

## **Matagorda County Conservation & Reclamation District No. One**

### **01-13-21 Meeting Minutes**

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

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

**Item #2:** The following guest was recognized: \*Jonathon Vavra

**Item #3:** Under a motion made by Gary Koeppen and seconded by Dwight Vavra, the minutes of the 12-16-21 were unanimously approved as read.

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

**Item #5:** The Matagorda Ring Levee Update was tabled.

**Item #6:** Attorney Allen Cumbie reported that no new river levee crossing applications were received.

**Item #7:** Chairman Vavra shared the following information on the River Flood Study from engineer Eric Scheibe:

- There is the potential for the CRD to apply for and receive a TWDB grant.
- Scheibe has requested a tally of the time spent, to date, by CRD Commissioners on tasks related to this project.

**Item #8:** The report on the TWDB grant application was tabled.

**Item #9:** Mercer Engineering reported that they have completed all engineering work related to the installation of pump stations along the Matagorda Ring Levee.

**Item #10:** There were no river levee crossing applications received, so this matter was tabled.

**Item #11:** Under a motion made by Willie Younger and seconded by Gary Koeppen, November's Investment Report was unanimously approved.

**Item #12:** Regarding an update on the state-required District website, Cumbie reported that the webmaster was informed of the need to submit a Form 1295.

**Item #13:** The Attorney's Report was tabled.

**Item #14:** Regarding the Levee Safety Program, Allen Cumbie reported that there is legislation being considered that taxing districts would be prohibited from hiring a lobbyist (like Dan Delich).

**Item #15:** James Kinard has asked that his company be considered as the contractor hired to clean and clear selected portions of the river levees. In this regard, the following was discussed.

- Kinard stated that his rate schedule for equipment operation and related consulting was \$100/hour.
- Chairman Vavra noted that the CRD is seeking to remove and mulch small brush, while leaving large trees standing.

- Kinard reported that he does not own a mulching machine and, therefore, would need to rent one.
- Kinard noted that there would likely be drainage and/or irrigation features to contend with on the sites being considered.

**Item #16:** Under a motion made by Dwight Vavra and seconded by Gary Koeppen, all bills received were unanimously approved for payment.

**Item #17:** The next CRD meeting was set for 02-10-21.

**Item #18:** Under a motion made by Gary Koeppen and seconded by Willie Younger, the meeting was unanimously adjourned.