

Matagorda County Conservation & Reclamation District Number One

01-14-2026 Meeting Minutes

Attending Commissioners: Dwight Vavra, Willie Younger, Gary Koeppen

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

Item #2: The following guests were recognized:

*Marty Crain * Mike Estlinbaum *Allen Cumbie

Item #3: Under a motion made by Gary Koeppen and seconded by Dwight Vavra, the minutes of the 12-18-2025 meeting were unanimously with one correction on Item #11 (replace 'Judge' with 'Attorney').

Item #4: Regarding the progress of contractors hired to clear vegetation from the Colorado River levees, the following was discussed:

- Vavra reported that the status of Kinard Backhoe's progress was unknown since he has not heard from James Kinard.
- Vavra reported that Hickl was almost finished on the Runnels property.

Item #5: Discussion on the Shuford Property 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 as read.

Item #7: The discussion on the updated status of the River Levees was tabled.

Item #8: Under a motion made by Gary Koeppen and seconded by Dwight Vavra, the recent Investment Report was unanimously approved as read.

Item #9: It was verified that the five-page report on the LSP from Dan Delich, levee lobbyist, was received and reviewed by each commissioner and the CRD attorney.

Item #10: All bills received were reviewed by Vavra and under a motion made by Willie Younger and seconded by Dwight Vavra, unanimously approved for payment.

Item #11: Under unfinished business the following was discussed:

- Current Matagorda County Appraisal District Director, Vince Mahoney is retiring and Katherine McGee has been named as his successor.
- Cumbie reported that he received a promotional brochure from Blich Associates, the firm with which the CRD Commissioners are bonded.

- Vavra lamented that the CRD was not represented on County Emergency Management, but should be.
- The placement of fill dirt to elevate property is seen as a growing problem inside the Matagorda Ring Levee. A proposed countywide remedy to flood water displacement is presently on the desk of the County Attorney for his review.

Item #12: Under the CRD's Attorney Report, Allen Cumbie reported:

- That the 4th Floor conference room is not available on April 8th, so the CRD Board may wish to consider delaying that month's meeting to April 15th.
- Marty Crain, as the incoming CRD Commissioner, following Dwight Vavra's upcoming retirement, supplied his email address as johnmartycrain@gmail.com.

Item #13: The Commissioners Comments were tabled.

Item #14: The next meeting was set for 02-11-26.

Item #15: Under a motion made by Gary Koeppen and seconded by Dwight Vavra, the meeting was unanimously adjourned.