

Matagorda County Conservation & Reclamation District No. One

Meeting Minutes 06-12-19

Attending Commissioners: Gary Koeppen, Willie Younger, Dwight Vavra

Item #1: Chairman Vavra opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Item #2: The following guests were recognized:

*Allen Cumbie *Paul Quinn *Mellissa Morawitz

Item #3: The minutes of the 05-09-19 meeting were read and unanimously approved under a motion made by Gary Koeppen and seconded by Dwight Vavra.

Item #4: The recent Financial Report was reviewed and unanimously approved under a motion made Gary Koeppen and seconded by Willie Younger.

Item #5: Under the Matagorda Ring levee Report, the following was discussed:

- Chairman Vavra reported that the levee required mowing.
- Vavra also reported that the USACE has set July 8 and 9 for their inspection.
- Vavra suggested a pre-inspection tour by the board.

Item #6: The approval of a contract to mow the Ring Levee was tabled. However the following was discussed as a prelude to this pending item of consideration:

- Allen Cumbie note that the upcoming USACE inspection legitimately constituted an emergency situation.
- In accepting this counsel, Chairman Vavra will request a 'one-time' mowing by HSS without the benefit of said contract.

Item #7: Under a motion made by Gary Koeppen and seconded by Willie Younger, the 2018 audit was ratified and duly signed.

Item #8: There was nothing to report regarding the river levees.

Item #9: In considering the CRD's need to hire a new engineering firm, the following was discussed:

- Vavra reported that Scott Leimer has left the employ of Z6 which is believed to have dissolved as an active enterprise.
- The pursuit of grant funding required for the engineering and installation of pump stations along the Ring Levee is now under County responsibility.
- Vavra is to contact other engineering firms and invite a contract bid from them.

Item #10: Under a motion made by Willie Younger and seconded by Dwight Vavra, the Interlocal Agreement for the County to provide Investment Services was ratified. But, the signing of said agreement will be delayed until the July meeting.

Item #11: The only point of interest regarding the Flood Analysis proposed by Eric Scheibe was his notice to the CRD of an upcoming meeting in Wharton on June 13 regarding Colorado River issues.

Item #12: In regards to Mercer Engineering's study and engineering of pump stations along the Matagorda Ring levee, Vavra reported that this firm is now solely under the direction of the County Commissioners Court and the CRD must stand by for the required attention to this project.

Item #13: Regarding the signs informing the public's responsibilities concerning access and/or alterations to the Ring Levee, Younger reported the signs and companion location map was delivered to the County Commissioner some weeks back. Koeppen noted that they have yet to be installed. Chairman Vavra indicated he would contact Commissioner Kent Pollard and politely prompt their installation before the upcoming USACE inspection.

Item #14: Regarding Gray Oaks application for a pipeline crossing of river levees, the following occurred and/or was discussed:

- A Phillips representative, Melissa Morawitz, delivered a Letter of Responsibility.
- Morawitz noted that there will likely be another pipeline placed immediately adjacent to the first pipeline and, therefore, the CRD could expect to receive another application in the fall.

Item #15: Consideration of the Investment Report was tabled.

Item #16: Regarding the Attorney's Report, Allen Cumbie noted that he had nothing additional to report.

Item #17: All bills received were reviewed and unanimously approved for payment under a motion made by Dwight Vavra and seconded by Gary Koeppen.

Item #18: The next meeting of the CRD was set for 07-10-19.

Item #19: Under a motion made by Gary Koeppen and seconded by Willie Younger, the meeting was unanimously adjourned.