

Matagorda County Conservation & Reclamation District Number One

02-09-22 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 guests were recognized:

*Jonathan Vavra *Allen Cumbie

Item #3: Under a motion made by Dwight Vavra and seconded by Gary Koeppen the minutes of the 01-19-22 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: Under the Matagorda Ring Levee Report, the following was discussed:

- Sprayco's gate replacement has been completed and another gate is under repair.
- Allen Cumbie inquired if all commissioners had levee gate keys. To which all responded 'yes'.
- Dwight Vavra reported that the illegally sited deer stand was destroyed but the debris from it still remains.
- Vavra also reported that the gear box on the gate just north of Old Gulf Road was inoperable and needs to be replaced and that the flap gate near the GIWW bridge was sprung but this problem had been corrected by Sprayco.

Item #6: Under the River Levee's Report the following was discussed:

- FEMA has not focused on the adoption of the 500-year flood plain as their standard benchmark, but they are requesting comments 'yea' or 'nay' on this possibility.
- Vavra suggested that the CRD consider installing 3-4 flap gates along the east side levees at strategic locations.

Item #7: Under a motion made by Dwight Vavra and seconded by Gary Koeppen, the Scheibe Flood Study Report was unanimously accepted as read.

Item #8: Discussion on the County's Hazard mitigation Study was tabled.

Item #9: Regarding the TWDB grant application the following was discussed:

- It was noted that bond counsel and financial advisor is required by grant applicants.
- Vavra reported that he was aware of municipal water districts who have used such advisors in the past.
- Vavra noted that the southside borrow ditch has begun eroding and could potential benefit from grant funding to remedy this problem.

- Allen Cumbie said he would contact an Austin-based bond counselor to learn the ins and outs of their services.

Item #10: Discussion on the proposed Pump Station Project was tabled.

Item #11: Discussion and action on levee crossing applications was tabled.

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

Item #13: Dan Delich reported that he had delivered a letter to FEMA rejecting the acceptance as the 500-year flood plane as standard planning threshold.

Item #14: Regarding the pending decision of the CRD to stay in or leave the County Insurance Poll, Younger reported that he will contact an insurance broker identified by Vavra to determine the availability and cost of a bond to cover the CRD Board.

Item #15: The Attorney Report was tabled.

Item #16: Under a motion made by Gary Koeppen and seconded by Dwight Vavra, the payment of all bills received and reviewed was unanimously approved.

Item #17: The next meeting of the CRD Board was set for 03-09-22.

Item #18: Comments from the Commissioners were tabled.

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