

Matagorda County Conservation & Reclamation District Number One

Meeting Minutes 08-15-20

Attending Commissioners: Dwight Vavra, Gary Koeppen, Willie Younger

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

Item #2: The following guests were recognized:

*Allen Cumbie *Jonathon Vavra

Item #3: Under a motion made by Willie Younger and seconded by Gary Koeppen, the minutes of the 07-15-20 meeting were unanimously approved as read.

Item #4: Under a motion made by Dwight Vavra and seconded by Gary Koeppen, the recent Financial Report was unanimously approved as read.

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

- Koeppen reported that most of the levee has been mowed.
- Koeppen also reported that he has spoken to County Commissioner Kent Pollard about avoiding spraying grass/weed killer underneath the GIWW Bridge.

Item #6: Under the River Levees Report, the following was discussed:

- Cumbie reported that no new inquiries or applications on levee crossing had been received.
- Cumbie also noted that there was a pipeline being laid down near Clemville which he anticipated would require CRD crossing authorization in the foreseeable future.

Item #7: Regarding the Colorado River Flood Study, Vavra reported the Eric Scheibe was nearing completion.

Item #8: Regarding the TWDB grant, Vavra reported that David Sheblik was still working on it.

Item #9: Regarding the Mercer Pump Stations study, Vavra reported that grant approval was expected in December 2020.

Item #10: Regarding River Levee Crossings, Cumbie repeated that no new applications have been received and that the CRD decision to allow a 2 year delay was conveyed to Melissa Morawitz.

Item #11: Under a motion made by Gary Koeppen and seconded by Willie Younger, June's Investment Report was unanimously approved.

Item #12: Regarding the development and installation of a publicly-accessible website for the CRD, the following was discussed And acted upon:

- Allen Cumbie indicated he had received a proposal from Belinda Shotheide in Tyler, Texas to serve as the developer and webmaster for the CRD's web presence

- Provisions of this contracted service included;
 - an upfront payment of \$2415
 - a payment of either \$50/month or \$500 annually to maintain and update the information found on this website.
- Under a motion made by Dwight Vavra and seconded by Willie Younger, the contract from Shotheide was unanimously approved as submitted.

Item #13: Cumbie indicated he had nothing new for his Attorney's Report.

Item #14: There were no changes to the previously approved Covid-19 precautions for the District's meetings.

Item #15: In a phone conference, Dan Delich reviewed the high points of the proposed Levee Safety Program (LSP) revisions (as provided by Allen Cumbie in print). These included:

- Secretary James is personally involved in the LSP rewrite.
- The most important proposals include:
 - amend the 1941c Flood Control act,
 - there will be no pre-judgements for 499 consideration under SWFT
- The LSP will amend more recent Water Resources Laws, and
- Only Corps-program levees will be impacted.

Item #16: Chairman Vavra indicated he has contacted the USACE regarding a meeting with them, but is still waiting on a reply.

Item #17: Regarding the establishment of a proposed 2021 budget and tax rate for the CRD the following was acted upon:

- Adjustments to several projected expenses were made which modestly increased the budget total. This revised budget was unanimously approved under a motion made by Willie Younger and seconded by Dwight Vavra.
- A proposed tax rate of 0.00831 was unanimously approved under a motion made by Willie Younger and seconded by Gary Koeppen.

Item #18: Recently received bills were reviewed and unanimously approved for payment under a motion made by Willie Younger and seconded by Gary Koeppen.

Item #19: The next CRD meeting was set for 09-09-20.

Item #20: Under a motion made by Gary Koeppen and seconded by Dwight Vavra, the meeting was unanimously adjourned.