

WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT

BOARD MEETING

FEBRUARY 27, 1986

2:00 P.M.

A G E N D A

I. ADMINISTRATION

- (A) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 13, 1985
- (B) APPROVAL OF JANUARY, 1986 AND FEBRUARY, 1986 BILLS TO BE PAID
- (C) APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER, 1985 TREASURER'S REPORT
- (D) ANNUAL REHIRING OF STAFF

II. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

III. OPEN TO PUBLIC

IV. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES COMMENTS

V. ACTIVITIES REPORT

- (A) SARASOTA COUNTY 40 ACRE PARK DEED TRANSFER
- (B) MOOSE CLUB REQUEST
- (C) DISCUSSION ON HARBOR LIGHTS MOBILE HOME PARK
- (D) BOATING SAFETY REQUEST
- (E) F.O.W.L. SPOIL SITE REQUEST

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- (A) V.H.F. RADIOS ON ALL BRIDGES W/IN DISTRICT INSTALLED

VII. NEXT MEETING DATE

TO BE DISCUSSED

WCIND convened a Board meeting on Thursday, February 27, 1986 at WCIND Headquarters, 200 East Miami Avenue, Venice, Florida.

Commissioners Present: Joseph A. Tringali, Chairman Charlotte County
Porter J. Goss, Secretary Lee County
Jerry L. Hente, Treasurer Sarasota County

Commissioners Absent: Kent Chetlain Manatee County

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

Guest Present: Captain Dennison, Manatee County
Gregory Enns, Press, Sarasota Herald Tribune

ADMINISTRATION:

The meeting convened at 1:43 p.m. with Chairman Tringali presiding. The minutes of December 13, 1985, the Treasurer's Report of November, December and January, the bills to be paid for January and February, 1986 were moved for approval, seconded and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hente moved approval of the FY84/85 Audit Report, seconded by Commissioner Goss, motion carried.

Commissioner Hente moved for the rehiring of the Executive Director, the Executive Director's Secretary and Counsel for the year of 1986, seconded by Commissioner Goss, motion carried.

Chairman Tringali advised the Board that the time has come to elect Officers for the WCIND Board.

Commissioner Hente motioned to elect Commissioner Tringali as Chairman, Commissioner Goss as Vice-Chairman, Commissioner Chetlain as Secretary and Commissioner Hente continue as Treasurer, seconded by Commissioner Goss, motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Goss moved to approve renewal of the Treasurer's bond, seconded by Commissioner Hente, motion carried.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

Director Armstrong welcomed Captain Dennison of the Manatee County Sheriff's Department and Gregory Enns of the Sarasota Herald Tribune.

OPEN TO PUBLIC:

There were no comments of the general public.

DNR COMMENTS:

Director Armstrong stated there was no DNR Representation at today's meeting.

ACTIVITIES REPORT:

Sarasota County / 40 Acre Park

Director Armstrong stated he has received Dr. Gissendanner's approval of the deed. Chairman Tringali read for the record the letter of approval from Dr. Gissendanner of the Department of Natural Resources.

Commissioner Hente motioned to approve the transfer of land to Sarasota County and authorize Chairman Tringali to execute, seconded by Commissioner Goss, motion carried.

Sarasota County ContinuedMoose Club Request

Director Armstrong stated he has received a letter from the Venice Moose Club requesting to utilize WCIND's dirt lot area on the waterway to park their automobiles once or twice a week and offered to pay for the usage.

Commissioner Tringali stated people will use this lot whether they have WCIND's permission or not unless fenced and policed and stated he has no objections providing No. one that the lot is maintained and properly policed by the requester and No. two get a statement resolving WCIND of all liabilities that may occur and prior to any improvements made on the property would require approval by WCIND.

Commissioner Goss stated he has no objections for the utilization of this property for informal parking so long as WCIND is not violating any trusts to the public and secondly WCIND is held harmless and allow no improvements except those the Executive Director of WCIND has approved at no cost to WCIND and made clear anytime WCIND would need this property WCIND could. Also Commissioner Goss stated he does not want to give permission but that WCIND's Board has no objection by consensus providing WCIND is held harmless.

Harbor Lights Mobile Home Village Update

Director Armstrong stated the survey is complete and there are five mobile homes encroaching on WCIND's R.O.W. and the owner has asked to place a sixth mobile home entirely on the R.O.W. and would like to either buy the property or lease it.

Director Armstrong stated he has written C.O.E. asking for their position on this encroachment should WCIND decide to lease or sell the R.O.W.

Director Armstrong informed the Board the homes have been there prior to WCIND's purchase of the R.O.W.

Commissioner Goss stated WCIND considers the survey official and can no longer tolerate casting a blind eye to the situation and propose that from this day forward receive compensation for the use of the land which would normally not be given. Also so there is no unnecessary hardship involved in relocation of the people WCIND should grant those specific individuals a life use but once the individuals residing on the R.O.W. at present leave the R.O.W. no longer be allowed encroached upon again and to ask the C.O.E. on behalf of the people to allow them to reside on the R.O.W. and WCIND receive compensation from the owner.

Commissioner Tringali questioned if WCIND should try and get compensation for past encroachment.

Commissioner Goss stated such an attempt to collect past fees could cost WCIND more in legal fees than would be collected.

Commissioner Goss motioned to make the survey the official findings of this Board as to ownership of this property in question and to forward the information to C.O.E. and ask the C.O.E. if our proposal to allow a phase out of the residents encroaching would be permitted with the understanding the phase out would be subjected to an on demand call at anytime by C.O.E. or WCIND and further an attempt to receive compensation for the use of the property in the interim if it is continued to be used and finally WCIND would agree to no further encroachments whatsoever beyond those existing which will be phased out, seconded by Commissioner Hente, motion carried unanimously.

Senior Friendship Center

Commissioner Hente stated he would like to bring new business to the Board being land owned by WCIND on the east side of the IWW south of the South Bridge in Venice would be a prime location for a request received by Sarasota County for five or six acres in a park like setting for a Senior Friendship Center.

Sarasota County ContinuedSenior Friendship Center Continued

Commissioner Goss stated he has no opposition in principal to the property used for a bonafied public purpose if it is truly surplus property.

Commissioner Hente stated the only question he is asking the Board is if he has the go ahead to pursue this.

Director Armstrong suggested establishing WCIND's legal position, i.e. is it within WCIND's legislation, it is truly surplus land the entire 40 acres or can we declare a portion only surplus, also if WCIND declares this property surplus it reverts to the ownership of the City of Venice.

Director Armstrong stated if C.O.E. ever wanted to utilize this property as a spoil area he was doubtful they would be allowed to because there is a forest of pine trees eighty foot tall, a very nice wooded area people were using for a dump until recently fenced and patrolled.

Director stated first to go to the City of Venice and then get back with Sarasota County if there is a chance this can be done.

Commissioner Hente agreed to contact Mayor Louis and the Director of the Senior Friendship Center and asked Director Armstrong if he would contact C.O.E. for disposition of five acres, after discussion the Board agreed to a feasibility study as to the possibility of this type of land use.

Manatee County And Charlotte County Boating Safety Request

Director Armstrong stated Charlotte County's Letter of Understanding has been approved and they have their funds.

Manatee County's Letter of Understanding has been approved by DNR with amendments same as Charlotte County.

Included in the amendments Dr. Gissendanner inserted, under county obligation, are the Deputy Sheriff's to be trained by the Florida Marine Patrol and to patrol the IWW and the immediate adjacent waters of the bays and inlets within the county.

Commissioner Hente stated he would like to remind the Board that this is a one-time only grant from WCIND and will not be a yearly reoccurring expenditure of WCIND.

Commissioner Goss motioned to accept the agreements of the said county's involved for approval as amended by DNR and forward to the counties for their approval, seconded by Commissioner Hente, motion carried.

Charlotte CountyIsland Transit Ferry Proposal Update

Director Armstrong stated the survey is complete and it confirms WCIND does own the property and now we need to get with C.O.E. to find out if they have no objection to let the ferry operate on WCIND property.

Director indicating the procedure Island Transit would like to take on placing a boat slip for the ferry to go stright across the IWW.

Director Armstrong stated after receiving the go ahead from COE then to decide on a lease agreement of some kind and get a appraisal and find out the value of the submerged land.

Commissioner Tringali stated to proceed as decided upon before and have the Director Armstrong get COE's decision on this and get the appropriate costs and fee to charge and have Counsel draft the appropriate agreements.

Lee CountyF.O.W.L. Spoil Site as Bird Sanctuary and Ding Darling Spoil Site

Director Armstrong stated the F.O.W.L. spoil site sanctuary and the Ding Darling spoil site are completed this was for information purposes only.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT:VHF Radios

Director Armstrong stated all the radios are installed in Sarasota County, Charlotte County and are being installed on all State owned bridges at present. For the Boards information that a \$1,000.00 (a use) fee will be imposed if the radio is used without a license so do not use until that time.

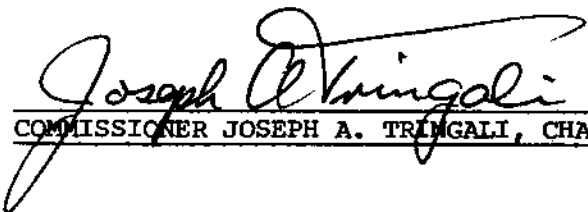
Discussion of Navigation Committee Meeting (DNR)

Director Armstrong stated each Commissioner has been mailed the minutes from the meeting of 12/10/85 and the agenda for the upcoming to be held on 2/28/86. Also there is a nine item list to be discussed and decided upon at the February 28, 1986 meeting.

Director Armstrong stated he has attended two separate Legislative Delegations, one at Cape Coral with not too much enthusiasm toward the Navigation Advisory Committee Meetings and the second one held in Sarasota County, stated that both Senator Johnson and Senator Neal and the Legislators that were there including Dave Thomas stated they would contact Dr. Gissendanner and find out what he really wants and how he wants to do it and see if they could help him and agreed to ask for funds for marine patrolmen for the State. Director Armstrong stated he requested if any legislation is being proposed this session has any bearing on WCIND would they please contact him so WCIND can be a part of it prior to introduction.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.


 COMMISSIONER JOSEPH A. TRINGALI, CHAIRMAN


 COMMISSIONER KENT CHETLAIN, SECRETARY