

The August meeting of the Commissioners of the WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT was held August 8, 1966, at the Manatee County Office Building.

Present were:

Ellsworth G. Simmons, Chairman, Hillsborough County
Ralph S. Clark, Treasurer, Manatee County
Mrs. Dorothy R. Flowers, Secretary, Charlotte County
Kenneth W. Daniels, Lee County
Robert M. Wright, Sarasota County

Dewey A. Dye, Jr., Acting Director
Joe K. Merrin, Engineer
Gilbert A. Smith, Special Counsel

Absent were:

J. Hardin Peterson, Sr., Special Counsel
A. L. Anderson, Vice Chairman, Pinellas County

ADMINISTRATION

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. The Minutes of the July 11, 1966, meeting were approved as presented.

Mr. Simmons announced that after reviewing various applications for the position of Executive Director a qualified and able applicant had been found living in the Venice area. He presented Mr. Thomas H. Humphris of 853 Whitecap Circle, Venice, Florida. The Board approved unanimously the appointment of Mr. Humphris as Executive Director at a compensation of \$7200 per annum, effective August 10, 1966.

The Treasurer's Report was read by Mr. Dye and approved. Vouchers #4576 through #5605 were approved for payment.

Two complaints were received from owners of property in S/A S3-3. One owner objected to the unsightly condition and loss of view, and the other (Dr. Caspersen) that spoil was washing down from the spoil area and blocking his road easement. These matters will be checked with the CE and the complainants advised.

Mr. Dye reported that officials from the CE, Board of Conservation, the City of Venice, and the District toured S/A S3-4, the spoil area next to the Venice Well Field which was placed in use on July 15. A close check will be maintained on the well field for possible salt infiltration. Mr. Lenhart and Mr. Elferdink, owners of property adjoining S/A S3-10, have agreed to include their properties in this spoil area and pay their pro rata share of the expense of diking on each parcel. The contractor has been advised that in the use of this area spoil must be placed at an elevation of $6\frac{1}{2}$ ' above sea level. A proposal was made and approved that these two property owners place their share of the cost in an escrow account to avoid any possible misunderstanding and to enable the final transaction to be handled more smoothly.

Mr. Dye reported that Mr. Rohmann of the Venice Golf Course had contacted him regarding wells that have been going dry on the golf course property, alleging the cause to be the dredging of the waterway. A meeting has been arranged with Mr. Rohmann and Mr. Sutcliffe, USGS.

Mr. Dye reported that Norfolk Dredging Co. continues to claim

equipment damage due to the installation of the dam in Section 3. CE has notified the District that if Norfolk establishes that this damage is due to the damming of dredge water WCIND will be called upon to participate in any settlement made.

Mr. Dye announced that a claim presented by Mrs. Tillie McGraft has been settled for \$1,365.35. The Board approved settlement with Norman Six on a final claim not to exceed \$680 to dredge a channel in front of his property.

Mr. Dye presented a proposal by J. E. Greiner Co. outlining specific services for additional phases of the Seaboard Airline Bridge construction. The proposal was received but no decision made until further checking with CE and SAL during the month.

Mr. Dye reported that MSA's in Sections 2, 3, and 4 were being reviewed.

The Board agreed to request the Sarasota Chamber of Commerce to act as sponsoring agent for the completion ceremony, working in conjunction with the District and other agencies that should be included in the planning of the ceremony. Tentative arrangements now place the date for this ceremony on February 24 and 25, 1967.

Upon motion duly made and unanimously carried the Progress Report was approved and accepted.

NEW BUSINESS

A bid of \$987.50 from the Guest Well Drilling Co. was accepted for the plugging of a flowing artesian well north of Venice Avenue.

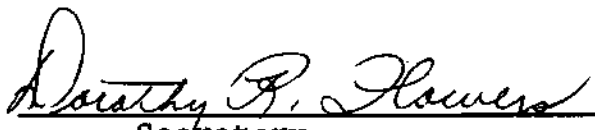
Another bid of \$2,440 from Morrison Trucking Co. for clearing and diking S/A S3-10 was also accepted.

The Board approved a bid from Weichel-Wallace Insurance Co. for full coverage on District owned property, equipment, and records; comprehensive liability on lands and automobiles; and workmen's compensation on the two full-time employees. This insurance is for a three year period with an annual premium of \$203, effective August 9, 1966. The District reserves the right to cancel after the first year.

A letter of commendation was read from Mr. L. F. Fowler, President of the Manasota Key Association.

September 19 was set for the next meeting date at 11:00 a.m. at the usual place. The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.


Chairman


Secretary

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PROGRESS REPORT

3 July - 4 August 1966

CONSTRUCTION

Construction Progress - During July the Section 3 contractor excavated 343,407 cubic yards of earth and advanced 2,022 linear feet. At the end of the month the contract was 74% complete.

Side Slopes - Work continued on dressing side slopes and grassing within the city limits of Venice. CE requested bid from Norfolk to continue side slope work throughout all of Section 3.

S/A S3-3 (WCIND S/A east of canal) - Complaint received from an owner to east of unsightly condition and loss of view. Director advised her there was no practical solution to this problem. Complaint received from Dr. Caspersen that spoil was washing down off the spoil area and onto his road easement and blocking it. Dr. Caspersen advised WCIND would look into his complaint and advise CE.

S/A S3-4 (WCIND S/A east of Highway 41 By-Pass) - Contractor commenced use of spoil area July 15. A tour of the area was had on July 13 by McKnight and other CE officials, Director Hodges and Col. Kelly of Board of Conservation and WCIND Director.

S/A S3-10 (WCIND S/A north of Venice) - Advertised for bids for clearing and diking spoil area. Adjoining owners (Elferdink and Lenhart) agreed to place portion of their property in spoil area and divide clearing and diking costs pro-rata, according to linear feet of diking on each parcel. Bids to be received August 8.

Wells - Venice Golf Course - Complaint received from Mr. Rohmann of Venice Gulf Course that two wells were dry and additional wells were going dry since the canal was dug adjacent to the golf course. Mr. Sutcliffe of USGS contacted and requested to meet with golf course officials and local well driller concerning problem.

Artesian Well - North of Venice Avenue - Advertised for bids for plugging well. To be received August 8.

Dam - Section 3 - Over the protest of Norfolk, CE directed Norfolk to reinstall dam across waterway south of S/A S3-4. McKnight of CE advised Director that if Norfolk persisted in its complaint and was able to establish that installation of the dam did damage its equipment that CE would have to call on WCIND to participate in

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any settlement made. Since installation of dam chloride content of dredge water has dropped from over 12,000 ppm to 6,000 ppm.

Claims, Section 2 - S/A S10A - Mrs. Tillie McGraft presented her claim through the Manasota Key Association for settlement on front footage basis previously authorized. The claim was settled in accordance with this authority for \$1,365.35.

S/A S11A - Norman Six - Negotiations continued with Six's attorney, but not resolved.

S/A S-6 - Hosea - Offer submitted to owners, through Attorney E. G. Boone, in amount of \$1,035.00 including attorney's fees and incidental expenses. No reply received.

Other Claims - No progress in settlement of Burnett and Wilson Enterprises claims. No other claims pending except for wells.

BRIDGES

Venice Avenue Bridge - Scheduled for final inspection by SRD on August 11. Only work remaining is finder system, which will be completed as soon as Norfolk passes through bridge.

SAL Bridge - Phase One report reviewed with J. E. Greiner Company and request made for proposal to be submitted on Phase Two -- the cost of preparation of plans and specifications. Greiner also requested to furnish estimated cost of foundation exploration and "Truman Hobbs Act" appraisal of benefits if requested.

Stickney Point Bridge - SRD plans reviewed in conference with SRD's consulting engineer. Final plans due around September 1.

LANDS

Section 2 Maintenance Spoil Areas (MSA's) - Work continued on location and designation of Section 2 MSA's in Charlotte and Sarasota Counties. Appriasals completed and negotiations commenced for acquisition of several tracts.

Section 2 Right-of-Way - Deed for additional right-of-way in vicinity of SAL Bridge received from Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund.

Section 3 Right-of-Way - State Road Department deeded abandoned road right-of-way north of Hatchett Creek to WCIND.

Section 3 MSA's - Location map received from CE designating Section 3 permanent spoil areas. Maps were studied by legal and engineering staffs and returned to CE with comments and recommendations concerning several changes to be made.

Section 3 - Request received from CE that WCIND acquire two parcels of additional right-of-way in the vicinity of Center Road bridge for construction of drainage structures. After review and conference with CE one request deleted, the other forwarded to Merrin's office for preparation of sketches. Title search and appraisal ordered.

Section 4 MSA's - Preliminary request for Section 4 MSA's received from CE. Being reviewed by staff.

UTILITIES

Venice Water Supply - Monthly report received from USGS showing Venice well field along S/A S3-4 is not showing any adverse affects from use of this area as of July 25.

ADMINISTRATION

Tax Levy - Sarasota County Tax Assessor advised of the reduction of WCIND millage.

Completion Ceremony - Planning conference held with Director Hodges of Board of Conservation and Col. Kelly, his waterway assistant. An organizational outline was obtained from the Ocala-Marion County Chamber of Commerce showing work necessary to carry out an effective ceremony. An informal conference was held with Sarasota County officials concerning necessary local cooperation in connection with the completion ceremony.

Tentative commitments received from Senator Holland, the Chief of Engineers, the Division Engineer and the District Engineer for a completion ceremony to be held on Saturday, February 25, 1967.

Suits Against the District - Service was made upon WCIND in case of Caspersen v South Venice Civic Association and WCIND (Case #19,992). This suit is under study by the legal staff and appropriate action will be taken. The WCIND condemnation suit against Caspersen, which was completed earlier this year, has been appealed by Caspersen to the District Court of Appeal in Lakeland. This appeal is also in the hands of the legal staff for appropriate action.

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Insurance - Specifications for insurance coverage for District were furnished to local insurance agents. One proposal was received from Weichel Insurance Agency which is on the Agenda.

Director - Job description furnished to Col. Kelly and Col. Tabb pursuant to their request. A number of job applications and supporting data received during the month and correspondence and interviews had with a number of interested people.