

Matagorda County Conservation & Reclamation District No. One

03-11-20 Meeting Minutes

Attending Commissioners: Gary Koeppen, Willie Younger, Dwight Vavra

Item #1: Chairman Vavra opened the meeting at 10:25 am to accommodate the delayed arrival of Eric Scheibe.

Item #2: The following guests were recognized:

*Allen Cumbie *Jonathon Vavra *Eric Scheibe

Item #3: The minutes of the CRD's January and February meetings were reviewed and both were unanimously approved, as read, 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 by Gary Koeppen and seconded by Dwight Vavra.

Item #5: The update on the Matagorda Ring Levee included a report by Chairman Vavra on corrective actions to rid the levee of ant beds, bare spots and brush by the CRD's contractor, Spray Co.

Item #6: There was nothing to report regarding the Colorado River levees.

Item #7: Engineering consultant, Eric Scheibe, discussed the status and progress on the Colorado River Flood Study:

- Preliminary data on floods in 1998, 2016 and 2018 was gathered.
- FEMA'S 100-year flood projections were used in on-going simulations.
- No field studies have been conducted.
- It was cautioned that simulations may, or may not, accurately show possibilities for flooding.
- He is awaiting supplemental data from Scott Leimer with the USACE.
- TWDB's Flood Grant Program hinges upon approval of final guidance documentation which may contain the following:
 - modeling, improvement projects, gauge installation, etc.;
 - targeting small, rural communities;
 - a 100% awards for studies, 75/25% for hard projects; and,
 - a 30-90 day application period.
- Scheibe reported that he was available to assist with the application process.

Item #8: The Mercer study on the proposed installation of pump stations at Matagorda was tabled.

Item #9: Regarding the response to be provided to the deficiencies listed in the USACE Inspection Report, Chairman Vavra reported that photos of remedial actions taken will be forwarded to the Corps.

Item #10: Since no levee crossing applications have been received, this matter was tabled.

Item #11: Review and action on the recent Investment Report was tabled.

Item #12: Under the Attorney Report, Allen Cumbie verified that the State-required Indemnification Report is being prepared for delivery.

Item #13: Under a motion made by Dwight Vavra and seconded by Gary Koeppen, all bills received were approved for payment.

Item #14: The next meeting was set for 04-15-20 and later changed to 04-09-20 to accommodate a video conference between USACE staff and the CRD Board.

Item #15: Under a motion made by Dwight Vavra and seconded by Gary Koeppen, the meeting was unanimously adjourned.