

Matagorda County Conservation & Reclamation District Number One

03-10-21 Meeting Minutes

Attending Commissioners: Willie Younger, Dwight Vavra, Gary Koeppen

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

Item #2: The following guests were recognized:

*Jonathon Vavra * Allen Cumbie * Mr. Sandival

Item #3: The minutes of the 02-10-21 meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved, with one minor correction (Item #5; Hewitt St. should be Lewis St.), 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 reported that Spray Co. has been very active in their levee maintenance duties.
- Dwight Vavra reported that the USACE has indicated they will be scheduling a ride-about inspection for Mar. 30.
- Vavra noted that the gates by the GIWW bridge have been repaired and the one by the cemetery needs a part replaced.
- Allen Cumbie indicated that he will post the proposed USACE inspection as a workshop.

Item #6: The River Levees Report was tabled.

Item #7: Regarding the Colorado River Flood study, Willie Younger noted that it was the State Highway 35 Bridge gauge which was providing erroneous readings, not the one at the FM 521 Bridge, as Eric Scheibe referenced.

Item #8: Dwight Vavra reported that the TWDB grant application has been submitted.

Item #9: Regarding the Epic Y pipeline crossing application, the following was discussed and acted upon:

- David Scheibe reported that a cursory examination of the application appeared it was satisfactory.
- Under a motion made by Dwight Vavra and seconded by Gary Koeppen, the application is unanimously approved to be submitted following a thorough review and verification by the CRD's engineering consultants.

Item #10: Regarding the Mercer Engineering Pump Station Study, the following was reported by Chairman Vavra:

- The grant funding has been delivered to the County for dispersement.

- The hope is to contract with McAda Drilling Fluids to provide pumps and operators on an **as-needed basis**.

Item #11: There were no new crossing applications received so the matter was tabled.

Item #12: The review and approval of the recent Investment Report was tabled.

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

Item #14: Regarding the proposal from Mr. Pratka to the County to abandon the south end of Live Oak St., delivering a letter to the Commissioners Court opposing such action was unanimously approved under a motion made by Willie Younger and seconded by Dwight Vavra.

Item #15: The prospect of scheduling a meeting to gather details on the Levee Safety Program (LSP) is no longer a consideration of the CRD Board.

Item #16: A video conference with representatives of the Hasch Blackwell law firm to review facets of the LSP affecting non-federal levee management interests is slated for 9:00 AM in Allen Cumbie's office. Cumbie will publicly post this as a Board workshop.

Item #17: Regarding the prospect of hiring Kinard Backhoe to clean off river levees, it was noted the owner, James Kinard, has not filed a Form 1295 as required by the Texas Comptroller's office in order to do business with a taxing entity such as the MCCRCD #1.

Item #18: Under a motion made by Gary Koeppen and seconded by Willie Younger, the payment of all bills received was unanimously approved.

Item #19: The next CRD Board meeting was set for 04-14-21, with the potential that it may be changed to accommodate an inspection of the Ring Levee by the USACE.

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