

Matagorda County Conservation & Reclamation District Number One

05-14-2025 Meeting Minutes

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

Item #2: The following guests were recognized:

*Mike Estlinbaum * James Kinard *Allen Cumbie *Loretta Griffin

Item #3: Under a motion made by Gary Koeppen and seconded by Dwight Vavra, the minutes of the 04-09-2025 meeting were unanimously approved as read.

Item #4: Regarding the update on clearing river levee's vegetation, the following was discussed:

- James Kinard reported that the Ashcraft property was not too bad and could be cleared or left as it is.
- Kinard asked the Board if the big trees should be removed.
- Vavra responded that the large trees should be left in place and only brush removed.
- Allen Cumbie asked Kinard if the lake on this property drains into the river. Kinard responded 'no'.
- Vavra reported that Hickl has cleared the Reddell property and has cleared about 2/3's of the McAda Ranch.

Item #5: Regarding the status of Shuford Properties ' USACE 408 permit application, Cumbie reported that he has requested an update from them but nothing has been received.

Item #6: Regarding the survey and title search on the Bay Harbor property, Cumbie reported the following:

- Documentation has been received, but there appear to be inconsistencies in the title policy and deed.
- Specifically, there are easements shown on the deed that are not shown on the title policy.
- He suggested that the CRD may need to release a portion of the easement so as to be consistent with neighboring properties and allow a home to be built and, thereby, avoid potential legal entanglements.

Item #7: Under a motion made by Gary Koeppen and seconded by Willie Younger, the recent Financial Report was unanimously approved as read.

Item #8: The River Levees update was tabled.

Item #9: Under a motion made by Dwight Vavra and seconded by Gary Koeppen, the recent Investment Report was unanimously approved as read. In addition, the following was discussed:

- Loretta Griffin thanked the Board for approving the bid submitted by Prosperity Bank and reported there has been no other notable investment activities.
- Koeppen made mention that the total interest received by the CRD on its investments appeared to be incorrectly recorded.

Item #10: Regarding the prospect of a pump rental agreement with Equipment Share, the following was discussed:

- Younger reported that he had invited ES representatives to attend this meeting and present their proposal, but they were a no-show.
- Cumbie indicated he had spoken to Shaun Short with ES, but no firm response was received.

Item #11: Regarding Dan Delich's LSP and DOGE Report, it was electronically delivered to each board member for their respective review.

Item #12: Under the Attorney's Report, the following was reported by Allen Cumbie:

- STEC appears to be seeking a court-ordered removal of Dane Simons suspension of utility upgrades on his riverfront property. Yet, no court orders have been filed.

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

Item #14: Comments from the CRD Commissioners was tabled.

Item #15: The next CRD meeting was set for June 11, 2025.

Item #16: Under a motion made by Willie Younger and seconded by Dwight Vavra, the meeting was unanimously adjourned.