The monthly board meeting of the Board of Commissioners, WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT, was held January 28, 1980, in the City Council Chambers, Fort Myers, Florida.

Present were: Larry Rhodes, Chairman, Sarasota County
Arnold F. Schade, Vice Chairman, Charlotte County
R. Douglas Taylor, Secretary, Lee County
J. A. Tringali, Charlotte County Alternate Member

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

Absent was: L. H. Fortson, Jr., Treasurer, Manatee County

Guests: Lt.Col. R. J. Waterston III, Deputy District Engineer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville, and
Mr. G. G. Gren, Operations Division, Chief, C.E., Jacksonville District, Jacksonville, Florida.

ADMINISTRATION

The meeting convened at 10:30 a.m.

Commissioner Tringali, and guests, were introduced and welcomed.

Minutes of December 17, 1979 monthly board meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report December 31, 1979 was approved as presented. Vouchers No. 1834 through 1877 were approved for payment which did include reimbursement payments to Charlotte County for Stump Pass project costs in the amount of $69,751.68 for January and February.

Election of Officers - The Chairman called for this order of business and Mr. Dye conducted same with nominations for, and the election of the following: Chairman, Larry Rhodes nominated by Commr. Schade and with no other nominations. Commr. Rhodes accepted the nomination and was re-elected chairman by acclamation then resumed the chair. For Vice Chairman, Commr. Schade was nominated and re-elected same. For Secretary, Commr. Taylor was nominated and re-elected same. For office of Treasurer, Commr. Fortson was nominated and re-elected same. This action for the 1980 officers was taken by unanimous ballot.

WCIND Board Employment of Staff - The Chairman called for the Board's pleasure to be placed on record for the 1980 staff employment. Commr. Taylor moved that the Board approve the continuing employment of the present staff: Charles E. Furbee, Executive Director; WCIND Counsel, Dewey A. Dye, Jr.; and Esther C. Happich, Office Secretary-Bookkeeper. The motion was seconded and carried.

WCIND Audit - FY Ending September 30, 1979 - Copies were furnished to members for review. The Director noted that income had exceeded expense by $16,500. Requirements by State Law, Chapter 79-183, for "Local Government Financial Emergency and Accountability Act" were fulfilled and copies of this Audit were sent to the Chairman of the four WCIND Counties. Commr. Taylor moved that the Board accept this Audit Report for FY 1979; the motion was seconded and carried.

ACTIVITIES REPORT

Charlotte County

Stump Pass Dredging Project - The Director read into the record the WCIND Chairman's letter addressed to Dr. Elton J. Gissendanner, Director, Florida State Department of Natural Resources, re co-sponsors' efforts to obtain the necessary permits for the State and also the Corps of Engineers approval of this project. Commr. Schade moved to authorize this letter be sent by the WCIND; motion seconded and carried.

A review of the requirements in sequence for the necessary funds was noted by the Director. To date, WCIND has made total reimbursements for Charlotte County in the amount of $46,929; $40,885 to Charlotte County directly and $6,044 for other authorized expenses. In addition, WCIND is requested by Charlotte County to make payment for $67,217.00 which is to be final sum by WCIND together with the State funds due, $301,000, for the $368,000 contract funds for project. The State has declared that funds are being processed in the next few days. Commr. Schade reported that the Contractor, Norfolk Dredging - now located in Ft. Myers area - will await until February 1 to commence the project. Counsel Dye advised that written assurances for contract holds only to February 1. He suggested that 1) WCIND Director and Charlotte County Commissioner should go to Tallahassee for receipt of funds; and 2) the co-sponsors request the Contractor to give letter of further commitment. The Director noted for record the letter of Intent from the State DNR re authorizing $301,000 (State Beaches and Shores Bureau, DNR) towards the Stump Pass contract for $368,000. The Director was instructed to make a telephone call to Mr. Ray George, DNR, following this meeting.

Sarasota County

IWW - Dock Litigation Mr. Dye reviewed the litigation to date and the Judge's denial of appeal by the Venice landowners who now will appeal to a higher Court. WCIND has received copy of Amended Notice of Appeal. Counsel will pursue this matter as it will continue six to seven months.

Pinellas County

Crystal Beach Property and Litigation - Another re-zoning petition was heard by Pinellas County but no report has been received as yet. The Zoning Department is in favor of this new application for re-zoning but the neighborhood objects. Attorney Moore, for Crystal Beach Cons.& Dev. Associates, has asked WCIND to order the title as stated in contract. WCIND will await the zoning report. If a favorable ruling, purchasers will close; if not, then the WCIND will sue. Counsel Dye stated that if WCIND Board members concur, then Counsel will go for title search to furnish title to Crystal Beach Conservation & Development Associates. Commr. Taylor moved that Counsel go forward to furnish title as stated in contract; the motion was seconded and carried.

The ACTIVITIES REPORT was accepted as presented.

NEW BUSINESS

Manatee County

Maintenance Dredging of Manatee River - Counsel Dye called the Board's attention to last year DOT plans for re-locating the channel here with

the new bridge to be built and the necessity for maintenance dredging. This planned project is to be pursued by Commr. Fortson for the WCIND; and any other recommended plans should be pursued.

Colonel Waterston addressed the Board to express his pleasure in working with the District. In answer to Mr. Dye's request for information, Col. Waterston stated that the Inlets Feasibility Study Costs/Benefits is for maintenance only. The Manatee River, to be included in costs for Federal approval, and the mechanics underway now, will be in the study to be completed by Fall, 1981.

Corps of Engineers/WCIND Waterway Inspection Trip Plans - The Board requested the Corps of Engineers to present its dates for planning the annual inspection trip via C.E. boat. Mr. Gren suggested that the Director request as soon as possible confirmed dates agreeable for the trip.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT WCIND BOARD MEETING DATE: The February board meeting will be held Monday, February 25, in Charlotte County Courthouse, Punta Gorda.

Water Resources Congress Meeting, New Orleans, February 13 - 16: The Director and Commissioners Schade and Taylor will attend this annual meeting to represent the WCIND. Chairman Rhodes requested that Board members receive copies of the news bulletins and reports published by Water Resources Congress when received by WCIND Office.

Gulf Intracoastal Canal Association (GICA) - The Chairman noted the January, 1980 news bulletin announcing plans for the Diamond Jubilee convention in the community of its birth, on its birthdate, to be held in Victoria, Texas, August 7 and 8, 1980. Mr. Dye recommended that members and staff try to attend this 75th anniversary event.

Florida State Annual Conference for Waterway Development Reports - The Director reported that the West Coast Inland Navigation District has been requested to submit its annual report to the State in February for projects to be considered for 1982; WCIND will report no projects to propose other than continuance of the Inlets Study.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Secretary

Chairman