

**MINUTES OF VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING NO. 2466
COMMISSIONERS OF
JEFFERSON COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 7**

Place: 3400 Highway 73
Port Arthur, Texas

Date: May 5, 2026

Present: Commissioners
Richard Beaumont
Lester Champagne
Albert Moses, Jr.
Matthew Vincent
James Gamble, Sr.

Allen Sims, General Manager
Nathan Brandimarte, Attorney for District

Visitors: Toby Davis, DD7
Barron Cook, DD7
Garrett Boudoin, DD7
Brian McZeal, DD7
Terry Wade, DD7
Kirby Johnson, DD7
Brady Girouard, DD7
Zachary Hinojosa, DD7
Wil Thorne, Brandimarte Law Firm
Keith Zotzky, AWC
Kim Carroll, Texan Engineering & Consulting

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. 2465

The Minutes of Meeting No. 2465 were approved as read.

Consider Approval of Certificate of Completion for Diesel Engines and Reduction Gears for El Vista (PS #2), Star Lake (PS #6), and Rodair (PS #18) Pump Stations

Mr. Kirby Johnson submitted the Certificate of Completion relating to Diesel Engines and Reduction Gears for El Vista (PS #2), Star Lake (PS #6), and Rodair (PS #18) Pump Stations. He stated that these are the engines ordered in 2024 and all engines are installed and online. He also stated that April 28, 2026, began the one-year warranty period for these engines. Commissioner Champagne motioned to approve the Certification of Completion for Diesel Engines and Reduction Gears for El Vista (PS #2), Star Lake (PS #6), and Rodair (PS #18) Pump Stations. Commissioner Moses seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Consider Pay Request No. 3 (Final) to Cummins, Inc. for Diesel Engines and Reduction Gears for El Vista (PS #2), Star Lake (PS #6), and Rodair (PS #18) Pump Stations

Mr. Kirby Johnson submitted the final pay request, Pay Request No. 3, from Cummins, Inc. for Diesel Engines and Reduction Gears for El Vista (PS #2), Star Lake (PS #6), and Rodair (PS #18) Pump Stations. Commissioner Champagne motioned to approve the final pay request, Pay Request No. 3 to Cummins, Inc. for Diesel Engines and Reduction Gears for El Vista (PS #2), Star Lake (PS #6), and Rodair (PS #18) Pump Stations in the amount of Thirty-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty (\$39,720.00) Dollars. Commissioner Gamble seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Consider Pay Request No. 3 to Brystar Contracting, Inc. for Sanitary Sewer Line Relocation at City Hall

Mr. Keith Zotzky with Arceneaux, Wilson and Cole, LLC presented Pay Request No. 3 submitted by Brystar Contracting, Inc. for the Relocation of the Sanitary Sewer Line at City Hall for approval. Mr. Zotzky submitted the invoice from Brystar Contracting, Inc. for Two Hundred Sixty-Four Thousand Three and 10/100 (\$264,003.10) Dollars. Mr.

Zotzky stated that the contractor has completed 100% of the work. Mr. Barron Cook stated that request has been reviewed, and it is recommended that the Board approve Pay Request No. 3 in the amount of Two Hundred Sixty-Four Thousand Three and 10/100 (\$264,003.10) Dollars. Commissioner Moses moved to approve Pay Request No. 3 from Brystar Contracting, Inc. for Relocation of the Sanitary Sewer Line at City Hall in the amount Two Hundred Sixty-Four Thousand Three and 10/100 (\$264,003.10) Dollars. Commissioner Gamble seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Consider Certificate of Completion for Sanitary Sewer Line Relocation at City Hall

Mr. Keith Zotzky with Arceneaux, Wilson and Cole, LLC submitted the Certificate of Completion for the Relocation of the Sanitary Sewer Line at City Hall for approval. He stated that he completed a final walkthrough on the project and all items noted were completed before the end of the walkthrough. Commissioner Champagne moved to approve Certificate of Completion for the Relocation of the Sanitary Sewer Line at City Hall. Commissioner Vincent seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Consider Pay Request No. 4 (Final) to Brystar Contracting, Inc. for Sanitary Sewer Line Relocation at City Hall

Mr. Keith Zotzky with Arceneaux, Wilson and Cole, LLC presented the final pay request, Pay Request No. 4, submitted by Brystar Contracting, Inc. for the Relocation of the Sanitary Sewer Line at City Hall for approval. Mr. Zotzky submitted the invoice from Brystar Contracting, Inc. for Thirty-eight Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-eight (\$38,598.00) Dollars which consist of the retainage on the project. Commissioner Vincent moved to approve Pay Request No. 4 (Final) from Brystar Contracting, Inc. for Relocation of the Sanitary Sewer Line at City Hall in the amount of Thirty-Eight Thousand Five

Hundred Ninety-Eight (\$38,598.00) Dollars. Commissioner Champagne seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Consider Pay Request No. 6 to Epic Engineering (W-Industries) for Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) System

Mr. Kirby Johnson presented Pay Request No. 6 to Epic Engineering (W-Industries) for Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) System for approval. He stated that the contractor has completed pulling wire and installing conduit at Pump Stations #8, #10, and #16 and billed this work on the invoice included in Pay Request No. 6. Mr. Johnson informed the board that the District should be receiving drawings for Pump Station #7 soon, with the goal of getting it fully online and operational. Once this is complete, Pump Station #7 will be used as template for all the other pump stations. Commissioner Moses asked if the SCADA system will be completed in time for Hurricane Season 2026. Mr. Allen Sims stated that the SCADA system project is a three-year long project, and it would not be completed by Hurricane Season 2026. Mr. Johnson added that there is currently a rudimentary SCADA system in place and the contractor has firm instructions that it cannot be taken offline until the new SCADA system is complete. Commissioner Moses moved to approve Pay Request No. 6 from Epic Engineering (W-Industries) for Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition System (SCADA) in the amount of Two Hundred One Thousand Seven Hundred Seventeen and 30/100 (\$201,717.30) Dollars. Commissioner Champagne seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Consider Approval to Advertise for Bids for Diesel Engines and Reduction Gears for Memorial (PS #1) and Houston (PS #13) Pump Stations

Mr. Allen Sims requested approval to Advertise for Bids Diesel Engines and Reduction Gears for Memorial (PS #1) and Houston (PS #13) Pump Stations. He stated

that the District has already budgeted for these engines for this fiscal year. He added that these engines are this year's portion of the District-wide effort to replace all pump station engines. Commissioner Vincent moved to approve the request to Advertise for Bids for Diesel Engines and Reduction Gears for Memorial (PS #1) and Houston (PS #13) Pump Stations. Commissioner Champagne seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay Summary

Mr. Allen Sims informed the board that he and Mr. Toby Davis recently visited Washington D.C. to attend the National Waterways Conference and speak to USACE headquarters. They had two main objectives: stress the importance of leaving funds in the Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay Project and not reallocate it to other projects and assign more staff to complete the project faster and avoiding further price escalations due to inflation. They received confirmation that no funds were removed from the project or reallocated to other projects. There is a priorities list from the Assistant Secretary of the Army that would be published soon, and the projects on the list would start having pressure to be completed. While Mr. Sims did not receive confirmation that Port Arthur is on the list, he was informed that there is not yet a need for concern.

Mr. Allen Sims stated that PACR is still scheduled to be approved in June, effectively changing the cost of the project from Eight-Hundred Sixty-three million (\$863,000.00) dollars to approximately two billion nine-hundred million (\$2,900,000,000.00) dollars.

Manager Reports

Mr. Allen Sims stated that the District received a letter from the Texas Department of Emergency Management (TDEM) requesting reimbursement of approximately

Seventy-Six Thousand Five Hundred (\$76,500) Dollars. These were funds that the District mistakenly received for Tropical Storm Harvey reimbursement due to TDEM's clerical error. He stated that the District received all funds it was supposed to receive and more, and the letter seeks reimbursement of the funds received in excess. He noted that this expense is not budgeted, but we have received advice from our external accountant on paying TDEM the amount due.

Mr. Allen Sims noted that the District is one of the few entities that opens bids during board meetings, which can delay construction timelines. He explained that this is particularly impactful for the new Emergency Operations Center (also referred to as the new employee breakroom). He asked whether the board would object to holding public bid openings outside of board meetings so staff can promptly review and tabulate bids and present a recommendation without waiting for the next meeting. He added that this would effectively speed up timelines for projects by two weeks. For the Emergency Operations Center project, conducting the bid opening outside of a board meeting would allow staff to present an award recommendation at the second June board meeting and enable the contractor to begin construction in July 2026. Starting in July 2026 would put the project on track for completion by July 2027, ahead of the active hurricane season. There were no objections.

Mr. Allen Sims also mentioned that the District received anywhere from two to four inches of rain on May 1, 2026, depending on where the measurement was taken within the District. He stated that the District managed the rainfall effectively, noting that the slow, steady nature of the rain—rather than intense, fast downpours—along with the previously dry conditions, were beneficial factors.

Checks and Purchase Orders

Maintenance Fund

Ck. No. 28260 – Airgas USA, LLC
\$471.68 – Multiple Cylinder Rentals

Ck. No. 28261 – Albert Moses, Jr.
\$529.00 – Health Insurance Payment

Ck. No. 28262 – Architectural Alliance Incorporated
\$51,000.00 – New Breakroom Architectural Services

Ck. No. 28263 – AtkinsRealis USA, Inc.
\$4,861.86 – Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay Project – On-Call Design Review

Ck. No. 28264 – Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas
\$188.37 – Health Insurance Payment

Ck. No. 28265 – Caddo Land Management, LLC
\$6,800.00 – Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay Project – PAV03C Land Acquisitions,
PAV03A.1 Work-in-Kind Attorney's Opinion of Compensability Packages

Ck. No. 28266 – Capitol Law Group, PLLC
\$5,000.00 – Legislative Consulting Services

Ck. No. 28267 – Charter Communications Operating LLC
\$24,080.89 – Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay Project – PAV03C Spectrum Relocation

Ck. No. 28268 – Cintas Corporation
\$185.27 – Traffic Mat & Hand Sanitizer Services – Administration Building

Ck. No. 28269 – Circle R Controls LLC
\$10,980.00 – Pump Station 13 ATS Repair

Ck. No. 28270 – Cummins Sales and Service
\$39,720.00 – Final Payment – Diesel Engine Replacements for Pump Stations 2, 6, 18

Ck. No. 28271 – Dan Delich Consulting
\$3,500.00 – Legislative Consulting Services

Ck. No. 28272 – Duck's Dragline Service, Inc.
\$21,480.00 – New Equipment Shed Concrete Work, Pump Station 17 Repairs & Clean
Up

Ck. No. 28273 – Electrical Specialties, Inc.
\$45.00 – Monthly Alarm System Monitoring

Ck. No. 28274 – Function 4, LLC
\$322.85 – Copier Overage Charges

Ck. No. 28275 – Groves Equipment Rental Co., Inc.
\$6,300.00 – 15 Ton Crane & Carrydeck Rental

Ck. No. 28276 – Honesty Environmental Services, Inc.
\$940.00 – Asbestos Testing – Employee Breakroom

Ck. No. 28277 – Hydrex Environmental
\$5,942.50 – Pump Station 5 Discharge Bay Improvements

Ck. No. 28278 – James Gamble Sr.
\$270.00 – Health Insurance Payment

Ck. No. 28279 – Johnny's Towing & Recovery
\$225.00 – Transport Truck to Dealership

Ck. No. 28280 – Lawco Construction
\$46,500.00 – Equipment Mobilization & Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay Project PAV03A.1 Relocation

Ck. No. 28281 – LJA Engineering, Inc.
\$44,125.73 – Engineering Services – Various Projects

Ck. No. 28282 – Lonestar Services, LLC
\$152.91 – Pump Station 10 Scaffolding

Ck. No. 28283 – Mazzanti & Associates, LLC
\$2,500.00 – Legislative Consulting Services

Ck. No. 28284 – National Waterways Conference, Inc.
\$1,525.00 – Membership Renewal

Ck. No. 28285 – Pollans & Cohen, P.C.
\$25,000.00 – Annual Financial Statement Audit

Ck. No. 28286 – Ray Russo
\$8,671.58 – Legislative Consulting Service

Ck. No. 28287 – Richard Beaumont
\$149.48 – Health Insurance Payment

Ck. No. 28288 – Richards, Rodriguez, & Skeith, LLP
\$2,119.00 – Legal Services – Star Lake

Ck. No. 28289 – Ritter Forest Products Nederland
\$1,500.00 – Mats for New Equipment Shed

Ck. No. 28290 – Sam & Tash Services, Inc.
\$3,139.24 – Administration Building Cleaning Services

Ck. No. 28291 – FNBO
\$1,341.42 – Meeting Expenses, Banking Fees, Meals

Ck. No. 28292 – Sunbelt Rentals
\$5,230.42 – Smooth Drum Roller & Floor Saw Rental

Ck. No. 28293 – Texan Engineering & Consulting LLC
\$14,260.00 – Engineering Services – Permits & General

Ck. No. 28294 – The Brandimarte Law Firm, PLLC
\$19,239.00 – Legal Services – April 2026

Ck. No. 28295 – Thorpe Plant Services, Inc.
\$1,578.00 – Pump Station 1 Scaffolding

Ck. No. 28296 – Toby Davis
\$1,523.70 – TWIC & National Waterways Conference Reimbursement

Ck. No. 28297 – TWA Risk Management Fund
\$7.50 – March MVR Billing

Ck. No. 28298 – United Rentals
\$1,816.00 – Concrete Finisher Rentals

Ck. No. 28299 – United States Postal Service
\$500.00 – Postage for Mail Meter Machine

Ck. No. 28300 – W-Industries
\$201,717.30 – SCADA Pay Request 6

Ck. No. 28301 – W and W Construction
\$3,500.00 – New Equipment Shed Under Reams

Ck. No. 28302 – Waukesha-Pearce Industries, Inc.
\$9,198.00 – Dozer Rental

Ck. No. 28303 – Weisinger Incorporated
\$312,898.00 – Pump Station 1 Pump Replacement

Ck. No. 28312 – Cotton Cargo
\$13,865.00 – Hourly Employee Shirts

Ck. No. 28313 – FNBO
\$259.67 – Computer Software

Ck. No. 28314 – FNBO
\$97.97 – Phones, Banking Fees

GLO Account

Ck. No. 5126 – Brystar Contracting, Inc.
\$264,003.10 – PAV03C City of Port Arthur Relocation at City Hall

Ck. No. 5127 – Brystar Contracting, Inc.
\$38,598.00 – PAV03C City of Port Arthur Relocation at City Hall

Commissioner Gamble moved that the checks from the Maintenance Fund and GLO Accounts be approved for payment. Commissioner Champagne seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

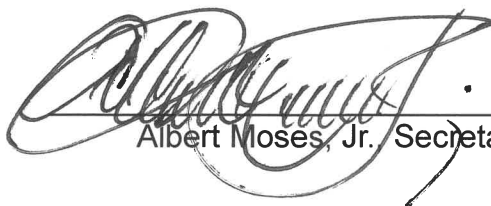
No Executive Session was held.

Chairman Beaumont asked if there was any other business to come before the Board. Commissioner Gamble stated that he was out near Alligator Bayou Pump Station recently and noticed several people, who were not associated with the District, parked on the levee, fishing in the canals, and having parties. Mr. Allen Sims stated that Mr. Brady Girouard's crew would patrol the area more, making sure gates are locked and people are not damaging the levee. Mr. Brian McZeal committed to monitoring the area on the weekends when employees are not at work.

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

At 2:29 p.m., Commissioner Moses 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. 2466
Tuesday, May 5, 2026

	Name	Email Address	Telephone Number	Public Comment		
1	KEITH ZOTEKY	KEITH.ZOTEKY@ANCENG.COM	409-724-7888	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
2	him Carroll			Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
3	Wil Thorne			Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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