

**Matagorda County Conservation & Reclamation District Number One**  
**07-10-19**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Attending Commissioners:** Dwight Vavra, Willie Younger

**Item #1:** Chairman Vavra opened the meeting at 10:00 am.

**Item #2:** The following guests were recognized:

\*Allen Cumbie \*Lawrence Quinn \* Colin McHattie **\*2 Others**

**Item #3:** Under a motion made by Dwight Vavra and seconded by Willie Younger, the minutes of the 06-12-19 CRD meeting were approved as read.

**Item #4:** Under a motion made by Dwight Vavra and seconded by Willie Younger, the recent Financial Report was unanimously approved.

**Item #5:** Under the Ring Levee Report, Dwight Vavra gave the following review of the USACE inspection:

- He personally accompanied the federal inspectors on July 9.
- Their concerns were mostly minor and focused on cattle trails, hog ruts and spots bare of vegetation.
- The inspectors indicated that the CRD should receive their written report within two weeks.
- The USACE now claiming that the MCCRCD owns the ring levee?
- As of January 1, 2019, the COE has failed to share their newly adopted rules and templates.

**Item #6:** Regarding the contract bid from Houston Spraying & Supply, the following was discussed and acted upon:

- CRD attorney, Allen Cumbie, reported that the company has filed the required form with the Ethics Commission.
- Vavra reported that HSS has mowed the levee, on a one-time basis, while awaiting action on their contract proposal the contract.
- The District unanimously approved the contract under a motion made by Willie Younger and seconded by Dwight Vavra.

**Item #7:** There was no discussion regarding the River Levees.

**Item #8:** Regarding the prospective hiring of a new engineering firm, the following was discussed:

- Vavra reported that he has contacted G&W Engineering and Stewart Lynn & Associates to invite them to submit a proposal for CRD consideration..
- Vavra indicated he would strive to solicit a proposal from Eric Scheibe and Jennifer Steen's companies.

**Item #9:** Regarding an offer to sell the CRD a lot (#11) in Matagorda, the following was discussed:

- Lawrence P. Quinn, attorney for the property owner, indicted that the surface interest was of no benefit to the owner because most was covered over by the ring levee. Yet, the owner continued to be assessed property taxes, currently at \$7500/year, which is the asking price.
- Attorney Cumbie reported that the CRD possesses a legal easement on this property.
- CRD attorney, Allen Cumbie, advised the landowner to seek tax relief through the County Appraisal District.

**Item #10:** Regarding the request to install drainage pipe along the internal toe of the Ring Levee, the following was discussed:

- The property owner's contractor indicated that the USACE has (verbally) approved this alteration.
- The proposed 36" pipe would be trenched in precisely along the 15' easement line.
- The contractor suggested that even more water could be drained from the interior if the downstream drain was cleaned out.
- The box drain in focus was inspected by the USACE on July 9, 2019.
- Considering that functions 'outside' the levee itself could be affected the functions of the levee; Cumbie referenced that a 404 permit may be required by the USACE.
- Vavra indicated he would request written 'permission' documentation from the USACE.

**Item #11:** There was no discussion or action regarding the prospect of flood analysis by a qualified engineering firm.

**Item #12:** Regarding the proposed installation of pump stations on the Ring Levee, Vavra reported that the CRD is waiting on facilitating progress by the County's grantsman.

**Item #13:** No discussion or action is required since this has been completed.

**Item #14:** The recent Investment Report was unanimously approved under a motion made by Willie Younger and seconded by Dwight Vavra.

**Item #15:** Attorney Allen Cumbie noted that he had nothing additional to report.

**Item #16:** Under a motion made by Willie Younger and seconded by Dwight Vavra, the bills received were unanimously approved for payment.

**Item #17:** The next meeting was set for 08-08-19.

**Item #18:** Under a motion made by Willie Younger and seconded by Dwight Vavra, the meeting was unanimously adjourned.