

# Matagorda County Conservation & Reclamation District Number One

## 12-15-21 Meeting Minutes

Attending Commissioners: Gary Koeppen, Willie Younger, Dwight Vavra

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

Item #2; The following guests were recognized:

\*Allen Cumbie \*Jonathon Vavra

Item #3: The minutes of the 11-10-21 were unanimously approved as read under a motion made by Gary Koeppen and seconded by Dwight Vavra.

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

Item #5: Regarding the report and update on the Matagorda Ring Levee the following was revealed by Chairman Vavra and discussed:

- The levee suffered no significant damages from Hurricane Nichols and was, therefore, not eligible for any financial assistance from the USACE.
- During the Storm Damage Assessment cooperatively conducted with the COE and Mercer Engineering, it was discovered that several gates had been damaged or destroyed.
- This assessment also revealed that the illegally sited deer stand had been blown down and completely destroyed. The COE reps suggested that the CRD should clean up the debris.
- Found that the bare spots previously observed along the levee had vanished.
- The COE seemed to be pleased with the condition of the levee overall.
- Baymark of Bay City submitted "As-Built" drawings for their proposed crossing.

Item #6: Regarding the report and update on the River Levees, the following was discussed:

- James Kinard, with Kinard Backhoe, reported that recent rains and on-going work by the poer company had slowed work on the levee adjacent to LeTulle Park, but the work was 90% complete.
- Kinard further reported that the segment next to the golf course would be the next to be addressed.

Item #7: Regarding the proposal received from Scheibe Consulting regarding the impacts in Matagorda County from flood control initiatives being considered in Wharton County, Willie Younger suggested that this item should be tabled until Wharton County has selected the measure(s) to be taken. He reasoned that this would narrow the work to be done north of us and give us a clearer picture of the potential impacts on our county.

Item #8: Matters related to the Matagorda County Hazard Mitigation Study were tabled.

Item #9: Discussion on the TWDB grant was tabled and it was suggested it be removed from future review as an agenda item.

Item #10: Items discussed in regards to Mercer Engineering's Pump Stations Study include the following:

- Dwight Vavra was recently involved in a Zoom conference with representatives from Mercer, Grantworks, and the County.
- Grantworks indicated that it needed engineering work from Mercer, while Mercer countered that it was Grantworks that was holding up progress.
- Inquiries regarding the engineering have been made but no response from these consultants has been received.
- The General Land Office says it is ready to release the requested funds to the County thus allowing work to begin.
- With the prolonged delays incurred Vavra suggests that significant cost increases will be encountered and thereby force a reduction in the number of pump stations installed from 3 down to 2.

Item #11: Discussion related to River Levee Crossing Applications was tabled.

Item #12: Under a motion made by Willie Younger and seconded by Gary Koeppen, the recent Investment Report was unanimously approved as read.

Item #13: The update from Dan Delich was tabled.

Item #14: The Attorney's Report was tabled.

Item #15; Under Comments by the Commissioners Willie Younger provided a review of recent Insurance Pool Board proceedings. He cited the fact that the CRD had agreed to a base level contribution to the Pool and, therefore, the District's share was held at a high level even though it possessed no assets nor did it have any employees requiring coverage. He stated that he had made a request to a local insurance broker to be given an estimate on the premium charged for liability coverage alone for the board and its individual members. No response has been received but one is expected prior to the 01-19-22 meeting.

Item #16: All the bills received were reviewed and unanimously approved for payment under a motion made by Gary Koeppen and seconded by Dwight Vavra.

Item #17: The next meeting of the CRD was set for 01-12-22. [This date was rest to 01-19-22 due to a scheduling conflict held by Chairman Vavra.

Item #18: Matters related to amending the budget were tabled.

Item #19: Under a motion made by Gary Koeppen and seconded by Dwight Vavra the meeting was unanimously adjourned.