

A special board meeting of WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT was held August 27, 1979, in Punta Gorda, Charlotte County.

Present were: Larry Rhodes, Chairman, Sarasota County
 Arnold F. Schade, Vice Chairman, Charlotte County
 R. Douglas Taylor, Secretary, Lee County
 L. H. Fortson, Jr., Treasurer, Manatee County

Charles E. Furbee, Executive Director
 Philip E. Perrey, WCIND Associate Counsel

Absent was: Dewey A. Dye, Jr., WCIND Counsel

This special meeting convened at 10:25 a.m. with Chairman Rhodes presiding. The regular, scheduled board meeting for August 20 in Sarasota did not convene because of the lack of quorum. A work session followed at which Attorney Tom R. Moore, representing the Crystal Beach Conservation & Development Associates, Inc., attended and reported his findings, re Pinellas County zoning hearings.

ADMINISTRATION

Minutes of June 18, 1979 regular board meeting were approved as presented. There was no board meeting for the month of July.

Treasurer's Reports, for June 30, and for July 31, were approved as presented. Vouchers for July, No. 1670 through 1695, and vouchers for August, No. 1696 through 1727, were approved for payment.

The Corps of Engineers, Tampa Area Office, has scheduled dedication of its new office building at MacDill AFB for Friday, September 7. The Director referred to the C.E. invitation letter to WCIND. Board members will advise the Director on their plans to attend.

ACTIVITIES REPORT

Sarasota County

Manatee Junior College Letter of Request to WCIND

The Director referred to President Wetzler's letter of July 6, 1979, in which interest was stated for acquisition of WCIND property in the area of Venice By-Pass, next to mobile home parks, across from a Shopping Center; also stated was the maximum need of 100 acres. The Director reported that 78 acres of WCIND property includes one of the parcels WCIND previously considered in the Pinellas/Sarasota property exchange; that the WCIND has conveyed the western 10 acres to the Corps of Engineers. The Corps of Engineers has stated that the C.E. will return the top 5 acres for the bottom 500 feet. There is a drainage ditch that encircles the area which Sarasota County has maintained. The Director requested the Board to consider making a request to the C.E. to release the bottom portion; also, that the Board give authorization to order a current appraisal. This action is required before the sale of the WCIND 78 acres. Commr. Schade moved that the Director be authorized to negotiate with the C.E. for the release of the western 10 acres in order for WCIND to have title for the 78 acres; the motion was seconded and carried.

A review was given on the current status of projected funds: WCIND is obligated for Stump Pass project, \$100,000; for Big Sarasota Pass project, \$100,000; Lee County is now sponsoring Boca Grande Pass project and they may be asking for assistance from WCIND. The Director also reported that Manatee Junior College, Manatee County, is asking assistance via Legislators for State funds for the Venice Campus.

Casey Key Protective Ass'n President's Request

Mr. R. K. Farrington addressed the WCIND workshop on August 20 to request a resolution of support for Sarasota County's request to the Corps of Engineers that Midnight Pass be included in the Corps of Engineers Feasibility Study of the Six Passes, IWW. The Director stated that Congress has added the Midnight Pass area to the Federal Feasibility Study to be made by the C.E. The CKC District starts at Midnight Pass and goes down to a point on the Key described on the CKC District legislation as 615 Casey Key Road, Gulf to Bay Bottom. Commr. Schade moved for WCIND support of this study; motion carried.

Dock Litigation

The hearing is scheduled for this Thursday, August 30 on the current suit re Captain Stewart's lease of WCIND property. An up-date of this lease is to be considered for further Board action.

WCIND Surplus Property

The Director reviewed the prior history of party, H. L. Tomlinson, leasing this property and he has requested to purchase the property located on Venice Avenue, near the Moose Lodge property. Also, there is a property located south of the Venice Avenue bridge which should be placed on the market. This parcel was appraised at \$170,000 in 1978 for the 1.42 acres. Commr. Taylor moved that the WCIND get an updated appraisal of this property and that WCIND Counsel advertise for public bids; the motion was seconded and carried.

Charlotte County

Stump Pass Project

Commr. Schade referred to procedures to be followed for letting of bids; Commr. Schade will request of State for 75% of the costs of this project. Most of the dredged material will be placed on the state-owned property. He noted the necessary requirement re the State Statute, that the State funds be obtained before going out for public bids. The Director is working closely with Coastal Engineering Consultants, Inc., re WCIND obligation for this project.

ICC - Final Ruling

It was noted that the ICC- final ruling returns ownership of the SCL railroad bridgespan located at Placida back to the WCIND. The WCIND Associate Counsel, Mr. Perrey, explained to the Board that the SCL challenge was on the word "assurance" in the proceedings; but that in the end result there was no challenge; that he believed the SCL Railroad Company may be interested in the purchase of this bridge

from the WCIND. The Director reported on letter received from the Greiner Engineering, Tampa, in response to his recent inquiry as to the value of this bridgespan. The letter of August 10 presented a proposal for professional counsel and services re current value. The Board concurred that the Director reply stating that WCIND is not ready at this time since WCIND is negotiating with SCL Railroad Company and to relay in the letter the WCIND appreciation.

Pinellas County

Crystal Beach Property - Re-zoning Hearing

Attorney Perrey reported on his attendance for WCIND at the hearing and noted that there were only three objectors at this hearing, re the 131 units for the WCIND higher property price plan and guarantees beach access; a favorable report is expected. Following this hearing there is the next hearing on September 18 at which Attorney Perrey will have a court reporter present. He reported Audubon Society interest in making the lake and salt flats a conservation area. Commr. Schade referred to Attorney Moore's statment on August 20 re his expectation for a favorable report. Another hearing date is to be received by WCIND re notices of violation of Florida Statute and Pinellas County Ordinance for property mowing needs. Costs were noted to be \$19.00/lot for mowing and \$70.00/lot for administrative cost. No action will be taken until receipt of another hearing date.

Manatee County

Release of Two-year Easements

The Director reported that Atty, Robert Carr requested WCIND release of these which were obtained during the Longboat Pass project. These have since been approved for release.

The ACTIVITIES REPORT was accepted as presented.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

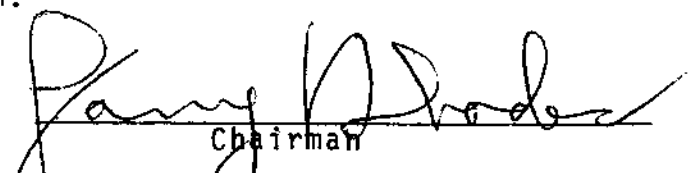
Gulf Intracoastal Canal Ass'n Convention, Houston, Texas, Oct. 5 - 6.
National Waterways Conf. Inc., Nashville, Tennessee, Sept. 16 - 18.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

It was noted that the recommended date, September 17, is the day before the Pinellas County re-zoning hearing, September 18, re Crystal Beach property sale. The Board concurred to meet for the next meeting in September, on Monday, September 24; the place suggested for this next meeting is Fort Myers and Commr. Taylor will confirm same.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.


Secretary


Chairman