			1
3	12 " Whirly Birds			2
1	Generac GP 5500Generator	61103	750207A	3
1	Honda WB 30 X 3" Water Pump			3
1	Chapin EZ Mount 12V Sprayer 25G	97400E		4
1	Wright 2 Ton Chainfall			5
1	Square D Enclosed 22 Soft Start Motor Drive Controller			6
4	Black & Decker 1¼ " Drill			7
2	Leather Chairs	LLR60469		8
1	Portable Ventilation		NF- 51683	9
1	Portable Ventilation		10074	9
7	Cooper Lighting Fixtures	MHSS40- -5T	8705970	11

7	Cooper Lighting Fixtures	MHSS40- -5T	8705970	12
8	Cooper Lighting Fixtures	MHSS40- -5T	8705970	13
8	Cooper Lighting Fixtures	MHSS40- -5T	8705970	14
11	Cooper Lighting Fixtures	MPSS40- 0R	11544367	15
7	Cooper Lighting Fixtures	MPSS40- 0R	11544367	16

Vehicles & Equipment

<i>Unit #</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Mileage / Hours</i>	<i>V.I.N./Serial #</i>
8	2015 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Crew Cab	93,233	3GCUKPEC7FG125007
12	2019 Ford F 250 Crew Cab	165,268	1FT7W2B66KEC31730
21	2013 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Crew Cab	180,108	3GCPKPE74DG336159
49	2015 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Double Cab	114,878	1GCVKPEC6FZ169195
12	Kubota M8560 Tractor	4,577	53069

Commissioner Gamble moved to declare the subject property as surplus and be sold. Commissioner Vincent seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Consider Approval to Seek Bids for Emergency Operations Center

Mr. Allen Sims presented the design for the proposed new Emergency Operations Center. The facility will include foreman offices, a washer and dryer area, a commercial kitchen, separate men's and women's shower facilities, and meeting and training rooms. The design also incorporates the ability to partition sections of the building to allow 90 employees to rest without disruption during storm events. The Emergency Operations Center will be constructed at elevation 5.5 feet and built to the same storm-resilient specifications as the Administration Building. Mr. Sims further stated that the District is seeking authorization to advertise for bids for construction of the facility. Commissioner Vincent moved to approve the request to advertise for bid for construction of the new

emergency operations center. Commissioner Gamble seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Consider Waiver of Penalty and Interest for Jose Pompa in the Amount of \$6.04 in Accordance with Property Tax Code 33.01(a)(1)

Mr. Sims stated that the Jefferson County Tax Assessor-Collector's Office requested that this item be placed on the District's meeting agenda for consideration. He noted that a waiver had been granted by the Jefferson County Commissioners Court on March 17, 2026. Mr. Sims explained that the penalties and interest assessed on Mr. Jose Pompa's account were the result of a clerical error by the Tax Assessor-Collector's Office and were not attributable to the account holder. Commissioner Gamble moved to approve the waiver of penalties and interest in the amount of \$6.04 on Mr. Pompa's account. Commissioner Vincent seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay Summary

Mr. Allen Sims reported that PACR is near completion and will be sent to headquarters. The PACR is expected to be approved by mid-June 2026. The District's projects continue to progress. Construction crews will begin driving test piles next week at contract PAV03C. Contract 4 is in design phase. Mr. Sims stated that he and Mr. Toby Davis are attending a GCPD meeting tomorrow.

Mr. Sims advised that he and Mr. Toby Davis have meetings set with the Corp of Engineers, and possibly Senators and Representatives while attending the National Waterways Conference in Washington, DC April 20 – 22, 2026.

Manager Reports

Mr. Sims advised that he and Mr. Toby Davis will be at the National Waterways Conference in Washington, DC April 20 – 22, 2026 and will not be able to attend the

normally scheduled Commissioner's meeting set for April 21, 2026. He further stated that they will also be unable to attend via teleconference due to a meeting that is set with the Corp of Engineers at the same time as our regularly scheduled board meeting. Mr. Sims asked the Commissioners to consider moving the meeting up to April 15, 2026. All the Commissioner's agreed to the change in the date. The second commissioner's meeting of the month will be held on April 15, 2026, at 2:00 pm.

Mr. Sims also advised that the District's annual audit needed to be presented to and approved by the Commissioners. The approved audit must be filed with TCEQ by April 23, 2026.

Mr. Sims stated that a call was received from the City of Nederland advising that some concrete was broken up while DD7 employees were cleaning up a ditch. The concrete was repaired the next day. There are also some drainage issues that the City of Nederland would like the District to look into.

Visitors from the Sugarland Levee Improvement Districts (LID) toured the District. The group was very impressed by the scale and operation of the District. One of the guys that toured the District put together a quick video of the areas that they toured.

Permits

Air Liquide Large Industries U.S. LP submitted a permit for proposed 12-inch pipeline crossing Industrial Ditch underground by HDD method. The permit fee is 550.00. Mr. Garrett Boudoin recommended approval subject to the special conditions contained within the permit. Commissioner Gamble moved to approve the permit requested by Air Liquide Large Industries U.S. LP as recommended by Mr. Boudoin. Commissioner Vincent seconded the motion. The motion carried.

AAA RV Park – Owner Tyler Tate submitted a permit for proposed reconstruction of two (2) existing 24-inch RCP's and construct concrete overflow into Rodair Gully Lateral No. 2. The permit fee is 250.00. Mr. Garrett Boudoin recommended approval subject to the special conditions contained within the permit. Commissioner Vincent moved to approve the permit requested by AAA RV Park – Owner Tyler Tate as recommended by Mr. Boudoin. Commissioner Gamble seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Executive Session – Pursuant to Section 551.072, Texas Government Code, Regarding Consultation with Attorney in Regard to Real Estate; Pursuant to Section 551.074, Texas Government Code, in Regard to Consultation with Attorney in Regards to Personnel

At 2:22 p.m., the Commissioners entered an Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.072, Texas Government Code, Consultation with Attorney Regarding Real Estate; pursuant to Section 551.074, Texas Government Code, Consultation with Attorney Regarding Personnel.

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

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

Commissioner Vincent motioned to approve the purchase of 2.5 acres from the Doornbos Estate for \$12,500. Commissioner Gamble seconded the motion The motion carried.

Checks and Purchase Orders

Maintenance Fund

Ck. No. 28099 – Albert Moses, Jr.
\$529.00 – Health Insurance Payment

Ck. No. 28100 – Anchor QEA
\$3,684.67 – Geotech Soil Testing – New Employee Breakroom

Ck. No. 28101 – AtkinsRealis USA, Inc.

\$4,622.70 – Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay Project – Project Management & PAV04 Work in Kind

Ck. No. 28102 – Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas

\$376.74 – Health Insurance Payment

Ck. No. 28103 – Caddo Land Management, LLC

\$6,100.00 – Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay Project – PAV03C Land Acquisitions

Ck. No. 28104 – Capitol Law Group PLLC

\$5,000.00 – Legislative Consulting Service

Ck. No. 28105 – Cintas Corp

\$109.86 – Traffic Mat Service – Admin Building

Ck. No. 28106 – Circle R Controls, LLC

\$1,000.00 – Pump Station 13 ATS Repair

Ck. No. 28107 – Cook & Associates, Inc.

\$3,500.00 – Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay Project – PAV03C Land Acquisitions

Ck. No. 28108 – Dan Delich Consulting

\$3,707.32 – Legislative Consulting Services

Ck. No. 28109 – Deep South Crane & Rigging Co.

\$1,696.00 – Pump Station 10 Crane Servicing

Ck. No. 28110 – Diamond Striping LLC

\$5,020.00 – Parking Lot Striping

Ck. No. 28111 – Disa Global Solutions, Inc.

\$40.00 – New Employee Drug Screen

Ck. No. 28112 – Duck’s Dragline Service, Inc.

\$12,000.00 – New Employee Parking Lot

Ck. No. 28113 – Electrical Specialties, Inc.

\$45.00 – Monthly Alarm Monitoring

Ck. No. 28114 – Function 4 LLC

\$402.81 – Konica Copier Lease – April 2026

Ck. No. 28115 –GFL Plant Services, LP

\$8,378.35 – Rollbox & Holding Tank Rental – Multiple Pump Stations

Ck. No. 28116 – Granicus LLC
\$3,675.13 – Live Streaming Services

Ck. No. 28117 – Groves Equipment Rental Co., Inc.
\$2,700.00 – 15 Ton Crane Rental

Ck. No. 28118 – James Gamble, Sr.
\$270.00 – Health Insurance Payment

Ck. No. 28119 – Jeffrey S. Ward & Associates, Inc.
\$53,250.00 – Grant Administration Services

Ck. No. 28120 – Ken’s Electrical Marine Service
\$330.00 - Replace Regulator on Genset at Pump Station 8

Ck. No. 28121 – LAWCO Construction
\$44,660.00 – Site Work – Various Locations

Ck. No. 28122 – Lester Champagne
\$600.68 - TWA Conference Travel Reimbursement

Ck. No. 28123 – LJA Engineering, Inc.
\$72,205.75 - Engineering Services – Various Projects

Ck. No. 28124 – LJA Surveying, Inc.
\$22,500.00 - Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay Project – PAV03C Land Acquisitions

Ck. No. 28125 – Lonestar Services, LLC
\$3,287.31 – Pump Station 11 Scaffolding

Ck. No. 28126 – M & S Unlimited Services, LLC
\$900.00 – Equipment Transportation Services

Ck. No. 28127 – Mazzanti & Associates LLC
\$2,500.00 - Legislative Consulting Services

Ck. No. 28128 – National Waterways Conference, Inc.
\$950.00 - National Waterways Conference Registration – Toby Davis

Ck. No. 28129 – Ray Russo
\$3,750.00 – Legislative Consulting Services

Ck. No. 28130 – Richard Beaumont
\$149.48 – Health Insurance Payment

Ck. No. 28131 – Richard, Rodriguez & Skeith, LLP
\$1,690.00 – Legal Services – Star Lake

Ck. No. 28132 – Sam & Tash Services, Inc.
\$3,139.24 – Janitorial Services for Admin Building

Ck. No. 28133 – Spok, Inc.
\$257.59 – Control Center Pager Service

Ck. No. 28135 – Sunbelt Rentals
\$5,850.42 – Smooth Drum Roller & Floor Saw Rental

Ck. No. 28136 – Texan Engineering & Consulting LLC
\$11,960.00 – Engineering Services – Permits & General

Ck. No. 28137 – Texas Workforce Commission
\$3,684.45 – Unemployment Claim K Morgan

Ck. No. 28138 – Texoma Corrosion Services LLC
\$2,500.00 – Pump Station 3 Cathodic Protection

Ck. No. 28139 – The Brandimarte Law Firm PLLC
\$16,371.00 - Legal Services – March 2026

Ck. No. 28140 – Toby Davis
\$1,344.80 – Flame Retardant Clothing & TWA Conference Travel Reimbursement

Ck. No. 28141 – TWA Risk Management Fund
\$63.00 – New Tractor Added to Insurance

Ck. No. 28142 – United Rentals
\$6,530.90 – Rental of Concrete Finisher

Ck. No. 28143 – Waukesha-Pearce Industries, Inc.
\$9,198.00 – Dozer Rental

Ck. No. 28144 – Wave Solutions LLC
\$6,046.00 – Monthly Software & Computer Services

Ck. No. 28145 – FNBO
\$61.31 – Meeting Expenses

Ck. No. 28146 – FNBO
\$1,592.77 – Meeting Expenses, Banking Fees, Sundry

GLO Fund

Ck. No. 5123 – Brystar Contracting, Inc.

\$387,953.40 – Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay Project, PAV03C, Relocation of Sanitary Sewer Line at City Hall

Ck. No. 5124 – Brystar Contracting, Inc.

\$69,289.50 – Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay Project, PAV03C Relocation of Sanitary Sewer Line at Lake Charles Lift Station

Ck. No. 5125 – Texan Engineering

\$17,860.50 – Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay Project, PAV03C Sanitary Sewer Relocation

Commissioner Vincent moved that the checks from the Maintenance Fund and GLO Fund 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 2:36 p.m., Commissioner Gamble moved that the meeting be adjourned. Commissioner Vincent seconded the motion. The motion carried.


Matthew E. Vincent,
Assistant Secretary


Richard Beaumont, Chairman



VISITOR SIGN-IN SHEET
MEETING NO. 2464
Tuesday, April 7, 2026

	Name	Email Address	Telephone Number	Public Comment		
1	KEITH ZORZUT	KEITH.ZORZUT@ANCENG.COM	409-724-7880	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
2	COOY CROLEY	CCROLEY@GRTINC.COM	409/363/0754	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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