

Matagorda County Conservation & Reclamation District No. One

Meeting Minutes 01-09-19

Attending Commissioners: Willie Younger, Gary Koeppen, Dwight Vavra

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

Item #2: The following guests were recognized:

*Scott Leimer *Allen Cumbie, *David Sheblak *Don Simons

Mr. Simons addressed the Board concerning the following matters;

- Mowing along the levee from River Run to the Cemetery has not been done; Vavra noted that Wade Schultz would be directed to mow and spray bushes along the levee.
- Inquired as to who was responsible for shutting the gates along the Ring Levee during flood events; lamenting that 'all' gates were leaking during Hurricane Harvey and flooding his pasture.

Item #3: With three minor changes to be made, the minutes of the 12-13-18 meeting were 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 by Willie Younger and seconded by Gary Koeppen.

Item #5: Approval to extend the current contract with Z6 was unanimously granted under a motion made by Willie Younger and seconded by Gary Koeppen.

Item #6: The following items were reported by Scott Leimer regarding the river modeling and flooding issues:

- Leimer asked if the CRD had an interest in expanding this study.
 - it is to include bathymetric data
 - Erik Shively has requested an audience with the Board to discuss this study
 - Leimer perceives that state grant money will cover the cost of this study
- TWDB is tasked with developing the Wharton levees; and it is anticipated they will adequately address how these structures might impact Matagorda County.

Items #7 & #8: Regarding an update on the Ring Levee Chairman Vavra reported that he has received and will share the USACE's levee safety report.

Item #9: Regarding the engineering for the proposed pump stations, the following was discussed and acted upon:

- Engineering documentation is a requirement tied to both the grant and permitting application
- Sheblak represents the county in the grant process
 - CDGC funds are intended to support areas with low to moderate income residents
 - the County drives the grant process, District funding and contracting necessities; this disconnects CRD from a direct business relationship with service or goods providers
- CRD's responsibilities include:
 - Providing project oversight
 - Submitting recommendations to the County Commissioners Court
 - Getting Z6 to deal with the USACE; which they will approach this matter as an OM upgrade
 - Attempting to manage, as much as possible, this affair under one umbrella
- The hiring of Mercer Engineering, to handle the design and placement issues associated with these proposed pump stations, was unanimously approved under a motion made by Gary Koeppen and seconded by Willie Younger.

Item #10: Regarding the placement of public notification signs along the levee, Younger has begun the process of attaching the metal signs to t-posts, coordinated with the County Commissioner on installing them and is awaiting drier conditions favorable for their installation.

Item #11: Discussion and deliberation of Phillips 66's proposed pipeline crossing was tabled due to no follow-up contact from the applicants.

Item #12: The recent Investment Report was not received therefore this item was tabled.

Item #13: Under the Attorney's Report, the following was reported by Allen Cumbie:

- He made a recent inquiry of Wade Whitlow on the progress of CRD's data collection.
- State Representative Bonnen is pushing for a 4% rollback tax limit.

Item #14: Under a motion made by Willie Younger and seconded by Gary Koeppen, all bills received and reviewed were approved for payment.

Item #15: The next meeting was set for 02-13-19.

Item #16: Under a motion made by Gary Koeppen and seconded by Dwight Vavra, the meeting was adjourned.