

# Matagorda County Conservation & Reclamation District Number One

## 04-13-22 Meeting Minutes

**Attending Commissioners:** Willie Younger, Gary Koeppen, Dwight Vavra

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

**Item #2:** The following visitors were recognized:

\*James Kinard \*Allen Cumbie

**Item #3:** Under a motion made by Gary Koeppen and seconded by Dwight Vavra, the minutes of the 03-09-22 meeting were unanimously approved.

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

**Item #5:** Under the Matagorda Ring Levee update, Dwight Vavra reported that Sprayco has completed weed eating, took some trees out, and repaired a sprung drain gate and its gear box.

**Item #6:** Under the River Levees update the following was discussed:

- James Kinard has indicated that he will return to clearing vegetation from the levees if the board contacts landowners and they agree to allow this work to move forward.
- Allen Cumbie indicated that no levee crossing applications have been received.
- Vavra indicated that there are drainage gates missing along these levees is because they are above the flood plain and therefore no longer needed.

**Item #7:** Discussion on the County's Hazard Mitigation Study was tabled.

**Item #8:** Regarding the TWDB Grant application the following was discussed and acted upon:

- Allen Cumbie indicated that he has received and distributed the contract from the Financial Adviser to the CRD Commissioners, but noted that a separate contract from the Bond Counselor was required.
- Vavra reported that TWDB's second loan cycle is upcoming and if a recipient finds that it is unable to repay this loan it could revert to a grant..
- Under a motion made by Gary Koeppen and seconded by Willie Younger, the board approved executing a contract with Blitch & Associates.

**Item #9:** Under the update on the Pump Station application, the following was discussed:

- The main thing holding up approval of this project is verification that no wetlands will be disturbed.
- Apparently, the delay in approving this project is delaying the start of all county projects.

**Item #10:** Regarding an update on the prospect influence of CRD affairs from the Coastal Barriers Resources Act, Willie Younger is to review this legislation and report back to the Board.

**Item #11:** Under a motion made by Dwight Vavra and seconded by Gary Koeppen, the Investment Reports for February and March were unanimously approved.

**Item #12:** The matter of levee crossings and the determination of the average width of the levee top was tabled.

**Item #13:** Lobbyist, Dan Delich was contacted by telephone during the meeting and provided updates on a variety of levee affairs which include:

- Ongoing efforts by the USACE to weaken local policy authority
- The COE is attempting to increase its funding so it might implement processes for determining risks and associated flood insurance rates.

**Item #14:** Allen Cumbie reported that he has received no information regarding securing a bond for the CRD – as requested.

**Item #15:** The Attorney's Report was tabled.

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

**Item #17:** The next meeting of the CRD was set for May 11.

**Item #18:** No comments from any of the commissioners were made.

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