

Matagorda County Conservation & Reclamation District Number One

11-12-2025

Attending Commissioners: Willie Younger, Gary Koeppen, Dwight Vavra

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

Item #2: The following guests were recognized:

*Loretta Griffin *Allen Cumbie

Item #3: Under a motion made by Gary Koeppen and seconded by Dwight Vavra, the minutes of the 10-08-2025 meeting were unanimously approved as read.

Item #4: Under the update on the clearing of vegetation from the Colorado River Levees the following was discussed:

- Allen Cumbie reported that he had forwarded new contracts to contractors Kinard Backhoe and Hickl Maintenance Services regarding future clearing work.
- Both contractors responded affirmatively to continuing work uninterrupted.
- James Kinard reported that his progress has stalled due to conflicting projects.
- Hickl reported that work north of LeTulle property is underway and it is heavily vegetated.

Item #5: The update on the Shuford Properties levee crossing application was tabled.

Item #6: Under a motion made by Dwight Vavra and seconded by Willie Younger, the recent Financial Report was unanimously approved as read.

Item #7: Under a motion made by Willie Younger and seconded by Gary Koeppen, the extension of the Kinard Backhoe and Hickl Maintenance contracts were unanimously approved.

Item #8: The update on the Colorado River levees was tabled.

Item #9: Regarding the CRD's Investment Reports, the following was discussed and acted upon:

- Loretta Giffin, County Treasurer, explained Prosperity Bank's security measures.
- Under a motion made by Dwight Vavra and seconded by Gary Koeppen, Loretta Griffin was unanimously approved to serve as the CRD's party of record who is to be notified should any irregularities appear in the District's investment accounts.
- Under a motion made by Gary Koeppen and seconded by Willie Younger, the Investment Reports for the past quarter and October were unanimously approved as read.

Item #10: Regarding the transporting and operation of emergency pumps at the Matagorda Ring Levee, the following was discussed:

- The processes involved in implementing the delivery, set-up and operation of these pumps needs to be included in the County's Emergency Management Plan.
- Allen Cumbie is to invite the County Emergency Management Director, Amanda Campos, to attend the next meeting of the CRD.

Item #11: Dan Delich's LSP Report was delivered via a telephone conference and included the following discussion items:

- In October he met with the President's USACE liaison in Wahington DC.
- Delich was asked to provide this official with a list of things he 'might' possibly do (if he agrees they are worthy).
- Delich reported that he delivered nine statements with matters related to accreditation and cost sharing being the most critical.
- Delich lamented that the USACE has yet to admit that their actions have not prevented breaches nor have they shown to provide any improvement to these structures. This has currently caused him to be unmotivated to assertively pursue positive changes or innovations.
- Delich offered to write Representative Neils on our behalf regarding the lack of follow-through by the USACE's Galveston District.

Item #12: Under a motion made by Willie Younger and seconded by Gary Koeppen, all bills received were unanimously approved for payment.

Item #13: Under Unfinished Business the following was discussed:

- Vavra recently met with a prospective contractor for an on-site inspection of culverts along the Ring Levee as a prelude to him submitting a bid on the job of installing wings on some of these structures. He was disheartened when no follow-up attention was received.
- Koeppen reported that the Ring Levee still has not been mowed,
- Cumbie reported that he has developed a modified contract for anticipated execution by Mr. Sliva as our new webmaster that more accurately reflects the payment process under which the CRD must operate. This corrected version met with the approval of the CRD Board.

Item #14: Under Commissioners Comments, Vavra reported that management changes at Sprayco have created some communications uncertainties. He noted that when he called to request that the ring levee be mowed, he received no response.

Item #15: The next CRD meeting was set for 12-16-25 with 12-18-25 as the backup date should the conference room be unavailable on the 16th.

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

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