

Matagorda County Conservation & Reclamation District No. One

06-10-20 Meeting Minutes

Attending Commissioners: Willie Younger, Gary Koeppen, Dwight Vavra

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

Item #2: The following guests were recognized:

*David Sheblak *Jonathon Vavra * Allen Cumbie

Item #3: The minutes of the 05-13-20 CRD meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved, as is, 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:

- Koeppen reported that the levee had been mowed by Spray Co.
- Cumbie reported new fences have been built on the north side of the levee and the landowner could now access their property without driving on the levee itself.
- Vavra mentioned that heavy rains could possibly delay future mowing on the levee.

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

- Vavra received a call from the property owner located northeast of David Sitz's property requesting that the levee be cleaned off.
- Vavra reported that he has contacted a contractor about shredding brush (not trees, which the owner asked be left) and will request a bid.
- Cumbie reported that no new crossing applications have been received.

Item #7: Scheibe had forwarded a written update on the flood study, which Vavra shared with fellow board.

Item #8: Regarding the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) grant application, the following was discussed:

- Sheblak reported he is presently working on the application budget section.
- He noted that the cost sharing broke down to a 63%/37% split.
- He is working on presenting a favorable cost/benefit ratio.
- He assured the board that he would update them before submitting the application packet.
- He requested drawings which Cumbie may have in the CRD's archives.
- The deadline for applying is Monday, June 15th.

Item #9: Regarding the Mercer Pump Study and Funding Availability, David Sheblak reported that the latest word was that contracts are currently being developed.

Item #10: Cumbie, again, reported that no new crossing applications have been received.

Item #11: Under a motion made by Gary Koeppen and seconded by Willie Younger, April's Investment Report was unanimously approved. May and June's have not been delivered to the Board.

Item #12: Regarding the state requirements for taxing districts to develop and install a website that is accessible to the public, the following was revealed by Attorney Allen Cumbie and/or discussed:

- It appears this requirement does apply to the CRD as an unfunded mandate that went into effect Jan. 1, 2020..
- The MCEDC is doing this for themselves, along with the County and Port of Bay City Authority; but, he is not implying that the CRD should, or even could, join this cooperative arrangement.
- Cumbie outlined the key elements which apparently need to be found on such a website.

Item #13: Allen Cumbie verified that there is nothing new to add to his Attorney's Report.

Item #14: The Board, and its consultants, felt that there was insufficient data or details with which to use in develop a Covid-19 plan for the CRD at this time. So, the matter was tabled.

Item #15: Under a motion made by Gary Koeppen and seconded by Willie Younger, the Board unanimously approved a request from Dan Delich to endorse a letter to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works requesting rescission of the proposed Levee Safety Program Draft EC as proposed by the USACE.

Item #16: Under a motion made by Willie Younger and seconded by Dwight Vavra, all bills received in April were unanimously approved for payment.

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

Item #18: The next meeting of the CRD Board is set for 07-15-20.

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