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The regular meeting of the West Coast Inland Navigation District was held in the courthouse in Bradenton, Florida, Wednesday, May 13th, 1953 at 2:00 p.m.

Present were:

Fred W. Ball, Chairman	Hillsborough County
H. E. Keen	Lee County
J. E. McLeod, Treasurer	Manatee County
James R. Shoecraft, Secretary	Pinellas County
Glenn B. Leach	Sarasota County
J. K. Merrin, Engineer	

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ball.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read on motion by Mr. Shoecraft, seconded by Mr. Leach and carried.

Communications were read by Chairman Ball from (1) City of Venice (resolution protesting the present proposed canal right-of-way through Venice) (2) Venice Area Chamber of Commerce (endorsing resolution by City of Venice (3) Wire from F. C. Middleton, City Manager, Clearwater, favoring completion of intercoastal waterway (4) wire from Ross E. Windom, City Manager, St. Petersburg, urging serious consideration of improvement of channels on waterways (5) Resolution from Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners.

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A delegation from the Venice area was present to protest the canal right-of-way through Venice.

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Smith Brohard, member, City Council of Venice stated that Venice was the only community involved that would suffer from the present canal right-of-way and requested that the right-of-way be set out in the Gulf approximately four miles; that they were supporting the resolution protesting the routh Through Venice, but not opposing the actual canal, but desired the route changed in order not to have Venice cut into an island.

M. M. Robins, owner of a subdivision in Sarasota County (South Venice Sub.) told the Board that his firm was holding an area in the subdivision along the proposed route, waiting for the final decision as to the route, but that it would be impossible to hold off sales much longer as the area was developing rapidly, and that he was not present to oppose the canal.

Mr. Glenn R. Leach, member, requested a report on the Albee Boad Bridge. Mr. Merrin reported that he and J. Hardin Peterson had met with the chairman/^{and engineers}of the State Road Department and corps of engineers and that the proper procedure , as outlined by Mr. Simpson and Mr. Turnbull, would be for Sarasota County to present their request to the State Road Department, who would start negotiating for the joining of the Department and Sarasota County; that it would be up to Sarasota County to join with the West Coast Inland Navigation District. It was estimated that the project would cost approximately \$350,000.00 to \$400,000.00. It was their opinion that pontoon bridges would not be satisfactory and suggested that Sarasota County discuss federal aid in the project.

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Followed a lengthy discussion relative to the bridges along the route in the Venice area.

Upon question by Mr. Casperson as to whether or not the present route had been approved, Mr. Merrin stated that this route had been declared physically feasible by the chief of Engineers and that the Corps of Engineers offered no objection to the route.


The engineer's report was given by Mr. Merrin and accepted on motion by Mr. Shoecraft, seconded by Mr. Keene and carried.

On motion by Mr. Shoecraft, seconded by Mr. Keene, all vouchers dated May 13th, 1953 were approved for payment.

The Board adjourned to meet Wednesday, June 10th, 1953.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:


Secretary


Chairman