

Matagorda County Conservation & Reclamation District No. One

05-12-21 Meeting Minutes

Attending Commissioners: Dwight Vavra, Gary Koeppen, Willie Younger

Item #1: Chairman Vavra called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

Item #2: The following guests were recognized:

*Loretta Griffin * Jonathon Vavra *Allen Cumbie

- Loretta Griffin reported the following details of the pending banking contract:
 - Previously, the investment yielded an interest rate of 1.25%.
 - Five bid requests were sent out, but only Prosperity Bank responded.
 - A rate of 0.5% was suggested, but only 0.15%, with variable rate structure in play, was offered by prosperity.
 - Several contractual issues have arisen:
 - ✓ It appears that only a “collateral agreement” can be signed.
 - ✓ By law, a depository or pledge/custodial agreement must be signed by June 1.
 - ✓ Allen Cumbie needs to determine if the County-Bank’s Interlocal Agreement will be on the County Commissioners Court next meeting agenda. If so, a special call meeting of the CRD Board may be needed.

Item #3: The minutes of the 04-21-21 CRD meeting were unanimously approved under a motion made by Dwight Vavra and seconded by Gary Koeppen.

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 during the Matagorda Ring Levee Report:

- The water leak near the Waterfront Restaurant was repaired but the USACE has requested a soil compaction test be performed.
- There is also a water leak at the water meters on Lewis Street. It has been reported and is scheduled to be fixed.

Item #6: There was nothing new to report regarding the River Levees. Therefore, this matter was tabled.

Item #7: The update on the Colorado River Flood Study was tabled.

Item #8: The TWDB Grant application has been filed and the CRD is awaiting word of final approval.

Item #9: Regarding the proposal to install pump stations along the Ring Levee, the following was discussed:

- Dwight Vavra reported that he had received calls from the County Treasurer and from Grants Works to inquire if the CRD was prepared to provide the required matching funds.
- Mercer Engineering notified Vavra that they would calculate and reveal the requisite match amount. But he has yet to receive this information.

Item #10: No new levee crossing applications have been received. Therefore, this matter was tabled.

Item #11: The recent Investment Report was reviewed and unanimously approved under a motion made by Dwight Vavra and seconded by Gary Koeppen.

Item #12: The Attorney's Report was tabled.

Item #13: Regarding the prospective hiring of Kinard Backhoe as the contractor selected to clear selected levee sections, the following was discussed:

- The company needs to have a Form 1295 on file with the Texas Ethics Commission before it can be considered as a viable contractor.
- Allen Cumbie reminded the Board that any contracts over 50K must go out for bid.

Item #14: Under Commissioners Comments, Dwight Vavra reported the following:

- The metal wings on most drain structures are badly rusted and will soon need to be replaced.
- The CRD will soon be required to make the mandated 5-year video inspection of the Ring Levee culverts.

Item #15: All bills received were reviewed and unanimously approved for payment under a motion made by Gary Koeppen and seconded by Willie Younger.

Item #16: The next meeting of the CRD Board was set for 06-16-21.

Item #17: Under a motion made by Gary Koeppen and seconded by Dwight Vavra the meeting was unanimously adjourned.