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The West Coast Inland Navigation District held its regular meeting in the Court House, Bradenton, Manatee County, Florida Monday, February 13th, 1956 at 2:00 p.m.

Present were

Ellsworth G. Simmons, Chairman	Hillsborough County
Matt Weeks, Vice Chairman	Charlotte County
Wilson Pigott, Secretary	Lee County
Chas. Fischer, Member	Pinellas County
Herman Burnett, Treasurer	Manatee County
Fred W. Ball, Executive Secretary	
J. K. Merrin, Engineer	
J. Hardin Peterson, Special Attorney	
Dewey A. Dye, Jr., Attorney	

H. F. McCann, member of the Board of County Commissioners of Sarasota County, was present as A. D. Corson, appointed member from that County, could not be here.

The meeting was called to order by E. G. Simmons, Chairman.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, with the following correction noted:

Wesley M. and Mary Loree Bjorklund	\$9,000.00
Dunn & Baynard	7,300.00

Upon motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Fischer, the Minutes were approved as corrected.

Mayor Anderson and City Manager Marsh, of the city of Gulfport asked for the Board's consideration of approval of alternate route of the canal so that it would not bypass that city. Mr. Anderson stated that the original proposal showing alignments nearer Gulfport had been abandoned but was requesting that this route be again be given consideration.

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Mr. Merrin advised there was no feasible and economical route through the old cut and request for restudy would greatly delay construction.

Chairman Simmons and members of the Board expressed the desire to cooperate in every way possible for the city of Gulfport to get access to the waterway, but would hesitate to do anything now to delay construction or change alignment at this late date; that it was imperative that the canal construction get underway with the least possible delay.

Mr. Fischer stated that it would be necessary for the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County to concur or recommend alternate route, but the matter of getting Gulfport designated as "Port of Call" would be investigated.

J. Hardin Peterson advised Mr. Anderson and Mr. Marsh to work out the possibility of "port of call", cut-off or turning basin on a local basis with congressional committees and that he would be glad to furnish any assistance possible as to figures, etc.

Mr. Anderson commended Mr. Fishcer on his imformative speech before the Suncoast League of Municipalities several days ago.

Mr. Dye reported negotiations as follows:

Parcel No. 1	Edward & Margaret Jones	\$13,000.00
Parcel No. 10	Robert S. & Mildred M. Baynard	33,800.00
No. 12 pt.	Venice Bay Trailer Park	150.00
No. 16	C. G. Briner, \$25.00 per front foot	
No. 17	Venice Land Company	1,675.00
No. 23 & 24	Palmer, et al (both parcels)	8,350.00
No. 31	Estate of Levi Jonathon Knight	1,950.00

...that twenty-five parcels acquired by negotiations; 8 left and possibly three out of the eight might be closed within the next few days.

...total cost \$137,458.00 to date; \$1,900.00 over appraisals;
...largest parcels owned by Casperson, Venice Golf Course and Board of Public Instruction, Sarasota County (Venice)

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On motion by Mr. Burnett, seconded by Mr. Weeks, acquisition of the right-of-ways as outlined by Attorney Dye were approved and authorized, and he was authorized to negotiate with C. G. Briner on cost per front foot.

The engineer's report was given by Mr. Merrin.

The treasurer's report was given by Mr. Burnett and accepted on motion by Mr. Fishcer, seconded by Mr. Pigott and carried.

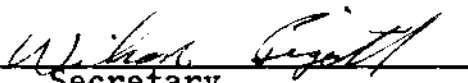
On motion by Mr. Burnett, seconded by Mr. Weeks, changes in remittances for right-of-way were approved:

Venice-Nokomis Bank	\$3,708.18
Bjorklund,	9,000.00

On motion by Mr. Burnett, seconded by Mr. Pigott, vouchers dated February 13th, 1956 were authorized paid.

On motion by Mr. Burnett, seconded by Mr. Fischer, extension of time deposits in the First National Bank of Bradenton was approved for six months: \$51,363.73, \$102,984.27 and \$30,406.36.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned to meet Monday ~~Wednesday~~, March 12th, 1956 at 2:00 p.m.


Secretary


Chairman

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