

Matagorda County Conservation & Reclamation District Number One

Meeting Minutes 12-16-20

Attending Commissioners: Willie Younger, Gary Koeppen, Dwight Vavra

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

Item #2: Under a motion made by Dwight Vavra and seconded by Gary Koeppen, the minutes of the 11-12-20 meeting were unanimously approved as read.

Item #3: Under a motion made by Gary Koeppen and seconded by Willie Younger, the recent Financial Report was unanimously approved.

Item #4: Under the Matagorda Ring Levee Report, the following was discussed:

- Dwight Vavra reported that consultant, David Sheblak, has indicated that the surveying of prospective sites for the proposed pump stations was completed.
- Sheblak also reported that the CRD met the eligibility requirements of the TWDB for a 50% match for culvert replacements.

Item #6: Regarding the River Levees, the following was discussed:

- The prospective applicant for a levee crossing permit has not returned the required document.
- The MCCRDR has been named as a party to a condemnation case; Cumbie reports this is due to back taxes owed to the District.
- James Kinard asked if the MCCRDR would be pursuing the cleanup on the river levees in the near future; Allen Cumbie suggested that if the District is interested that Kinard be asked to provide cost estimates for Board consideration.

Item #7: Discussion on the ongoing Colorado River Flood Study was tabled.

Item #8: See Item #5 for details.

Item #9: Regarding the Mercer Engineering Pump Station Project, Vavra reported that although it is strongly believed that grant funding will be forthcoming, the exact status of such awards is unknown.

Item #10: No new levee crossing applications have been received.

Item #11: Under a motion made by Willie Younger and seconded by Dwight Vavra, the Investment Report for September was unanimously approved. Under a motion made by Gary Koeppen and seconded by Dwight Vavra, the October Investment Report was unanimously approved. The Investment Report for August has not been received.

Item #12: The MCCRDR website will be complete once all the minutes of the District for 2019 and 2020 are downloaded onto a flash drive and then given to Allen Cumbie for delivery to the webmaster. Secretary Younger anticipates this to be finalized before week's end.

Item #13: Attorney Cumbie reported that he had no information to share.

Item #14: Regarding a proposed meeting with the USACE to clarify facets of the LSP for the Board, Vavra reported that they are willing to meet when requested, but he suggested we wait to do so until later in the spring when the new Biden administration has settled in.

Item #15: Under a motion made by Gary Koeppen and seconded by Dwight Vavra, payment for all bills received, and/or outstanding, was unanimously approved.

Item #16: The next meeting of the MCCRCD was set for 01-13-21.

Item #17: Under a motion made by Willie Younger and seconded by Gary Koeppen, the meeting was unanimously adjourned.

HIGHPOINTS of a SPECIAL CONFERENCE CALL WITH DAN DELICH, LIA DIRECTOR

12-16-20 @ 10:30-10:40 AM

- Delich reported that he was working with Senator Boseman to satisfactorily edit (i.e., modify or

omit)) language in the proposed Water Resources Development Act which requires the USACE to 1) identify O&M deficiencies, 2) propose viable remedies, and 3) work closely with non-federal sponsors.

- He also noted that flood standards established by the Obama Administration, but altered during the Trump Administration, were beginning to resurface and have the potential to be reinstated with the proposed establishment of a Natural Disaster safety board which would investigate and issue reports for use in seeking relief. The LIA's stance is this would likely increase the liability of levee entities, like the MCCRCD. He expressed his desire that both economic and technical constraints be part of the equation and that all actions taken save more money than they cost.