

WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 1993 AT 10:30 A.M.

SARASOTA COUNTY SOUTH COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER

ROOM 228, 4000 SOUTH TAMiami TRAIL

VENICE, FLORIDA

A G E N D A

ADMINISTRATION:

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Approval of the Minutes of January 22, 1993
3. Approval of Bills to be Paid for January and February, 1993
4. Approval of Treasurer's Reports for December 1992 and January 1993
5. Approval of Deletions or Additions to Agenda

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES COMMENTS:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Mote Labs, Dr. Kumar Mahadevan, wishes to address the Board
2. Manatee signage report and approval of signs for boat ramps

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Moose Lodge #1308, Venice, FL - Request to use R.O.W. for horseshoe pits
2. City of Anna Maria - Request for emergency dredging funds in amount of \$15,000
3. City of Venice request to use R.O.W. for pipeline easement for water
4. Sarasota County Transportation Dept. (Stormwater Drainage) - Request to use spoil area on temporary basis

NEXT MEETING TIME:

SUGGESTED DATE:

ADJOURNMENT:

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MINUTES OF MARCH 26, 1993

A regular meeting of the West Coast Inland Navigation District was held on Friday, March 26, 1993, at 10:30 a.m. at the Sarasota County South County Administration Center, Room 228, Venice, Florida.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Richard J. Leonard, Vice-Chairman
Wayne Derr, Secretary
Kent G. Chetlain, Treasurer

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Ray Judah, Chairman

STAFF PRESENT:

James M. Armstrong, Executive Director
Connie McLenna, Administrative Asst.
Philip E. Perrey, Counsel

DNR REPRESENTATIVE:

Jeremy A. Craft

ADMINISTRATION:

Vice-Chairman Leonard presided. Commissioner Chetlain moved to approve the minutes of January 22, 1993. Commissioner Derr seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Chetlain moved to approve the bills to be paid for January and February, 1993. Commissioner Derr seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Chetlain moved to approve the Treasurer's Reports for December and January. Commissioner Derr seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Armstrong had an addition to the Agenda -- BAIL wishes to review the Anchorage Committee's actions. Commissioner Derr moved to add it under item #3 of Old Business. Commissioner Chetlain seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mote Labs, Dr. Kumar Mahadevan, wishes to address the Board.

Dr. Mahadevan said that Sarasota County had approved the project by resolution. Contractors are preparing their bids for April 5th. They have been asked to bid the Environmental Education Center separately from the rest of the project. Commissioner Derr moved to approve the project. Commissioner Chetlain seconded. Mr. Armstrong said right now we do not know if the funds will come from a reserve fund or from Sarasota County's allocation. Once we find out what the total budget requests are from the four counties then the Board can determine the method of funding. Reserve funds are available. Motion carried unanimously.

Manatee Signage Report and Approval of Signs for Boat Ramps.

Mr. Armstrong reported that 24% of the signs have been installed. Some problems have been encountered, i.e. the contractor's barge has been cut loose, two of his workers were knocked off the scaffolding by boats, signs are worded wrong, instructions are worded wrong, etc. There are supposed to be information signs at boat ramps but no directives were given as to wording. Mr. Armstrong asked Sarasota County Natural Resources Dept. to come up with a sign design. They have a bid of \$1,947.50 produce the signs and install them at all county boat ramps. Commissioner Chetlain felt the sign design was too busy and difficult to read. Commissioner Chetlain moved to pay the contractor 20% of the contract price (\$10,000). Commissioner Derr seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Armstrong offered to work with Sarasota County Natural Resources Dept. to simplify the wording of signs at boat ramps.

Bail Report. Mr. Walter Stilley addressed the Board. It did not prove practical to use volunteers to conduct boater surveys. The alternate approach chosen was to recruit volunteer boaters through the state boating registration records. This technique was much more costly but resulted in the formation of a group of 500 independent volunteer boaters who can rate the guide and the anchorages. The Sea Grant program is collecting environmental data by focused diving on representative anchorages, but this aspect will not be completed until the first quarter of 1994. Mr. Stilley has proposed setting back the date of the final edition of the guide until all information is complete. They are also considering whether or not the guide can be published to recover costs in some way. A Board member of the SWFLRPC suggested including Glade and Hendry counties in the guide.

A second section of BAIL's Pilot Program referred to model guidelines or ordinances and systems to regionally and then locally manage the anchorages. At a February 25th conference wide support was expressed by various agencies for voluntary compliance with anchorage regulations. A necessary first step will be to review all current anchoring or mooring ordinances to collate the needs as seen by the various political entities. Budget requests are being prepared.

NEW BUSINESS:

Moose Lodge #1308, Venice, - Request to use R.O.W. for horseshoe pits. Commissioner Chetlain moved to approve the Moose request contingent upon WCIND's attorney approving a clause that WCIND will not be held liable in any way. Commissioner Derr seconded. Motion carried unanimously. There will be no charge for this use.

City of Anna Maria - Request for emergency dredging funds in amount of \$15,000. Mr. Armstrong said the Lake LaVista inlet virtually closed up two weeks ago during a severe storm. The funds are for emergency dredging. The city will fund \$10,000, and WCIND is being asked for \$15,000. Mr. Armstrong recommended taking \$5,000 from the reserve account and \$10,000 from the contingency fund. This project meets all the requirements for a navigation project. Commissioner Chetlain moved to approve the request for emergency dredging funds in the amount of \$15,000 for the City of Anna Maria. Commissioner Derr seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

City of Venice Request to use R.O.W. for Pipeline Easement for Water. Mr. Armstrong would like the Board's approval to mail everything to the C.O.E. and ask them for a "consent to use easement". Mr. Armstrong was directed to do so.

Sarasota County Transportation Dept. Request to use spoil area on temporary basis. The county wants conceptual approval to use one of our spoil areas about 100 ft. north of the Venice Marine Center to deposit disposal temporarily. The material is mostly trees and stumps etc. which need to dry out before being hauled away and ground up. This is cheaper than hauling the debris off to the dump. Mr. Armstrong was told to proceed. He would ask the county to provide a letter saying how much money they saved by using our spoil area on a temporary basis.

DNR COMMENTS: Mr. Jeremy Craft addressed the Board. A bill dealing with mandatory boater education appears likely to pass. People under the age of 16 will have to get some sort of boater education and meet standards set up by the Marine Patrol. Each year the mandatory age will be increased. A bill to merge DER and DNR has passed the House. A similar bill is just sitting in the Senate Appropriations Committee. The administrative savings could be tremendous, but the details have to be worked out. Senator Crenshaw may be contacted with comments about the proposed merger. The state seems to have backed off of the idea of licensing boat operators in favor of requiring boater education. For the first year after the merger, all functions and responsibilities of the various agencies and departments would remain unchanged.

NEXT MEETING TIME AND DATE: May 21 or May 28 in Charlotte County.

ADJOURNMENT: 11:40 A.M.


RAY JUDAH, CHAIRMAN


KENT G. CHETLAIN, TREASURER