

# Matagorda County Conservation and Reclamation District No. One

## 04-09-20 Meeting Minutes

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

**Item #1:** Chairman Vavra opened the meeting at 10:05 AM.

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

\*Jonathon Vavra \*Allen Cumbie \*David Sheblak

**Item #3:** The minutes of the 03-11-20 CRD meeting were read and unanimously approved, with one correction, under a motion made by Gary Koeppen and seconded by Dwight Vavra.

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

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

- Gary Koeppen reported that Spray Co. has been cutting brush.
- Willie Younger reported that there was suspicious ground leveling taking place along the inside toe of the levee behind the Swamp Shack building and showed photos taken at the location in question.
- Koeppen reported that the Pratka drainage project seems to be drawing to a conclusion; but, there is suspicious fill-dumping taking place on the property.
- Chairman Vavra reported that Dan Tucker had notified him that the owners of land he manages intend to replace fences and gates on the levee.
- Allen Cumbie reported that the CRD possessed a favorable easement with the Brahman Estate.

**Item #6:** Under the River Levees Update, the following was reported:

- Dan Tucker reported that he had leased land along the river near Buckeye; Vavra informed him that the levee cannot be removed or altered.
- Vavra reported that David Sitz had asked if the CRD could share in the cost of moving and replacing fencing along his land west of the Hwy. 35 bridge.
- Allen Cumbie cautioned the board that no District money could be spent to benefit a private entity; however, he speculated that clearing could possibly be a legitimate endeavor.
- Younger suggested the CRD reach out to Scott Leimer to secure the return of documents shared with him as a Z6 employee; Koeppen concurred with this recommendation.

**Item #7:** This matter was tabled.

**Item #8:** Regarding Texas Water development Board grants, the following was discussed and acted upon:

- Applications are segregated by category; No. 4 - The Protection of Life and Property seems to be the most applicable.
- June 15 is the new deadline.

- 90% is the maximum granted; 83% is probably more realistic.
- Under a motion made by Willie Younger, seconded by Gary Koeppen and unanimously approved, David Sheblak was authorized to prepare a 'scoping' application.

**Item #9:** Regarding an update on the Pump Station Proposal prepared and submitted on behalf of the CRD, the following was discussed:

- The application is progressing through the system with a response expected in 30-40 days
- David Sheblak has reviewed and is prepared to recommend suitable sites.

**Item #10:** Concerning the Indemnification Agreement for Pipeline Crossing applicants the following was discussed and acted upon:

- Cumbie indicated that no responses have been received from pending applicants.
- Under a motion made by Willie Younger and seconded by Gary Koeppen, crossing applications from Phillips 66 and South Texas NGL were both unanimously approved.

**Item #11:** An Interlocal Agreement between Matagorda County and the MCCRCD to continue joint investment services was unanimously approved.

**Item #12:** Under a motion made by Gary Koeppen and seconded by Dwight Vavra, a request from the Braman Estate to allow for the repair and/or replace of fences crossing the Ring Levee was unanimously approved. It was also duly noted that the CRD would fully cover the cost gates and associated posts affixed to said fencing.

**Item #13:** The matter of Levee Crossings was tabled.

**Item #14:** Review and prospective approval of the February Investment Report was tabled. However the January Investment Report was unanimously approved under a motion made by Dwight Vavra and seconded by Gary Koeppen.

**Item #15:** Allen Cumbie indicated he had nothing new to add under the Attorney Report.

**Item #16:** This item was tabled.

**Items #17:** Under a motion made by Gary Koeppen and seconded by Willie Younger, all bills received were unanimously approved for payment.

**Item #18:** The next meeting was to be set once the pandemic situation has been clarified. Subsequently, Chairman Vavra contacted his fellow board members and the CRD's attorney and set it for May 13 at 10:00 AM.

**Item #19:** Under a motion made by Gary Koeppen and seconded by Dwight Vavra, this meeting was unanimously adjourned.