

**WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1992 AT 10:30 A.M.**

**SARASOTA COUNTY SOUTH COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER**

**ROOM 228, 4000 SOUTH TAMiami TRAIL**

**VENICE, FLORIDA**

**A G E N D A**

**ADMINISTRATION:**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Approval of the Minutes of September 11 and September 25, 1992
3. Approval of Bills to be Paid for September, October, and November, 1992
4. Approval of Treasurer's Reports for August and September, 1992
5. Approval of Deletions or Additions to Agenda

**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES COMMENTS:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Manatee Signage and Speed Zone Report. Bid Opening.
2. Year of the Gulf of Mexico. 1992 Membership - Sponsor.
3. WCIND R.O.W. on Palm Island. Lease Agreement Approval.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Election of Officers for WCIND Governing Board.
2. Approval of Stump Pass Management Plan Payment - Charlotte Co.

**NEXT MEETING TIME: 10:30 A. M. in Venice**

**SUGGESTED DATE: January 22, 1993**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT

BOARD MEETING

DECEMBER 4, 1992

SARASOTA COUNTY SOUTH COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 4, 1992

A regular meeting of the West Coast Inland Navigation District was held on Friday, December 4, 1992, at 10:30 a.m. at the Sarasota County South County Administration Center, Room 228, Venice, Florida.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:            Kent G. Chetlain, Chairman  
   Ray Judah, Vice-Chairman  
   Richard J. Leonard

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:            Wayne Derr, Secretary

STAFF PRESENT:                    James M. Armstrong, Executive Director  
   Connie McLenna, Administrative Assistant

DNR REPRESENTATIVE:            Jeremy A. Craft

ADMINISTRATION:

Mr. Armstrong called the roll and welcomed Commissioner Leonard of Charlotte County to the Board. With Chairman Chetlain presiding, Commissioner Judah moved to approve the minutes of September 11, 1992 and September 25, 1992. Commissioner Leonard seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Judah moved to approve the bills to be paid for September, October, and November, 1992. Commissioner Leonard seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Judah moved to approve the Treasurer's Reports for August and September, 1992. Commissioner Leonard seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Armstrong had two additions to the Agenda. Discussion of the EPSAR Program will be Item #4 under Old Business. Item #3 under New Business will be Financial Coastal Management - Recommendation 23.

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES COMMENTS:

Commissioner Chetlain invited Mr. Craft to speak. DNR received an application from Coastal Petroleum to drill an offshore oil well. They have applied for five wells but have completed the application on only one. This one is located off of Apalachicola in north Florida. Another well is in the same area, and the other three are off the coast of the District's four counties. This item will be before the Governor and Cabinet on January 26, 1993. Commissioner Judah moved to draft a resolution to FDNR strenuously objecting to the drilling. Commissioner Leonard seconded. Motion carried unanimously. A copy will be sent to the Governor and Cabinet and to the Chairman of each Board of County Commissioners in the four counties.

Mr. Craft agreed to furnish each county with a copy of the drilling application. The other item Mr. Craft addressed was the manatee signage plan. This is strongly supported by the Governor, Cabinet, and DNR. He urged the Board to move forward with the program.

OLD BUSINESS:

Manatee Signage and Speed Zone Report. Bid Opening. Mr. Armstrong said he had met with the DNR staff in Tallahassee and agreed to go ahead with the bid process and have them ready to open today, in lieu of the fact that perhaps Sarasota County by this time would have resolved all their differences or objections. He has not heard anything from Sarasota County. He recommended opening the bids. Sarasota County knew of the bid process, but there has been no response at all from Sarasota County. Mr. Armstrong began by opening the bids for the manufacture of signs and Chairman Chetlain read aloud the name of the company and the amount. The results were as follows:

Municipal Supply & Sign Co.	\$25,688
Signing America Corporation	24,564
Jadco Signing Inc.	25,709
Signs & Designs	24,190

Commissioner Leonard moved to award the contract to Signs and Designs of Cape Coral provided that their bid is in compliance with the specifications. Commissioner Judah seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The bids were as follows for the installation of the signs and pilings:

Ram Marine Services, Inc.	51,020
Marr-1, Inc.	65,933.20
Kurtz Marine & Equipment, Inc.	51,500
Southeast Marine Construction	77,400
Dock Masters of Homosassa, Inc.	103,810
Seaway Marine Contractors, Inc.	79,450
Advanced Diving & Salvage	128,770
Inter-Bay Marine Construction	125,465

Mr. Armstrong said this is not going to be a simple project. He hopes the contractor will not get bogged down because of lack of ability or lack of equipment. There was some discussion about whether all bidders could complete the project in a timely manner and whether they could ask for further payment for extenuating circumstances. Mr. Armstrong said the specifications were very explicit, and that the dollar amount bid would be the final amount. Commissioner Leonard moved to award the contract to Ram Marine Services, Inc. as low bidder provided their bid is in compliance with the specifications. Upon failure to be able to comply with the specifications, the motion includes going to the second lowest bidder which is Kurtz. Commissioner Judah seconded. Commissioner

Leonard amended his motion to include that the contractor must be properly licensed. Commissioner Judah seconded the amendment. The motion to amend was carried unanimously. The motion to award the contract to Ram Marine Services, Inc. carried unanimously.

Year of the Gulf of Mexico. 1992 Membership - Sponsor. Mr. Armstrong said at the September 11th Board Meeting he presented a request for WCIND to be a \$1,000 sponsor for the gulf clean-up program being done by all the gulf coast states. The local sponsor is Mote Marine Labs. Mr. Armstrong was to determine whether the Board could contribute to this program. This is indeed the case, and he recommended approval. Commissioner Judah moved to approve a \$1,000 grant. Commissioner Leonard seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

WCIND R.O.W. on Palm Island. Lease Agreement Approval. At the Board's direction, the counsel for WCIND was to prepare an agreement for execution, have the property appraised, arrive at a cost for appraisal and legal fees, the cost of which is to be paid for by the applicant. The appraiser came up with \$6,980.00 per year for use of the property. This is a standard license to use agreement. Commissioner Leonard had a question about insurance and whether the amount was sufficient to completely hold WCIND harmless. Mr. Armstrong said he could not answer his question but that WCIND's counsel had drafted the entire document. Commissioner Chetlain said he was satisfied with the agreement. Commissioner Judah moved to approve the lease agreement. Commissioner Leonard seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Armstrong was directed to have counsel give an insurance report at the next meeting.

EPSAR Program: Mr. Armstrong reviewed the program and reminded everyone that our agreement was with Manatee County only. An internal audit and the sheriff's investigation found discrepancies in the program but no intent to defraud. Partly as a result of a taxpayer's concern, counsel recommended an independent audit, which was done. There are two clear cut discrepancies revealed by both audits: One, EPSAR invoiced the county for a boat for \$31,554, and they only paid \$26,878. Therefore, \$4,676 should be requested from Manatee Co. by WCIND. The other item was when WCIND paid Manatee Co. \$3,194 for equipment on two different dates, and the same amount of money was requested from HRS under another grant. Both auditors suggested there should be a meeting between the county, HRS, and WCIND to determine the outcome of this item. Mr. Armstrong has written a letter to the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners in Manatee County asking for reimbursement of the \$4,676 and for a meeting between all three parties to resolve the other issue. Commissioner Judah moved to approve the mailing of Mr. Armstrong's letter of November 30, 1992. Commissioner Leonard seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Armstrong apologized for neglecting to mention the purchase of buoys under the Manatee Signage Plan. A company in Wisconsin will furnish them for \$7,827. A competitive bid process was not required for this item. The buoys will be placed in ski areas. Commissioner

Judah moved to approve the purchase of buoys for \$7,827 from the single-source supplier. Commissioner Leonard seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Election of Officers for WCIND Governing Board. Commissioner Chetlain nominated Commissioner Ray Judah for Chairman. Commissioner Leonard seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Chetlain nominated Commissioner Leonard for Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Judah seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Leonard nominated Commissioner Chetlain for Treasurer. Seconded by Commissioner Judah. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Wayne Derr will become Secretary.

The gavel was passed to the new Chairman, Commissioner Ray Judah, and he presided over the remainder of the meeting.

Approval of Stump Pass Management Plan Payment - Charlotte Co.

Mr. Armstrong recommended payment of \$75,000 to Charlotte County for the Stump Pass Management Plan under our agreement with the county. Commissioner Leonard moved to approve the payment as requested. Commissioner Chetlain seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Coastal Management - Recommendation 23. Mr. Armstrong wanted this item brought to the Board's attention for informational purposes only. A difference of opinion has arisen in attempting to define Florida's coastal region. The Florida Coastal Management Program defines the coastal zone as the entire state. The local planning program allows local governments to adopt their own definition of the coastal area. This coastal management group thinks there should be one geographic boundary, not a coastal zone. One of their recommendations to the legislature is Recommendation 23. It says the legislature should review the laws authorizing FIND and WCIND with regard to their geographic scope, taxing authority, and responsibilities to determine if these districts could provide the structure for coastal management improvement districts. What they are looking at is the ad valorem taxing power.

NEXT MEETING TIME: January 22, 1993 at 1:30 p.m. in Venice, FL.

ADJOURNMENT: 11:55 a.m.



WAYNE DERR, SECRETARY



RAY JUDAH, CHAIRMAN