

WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT

BOARD MEETING

MAY 9, 1986

2:00 P.M.

A G E N D A

I. ADMINISTRATION:

- A) Approval of Minutes of February 27, 1986 Board Meeting
- B) Approval of February 28, 1986 and March 31, 1986 Treasurer's Report
- C) Approval of March and April, 1986 Bills to be Paid

II. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

III. OPEN TO PUBLIC:

IV. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES COMMENTS:

V. ACTIVITIES REPORT:

Sarasota County

- A) Report on Harbor Lights Mobile Home Park
- B) Request to use R.O.W. Scenic Drive Homeowners Association
- C) Request to use R.O.W. Venice Chamber of Commerce

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT:

- Report on Placida Bridge Removal
- Report on Funding Request FY86/87 for WCIND Budget Planning

VII. NEXT MEETING DATE:

Suggested June 6, 1986

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NAME:

REPRESENTING:

1. Shorburn Kennedy
2. Douglas Corneil
3. Charles Brennan
4. Colace C. Mundy
5. Christine Wilkinson
6. Marie Power
7. William M. McCray
8. Richard Eiler
9. Carver
10. _____

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PREVENTION DIST.
2. Venice Cowdler
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4. Harbor Lights
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6. Scenic Dr. Homeowners.
7. Scenic Dr. Home Owner
8. Alfred Turner
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WCIND convened a Board meeting on Friday, May 9, 1986 at WCIND Headquarters, 200 East Miami Avenue, Venice, Florida.

Commissioners Present: Joseph A. Tringali, Chairman Charlotte County
Jerry L. Hente, Treasurer Sarasota County
Kent Chetlain, Secretary Manatee County

Commissioners Absent: Porter J. Goss, Vice-Chairman Lee County

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

Guest Present: Mr. Kennedy, Venice, FL; Douglas Caveier, Captiva Erosion Prevention District; Charles Brennen, Venice Gondolier; Candance Mundy, Venice Gondolier; Christine Wilkinsin, Venice, FL; Marie Power, Venice, FL; William M. McCrary, Venice, FL; Richard Eiler, Venice, FL; Gregory Enns, Sarasota Herald-Tribune

ADMINISTRATION:

The meeting convened at 2:15 p.m. with Chairman Tringali presiding. The minutes of February 27, 1986, Treasurers Reports of February 28, 1986 and March 31, 1986, Bills to be Paid for March and April, 1986 were moved for approval, seconded and carried unanimously.

Director Armstrong informed the Board of the request received from Governor Graham and the University of Florida concerning Comprehensive Committee requesting completion of several schedules in regards to government planning from the year 1981 to the year 2000 and to project what WCIND will be doing in revenue and expenditures until the year 2000. Director Armstrong stated it has been filled out and along with this is a statement to be signed by Chairman Tringali, Director Armstrong and Commissioner Hente, stating it has been received and completed to the best of WCIND's ability. Commissioner Tringali stated he would like to review and then sign, Commissioner Hente moved to authorize Chairman Tringali, Director Armstrong and Himself (the Treasurer) to sign, seconded with unanimous consensus of the Board.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

Director Armstrong welcomed all guests present.

OPEN TO PUBLIC:

There were no comments of the general public present.

DNR COMMENTS:

There was no representation of the DNR present at todays meeting.

ACTIVITIES REPORT:

Sarasota County / Harbor Lights Mobile Home Park Report

Director Armstrong reviewing for the Board stated he was directed to continue with the survey until complete and to get a O & E report on the land in question. Stated the survey and O & E are complete showing WCIND is the owner of the R.O.W. that crosses Harbor Lights property and does confirm there are five mobile homes encroaching on the WCIND R.O.W. Director Armstrong stated he has spoken with the Harbor Lights Attorney

ACTIVITIES REPORT CONTINUED

Sarasota County / Harbor Lights Mobile Home Park Report

on two occasions regarding the problem and suggested Mr. Boylston should get with Mr. Hofmann and the five property owners to come up with a resolution to this existing problem and come back to WCIND with a solution to the encroachment. For the record Director Armstrong read the letter received from Mr. Boylston requesting no action be taken by WCIND Board of Commissioners until WCIND's June meeting to present the proposals to resolve the existing situation. Director Armstrong stated COE wrote WCIND and would not agree to the ROW being leased, sold or used in any manner. Director Armstrong stated what alot of people do not realize is the ROW is there for a purpose, i.e. erosion and destruction from boat wakes, etc. Chairman Tringali stated the ROW is there and will be kept free and clear for erosion control and COE availability as needed. Commissioner Tringali stated as discussed in previous meetings there is no desire or attempt by COE or WCIND to create a hardship for anybody concerned and are working to resolve the situation as rapidly as possible, with the best possible solution to the parties concerned. WCIND will continue to work with Mr. Boylston and write to him stating WCIND took "no action" per his request by consensus of the Board of Commissioners of WCIND.

Sarasota County / Scenic Drive Homeowners Association Request to use WCIND ROW

Director Armstrong indicated the location of the ROW to the Board on an area map and stated the Association is requesting to utilize the ROW from Scenic Drive to the canal bank. Director Armstrong read, to the Board, the petition signed by the homeowners and the description of how they would utilize the ROW. Counsel Perrey stated it is WCIND's duty to take care of the law enforcement problems if such occur. Director Armstrong suggested posting the area for "no trespassing, No Dumping" and continue maintaining the ROW ourselves thru COE and allow individual homeowners to maintain also. Director stated, in the past, after posting the Sheriff has assured WCIND of full cooperation with patrolling. Commissioner Hente stated this is more of a law enforcement problem than anything else, Director Armstrong said the Sheriff will do nothing until posted. Mr. McCraray of the Homeowners Association stated the ROW is posted at the south end and people continue to bring their dogs, beer, etc. to the area. Stated if the homeowners do beautify the ROW they want assurances that they will get cooperation from the Sheriff's Department. With further discussion the Board directed the Executive Director to talk with Sarasota County's Sheriff and increase posting of the ROW and WCIND Board of Commissioners has no objections to the beautification of the ROW.

Sarasota County / Venice Chamber of Commerce ROW Use Request of WCIND

Director Armstrong stated the Chamber of Commerce is requesting to use WCIND ROW in front of the Chamber of Commerce building to be utilized for parking within twelve feet of the IWW. Stated the Chamber of Commerce owns the property directly in front of the ROW and no one else could utilize this ROW and it is for public use and can see no problems with this request. Commissioner Chetlain spoke of his concerns in the event the ROW was black topped and the problem with flash flooding.

ACTIVITIES REPORT CONTINUED

Sarasota County / Venice Chamber of Commerce ROW Use Request of WCIND

Director Armstrong stated this was a good point and would need to be written into the use agreement.

Commissioner Hente suggested using shell for parking instead of paving the ROW and it would be nice to help the Chamber of Commerce out.

With further discussion the Board agreed to have Director Armstrong contact Chamber of Commerce and get questions answered in regards to permitting, etc., and bring back to the Board with recommendations and information.

Commissioner Chetlain questioned if WCIND allows the Venice Chamber of Commerce use WCIND's ROW could discrimination be cited?

Director Armstrong stated that would be the case if we were to allow the Chamber to build on the ROW that this agreement would be for a walking easement and not a home sitting on a foundation on the ROW. Also, referencing to Scenic Drive, the ROW's are not comparable. Scenic Drive is accessible from the north and south by all major roads and the Chamber of Commerce ROW request is only accessible thru the parking lot of the Chamber of Commerce. Commissioner Tringali stated his concerns with allowing the Chamber use of the ROW and denying the use of the ROW at Scenic Drive and suggested a paid lease agreement with Venice Chamber of Commerce.

Counsel Perrey suggested requesting the Chamber to supply WCIND with preliminary proof that they can get the approval from the City of Venice for all permits. Also that the rental of the ROW may not be much being a landmarked parcel without any access.

With further discussion Director Armstrong agreed to go to the Chamber with WCIND's concerns and report back to the Board.

Sarasota County / Senior Friendship Center Report

Commissioner Hente informed the Board he has met with the City of Venice and the Senior Friendship Center Officials and each group is excited with the proposed project and the City of Venice voted to support this effort in anyway possible.

The City of Venice instructed their Attorney to work with Mr. Perrey to bring this project about.

Commissioner Hente motioned to have five acres surveyed out of the ROW and instructed Counsel to work with the City of Venice Attorney and to do whatever needs done to expedite this matter, which includes contacting COE and get the survey, seconded by Commissioner Chetlain for discussion.

Commissioner Chetlain questioned what the Senior Friendship Center was and Commissioner Hente enlightened Commissioner Chetlain on the activities and the purpose of the Senior Friendship Center.

It was a unanimous decision of the Board to direct Mr. Armstrong to proceed with this project and report back.

Charlotte County / Report on Placida Bridge Removal

Director Armstrong stated the Bascule Ventures plans to place the bridge on the barge the week of May 12th and all Commissioners will be invited to the bridge removal party to be held on the Charlotte County pier.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

Report on Funding Request FY86/87 for WCIND Budget Planning

Director Armstrong reviewed for the Board that in December of 1985 WCIND wrote to each county requesting by March 31, 1986 any impending funds, grants from that county to WCIND. Director Armstrong stated in each folder is a copy of a summary of all requests received for FY86/87.

Director Armstrong stated total funds requested is \$1,699,868.00 and has advised each requestee that no decision would be made on individual requests at today's meeting and suggested to the Board that WCIND utilize some general descriptions of what we would like to see done. Director Armstrong stated each county would be in a better position to prioritize each request because obviously WCIND cannot honor all requests received. Stated each Commissioner has received a copy of "actual expenditures" and various projects that have been spent by each county and DNR and what is in the budget for FY86/87. In conclusion Chairman Tringali stated WCIND is basically and primarily to maintain the IWW system and navigational matters along this system and this is basically what WCIND is trying to do. Also stated his concerns and worries with all the gifts and grants to agencies outside this effort.


WCIND needs to address the funding problems and solutions to get Stump Pass and Big Sarasota Pass added to the system. They are important to WCIND's system. Chairman Tringali stated the point he is trying to make is to get WCIND pointed in the right direction and budget funds for projects that WCIND was created for and to look at each project to see who else is helping with funding.

Director Armstrong stated going back two years ago when legislators were going to abolish all districts and WCIND got legislation passed that would extend our jurisdiction to do more projects and if we sit back and don't do anything our local legislators are right there to take our funds.

Director Armstrong stated WCIND can put all monies back into each county they have contributed to WCIND and still have the recreation and economic benefit of the IWW. With further discussion Chairman Tringali suggested that each Commissioner look at all proposed projects for FY86/87 and be ready to discuss them individually in a little more detail and also look at the DNR request very carefully.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Suggested June 6, 1986 at 2:00 p.m. for the next tentatively scheduled meeting date of WCIND.


Joseph A. Tringali, Chairman


Kent Chetlain, Secretary