

Matagorda county Conservation & Reclamation District No. One

02-08-20 Meeting Minutes

Attending Commissioners: Willie Younger, Gary Koeppen, Dwight Vavra

Item #1: Chairman Vavra opened the meeting at 10:25 AM.

Item #2: The following guests were recognized:

*Jason Christiansen *Terry Mosson *Allen Cumbie * David Sheblak * Dan Delich

Item #3: Tabled

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

Item #5: Tabled

Item #6: Regarding the Blue Fish Pipeline Project (aka Phillips 66 application,) the following was discussed:

- Contract engineer, David Sheblak, indicated he has reviewed and approves of their application.
- Sheblak recommended that a consolidated listing of all permitting entities be developed for the benefit of future applicants.
- Under a motion made by Gary Koeppen, and seconded by Willie Younger, The application by Phillips 66 was unanimously approved.
- Allen Cumbie indicated he will prepare and forward a letter to them signifying the Board's approval.
- Landman Mosson, requested that he also an email be sent by Cumbie.

Item #7: Regarding the NGL Pipeline application, the following was discussed and acted upon:

- Cumbie noted that he has received the applicant's \$2500 check.
- David Sheblak noted that he has reviewed the application and recommends its approval.
- Under a motion made by Willie Younger, and seconded by Gary Koeppen, the application was unanimously approved.

Item #8: Under a motion made by Gary Koeppen, and seconded by Willie Younger, the levee application submitted by Baymark for a pipeline crossing was unanimously approved.

Item #9: Tabled

Item #10: Tabled

Item #11: Dan Delich's report on levee activity at the federal level included the following high points:

- Regarding the National Safety Program, idealism is preferred, but cost prohibitive.
- No governmental entity has endorsed the currently proposed program; however most environmental groups have sign on.
- USACE is embracing “risk projection”, which carries a \$6.5 to 38 billion cost estimate.
- FEMA is relying heavily upon USACE opinions on the NSP.
- The consensus is that USACE goals should be; 1. identify problems, 2. offer solutions and provide cost estimates.
- Delich offered to assist the CRD in obtaining FEMA and/or USACE assistance; emphasized that timing would be critical; suggested writing key senators and congressmen to check out opportunities for re-programming and/or redirecting grant funding.

Item #12: Tabled

Item #13: Concerning the corrective actions taken to remedy Inspection Report issues, Vavra is going to provide the USACE with photo documentation of these measures.

Item #14: Tabled

Item #15: Under a motion made by Dwight Vavra, and seconded by Gary Koeppen, the recent Investment Report was unanimously approved.

Item #16: Under the Attorney’s Report, Allen Cumbie revealed:

- The Port of Bay City Authority is interviewing a prospective webmaster so the state’s requirements for a website can be satisfied.
- The Matagorda County Economic Development Corporation and The Bay city industrial Development Corporation aspire to join in a cooperative effort to hire one webmaster.
- The projected cost to each participating entity is \$300/year, plus a \$300 annual maintenance fee.
- Any district with \$250,000 or more in tax revenue is now required to post on-line an agenda of the upcoming meeting, current and/or proposed tax rate, meeting minutes, their annual audit report, names and contact information for each commissioner. Christine Hallmark will soon attend a conference hosted by the State Comptroller to gather all pertinent details.
- The outcome of the federal cases concerning both upstream and downstream impacts on the USACE’s management of the Addick’s/Barker reservoirs were 180% out from one another; the first ruling in favor of the plaintiffs; the other against them.

Item #17: All bills received were reviewed and unanimously approved under a motion made by Gary Koeppen, and seconded by Willie Younger.

Item #18: The next CRD meeting was set for 03-11-20.

Item #19: Under a motion made by Gary Koeppen, and seconded by Willie Younger, the meeting was unanimously adjourned.