

The regular monthly meeting of the WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS was held July 12, 1963 at the Manatee County Office Building.

Present were:

- Ellsworth G. Simmons, Chairman, Hillsborough County
- H.H. Anger, Vice-chairman, Charlotte County
- A.L. Anderson, Secretary, Pinellas County
- Mack H. Jones, Lee County
- Masel C. Huston, Sarasota County

- George Kumpe, Executive Director
- J. Hardin Peterson, Sr., Special Counsel
- Joe K. Merrin, Engineer
- Dewey A. Dye Jr., General Counsel

Absent:

- Irwin Klemmer, Treasurer

ADMINISTRATION

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 11 A.M. Minutes of the June 14th meeting were reviewed. They had indicated that Commissioner Huston said he "thought Sarasota County would execute the agreement to validate \$750,000 worth of bonds for the Albee-Manasota bridges during the week of June 17th". Mr. Huston noted that he had referred not to validation but to the lease purchase agreement, which was actually executed by Sarasota County on May 21st. The minutes were approved to reflect this change in wording.

The Director read the Treasurer's report which was accepted as read. There was discussion on Voucher #3448; Commissioner Anderson said that he could not support it as the rate of the appraisal was higher than was paid in Pinellas County. Commissioner Simmons felt that as the work had been accomplished on the direction of WCIND staff member the bill should be paid but on future work to try to get a lower figure. Mr. Dye reported that the work in question by

Mr. Forrest Davies M.A.I. was bringing up to date an appraisal he had made for the District in 1960, at the same daily rate. The Director stated that the original engagement of Mr. Davies had been approved by the Board after receipt of a detailed proposal. Commissioner Anderson moved that on the recommendation of the Director as just stated, current bills, covered in Vouchers #3427 through #3450 be paid. The motion carried.

The Board directed that on future appraisals if the quoted rate was beyond \$100 per day that the Board be notified and approve in advance the proposed agreement.

Commissioner Johnson Warren of Sarasota County was welcomed as a visitor to the meeting.

PROGRESS REPORT

The Director gave the report of progress during the month of June.

No bids were received on the dredging at Siesta Key Bridge and Mr. Merrin has been negotiating with four marine contractors in the area. The Hardaway Construction Co. is the only one of four who has the equipment and is interested in doing the work; having said they would consider doing the work on an hourly basis. Mr. Merrin was authorized to proceed "on a per hour basis with a guaranteed maximum" and submit the proposal to the Director who will get telephonic approval of four Commissioners to proceed with the work. It was pointed out that every avenue had been tried to develop competition on the quotations, and that when no bids were received the Board must proceed on an emergency basis and negotiate for the work. Evidence of negotiations with other bidders should be obtained.

NEW BUSINESS

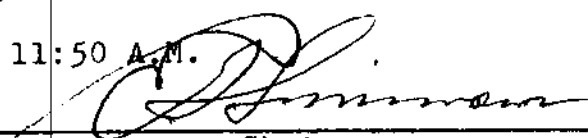
The Director stated that an examination of minutes of Board meetings showed that minutes of the special meeting held March 5, 1962 had not been approved although the official copy had been signed and the agreements and resolutions approved at the meeting were executed. Commissioners Simmons, Anger, Anderson and Jones who were present at the March 5, 1962 meeting voted the approval of the minutes of that meeting.

Discussion was held on date of August Board meeting and August 16 was set tentatively. Due to attendance of several Commissioners at the National Association of County Commissioners in Denver early in August it was not certain that a quorum could be present on the regular meeting date.

Mr. Peterson reported on his appearances at appropriations hearings in Washington; he said that the \$950,000 appropriation appeared assured but that so many Florida projects were asking for additional un-budgeted items he was afraid the \$400,000 request was in jeopardy. This additional money would permit the start of construction in Section 2 in 1963. Mr. Peterson felt that the Navigation District Board had done everything they could in this direction, that the people of the District were backing the project and that the delegation had promised to do all they could to get the additional item passed. Mr. Peterson noted that it never hurts for a member of Congress to hear from his constituents.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 A.M.


 1967 Secretary


 Chairman

As directed at the June 14 meeting, estimates were secured on grading to be done at S/A S35-1. It was found that they would exceed \$1000 so legal advertisements were sent to the papers for bids to be opened July 22. Later it developed that more spoil was deposited in the area than the contract permitted and the Corps of Engineers is investigating this. Negotiations between the Corps of Engineers and the contractor may relieve the Navigation District of some of this expense, but the advertisement will cover grading at Navigation District expense.

The Director said that objecters to spoil area C23 have been informed that suitable alternate area must be proposed soon; estimate from the Corps of Engineers is expected on eliminating spoil area C31. Commissioner Anger is aware of these two problems and was offered the assistance of the Board.

Upland owners have presented an alternate area to eliminate island spoil area S1 but the representative of the proponents has been advised that the proposal must be modified to be usable.

The Director reported that the State Road Department is still collecting field information on the Venice Avenue and Center Road bridges; it is believed that the design for the Hatchett Creek bridge is underway in Tallahassee. Contract for the pier-strengthening work at the Blackburn Point bridge will apparently be let in August.

The committee investigating the possibility of the District getting loans from Manatee County banks in anticipation of tax revenue cannot get the tax information from the counties until their budget work is further along.

The Progress Report was accepted.

PROGRESS REPORT

14 June - 12 July 1963

CONSTRUCTION

Progress - In Sec. 5 shoals were removed in Cuts P-24 and 31 with help of blasting. On June 30 the section was 98% complete.

In Sec. 4 the contractor advanced 3,246' and dredged 85,337 cubic yards, completing the initial dredging on June 13. He is now clearing shoals. On June 30 the section was 99% complete.

Operations, Sec. 4, S/A's S28-30 (Palmer Interests) - The Hendry Corporation requested a statement on the condition of spoil areas S28 and 30 for use in concluding contract payment. On July 2 the Sarasota Board of County Commissioners adopted a motion of no objection to the existing condition of these spoil areas and so notified the Hendry Corp.

S/A S35-4 (Best) - Mr. D.E. Stottlemeyer complained to the Board of County Commissioners that an access channel had been filled by run-off from this spoil area. The District Engineer was advised of the complaint.

(Bickel et al)
S/A S35-1 - Drainage easements around the spoil area are being obtained by Sarasota County. Survey of fill within the spoil area was completed as soon as conditions permitted. On July 3 members of the staff met with Mr. C.O. Morgan, County Engineer and Mr. Mel Williams, County Mosquito Control Officer, to discuss grading operations of the spoil area.

Section 5, S/A P29 A & B - To complete payment to the contractor, Gahagan continued efforts to obtain waiver on material placed east of these spoil areas. The contractor was referred to Pinellas County Water & Navigation Control Authority.

LANDS

Charlotte County - S/A C-23 - A petition was received requesting the elimination of this island spoil area. Petitioners were advised of a report that upland owners were considering an upland area which would provide a satisfactory alternate spoil area. Petitioners were advised that there should be no delay in settling this matter.

S/A C31 - Proponents of eliminating this spoil area by placement of its spoil on the peninsula north of spoil area C-30 asked that an estimate be made for placement of spoil by using an existing road as a pipeline easement. The Corps of Engineers indicated the increased cost would be \$9,800 and at the same time raised the basic estimate from \$7,600 contribution to \$9,200 due to price increases. On June 24 the owners requested another estimate be made based upon considering the north and south portions of the peninsula as separate tracts. The Corps of Engineers was asked to make this estimate.

Sarasota, Sec. 2 - On July 9 the Board of County Commissioners recommended to the Trustees that sale be made of submerged lands required for spoil areas from S/A 11B south.

S/A S1 - Study was prepared by proponents of an alternate area to permit the elimination of this island. The upland area along Manasota Key, as proposed, was unsatisfactory as it was too narrow for utilization by hydraulic dredge and was so limited in area that the spoil height would be objectionable. Representative of the proponents was advised of these objections on July 3, with the suggestion that he determine maximum height of fill acceptable to owners and then compute additional area to be obtained by purchase of submerged lands.

S/A S2 (Paulson) - The County applied to the Trustees for submerged lands required in this spoil area adjacent to County uplands.

The Navigation & Water Control Authority will hear application for purchase of submerged lands by Mr. Paulson on June 25.

S/A S10-10A - The County applied to the Trustees for the triangular section of submerged land between these spoil areas.

Sarasota, Sec. 3 - Mr. Forrest Davies brought up to date appraisal of the tract south of the Venice airport now in condemnation.

Pinellas County, Cats Point Project - The Corps of Engineers will provide detailed land requirements for this project in August.

BRIDGES

Albee-Manasota - Sarasota County provided copies of the lease-purchase agreement entered into by the Florida Development Commission on May 21.

Center Road - FAA approval of the location has been obtained; the State Road Department is collecting field data for this bridge.

Venice Avenue - Information on the canal right-of-way and cross section of the waterway was furnished the State Road Department.

UTILITIES

Water Supply - U.S. Geological Survey awarded a contract for the monitor wells to Mr. Mark Bundy, Cortez.

ADMINISTRATION

Testimony - Governor Bryant testified before the House and Senate Appropriations Committees in Washington on the 20th and 21st of June on appropriations for Florida water projects. The additional \$400,000 desired to permit the initiation of Sec. 2 was supported but with less emphasis than three other projects.

Resolutions passed by the Board of Commissioners of the Navigation District at the June 14 meeting in support of appropriations for the West Coast Waterway and the Barge Canal were acknowledged by Senators Holland and Smathers, by Mr. Haley and Mr. Rogers. Mr. McCree, Jr., Chairman of the Canal Authority, expressed his appreciation for the Navigation District resolution.

Millage - Formal notification to the six counties and the State Comptroller on the .25 mil levy was mailed on June 14.

Investigation of borrowing funds in anticipation of taxes, as directed at the June 14 meeting, ^{to be} is awaiting formal notification from counties as to the revenue/raised by the .25 mil levy.

Decision on the mandamus action against Pinellas County was announced by Judge Leavengood in favor of the Navigation District. ✓

Mr. Ed C. Wright called the Director to protest a bill received from Mr. Merrin in connection with spoil areas S38A and B. Study of the matter was prepared.

The Corps of Engineers was requested to provide standard specifications regarding the use of haul roads required in Sec. 3.

Dredging at Siesta Key Bridge - No proposals were received on June 25 for this work. Several marine contractors in the area have been furnished copies of plans and specifications so that the contract for this work may be negotiated.

The Director spoke before the Sarasota Power Squadron on July 2 and met with officers of the Florida West Coast Yacht Council on July 10.