

# Matagorda County Conservation & Reclamation District No. One

## Meeting Minutes 02-13-19

**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:

\*Allen Cumbie \*Scott Leimer \*Eric Shiveley \*Jonathan Vavra

**Item #3:** Under a motion made by Dwight Vavra and seconded by Gary Koeppen, the minutes of the 01-09-19 meeting were unanimously approved.

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

**Item #5:** Concerning modeling of the Colorado River and flooding issues by Z6 the following was presented and discussed:

- There is a multitude of flooding issues along the Lower Colorado River basin.
- USGS gauges predict flooding with ½ mile of their location; but, they proved to be grossly inaccurate during Hurricane Harvey.
- The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) is offering grant funding;
  - this qualifies the Cities of Wharton, Columbus and Bay City and Matagorda and Wharton Counties to apply.
  - Z6 is suggesting a comprehensive study of CRD's western levee system to identify the District's liability exposure.
  - The USACE is confident in Z6's monitoring technologies and the accuracy of their modeling.
  - Z6 proclaimed that this modeling could help the CRD in deciding whether it should maintain or abandon the western levee system.

**Item #6:** The following was discussed during the Matagorda Ring Levee Report:

- It has been too wet to mow.
- Wade Schulz indicated that bushes on and along the levee will soon be sprayed.

**Item #7:** An aerial survey of the West Colorado River Levee revealed:

- That this video could be used to verify the CRD has, and will continue to, maintain this levee system.

- Z6 is to submit a proposal to collect, consolidate and organize testimonial evidence regarding the condition and care of the western levees.

**Item #8:** See #7 above.

**Item #9:** The matter of Mercer Engineering study and engineering related to pump stations for the Matagorda Ring Levee was tabled.

**Item #10:** Regarding the placement of information signs for the Ring Levee, Younger reported that they would be ready for County Commissioner Pollard to put them up once it was dry enough to get men and equipment on site.

**Item #11:** Discussion on Phillips 66's application to cross the East Colorado River Levee was tabled.

**Item #12:** Under a motion made by Gary Koeppen and seconded by Willie Younger, the recent Investment Report was unanimously approved.

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

- Cumbie received a call from a Houston attorney regarding an access case; in which two adjacent landowners were in dispute.
- He indicated that he might be called to testify in court.

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

**Item #15:** The next meeting was set for 03-14-19.

**Item #16:** Under a motion made by Willie Younger and seconded by Gary Koeppen, the meeting was unanimously adjourned.