

**MINUTES OF VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING NO. 2469
COMMISSIONERS OF
JEFFERSON COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 7**

Place: 3400 Highway 73
Port Arthur, Texas

Date: June 16, 2026

Present: Commissioners
Richard Beaumont
Lester Champagne
Albert Moses, Jr.
Matthew Vincent
James Gamble, Sr.
Allen Simns, General Manager
Nathan Brandimarte, Attorney for District

Visitors: Toby Davis, DD7
Barron Cook, DD7
Garrett Boudoin, DD7
Kirby Johnson, DD7
Brian McZeal, DD7
Rene Jackson, DD7
Terry Wade, DD7
Zachary Hinojosa, DD7
Ron Jones, Architectural Alliance, Inc.
Wil Thorne, The Brandimarte Law Firm

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 Moses gave the invocation. Chairman Beaumont led the pledge of allegiance.

Minutes of Meeting No. 2468

The Minutes of Meeting No. 2468 were approved as read.

Consider Award of Bid for Purchase of Diesel Engines and Reduction Gears for Memorial and Houston Pump Stations

Mr. Kirby Johnson stated that one bid was received from Cummins, Inc. in the amount of \$1,203,265.00. The bid satisfied all minimum equipment requirements specified in the bid documents, demonstrated the required qualifications and relevant experience, and submitted a bid free of informality. Mr. Johnson stated that based on the review, staff recommends that the Board of Commissioners award the contract for the supply of Diesel Engines and Reduction Gears for Memorial and Houston Pump Stations to Cummins, Inc. Commissioner Champagne motioned to award the bid award Cummins, Inc. for the supply of Diesel Engines and Reduction Gears for Memorial and Houston Pump Stations in the amount of \$1,203,265.00. Commissioner Moses seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Consider Award of Bid for Emergency Operations Center

Mr. Toby Davis stated that sealed bids for the Emergency Operations Center were opened at 2:00 pm on June 9, 2026. Ron Jones with Architectural Alliance, Inc. stated that a total of six bids were received. The committee recommends that the bid be awarded to Setex Construction Corporation for the base bid amount \$3,525,000.00 plus add Alternate No. 1 in the amount of \$500.00 for a total contract amount of \$3,525,500.00. Setex Construction Corporation has been in business for more than 35 years and maintains offices in Beaumont and Port Arthur, Texas. Based on the Committee's review, Setex Construction Corporation is a qualified and responsible contractor with the experience and resources necessary to successfully complete the project. Commissioner Moses motioned to award the bid to Setex Construction Corporation for the base bid amount \$3,525,000.00 plus add Alternate No. 1 in the amount of \$500.00 for a total

contract amount of \$3,525,500.00. Commissioner Champagne seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Discuss the Seasonal Mowing Contract and Possible Amendment of the Contract

Mr. Allen Sims received a phone call from the Dwayne Harris, owner of Angel Lady Services who holds the contract for the District's seasonal mowing. Mr. Harris asked for an additional \$2.20 per acre to accommodate the rising cost of fuel due to the Iran war. The requested increase would keep him as low bidder. Mr. Sims asked Mr. Harris to send an email with the justification for the request. The agenda item was tabled for executive session.

Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay Summary

Mr. Allen Sims reported that while in Washington, D.C., in April, Ryan Fisher and Wes Coleman asked the District to help develop an implementation plan to move projects from design into construction more quickly. After meeting with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers leadership in Washington, D.C., and holding follow-up discussions last week, the District will present the plan to Mr. Hibner next Wednesday in Dallas. It will be requested that Contract 3C, which is scheduled for design completion on July 1, be moved up so it can be advertised and awarded sooner than currently planned.

Mr. Sims stated that the District also requested additional Corps staffing to allow several of the 15 high-priority projects to move into construction at the same time rather than following the current staggered schedule. He noted that delays continue to increase project costs and that the District believes the Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay Project's ranking among the top 10 national Corps projects supports giving it additional attention and resources.

Mr. Sims also reported that the District is submitting a request for \$99.6 million in state funding to cover approximately one-third of the local cost share for future construction. Property acquisitions are nearly complete, including Mr. Kessler's parcel, and only minor contract language revisions remain with Jefferson County and other project partners before the closings can take place. Coordination with the City, County, school districts, and Lamar University is continuing to address the remaining details and keep the project moving forward.

Manager Reports

Mr. Allen Sims presented the financial statements prepared by FMW, P.C. for the period ending May 31, 2026, and gave a collateral securities report as of May 31, 2026.

Checks and Purchase Orders

Maintenance Fund

Ck. No. 28505 – Airgas USA LLC
\$502.20 – Multiple Cylinder Rentals

Ck. No. 28506 – Angel Lady Services, LLC
\$42,192.00 – Seasonal Mowing Services

Ck. No. 28507 – Arceneaux Wilson & Cole LLC
\$6,325.00 - Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay Project – PAV03C City of Port Arthur Electrical Relocations

Ck. No. 28508 – Associated Supply Co., Inc.
\$2,713.43 – Forklift Rental

Ck. No. 28509 – Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas
\$237.00 – Health Insurance Payment

Ck. No. 28510 – Caddo Land Management, LLC
\$6,000.00 – Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay Project – PAV03C – Land Acquisitions & PAV03A.1 Work in Kind

Ck. No. 28511 – Canadian Pacific Railway Company
\$250.00 – Drainage Pipe Rental

Ck. No. 28512 – Cintas Corp.

\$98.95 – Traffic Mat & Hand Sanitizer Service – Administration Building

Ck. No. 28513 – Electrical Specialties, Inc.

\$2,152.90 – Electrical Damage Repaired at Main B Diversion

Ck. No. 28514 – FMW, P.C.

\$2,200.00 – Accounting Services May 2026

Ck. No. 28515 – Freese and Nichols, Inc.

\$90,917.81 – Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay Project – PAV03C – Work in Kind – Rose Hill Realignment

Ck. No. 28516 – Function 4 LLC

\$402.81 – Konica Copier Lease – June 2026

Ck. No. 28517 – Gary R Traylor & Associates, Inc.

\$30,000.00 – CDBG Grant Administration

Ck. No. 28518 – GFL Plant Services, LP

\$7,276.60 – Rollbox & Holding Tank Rental

Ck. No. 28519 – GFT Infrastructure, Inc.

\$140,904.43 – Engineering Services – Various Projects

Ck. No. 28520 – Inland Environments, LTD

\$5,900.00 – Breakroom Asbestos Abatement

Ck. No. 28521 – Jefferson Central Appraisal District

\$113,627.29 – 3rd Quarter 2026 Entity Allocations

Ck. No. 28522 – Jefferson County Tax A/C

\$209.67 – Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay Project – PAV03A.1 – Land Acquisitions

Ck. No. 28523 – Jeffrey S. Ward & Associates, Inc.

\$29,000.00 – Grant Administration Services

Ck. No. 28524 – KT Trucking & Cattle Co.

\$1,425.00 – Transport Dozer to Various Worksites

Ck. No. 28525 – LJA Engineering, Inc.

\$10,121.71 – Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay Project – Engineering Services - Halbouty Detention Pond

Ck. No. 28526 – LJA Surveying, Inc.

\$11,567.91 – Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay Project – PAV03C Land Acquisitions

Ck. No. 28527 – M & S Unlimited Services, LLC

\$450.00 – Transport 15 Ton Picker

Ck. No. 28528 – Ritter Forest Products Nederland

\$5,325.00 – Mat Rental

Ck. No. 28529 – Safety Hub, Inc.

\$1,495.00 – Safety Training Subscription

Ck. No. 28530 – Sam & Tash Services, Inc.

\$1,569.62 – Janitorial Services – Administration Building

Ck. No. 28531 – Soutex Surveyors, Inc.

\$650.00 – New Equipment Shed Piling Check

Ck. No. 28532 – Sunbelt Rentals

\$5,681.65 – Multiple Equipment Rentals

Ck. No. 28533 – SWAT Construction

\$2,212.00 – Road Plate Rental

Ck. No. 28534 – United of Omaha

\$2,627.65 – Health Insurance Payment

Ck. No. 28535 – Vector Security, Inc.

\$68.96 – Control Center Monthly Alarm Monitoring

Ck. No. 28536 – Waukesha-Pearce Industries, Inc.

\$9,198.00 – Dozer Rental

Ck. No. 28537 – Wave Solutions, LLC

\$8,002.50 – Monthly Software, Telephone and IT Services

Ck. No. 28538 – Conner Knight

\$4,674.00 – Engine Technology Degree Reimbursement

Ck. No. 28539 – DISA Global Solutions, Inc.

\$40.00 – Summer Help Drug Testing

Ck. No. 28540 – Freese and Nichols, Inc.

\$26,497.85 – Engineering Services – Shreveport Pump Station

Ck. No. 28541 – GFT Infrastructure, Inc.

\$155,250.32 – Miscellaneous Pump Station Improvements

Ck. No. 28542 – North Central Texas Council of Government

\$250.00 – PFIA Training Seminars

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

Executive Session – Pursuant to Section 551.071, Texas Government Code, Regarding Consultation with Attorney

At 2:24 p.m., the Commissioners entered an Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.071, Texas Government Code, regarding Consultation with Attorney.

At 2:25 p.m., the meeting returned to its regular session.

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

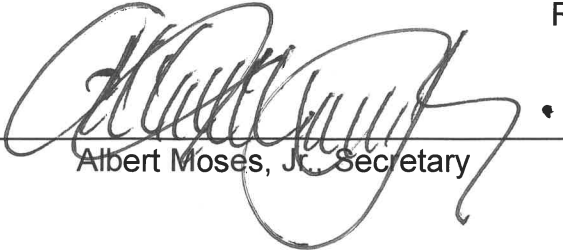
Commissioner Vincent moved to deny Angel Lady Services' request for an increase in the per-acre price established in the mowing contract. Commissioner Champagne seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chairman Beaumont asked if there was any more other business to come before the Board. There was none.

At 2:36 p.m., Commissioner Vincent moved that the meeting be adjourned. Commissioner Gamble seconded the motion. The motion carried.



Richard Beaumont, Chairman



Albert Moses, Jr., Secretary



VISITOR SIGN-IN SHEET
MEETING NO. 2469
Tuesday, June 16, 2026

	Name	Email Address	Telephone Number	Public Comment	
1	Ronald Jones	RJONES@ARCHITECT-AIA.com		Yes ☐	No ☐
2				Yes ☐	No ☐
3				Yes ☐	No ☐
4				Yes ☐	No ☐
5				Yes ☐	No ☐
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