

The regular meeting of the WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT was held at the Court House, Bradenton, Florida, on September 8, 1958, at 2:30 p.m.

Present were:

Ellsworth Simmons, Chairman	Hillsborough County
James D. Neville	Sarasota County
Charles Fischer	Pinellas County
James E. Miller	Charlotte County

J. K. Merrin	Engineer
J. Hardin Peterson	Special Attorney
Bruce M. Cox	Accountant
Dewey Dye, Jr.	Attorney

Absent were:

Wilson Pigott	Lee County
H. C. Slaughter	Manatee County
Fred W. Ball	Executive Secretary

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ellsworth Simmons. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as presented.

Chairman Simmons reported that due to illness, Mr. Fred W. Ball, has tendered his resignation as Executive Secretary for West Coast Inland Navigation District.

Mr. Fischer made the motion, seconded by Mr. Neville, that the Board accept with regret Mr. Ball's resignation and that his compensation cease as of September 1, 1958. APPROVED.

Mr. Simmons read a telegram from Senator Spessard Holland stating that the Appropriation Bill was passed. Mr. Simmons also advised the Board that he received a letter from Senator Smathers with much the same news and giving his whole-hearted support to the project.

Mr. Peterson, Special Attorney, said he too received communications from both Senators to that effect and also heard from Congressmen Haley, Rogers, and Cramer, and Chief of Engineers and District Engineers.

Mr. Merrin reported that he went to Tallahassee and that the Trustees indicated their willingness to deed right-of-way with exception of that which had been heretofore transferred and were to place it on their next Tuesday's Agenda.

Mr. Peterson informed the Board that the Trustees did have it on their Tuesday Agenda and did act on it at that time, putting it through.

Mr. Simmons stated that he felt progress was too slow in acquiring right-of-way deeds in Pinellas County and suggested the Board immediately request deeds with clear titles and work on getting the others as soon as possible.

Mr. Dye reported that the Trustees are willing to deed outright from Tarpon Springs to Dunedin with no reservations, but there were conflicting deeds south of Dunedin, and this posed a serious problem in bringing up abstracts and acquiring right-of-way. Mr. Dye stated the Corps of Engineers felt it would be best to obtain deeds without reservations wherever possible, making it free and clear.

Mr. Fischer recommended that the Board request from the Corps of Engineers approval of the re-alignment of the route

to coincide with the new route of the proposed causeway at Dunedin Isles.

Mr. Simmons recommended that the Attorney and Engineer take this up with the Corps of Engineers to determine all the facts. He stated that there is no need for the District to keep meeting every month without getting nearer a solution and felt that one problem should not interfere with another; that if an issue arises to call on any Board member to represent the Board rather than allow an important matter be postponed until the next meeting of W.C.I.N.D. Mr. Simmons urged that definite action be taken, that it is the duty of the District to press ahead to show and prove its untiring interest in the project if it is to get recommended for appropriations in the next budget from the Government.

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Neville, that the Board request the immediate issuance of right-of-way deeds from the I. I. Board, from a point due West of Ozona in St. Joseph Sound, to the termination of the authorized route at Anclote Key, and that Mr. Fischer be authorized to represent the Board in seeking approval of the proposed changed route off-shore from Dunedin and Dunedin Isles from the Corps of Engineers and the I. I. Board. APPROVED.

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Neville that the Board request immediate issuance of right-of-way deeds with appropriate reservations as required by the I. I. Board for the balance of the right-of-way from Ozona to Pass-a-Grille,

and that the description be immediately furnished to a Pinellas County abstract company for title search. APPROVED.

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Miller that the Board request immediate issuance, without any reservations, of right-of-way deeds from Pass-a-Grille southerly and easterly to the main ship channel of Tampa Bay. APPROVED.

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Miller, that the Board request the Corps of Engineers to study and designate the spoil areas in Pinellas County so they will not be encroached upon. APPROVED.

Mr. Fischer stated that steps will be taken to insure the spoil areas against encroachment.

Mr. Simmons reported that since the last meeting, there has been an exchange of letters from Mr. Edmondson regarding the re-routing of the Canal along Myakka River instead of the accepted route through Venice, but the proposal is not yet ready for Board action as it requires further study.

Due to the absence of Mr. Slaughter, Treasurer, his report was read to the Board by Mr. Cox and approved as presented.

Mr. Miller made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer that the current bills be approved for payment. APPROVED.


Mr. Simmons brought to the attention of the Board that Blanche Earle had received \$80.00 for her secretarial service to Mr. Ball, for June and July, 1958, but since she had only

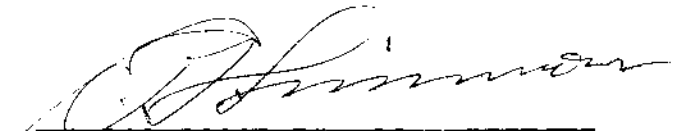
worked in June, she sent her personal check for \$40.00, in refund for the July payment.

Mr. Neville made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fischer that the Board accept the check from Blanche Earle for \$40.00, representing payment in error to her for the month of July.  
APPROVED.

Mr. Dye suggested that the Board act upon a post motion regarding securing improved property for right-of-way. After general discussion as to the feasibility of such possible action, Mr. Simmons pointed out that this might not be advantageous to the District because property could be improved during the transaction period and felt it better to wait and act upon each case as it came up.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

  
Secretary

  
Chairman