

WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT

BOARD MEETING, JUNE 24, 1985

2:30 P.M.

MOTE MARINE

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BOARD MEETING
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NAME:

REPRESENTING:

1. Shirley Scott
2. Bob Hanson
3. GESSENDAUER, B.S.
4. Stephen Bleege
5. Denny A. Dye, JR.
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- Key Agency, Inc - Chaglevood
- Senator
- Dr R
- Boca Boacoz
- Dye, Scott & Deitrich, ATTY'S
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The regular board meeting of the Board of Commissioners, WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT, was held Monday, June 24, 1985, at 2:30 p.m. at Mote Marine Laboratory, 1600 City Island Park, Sarasota, Florida 33577.

Commissioners Present: Joseph A. Tringali, Chairman Charlotte County
Westwood H. Fletcher, Vice Chariman Manatee County
Jerry L. Hente, Treasurer Sarasota County
Porter J. Goss, Secretary Lee County

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: James M. Armstrong, Executive Director
Philip E. Perrey, Counsel
Connie S. Lindsay, Administrative Assistant

Guest: Honorable Bob Johnson, Senator, District 25
Dr. Elton J. Gissendanner, Director, D.N.R.
Dale Adams, Administrative Assistant, D.N.R.
Dewey A. Dye, Dye, Scott & Deitrich, P.A.
Shirley Platt, Key Agency, Incorporated
Steve Kleege, Press; Boca Beacon
Chris Kauffman, Press; Venice Gondolier

ADMINISTRATION

The meeting convened at 2:30 p.m. with Chairman Joseph Tringali presiding. The minutes of April 26, 1985 Board Meeting, Treasurer's Reports of April and May, 1985 and Bills to be Paid for May and June, 1985 were presented, moved for approval, seconded and carried.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Director Armstrong introduced Senator Bob Johnson, Dr. Elton Gissendanner, Director of the Department of Natural Resources, Dale Adams, Department of Natural Resources Representative, Dewey A. Dye of Dye, Scott and Deitrich, Shirley Platt of Key Agency, Steve Kleege of the Boca Beacon and Chris Kauffman of the Venice Gondolier.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Director Armstrong reviewed the recent advertisement for sealed bids on the "Manasota Key lot," indicating this was the third attempt to sell the surplus property and that no offers nor bids were received. Director stated that Ms. Shirley Platt who was present at the meeting had brought with her a signed contract for \$250,000.00 constituting a bonafide offer for the property and asked Counsel Perrey to brief the Board on the sales contract. Counsel Perrey indicated that it was a standard real estate contract for \$250,000.00 with 10% commission to be paid by seller with rather short time frame to accept the offer of 7 days and that WCIND's net would likely be approximately \$223,000.00 after legal fees and costs of sale were deducted. Commissioner Goss said he felt the property was very marketable and that we should be in no hurry to rush into any sale and that after study that in no case should WCIND's share be less than appraised price. Commissioner Tringali stated we should not take action on this item until our Counsel had an opportunity to study the contract. Director Armstrong mentioned the possibility of the coastal construction set-back line be changed in the future that would likely render the lot un-buildable. Dr. Gissendanner said he knew of no plans to move the set-back line in Sarasota County within the next year. Commissioner Goss motioned

that WCIND entertain an offer that would guarantee a net no less than appraisal of the lot and that Counsel Perrey examine all legal aspects and report back next meeting, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher, motion carried.

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES COMMENTS

Dr. Gissendanner, Director of Department of Natural Resources asked for D.N.R. comments and said that the Department was pleased as always with the working relationship with WCIND. He then reviewed the recent laws passed relating to boating safety such as operation of watercraft under the influence. He mentioned the serious accidents and problems relating to enforcement and the problems he had with getting funding for marine patrol officers. He reviewed the existence of both F.I.N.D. and WCIND and their role in the creation of both I.W.W.'s and the growth of boating interest in Florida. He then said that when he asked the Legislature for funds to add officers to marine patrol that the Legislature granted none. He then outlined action taken by Legislature that would ask the two Navigation Districts, F.I.N.D. and WCIND to fund the addition of twelve (12) new marine patrol officers. He outlined the cost of one (1) officer with all equipment as being about \$70,000. for the first year. He said that he was here to ask WCIND to consider this request and would be on the East Coast to make the same request of F.I.N.D. next week and would very much appreciate our help.

Commissioner Fletcher stated he understood and sympathized with Dr. Gissendanner as to the need of patrol officers but this request needed serious evaluation that he was very leery of WCIND becoming involved. Dr. Gissendanner stated that if WCIND did wish to participate that a contract guaranteeing 160 hours a week service in the District would be provided.

Commissioner Hente explained his admiration for Dr. Gissendanner and D.N.R. but stated he felt WCIND had no business in law enforcement and felt if we started something like this there would be no end to it. Commissioner Hente stated he was concerned enough about the request to seek opinions of all fellow Commissioners of Sarasota County who unanimously agreed with him.

Commissioner Goss said though he understood both Commissioner Fletcher and Hente's concern that he took a different approach to the subject because in his County there was a tremendous need for additional marine patrol officers, also that WCIND by recent legislation had been given expanded role to play and WCIND was now sitting on a new horizon. Commissioner Goss said he would propose to his Commissioners of Lee County that they use whatever funds WCIND has allocated to Lee County to contract for the additional officer for Lee County.

Commissioner Tringali stated all points made were good ones but he felt action or a decision should be deferred for further study. Commissioner Tringali said the \$70,000. start-up per officer times four (one for each County) and the recurring expense there after would deplete WCIND funds and as badly as these officers are needed he was concerned that it could lead into a taxation problem and that these taxpayers of the four Counties of WCIND should not have to shoulder this alone when some of them had no boat, nor used the waterway. Some discussion by all Commissioners then centered around other forms of user fee taxation to further support additional officers. Our Director confirmed with Dr. Gissendanner that D.N.R. requested the Legislature fund additional officers but none were allowed. Director Armstrong commented that it was hard for him to see how the Legislators would do this with all the statistics via Marine Siting Study showing tremendous boating growth in all of Florida and especially Southwest Fla. Commissioner Tringali asked if Dr. Gissendanner expected a decision today and Dr. Gissendanner replied "no" that he was here to inform the Board. Commissioner Goss said WCIND is now able to provide service as never before due to recent legislation that was passed and felt WCIND would change. Commissioner Tringali asked the Board Members to give the request serious thought and hopefully come to the next meeting prepared to discuss further the D.N.R. request regarding marine patrol.

ACTIVITIES REPORT

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The Director also stated that C.O.E. had rejected a letter of assurance from S.C.L. in regards to WCIND / C.O.E. land swap and that further negotiations would continue. Commissioner Hente asked that the Director continue to monitor all efforts in this project and keep an eye on permits for Big Pass dredging.

Commissioner Tringali asked the Board to consider funding for Stump Pass dredging in the amount of 95% of local sponsor share as they did for Sarasota County. He explained this was necessary due to changes in spoil deposition that will likely negate any State funding.

Commissioner Goss motioned WCIND fund 95% of local sponsor share of the cost of dredging Stump Pass with the understanding that any funding the local sponsor receives from other sources would reduce WCIND's obligation by an amount equal to the funds received. Seconded by Commissioner Fletcher, motion carried.

Commissioner Goss commented on favorable replies received from various agencies regarding the Three Sisters Island project and said he would be coming to the Board for assistance in providing the ferry service to Cayo Costa and for the Captiva Erosion Prevention Association.

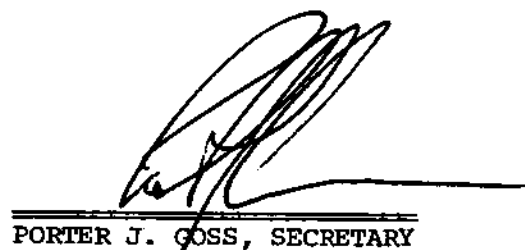
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Commissioner Goss motioned to redirect the Manatee County \$75,000. allocation to be spent by Manatee County Commission subject to certification by WCIND Counsel that such an expenditure meet with requirements of WCIND Charter. Commissioner Fletcher seconded, motion carried. Counsel Perrey indicated to the Board that new legislation took effect October 1, 1985 and WCIND Charter would then accept the Manatee County project.

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Next meeting date after July 10, 1985 and before July 28, 1985 to be decided at a later date.


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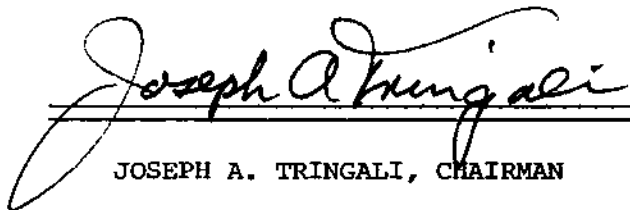
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