

Matagorda County Conservation & Reclamation District Number One

Meeting Minutes 08-11-21

Attending Commissioners: Dwight Vavra, Willie Younger, Gary Koeppen

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

Item #2: The following guests were recognized:

*David Sheblak *Jonathon Vavra *Allen Cumbie

Item #3: The minutes of the 07-20-21 meeting, with minor corrections, 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 under the Matagorda Ring Levee Report:

- When it dries up, Sprayco is to mow the levee, replace wings on the culverts and remove the terraces found along about 100' of the east side levee.
- Koeppen reported that a helicopter landed near the Waterfront Restaurant and damage to the vegetation was observed; it is believed to be caused by either heat exhaust or spilled oil.
- Bay Harbor homeowners put up an 'unauthorized sign inappropriately declaring the road leading over the levee and to their property to be *private*.

Item #6: The River Levees Report was tabled.

Item #7: Discussion on the estimated valuation and proposed tax rate was tabled pending receipt of vital data from the County.

Item #8: The budget for the coming year saw the addition of \$150,000 in expected expenses.

Item #9: Regarding the ongoing Hazards Mitigation Study, only unprecedented freezing weather was added as a new peril.

Item #10: Regarding the pre-application for TWDB funding for needed culvert repairs on the Ring Levee, it scored a mere 22 out of a possible 80 points.

Item #11: Discussion on the proposed Pump Stations along the Ring Levee included:

- David Sheblak lamented that he grabbed the wrong drawings when leaving his office, but reported:
 - one pump would be located at Matagorda Harbor at Boat Slip Road, and
 - drainage under the street is recommended
- Suggested bringing the engineering drawings to the upcoming tax rate meeting to avoid notable delays in the project.
- Allen Cumbie asked if McAda Drilling Fluids had been contacted to negotiate an agreement to provide 6"-8" pumps and operators when needed.

- Sheblak reported that federal funds, which are administered by the Texas GLO and have zero match, are available; but applying for such requires County approval.

Item #12: The matter of new levee crossing applications was tabled.

Item #13: Allen Cumbie reported that the MCCRCD was ultimately excluded from the application of QC Chemicals for “Single Property” designation.

Item #14: Under a motion made by Dwight Vavra and seconded by Gary Koeppen, the recent Investment Report was reviewed and unanimously approved. Allen Cumbie will archive said document.

Item #15: The review of Dan Delich’s report on the LSP and proposed changes to USACE levee reviews was tabled.

Item #16: The Attorney’s Report from Allen Cumbie focused solely on the work contract with Kinard Backhoe and included:

- Lane Hollister, KB’s insurance agent, is reported to be in the process of adding the MCCRCD Board of Directors as additional insurers.
- Dwight Vavra offered his opinion that any fencing removed or damaged should be replaced by Kinard Backhoe.

Item #17: Regarding a work schedule for Kinard Backhoe the following was discussed:

- The city manager for the City of Bay City would be contacted regarding levee clearing near LeTulle Park.
- Former MCCRCD Board Member and adjacent land owner, David Sitz, would be asked to contact Mr. Green, on behalf of the CRD, to receive access permission.

Item #18: The matter of Commissioners Comments was tabled.

Item #19: Under a motion made by Gary Koeppen and seconded by Dwight Vavra, all bills received were reviewed and unanimously approved for payment.

Item #20: A date for the regular monthly meeting of the MCCRCD Board was tabled until critical details from the County are received. The date for this meeting will be set at the special tax rate meeting.

Item #21: Under a motion made by Dwight Vavra and seconded by Gary Koeppen, the meeting was unanimously adjourned