

WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1993 AT 3:00 P.M.

200 EAST MIAMI AVENUE, VENICE, FLORIDA

A G E N D A

ADMINISTRATION

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Approval of the Minutes of October 29, 1993
3. Approval of Bills to be Paid for November and December, 1993
4. Approval of Treasurer's Reports for September and October, 1993
5. Approval of Deletions or Additions to Agenda

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMENTS:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Review applicants for Assistant Executive Director's Position and Select Hiree.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Review and Approve FRS Retirement for Executive Director's Application for Senior Management Service Class.

NEXT MEETING TIME AND DATE:

10:30 A.M. on Friday, January 28, 1994 at South County Administration Center, Venice, FL.

ADJOURNMENT:

WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT

BOARD MEETING

DECEMBER 22, 1993

200 EAST MIAMI AVENUE, VENICE, FLORIDA

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 22, 1993

A regular meeting of the West Coast Inland Navigation District was held on Wednesday, December 22, 1993 at 3:00 P.M. at the office of the West Coast Inland Navigation District, 200 East Miami Avenue, Venice, Florida.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Ray Judah, Chairman
Kent G. Chetlain, Treasurer
Wayne Derr, Secretary

STAFF PRESENT: James M. Armstrong, Executive Director
Connie McLenna, Administrative Assistant
Philip E. Perrey, Counsel

ADMINISTRATION:

Commissioner Judah presided. Mr. Armstrong called the roll. Commissioner Leonard was absent. Commissioner Derr moved to approve the minutes of October 29, 1993. Commissioner Chetlain seconded. Motion approved unanimously. Commissioner Derr moved to approve the bills to be paid for November and December, 1993. Commissioner Chetlain seconded. Motion approved unanimously. Commissioner Chetlain moved to approve the Treasurer's Reports for September and October, 1993. Commissioner Derr seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Two additions to the Agenda were approved under Administration: The Trust Account at Sun Bank and Guidelines for Funding of Projects.

In 1991 we entered into an investment trust account with Sun Bank, which was all invested in treasury bonds and notes. They are still charging us some \$800 per month to manage this account. Mr. Armstrong kept checking with the bank and found that they really don't do anything except funnel the interest into one of their funds paying about 1.6%. First Union will manage this account for no monthly fee. We're talking about four million dollars. Interest would be higher at First Union, and they pay interest on their checking accounts. Commissioner Chetlain moved to switch funds from the trust account at Sun Bank to a CAP account at First Union. Commissioner Derr seconded. Motion approved unanimously. The motion includes the director writing a letter for the Chairman's signature authorizing this move.

The funding Guidelines resulted from a meeting with liaison persons from all four counties. One area of concern was the purchase of equipment by competitive bid. Also, they want to see activity reports on the use of equipment. Under environmental education, the liaison persons wanted a funding cap of 25% to the fiscal year

allocation by county, and they wanted activity reports. The counties are having trouble getting activity reports. Thus, if they cannot get them, WCIND will not be able to get them. Commissioner Derr moved to approve the revised Guidelines. Commissioner Chetlain seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Derr moved to approve the Executive Director's position being included in the Senior Management Service Class of the Florida Retirement System and that a notice will be published in area newspapers to that effect. Commissioner Chetlain seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS: Review applicants for Assistant Executive Director's Position and Select hiree. Commissioner Judah wondered if there was a conflict because one applicant currently works for Lee County and another applicant has worked for Lee County in the past. Counsel Perrey said it "your call" as to whether or not you declare a conflict. He suggested that for the record Commissioner Judah say that one applicant works for the county and that one applicant has worked for the county. Commissioner Judah said that as a county commissioner he is not involved in hirings and firings and is not involved in any applicant's daily activities.

Counsel Perrey said three votes would be needed to hire an assistant Executive Director. Commissioner Leonard still had not arrived, but the Board wished to proceed.

Mr. Carl L. LeCroy was asked to come in and introduced to the Board members. He summarized his early upbringing in Florida and his naval career of twenty years, ending as a Lieutenant Commander. He has always had a home in Florida and wants to move to the Sarasota-Venice area. He is currently studying for a Master of Science in Management and will be starting a MBA program in Sarasota. School should not interfere with the demands of work. He is very familiar with the geography and the waters of the area. There is a very thin line between protecting the environment and development, but it can be a "win-win" situation by all sides working together in a reasonable manner. When asked what strengths he could bring to this job, Mr. LeCroy responded, "experience, years of problem-solving, public speaking, public service, and knowledge about Florida."

Mr. James T. McAllister was asked to come in and introduced to the Board members. He is hoping to apply his planning knowledge to a non-traditional planning position. He is going through the Certified Public Manager course at Florida State University's Graduate School and should complete that within the year.

He is interested in this position because it is local and because he is interested in environmental, boating, and navigation issues. Currently, he is Planning Division Manager for the City of North Port, the third largest Florida city in terms of land area. He is responsible for current and long-range planning, zoning, and land development regulations. He graduated from Allentown College in Pennsylvania and has taken continuing education courses throughout his planning career. As a planner, you need to look at both sides of the environmental issue. North Port has initiated many pro-environmental programs including land acquisition programs.

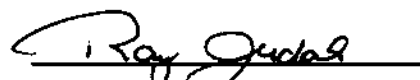
Mr. Charles Listowski was asked to come in and introduced to the Board members. He has been working in various management and professional positions in Lee County for 13½ years. He understands the challenge involved in achieving a balance between the area we live in, which is under stress, and the environment, which is very sensitive. Waterfront issues have been neglected until several years ago. He is not adverse to doing construction projects if they are done well and with an environmental tone. He feels WCIND will be forced into more exposure to what DEP is trying to achieve. As grants and programs become available from the federal and state governments, WCIND could be used as a conduit for making these programs successful. He feels the funding mechanisms have safeguards built into them to prevent favoritism of one county over another.

Commissioner Chetlain moved to hire Mr. Charles W. Listowski at a starting salary of \$33,000 as the assistant Executive Director of WCIND. Commissioner Derr seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: 4:45 P.M.

NEXT MEETING TIME AND DATE: Friday, January 28, 1994 at 10:30 A.M. at South County Administration Center, Venice, Florida.


Wayne Derr, Secretary


Ray Judah, Chairman