

W.C.I.N.D. convened a Board Meeting on Thursday, September 8, 1983, at WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT headquarters, 200 East Miami Avenue, Venice, Florida, for the purpose of holding a Public Hearing on the proposed millage rate and the tentative budget for FY 1983-84.

Commissioners Present: Joseph A. Tringali, Chairman Charlotte County

Commissioners Absent: Jerry L. Hente, Vice-Chairman Sarasota County
Westwood H. Fletcher, Treasurer Manatee County
Porter J. Goss, Secretary Lee County

Staff Present: James M. Armstrong, Executive Director
Philip E. Perrey, WCIND Counsel
Beverly J. Bonds, Secretary

Guests Present: Todd Williams, News Reporter, The Venice Gondolier

ADMINISTRATION:

The meeting convened at 5:15 P.M. and was called to order by Chairman Tringali, who then opened the Public Hearing on the proposed millage rate and tentative budget for W.C.I.N.D. for FY 1983-84. Chairman Tringali noted for the record that no members of the general public were in attendance at the Public Hearing to comment on the proposed millage rate and tentative budget. Chairman Tringali then noted the absence of a quorum of the Board to proceed with the Public Hearing. He then made and approved a motion for a continuance of the Public Hearing until 5:01 P.M. on 9-9-83; and thereafter, if a quorum was not then present, until 5:01 P.M. on 9-12-83.

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Secretary



Chairman

W.C.I.N.D. reconvened its Board Meeting on September 9, 1983, at 5:01 P.M. at the WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT headquarters, 200 East Miami Avenue, Venice, Florida; said meeting having been continued from 5:01 P.M. on September 8, 1983.

Commissioners Present: Joseph A. Tringali, Chairman Charlotte County
Westwood Fletcher, Jr., Treasurer Manatee County
Roland Eastwood, Alternate Lee County

Commissioners Absent: Jerry L. Hente, Vice-Chairman Sarasota County

Staff Present: James M. Armstrong, Executive Director
Beverly J. Bonds, Secretary
(Via Telephone) Philip E. Perrey, WCIND Counsel

Guests and Public Present: None

ADMINISTRATION:

The meeting reconvened at 5:01 P.M. The Chairman noted for the record that a quorum of the Board was now present.

Minutes of regular Board Meeting of July 22, 1983, the Treasurer's Report of July 31, 1983, and the current bills were approved as presented.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

There were none present.

OPEN TO PUBLIC:

There was no public present.

Chairman Tringali reopened the Public Hearing stating that this Public Hearing is held for the purpose of making public the proposed millage rate, to amend the tentative budget and adopt the tentative budget, to recompute the millage rate and announce the percent, if any, by which the proposed millage rate exceeds the roll-back rate. Chairman Tringali then asked the Executive Director to report on the proposed millage rate and its relation to the roll-back rate.

The Director reported that the proposed millage was the same as 1982-83 or .005 and then read from the Certification of Taxable Values sent to each county, the roll-back rate as follows:

LEE COUNTY roll-back rate of .0048 or 2/10,000 less than .005 millage, or 4.17% increase over
CHARLOTTE COUNTY roll-back rate of .005 or same as proposed .005 millage, or 0.00% roll-back
MANATEE COUNTY roll-back rate of .0049 or 1/10,000 less than .005 millage, or 2.04% increase
SARASOTA COUNTY roll-back rate of .005 or same as proposed .005 millage, or 0.00% over roll back

Chairman Tringali then noted there still was no public present and closed the Public Hearing on W.C.I.N.D. tentative budget and millage rate.

Chairman Tringali then stated that the Board first needed to approve the proposed millage rate. Commissioner Fletcher motioned same, seconded by Commissioner Eastwood. The Director again read the increase over roll-back rate of the proposed millage rate for each member county of the District. Chairman Tringali called for a vote on motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman Tringali then asked for a motion to adopt the tentative budget. Motion was made by Commissioner Eastwood and seconded by Commissioner Fletcher. Then Commissioner Fletcher asked the question as to contents of the tentative budget relating to dredging or channel maintenance with specific reference as to whether all monies in the budget were already allocated to certain projects. The Director stated they were not and that there was a contingency as well as some surplus in "water quality" expenditures. No further questions as motion was carried with unanimous approval.

Chairman Tringali then asked the Director to give Activities Report which is as follows:

ACTIVITIES REPORT:

A. SARASOTA COUNTY

Director reported that Commissioner Hente had not received an answer from the City of Venice regarding spoil area need to consummate the trade-off with Corps of Engineers to gain land needed for recreation park. Director stated the subject was on City of Venice Council Meeting agenda for Tuesday, September 13, 1983, and he will attend.

B. MANATEE COUNTY:

Director referred to a letter from DNR Director, Dr. Gissendanner, asking that WCIND consider looking into the Bowlees Creek problem in Manatee County. Commissioner Fletcher reported that the project was still in the planning stages with no figures to present but indicated that he believed the project would be a tri-party proposal type where the public, the county, and possibly WCIND would participate in cleaning out Bowlees Creek.

C. LEE COUNTY:

Director reported that work had progressed on Boca Grande Project and that it appeared complete but felt it should be looked into with reference to what is complete versus the plan with specific mention of quantity of rocks used on the groin.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- A. Executive Director reported that final audit on all State expenditures on Stump Pass Project was complete and passed out statements showing that WCIND's efforts to collect 75% of all Post Monitoring Costs paid off. These statements indicated that had WCIND not pursued these monitoring claims that at final audit WCIND would have owed the State \$19,274.10 and with all claims filed and approved read a letter from State Engineer, Mr. Whitfield, indicating that we would be receiving a check for \$18,019.46 which, in effect, is \$37,293.56 that WCIND gained through the effort.
- B. Executive Director asked for travel approval for himself and Commissioner Tringali to attend Florida Beaches and Shores Meeting in Boca Raton, FL. on September 28, 29, & 30, 1983. Motion was made by Commr. Eastwood to approve. Seconded by Commr. Fletcher. Carried unanimously.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT - Cont'd.:

- C. Executive Director reported on appraisal approval by State Lands, indicating that Dale Adams, DNR; Ken Howell, State Lands; and Aaron Sugar, Gulf Coast Appraisers; met at WCIND office to arrive at a complete understanding and agreement as to proper appraisal format in the future as well as correcting previous efforts.
- D. Executive Director reported correspondence between WCIND as S.A.L. on removal of R.R. drawspan and that a panel was created consisting of S.A.L. engineers and planners to meet with the WCIND Director to negotiate. The Executive Director asked for the Board's concurrence in negotiating language which basically would be that WCIND wishes reimbursement for all past and future expenses relating to the bridge that S.A.L. abandoned creating a hazard to navigation on the I.W.W. and further, that we simply want to know when S.A.L. intends to follow directions of the I.C.C. judgment which indicates that the bridge is still S.A.L. property until it is removed from its piers. The Board concurred with this negotiating approach.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

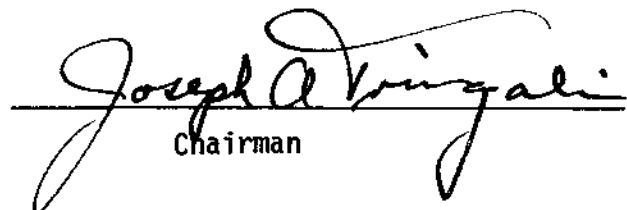
The recommended date for the Final Public Hearing and regular Board Meeting of WCIND was set definitely for September 23, 1983, at 5:01 P.M. Official notice to newspapers will be sent out immediately to publish this date as Final Public Hearing.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Board Meeting adjourned at 6:00 P.M.

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Secretary

Chairman