WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT

BOARD MEETING

NOVEMBER 17, 1989 / 10:30 AM

A G E N D A

ADMINISTRATION:

A) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 27, 1989
B) APPROVAL OF THE BILLS TO BE PAID FOR NOVEMBER, 1989

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES COMMENTS:

ACTIVITIES REPORT:

A) OPEN SEALED BIDS SUBMITTED ON BOAT PURCHASE
B) DISCUSS USE OF BOATING IMPROVEMENT FUNDS FOR BOAT RAMPS, ETC.
C) REVIEW DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION ON FUNDING PERCENTAGES
D) REVIEW FINDINGS OF SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES COMM. PURSUANT TO SUNDOWN ACT

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

REPORT ON SARASOTA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS MEETING OF NOVEMBER 3, 1989

NEXT MEETING DATE:

SUGGESTED: JANUARY 12, 1990

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT WAS HELD ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1989 AT WCIND HEADQUARTERS, 200 EAST MIAMI AVENUE, VENICE, FLORIDA.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:	KENT G. CHETLAIN, CHAIRMAN RAY JUDAH, VICE CHAIRMAN JIM GREENWALD, SECRETARY DAVID H. SCHMIDT, TREASURER
COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:	NONE
STAFF PRESENT:	JAMES M. ARMSTRONG, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CONNIE MCLENNA, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT PHILIP E. PERREY, COUNSEL
D.N.R. REPRESENTATIVE:	NONE
GUESTS PRESENT:	BELINDA PERRY, SARASOTA COUNTY NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

ADMINISTRATION:

WITH CHAIRMAN CHETLAIN PRESIDING COMMISSIONER JUDAH MOTIONED APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 27, 1989, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GREENWALD, MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. COMMISSIONER GREENWALD MOTIONED APPROVAL OF THE BILLS TO BE PAID FOR NOVEMBER, 1989, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT, MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

MR. ARMSTRONG INTRODUCED BELINDA PERRY AND WELCOMED HER TO TODAY'S MEETING.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

THERE WERE NO COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC PRESENT.

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES COMMENTS:

THE DIRECTOR INFORMED THAT DUE TO CONFLICTING SCHEDULES THE D.N.R. REPRESENTATIVE WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND TODAY'S MEETING.

ACTIVITIES REPORT:

OPEN SEALED BIDS SUBMITTED ON BOAT PURCHASE

MR. ARMSTRONG INFORMED AT WCIND'S LAST MEETING THE BOARD REQUESTED HIM TO ADVERTISE AGAIN, FOR THE SECOND TIME, TO INCLUDE THE BRADENTON HERALD AND THE SARASOTA HERALD TRIBUNE. THE DIRECTOR SAID HE HAS DONE THIS ADVERTISING FOR A NEW 21' WALK-AROUND BOAT WITH CUDDY CABIN, STANDARD EQUIPMENT AND A NEW 200 HP JOHNSON MOTOR, COMPLETELY RIGGED AND READY FOR SERVICE. IN ADDITION HE HAS WROTE TO THE TWO PEOPLE WHO PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED BIDS GIVING THEM A CHOICE OF EITHER LEAVING THEIR BID IN PLACE OR WITHDRAWING IT. SIESTA KEY MARINA LEFT THEIR BID IN PLACE AND THE VENICE MARINE CENTER WITHDREW THE BID SUBMITTED AND HAVE RE-BID ON ANOTHER BOAT. MR. ARMSTRONG SAID THE VENICE MARINE CENTER'S NEW BID IS AS FOLLOWS:

1990 21 FOOT CUDDY WALK-AROUND WITH A 1990 JOHNSON MOTOR FOR $20,993.21.
SIESTA KEY MARINA BID IS FOR A 1989 21 FOOT MAKO WALK-AROUND WHICH ALSO INCLUDES TOP AND SIDE CURTAINS THAT HE WILL BE ABLE TO PURCHASE AND ARE NEEDED AND THE TOTAL PURCHASE PRICE FOR THE MAKO IS $21,849.00.
WITH FURTHER DISCUSSION COMMISSIONER GREENWALD MOTIONED APPROVAL OF THE LOW BID BEING THE PURSUIT, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT, MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
MR. ARMSTRONG INFORMED DRY STORAGE IS ABOUT $1,200.00 PER YEAR AND INSURANCE HAS BEEN TENTATIVELY SET AT $1,500.00 ANNUALLY WITH A POSSIBLE REDUCTION.
COMMISSIONER GREENWALD SUGGESTED THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR GIVE A REPORT ON COST ANALYSIS OF INSURANCE PREMIUMS FOR THE PURSUIT NEXT MEETING.

BOATING IMPROVEMENT FUNDS:

MR. ARMSTRONG STATED LAST MEETING THIS ITEM WAS REQUESTED TO BE PLACED ON THIS MEETING AGENDA AND THE DIRECTOR HAS DONE SO AND PROVIDED EACH COMMISSIONER A LIST OF FUNDS AVAILABLE FROM THE BOATING IMPROVEMENT FUND WITHIN THE DISTRICT.
MR. ARMSTRONG SUGGESTED WHEN PROJECTS ARE PUT TOGETHER FOR WCIND CONSIDERATION THAT THIS MIGHT BE THE TIME TO ASK WHETHER OR NOT THEY HAD LOOKED AT USING THE BOATING IMPROVEMENT FUNDS. ALSO, THERE ARE A LOT OF RESTRICTIONS AS TO WHAT CAN BE DONE WITH THESE FUNDS. COMMISSIONER GREENWALD REQUESTED A COPY OF THE GUIDELINES FOR USE OF THE BOATING IMPROVEMENT FUNDS.
BELINDA PERRY STATED SHE WILL COPY THE GUIDELINES AND SEND TO MR. ARMSTRONG, THAT THEY ARE VERY SPECIFIC.
COMMISSIONER JUDAH REQUESTED SCHEDULING THIS FOR DISCUSSION AT WCIND'S NEXT MEETING.

REVIEW FUNDING PERCENTAGES:

MR. ARMSTRONG PUT TOGETHER AN ANALYSIS OF WCIND FUNDING FROM 1983 - 1989 AS REQUESTED AND PRESENTED THE LIST TO EACH COMMISSIONER. ALSO HE HAD NO RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO WHAT THE PERCENTAGES SHOULD BE. THE COUNTIES CAN BETTER DETERMINE THAT THAN HE COULD. THE DIRECTOR MENTIONED D.N.R.'S SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE HAVE PUBLICLY CRITICIZED WCIND FOR FUNDING D.N.R. ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS NOT BECAUSE OF IT BEING ENVIRONMENTAL BUT BECAUSE IT WAS PAID TO D.N.R. FURTHER MR. ARMSTRONG STATED FLORIDA STATE LAW 85-200 DIRECTS WCIND TO DO SO. THAT SENATOR TOM MCPHERSON SAID IT DOES NOT LOOK GOOD FOR WCIND TO BE GIVING MONEY TO THOSE WHO SUPERVISE AND CONTROL THIS DISTRICT. MR. ARMSTRONG SAID THAT WCIND IS ONLY ABIDING BY THE LAW THE SENATE WROTE.
COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT STATED THERE NEEDS TO BE SOME GUIDELINES AS TO THE PERCENTAGE EACH "CATEGORY" WILL RECEIVE FROM WCIND.
MR. ARMSTRONG SAID HE FEELS THE PROBLEM WILL TAKE CARE OF ITSELF. IF WCIND GETS INVOLVED IN SOME OF THE THINGS IT LOOKS AS THOUGH WE WILL, THAT THEY WILL BE SO COSTLY THERE WILL NOT BE ENOUGH FUNDS LEFT OVER TO BE CONCERNED WITH.
ANOTHER ITEM THAT POSSIBLY BOTH NAVIGATION DISTRICT'S WILL BE APPROACHED WITH IS THE REQUEST TO FUND SENATOR MCPHERSON'S SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION. WHAT THIS BOARD NEEDS TO BE CONCERNED WITH IS WCIND COULD BE BOMBARDED WITH THESE KINDS OF STUDIES AND THESE KIND OF THINGS UNLESS WE ALREADY HAVE A PLACE FOR OUR FUNDS IN INLET AND PASS MAINTENANCE.
COMMISSIONER JUDAH SAID HE WOULD GET THE PERCENTAGES FROM HIS COUNTY AND REPORT BACK TO THIS BOARD.

REVIEW FINDINGS OF SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE:

MR. ARMSTRONG DISTRIBUTED A REPORT PREPARED BY THE SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE'S STAFF REVIEWING THE DISTRICTS THAT TOOK MONTHS TO PUT TOGETHER. IN SUMMARY THE REPORT STATED THAT THE NAVIGATION DISTRICTS SHOULD BE LEFT INTACT AND THEIR ACTS REENACTED. ALSO, THE DISTRICTS ARE FUNCTIONING IN A WAY THAT WOULD REQUIRE REENACTMENT OF THEIR ACT AND ARE DOING EVERYTHING THEY SHOULD BE DOING. UNFORTUNATELY WHEN THE SENATE'S STAFF BEGAN TO REPORT THESE THINGS TO THE COMMITTEE THEY WERE CUT-OFF AT THE VERY BEGINNING AND NOT ONE OF THE EIGHT SENATORS HAD READ THE REPORT.
MR. ARMSTRONG ALSO NOTED THAT NOT ONE OF THE EIGHT SENATORS REVIEWING WCIND WAS FROM OUR DISTRICT.
THE SENATORS REVIEWED F.I.N.D., THREW-UP THEIR HANDS AND SAID THE "DISTRICTS" INCLUDING WCIND SHOULD BE ABOLISHED. THEY HAD NOT REVIEWED WCIND OR QUESTIONED IT'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR EVEN WERE AWARE OF WHAT WCIND DOES.
FINALLY, MR. ARMSTRONG SPOKE AND ASSURED THE COMMITTEE WCIND DOES HAVE THE SUPPORT OF OUR LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION, OF THE COUNTIES AND THE SUPPORT OF THE PEOPLE OF THE DISTRICT THAT ARE ACTUALLY PAYING THE DOLLARS TO SUPPORT IT AND ALL FELT IT SHOULD BE REENACTED.
MR. ARMSTRONG POINTED OUT THAT THIS DISTRICT BY WAY OF AD VALOREM TAXES HAD A 179% RETURN ON THEIR DOLLARS INVESTED. ON LAND USE WCIND HAS PROVIDED THE COUNTIES, THE RETURN HAS BEEN IN EXCESS OF THE 179% WHEN GETTING DOWN TO THE ACTUAL DOLLAR THOSE ENTITIES HAVE SAVED.
AFTER THE COMMITTEE HAD SAID HOW BAD THE DISTRICTS ARE THEY MOTIONED TO MOVE THE BILL AMENDING STATUTE 374.976 AND REPEALING THE SUNDOWN ACT.
MR. ARMSTRONG STATED IT IS BEST TO HAVE REPRESENTATION WHENEVER THERE IS A MEETING REGARDING WCIND.
MR. PERREY REPORTED THE ENTIRE ATTITUDE OF THE SENATORS ON THIS COMMITTEE WAS SOMEWHAT DISAPPOINTING.
IN ALL FIFTY PAGES OF THE STAFF REPORT, IT SAYS NOTHING BAD ABOUT THE DISTRICTS ONLY GOOD THINGS. FURTHER, HE PLANS TO WRITE A LETTER TO THE SENATORS ON THE COMMITTEE AND TRY TO ANSWER SOME OF THE QUESTIONS THAT WERE ASKED DURING THE MEETING. IT LOOKS AS THOUGH EVERYONE IS UPSET WITH F.I.N.D. AND NO ONE IS LOOKING AFTER WCIND THAT WE ARE GETTING THROWN UNDER THE BUS WITH F.I.N.D..
COMMISSIONER GREENWALD QUESTIONED IF SOMEONE WILL BE PRESENT AT THE HEARING IN THE REGULAR SESSION?
MR. PERREY SAID HE BELIEVES THIS WILL BE BROUGHT UP AGAIN AT THE NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING.
COMMISSIONER GREENWALD REQUESTED MR. PERREY TO PUT TOGETHER A BRIEF SYNOPSIS AND ATTACH IT TO THE FIFTY PAGE REPORT OUTLINING BRIEFLY WHAT THE REPORT SAYS WHICH HE FEELS IS VERY EFFECTIVE.

APPROVAL OF MANATEE COUNTY APPLICATIONS AND AGREEMENTS FY89/90:

MR. ARMSTRONG INFORMED THIS BOARD APPROVED AN ALLOCATION TO MANATEE COUNTY IN THE AMOUNT OF $225,185.00 FOR FY89/90. HE HAS RECEIVED APPLICATIONS AND AGREEMENTS COVERING THAT AMOUNT AND NEEDS THE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE THESE DOCUMENTS.
COMMISSIONER GREENWALD MOVED FOR APPROVAL FOR EXECUTION OF MANATEE COUNTY'S PROJECT APPLICATIONS AND AGREEMENTS FOR FY89/90, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT, MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

REPORT ON SARASOTA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS MEETING:

MR. ARMSTRONG STATED HE WAS INVITED TO A MEETING AT MOTE MARINE TO LOOK AT THE POSSIBILITY OF CREATING A LOCAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS INITIATED BY SARASOTA COUNTY. THE EXPRESSED INTEREST OF THIS COUNCIL IS FUNDING OF BEACH MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES IN THE REGION.
MR. ARMSTRONG RECOMMENDED WCIND BECOME A PART OF THIS COUNCIL AND BE ACTIVE IN IT. THAT IF THE COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES COULD AGREE ON A PLAN IT WOULD BE FAR MORE POWERFUL THAN A SINGLE ENTITY WITH REGARDS TO FUNDING, PERMITTING, ETC..
MR. ARMSTRONG SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO BE A PART OF THIS COUNCIL BUT DOES NOT WANT TO BE A PART OF ANY REDUNDANCY IN STUDIES AND PLANNING, AT ALL. THERE WILL HAVE TO BE SOME STUDIES AND DISCUSSIONS BUT THERE IS A LOT OF INFORMATION ALREADY AT HAND WHICH CAN BE UTILIZED.
COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT STATED HE FEELS WE SHOULD BE REPRESENTED AND INVOLVED AND TO SHOW OUR INTEREST.
COMMISSIONER GREENWALD SAID HE FELT THAT GETTING A GROUP TOGETHER AND TALKING CANNOT HURT BUT WOULD PROBABLY COME-OUT AHEAD.
MR. ARMSTRONG SAID HE WILL ATTEND THE MEETINGS AS A GUEST.

NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO SUE AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

MR. ARMSTRONG READ THE LETTER RECEIVED FROM JAMES P. MERCHANT'S ATTORNEY ANNOUNCING HIS CLIENT'S INTENTION TO SUE WCIND DUE TO MR. MERCHANT RECEIVING SEVER INJURIES WHILE SWINGING ON A ROPE WHILE ON SNAKE ISLAND. THE AMOUNT OF COMPENSATION DEMANDED IS $100,000.00.
MR. ARMSTRONG HAS PUT TOGETHER SEVERAL RECOMMENDATIONS AIMED AT ALLEVIATING THESE PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH SNAKE ISLAND AND PRESENTED THEM TO THE BOARD.
WITH FURTHER DISCUSSION COMMISSIONER GREENWALD MOVED APPROVAL OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT, MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

REPORT ON DNR/BEACHES AND SHORES MEETING:

MR. ARMSTRONG MENTIONED, AS A POINT OF INFORMATION, WHILE HE WAS IN TALLAHASSEE HE MET WITH MR. KIRBY GREEN, DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF BEACHES AND SHORES AND HIS ASSISTANT, ANDREW GRAYSON AND REVIEWED WCIND'S MEETING OF 9/15/89 REGARDING INLET AND PASS MAINTENANCE.
THE DIRECTOR QUESTIONED WHAT PARTICIPATION WCIND COULD EXPECT, IF ANY, AND WHAT THE STATE WOULD LIKE TO SEE HAPPEN.
MR. GREEN STATED WHAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE HAPPEN IS FOR MR. ARMSTRONG TO CONTACT EACH OF THE FOUR COUNTIES WCIND REPRESENTS BY RESOLUTION TO ASK WCIND TO BECOME THE SPONSOR FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE PASSES NOT INCLUDED BY COE.
THEN D.N.R. CAN AND WILL WORK COOPERATIVELY WITH WCIND INCLUDING FUNDING OF PASS MAINTENANCE.
ADDITIONALLY, MR. ARMSTRONG SAID CHARLOTTE COUNTY IS IN THE PERMITTING PROCESS FOR THE DREDGING OF STUMP PASS AND MAY OR MAY NOT CONSIDER ALTERNATIVE PROPOSALS

REPORT ON DNR/BEACHES AND SHORES MEETING CONTINUED:

SUCH AS NOT DREDGING THE PASS OR DREDGING THE PASS AND PROVIDING SOME KIND OF MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES. THAT IT WOULD CERTAINLY HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED A DEMONSTRATION AND A EXPERIMENTAL PROJECT.
MR. GREEN, TO MR. ARMSTRONG'S SURPRISE, STATED THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE WCIND DO THAT THE STATE WILL SUPPORT IT. FURTHER, HE WILL WRITE THE DIRECTOR A LETTER OUTLINING THEIR GUIDELINES AND WHAT THEY ARE PROPOSING.
MR. ARMSTRONG SAID HE NEEDS TO PUT TOGETHER A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND SEND IT TO BEACHES AND SHORES FOR THEIR APPROVAL. ALSO HE HAS CONTACTED MR. PARKS AND MR. PARKS WILL BE MAKING A PRESENTATION TO CHARLOTTE COUNTY TO TRY AND HELP THEM DECIDE WHETHER TO DREDGE STUMP PASS OR USE A BY-PASS SYSTEM.
CONCLUDING, MR. ARMSTRONG SAID HE FEELS WCIND IS TAKING THE PROPER STEPS TOWARD ALLEVIATING SOME OF THE PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH PASSES AND INLETS.

REPORT ON WCIND/STATE INSURANCE PARTICIPATION:

MR. ARMSTRONG REPORTED FOR OVER TWO YEARS WCIND HAS BEEN TRYING TO GET AN ANSWER REGARDING WCIND'S PARTICIPATION IN THE STATE HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM. WHILE IN TALLAHASSEE, AFTER BEING ADVISED WCIND EMPLOYEES HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED, THEY CONTACTED THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION TO PICK UP THE ENROLLMENT FORMS. ALL THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE AT THIS POINT IS FOR THE BOARD TO DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT TO FUND THE INSURANCE.
A DISCUSSION AROSE AS TO HOW EACH COUNTY HANDLES THEIR EMPLOYEES INSURANCE.
MR. ARMSTRONG INFORMED WCIND'S SISTER ORGANIZATION, F.I.N.D., PAYS FOR THE ENTIRE COVERAGE FOR THEIR EMPLOYEES.
COMMISSIONER CHETLAIN SUGGESTED ADOPTING WHAT THE STATE DOES BECAUSE THIS IS A STATE PROGRAM. IF THE STATE PAYS FOR EVERYTHING, THAT IS WHAT WCIND WILL DO.
COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT AGREED AND COMMISSIONER GREENWALD MOVED WCIND ADOPT THE STATE GUIDELINES FOR INSURANCE AND PAYMENTS AS DESIGNATED BY THE STATE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT, MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
MR. ARMSTRONG RELAYED HIS FEELINGS SAYING THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO BE TREATED IN THE SAME WAY, NOT ONLY FROM A COMPENSATION STANDPOINT, BUT IN EVERY OTHER WAY AS THE OTHER NAVIGATION DISTRICTS.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

SUGGESTED NEXT MEETING DATE IS JANUARY 12, 1989 AT 10:30 AM.

Kent G. Chetlain
KENT G. CHETLAIN, CHAIRMAN

Jim Greenwald
JIM GREENWALD, SECRETARY