

Matagorda County Conservation & Reclamation District Number One

07-08-2025 Meeting Minutes

Attending Commissioners: Gary Koeppen, Willie Younger, Dwight Vavra

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

Item #2: The following guests were recognized:

*Jonathan Vavra *Allen Cumbie *James Kinard * Mike Estlinbaum

County Commissioner Mike Estlinbaum's comments with input from CRD commissioners included:

- Water which collected in the designated ponding area inside the Ring Levee following a 2 ½ inch rainfall took 4-5 days to drain.
- The cause of this problem needs to be pinpointed.
- Precinct workers were deployed to deal with street drainage issues that occurred during this rain event.
- Gary Koeppen asked who owns the drainage structure – Bay Harbor and/or MCCRD?
- Dwight Vavra recalled that the CRD may have granted Bay Harbor permission to install drain pipes.

Item #3: Under a motion made by Gary Koeppen and seconded by Dwight Vavra, the minutes of the CRD's 06-11-2025 meeting were unanimously approved as read.

Item #4: Regarding River Levee vegetation clearing work, the following was discussed:

- James Kinard reported that a major single vehicle wreck, involving a truck he owns, on the FM 521 Bridge over the Colorado River caused serious injuries to his driver. The aftermath of this accident has hampered all recent progress by Kinard Backhoe.
- In addition, Kinard reported that his grinder is under repair,
- Vavra reported that Hickl has moved to the Russell property where very thick foliage was encountered.

Item # 5; Discussion on Shuford Properties levee crossing application was tabled.

Item #6: Under a motion made by Willie Younger and seconded by Gary Koeppen, the recent Financial Report was unanimously approved.

Item #7: Regarding the review of CRD's Maintenance Report by the USACE, the following was discussed by Dwight Vavra:

- Gate checks via videos by Sprayco suggested there were persistent and unresolved problems. But Sprayco indicated that they had fixed all deficiencies they found.
- The USACE is sending the CRD a map which precisely pinpoints the location of all problems they uncovered during their inspection.

Item #8: Regarding the update on the River Levees, the following was discussed:

- BANGL Pipeline delivered as-built drawings to Allen Cumbie.
- The Electric Company replacing utility infrastructure inquired about any relationship between their power line and the westside river levee on Dane Simons' property.

Item #9: Under a motion made by Willie Younger and seconded Gary Koeppen, the Investment Report for June was unanimously approved.

Item #10: Regarding the request for bid from Equipment Share (ES) for the rental of two pumps to locate on the Matagorda Ring Levee the following was discussed:

- Attorney Allen Cumbie reported that no bid has been received from ES.
- Cumbie reported that the credit report required by ES had been submitted to them.

Item #11: Chairman Vavra noted that Dan Delich's LSP update had been delivered to each CRD commissioner via email and all indicated that it had been read.

Item #12: The following was discussed by Attorney Allen Cumbie in his formal report:

- He is not prepared to make a 'firm' recommendation regarding the request by Mr. Davis to release a portion of the interior easement so he might build a home.
- However, Cumbie offers the opinion that the CRD Board might do so since such requests by neighboring property owners had been previously accommodated.
- He indicated that he has had no recent contact with Davis or his agents on this matter.
- If Davis intends to pursue this then he may need to hire a surveyor to define the boundaries of his encroachment.

Item #13: Under a motion made by Gary Koeppen and seconded by Willie Younger, all bills received were unanimously approved for payment.

Item #14: Regarding contracting with a new webmaster, the following was discussed:

- Cumbie reported that he is searching for prospective candidates to fill this soon-to-be-vacant position and is focused on seeking a qualified local professional as preferred by the Board,
- The CRD's budget, auditor's and County Tax collector's names and addresses, as well as the tax rate are not currently found on the District's website. Cumbie suggests that these be added after contracting with the new webmaster.

Item #15: Under Comments from the Commissioners Vavra reported that the Board should begin the Budget process as s soon as possible.

Item #16: The next CRD meeting was set for 08-13-2025.

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

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