

Matagorda County Conservation & Reclamation District No. One

**Meeting Minutes 04-21-21**

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

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

**Item #12:** The following guests were recognized:

\*Jonathon Vavra \* Allen Cumbie \*Wade Whitlow \*Juan Sandoval \*James Kinard

**Item #3:** The minutes of the 03-10-21 CRD meeting were unanimously approved as read under a motion made by Gary Koeppen and seconded by Dwight Vavra.

**Item #4:** The recent Financial Report was reviewed and unanimously approved under a motion made by Willie Younger and seconded by Gary Koeppen.

**Item #5:** The following was discussed under the Matagorda Ring Levee Report:

- Gary Koeppen noted that the USACE Inspection has been completed.
- Dwight Vavra noted that the problem with the leaking water line and its meter has been addressed by community utility managers.

**Item #6:** Under the River Levees Report, James Kinard indicated his firm was interested in cleaning selected sections on these levees.

**Item #7:** Eric Scheibe contacted Chairman Vavra and reported that the lower section of the Colorado River Study will be completed soon.

**Item #8:** Regarding the application for a TWDB grant, consulting engineer, David Sheblak, reported to Chairman Vavra that it has been filed.

**Item #9:** Regarding the proposed installation of pump stations along the ring levee, Mercer Engineering reported the following to Chairman Vavra:

- Plans will be finalized soon.
- A 408 application to the USACE will not be required.
- The project will be funded under the approved 'countywide' grant application.

**Item #10:** Crossing Applications:

- **Addendum #1** - Epic-Y Grade Pipeline's application was unanimously approved under a motion made by Gary Koeppen and seconded by Willie Younger.

**Item #11:** The recent Investment Report was unanimously approved, as read, under a motion made by Willie Younger and seconded by Gary Koeppen.

**Item #12:** Cumbie reported that he had no additional items for his Attorney's Report.

**Item #13:** Regarding Mr. Pratkanis's request for the County to abandon Live Oak St. where it crosses the ring levee, it was denied by the Commissioners Court, thus meeting the desires of the CRD Board which opposed this action.

**Item #14:** The prospect of a meeting with the USACE to review provisions of the new Levee Safety Program is no longer a valid consideration since it has already been approved and implemented. Therefore, it will no longer appear on future agendas.

**Item #15:** Regarding the policies attached to investments made on behalf of the CRD, an Interlocal Agreement and Resolution, as drafted by Allen Cumbie, was unanimously approved by the CRD Board under a motion made by Willie Younger and seconded by Gary Koeppen. The resolution was then duly signed for delivery to the County Commissioners Court.

**Item #16:** Regarding the hiring of Kinard Backhoe as the contractor selected to perform river levee clearing and cleaning, the following was discussed:

- Clearing will be done on areas most likely to encounter flooding as determined by the most recent flood events.
- James Kinard, owner/operator of Kinard Backhoe, suggested not utilizing any sub-contractors; but instead prefers doing the work solely on his own using a rented or leased machine.

**Item # 17:** No additional comments from the MCCRCD Commissioners were made.

**Item #18:** Under a motion made by Gary Koeppen and seconded by Dwight Vavra, all bills received were unanimously approved for payment.

**Item #19:** The next meeting of the CRD Board was set for 05-12-21.

**Addendums:**

- #1: Crossing applications, See Item #10 above
- #2: Regarding discussion, consideration and approval of the 2020 Audit, the following is recorded:

-The adjusted value of CRD investments based upon the date of December 31, 2020.

-The letters to CRD management states that the District provided any and all documentation needed to complete the audit.

-K, L & M recognize that their successful completion of the audit was due to the diligent assistance of Ellen Dodd.

The CRD has no deficits in its internal controls.

-Overall, the report can be classified as “clean”.

-No new standards were presented in 2020.

-The District’s reserves are very healthy, with 5 ½ years' worth available. A side effect of this status is that elements of the public could perceive the CRD is hoarding its reserves.

-Under a motion made by Willie Younger and seconded by Gary Koeppen the 2020 Audit Report was unanimously accepted.

**Item #20:** Under a motion made by Gary Koeppen and seconded by Willie Younger, the meeting was unanimously adjourned.