

The January meeting of the Commissioners, of the WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT, was held January 25, 1971, in the Commissioners Meeting Room, Manatee County Courthouse, Bradenton, Florida.

Present were: Ellsworth G. Simmons, Chairman, Hillsborough County
 Kenneth W. Daniels, Vice Chairman, Lee County
 Larry Rhodes, Secretary, Sarasota County
 Dan P. McClure, Treasurer, Manatee County
 H. William Thompson, Charlotte County

Charles E. Furbee, Executive Director
 Dewey A. Dye, Jr., Counsel

Absent was: A. Oliver McEachern, Pinellas County

ADMINISTRATION:

The meeting convened at 10:30 a.m.

Minutes of the December 14, 1970 meeting were approved as presented.

Chairman Simmons welcomed Commissioner H. William Thompson, Charlotte County, as Charlotte County's new representative to the WCIND Board. Mr. Dewey A. Dye, Jr., administered the oath of office to Commissioner Thompson.

Mr. Dye presided during the election of a chairman for the year 1971. Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Daniels and carried, the Board unanimously re-elected Commissioner Simmons as Chairman, this being his sixteenth consecutive term as Chairman of the West Coast Inland Navigation District Board. Commissioner Simmons thanked the board members for the honor and privilege of serving with them for the District and resumed the chair.

Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Rhodes and carried, the Board unanimously re-elected Commissioner Daniels as Vice Chairman. Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Daniels and carried, the Board unanimously re-elected Commissioner Rhodes as Secretary. Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Rhodes and carried, the Board unanimously re-elected Commissioner McClure as Treasurer.

Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Daniels and carried, the Board unanimously approved the continuing employment of the present staff to serve at the pleasure of the Board.

The Treasurer's Report was read and approved. Vouchers, #6503 through #6527, were approved for payment with one exception: Voucher #6521, to Water Resources Associated (MVA), for membership dues in the amount of \$125 was ordered held for the Board's future consideration pending the Association's reorganization.

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ACTIVITIES REPORTCharlotte County

Seaboard Coast Line Railroad Company Bridge Project - The Director reviewed the results of a meeting with Mr. Louis H. Stahl, P.E., of the J. E. Greiner Company, Inc., and Mr. Dye in Tampa on December 16, 1970, concerning areas of responsibility for construction of the railspan at Placida among the three agencies: WCIND, J. E. Greiner Company, Inc., and SCL Railroad Company. The new schedule of events presented to and agreed to by, the SCL Railroad Company reads:

January	15, 1971	- Advertise project
March	1, 1971	- Due date for bid opening
February	16, 1971	- Site inspection for interested bidders
March	15, 1971	- Award contract.

Letters have been received from ten contractors who have requested copies of contract documents and drawings. The permit for this project was issued in 1967. The J. E. Greiner Company, Inc., has responsibility to make application for up-dating the permit.

Sarasota County

Spoil Material - Venice Area - WCIND has spoil material available at competitive prices for approximately 500,000 cubic yards. Mr. Maslanka has indicated an interest to purchase 200,000 - 250,000 cubic yards. Commr. Rhodes reported that the application was declined by the Sarasota County Board of Commissioners.

Pinellas County

Indian Rocks South Shore Owner's Claim against WCIND - The Director and Mr. Dye visited the area of Dr. J.J. Ehrlich's property near Reddington Beach. WCIND holds a deed for the property granted by the TIF Board. Dr. Ehrlich claims he has title to this upland of approximately 1.02 acres. An investigation is being made. Under the circumstances, Mr. Dye stated that Dr. Ehrlich will have the burden of proof; however, WCIND must investigate and be prepared for any future action.

The Activities Report was accepted as presented.

NEW BUSINESS

Annual Waterway Inspection - The Director stated that plans for the waterway inspection trip are tentative. Following his communication with the Corps of Engineers in Jacksonville, the Director recommended Monday, April 5, as a date and stated that Commissioners will be contacted by telephone later for the confirmation date and decision on making the trip.

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Letter from Commissioner A. L. Anderson, Pinellas County - This letter of December 22, 1970, to the WCIND Board, Staff, and Members of the Press, was one of appreciation and thanks for the framed Resolution presented to Commissioner Anderson at his last WCIND board meeting on December 14, 1970, before retirement from the Pinellas County Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Daniels moved that Commissioner Anderson's letter of December 22, 1970, be made a part of the official record; the motion carried.

Announcements of Waterways Meetings - The following dates were noted:

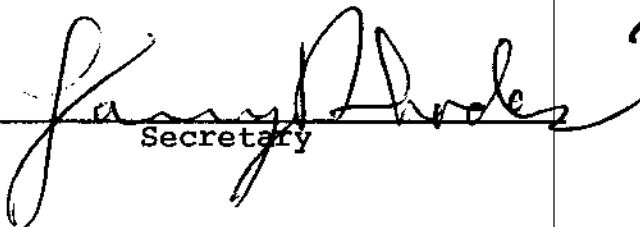
Florida Department of Natural Resources Tenth Annual Conference on Water Resources, Tallahassee, January 26, 1971;
Florida Waterways Ass'n Semi-Annual Meeting, Tallahassee, January 25;
National Rivers & Harbors Congress, Wash. D.C., March 16-19, 1971.

Commissioner McClure moved that members and staff be authorized to attend these meetings at District expense; motion carried.

Next Meeting Date - It was agreed that the next Board meeting will be held Monday, February 15, 1971, Courthouse, Bradenton, Fla.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Attachment: Ltr., December 22, 1970,
Honorable A. L. Anderson
Pinellas County.


Secretary


Chairman

ACTIVITIES REPORT

December 14, 1970 - January 18, 1971

I.

A. CHARLOTTE COUNTY1. SCL Railroad Bridge Project - Status Report

A meeting with Mr. Louis H. Stahl, P.E., of the J. E. Greiner Company, Inc., Mr. Dye, and the Director was held in Tampa on December 16, 1970, concerning areas of responsibility for construction of the rail span at Placida. All functions have been agreed to by the three agencies: WCIND, J. E. Greiner Company, Inc., and SCL Railroad Company. The SCL will provide its own resident engineer, the Greiner Company will represent the WCIND on periodic inspections and approval of partial payments for the SCL Railroad which monies will be provided by West Coast Inland Navigation District.

A new schedule of events was agreed to and the proposed time schedule submitted to the SCL Railroad Company. A letter of concurrence has been received which reads as follows: "...

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 February 16, 1971 - Site inspection for interested bidders
 March 15, 1971 - Award contract."

B. SARASOTA COUNTY

1. Request for Spoil Material - Venice Area - The Director provided a letter to Mr. Edward Maslanka of Venice advising him that WCIND had available at competitive prices, 500,000 cubic yards of spoil material. Mr. Maslanka is interested in purchasing 200,000 - 250,000 yards some time in the future.

C. PINELLAS COUNTY

1. Indian Rocks South Shore Owner's Claim against WCIND - Letter was received from Mr. W. Furman Betts, Jr., Madeira Beach attorney for Dr. J. J. Ehrlich, owner; he claims that the WCIND erroneously took approximately 1.02 acres of Dr. Ehrlich's upland. Mr. Dye will make a report.

II. GENERAL:

1. The Director attended the Florida Waterways Association Board of Directors meeting at Orlando, January 13 - 14, 1971.

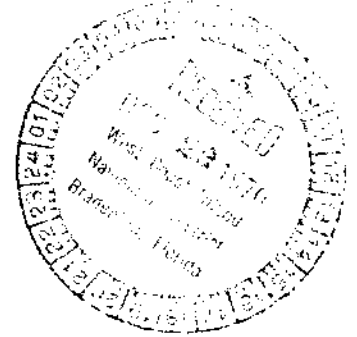
A. L. ANDERSON*Commissioner*

Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners

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December 22, 1970



WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT,
 Board of County Commissioners;
 Dewey A. Dye, Jr. Attorney
 Colonel Charles E. Furbee, Executive Director
 Miss Happick, Secretary
 The Press

Gentlemen:

I wish to sincerely say "thank you" for the framed
 RESOLUTION, the delicious cake with its artistic decora-
 tions, and the complimentary comments, presented at the
 meeting of December 14, 1970. I shall always remember
 this meeting.

With every good wish.

Cordially,

A. L. Anderson

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