

The May meeting of the Commissioners, of the WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT, was held May 14, 1973, in Sarasota County Commission Chambers, Manatee Room, Sarasota, Florida.

Present were: Kenneth W. Daniels, Chairman, Lee County
 Larry Rhodes, Vice Chairman, Sarasota County
 Dan P. McClure, Treasurer, Manatee County
 Dorothy R. Flowers, Secretary, Charlotte County
 A. Oliver McEachern, Pinellas County

Charles E. Furbee, Executive Director
 Dewey A. Dye, Jr., Counsel

Absent was: Bob Lester, Hillsborough County

ADMINISTRATION

The meeting convened at 10:30 a.m.

Minutes of the April 16, 1973 meeting were approved as presented.

The Treasurer's Report was approved as presented. Decision will be made for designated bank with bid on interest rate for WCIND purchase of Certificate of Deposit \$75,000 for period of six months. Vouchers #7254 through #7280 were approved for payment.

The Director received advice by telephone from Department of Natural Resources Administrative Assistant, Mr. James Smith, that WCIND Resolution No. 73-01 submitted to the DNR was to be rescinded and the WCIND budget was to be placed on the agenda to be acted upon by the Executive Council on May 15, 1973; that it would be acceptable for WCIND to advise by telephone after the May 14 board meeting that this resolution was rescinded. Then, after approval advice by DNR for WCIND FY budget for 1973-74, a new resolution may be submitted by WCIND. Commr. McClure moved that Resolution 73-01 dated April 16, 1973 be rescinded; and, upon receipt of advice from Department of Natural Resources of approval for FY budget 1973-74, Resolution No. 73-02 be submitted for authorization of 00.03 mill tax levy for the District; the motion was seconded by Commissioner McEachern and was carried.

House Bill - 42 - Mr. Dye reported on WCIND presentation to the House of Representatives Transportation Sub-committee hearing on April 25, and the full Committee hearing on April 26, 1973. Mr. Dye expressed appreciation for the attendance of Commissioners McEachern and Rainey, of the Pinellas County Commission, who did appear at the hearing in support of WCIND and against H.B.-42. A consensus report was that WCIND is not well enough known for its operations and that WCIND see what might be done for coordination of the waterway systems throughout the State. House Bill - 42 was defeated at full Committee hearing by vote of 16 against, 2 for, and 1 abstention.

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Chairman Daniels read his letter received from Mr. Ted Randall, chairman of the Sub-committee, who commended Mr. Dye for his presentation in behalf of WCIND; also, Mr. Paul G. Franklin, Fort Myers, expressed interest and support in behalf of the WCIND. Chairman Daniels, on behalf of the board, thanked Mr. Dye for the successful results of the Committee hearing on April 26, 1973.

WCIND Publication - The Director reported on the need for a Guide Map and information on WCIND; he proposed that he be authorized to seek bids; and to go to the Corps of Engineers in Jacksonville and to the F.I.N.D. for information and assistance. The board concurred and the Director will report at a later date. The Director reported on recent attendance in Venice where he presented a history of waterways and the present operation of WCIND. Commr. McClure suggested that the board consider any possibility to get the Corps of Engineers and our Legislators in the District area to make a waterway tour as an excellent way to acquaint Legislators with the operations and responsibilities of the WCIND. The Chairman requested the Director to follow up on the proposal and report.

Corps of Engineers Conference - The Chairman asked the board for consensus of date to be confirmed; Monday, June 4, 1973, was the approved date for the board to meet in Jacksonville for a conference re property acquisition, maintenance and diking costs, and engineering criteria.

HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS - Mr. A. C. Daum, A. C. Daum & Associates, Inc. of Clearwater, representing Mr. Jack Kennedy, proposed to offer land owned by Mr. Kennedy for the placement of spoil material to be dredged from St. Joseph Sound, Pinellas County.

Commr. Rhodes: "Who is doing the diking? What is the cost?"

Commr. McClure: "Is this dredging a temporary request for shoaling problem? What is Mr. Kennedy's liability if he purchases property? Should not this be made a study by referring it to Commr. McEachern for his report to this board?"

Mr. Dye: "This proposal should be discussed with the Corps of Engineers at the board's conference in Jacksonville on June 4 with board's approval today. Commissioner McEachern should be requested for his recommendation prior to the Board's visit on June 4."

Commr. McClure: "I suggest that this request be referred to our professional staff, with board approval in principle; and submit proposal to the Corps of Engineers June 4."

The board concurred.

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New Pass - WCIND received copy of Sarasota County Resolution requesting Corps of Engineers to dredge New Pass. A resolution was submitted to the board for its adoption with support of the Sarasota County request. Commr. Rhodes moved that WCIND adopt Resolution 73-03 supporting the Sarasota County request for dredging the channel at New Pass; the motion was seconded and was carried. Copy of this resolution will be forwarded to Legislators in the District as well as to U.S.C.G., and Corps of Engineers in Jacksonville.

Rights-of-Way Parcel Releases - The Director reported that four (4) property releases have been processed for required resolutions to be forwarded to the Corps of Engineers:

1. Dr. C. J. DeMasi, property release, appraised value - \$ 365
2. Mr. S. J. Carbone, property release, appraised value - \$ 375
3. Mr. J. L. Dunn, property release, appraised value - \$3,000
(Fisherman Wharf Restaurant, Venice)
4. Sarasota Marina, property release, appraised value - \$7,820,
(awaiting Survey).

Commr. Rhodes moved that resolutions of approval be adopted and forwarded with the four instruments of property releases to the Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District; motion was seconded and carried.

Request for Purchase of Spoil Material - Wendel Kent & Co., Inc., requested approximately 2,000 cubic yards from MSA S3-4. Commr. Rhodes moved that the board approve purchase at the current price of 35 cents per cubic yard; motion was seconded and carried.

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St. Joseph Sound - The Director will confirm conference date of June 4, 1973, for the board members to meet with the Corps of Engineers in Jacksonville Office. Members will be briefed for the agenda with members' participation re WCIND responsibilities throughout the District in addition to the dredging project required for St. Joseph Sound.

The ACTIVITIES REPORT was accepted as presented.

NEXT MEETING DATE - The recommended date for June board meeting is June 11. The board agreed to hold the next regular meeting on Monday, June 11, 1973, in Sarasota Motor Hotel, Sarasota. The Director requested that board consider holding the meetings in other Counties of the District in addition to Sarasota County. Commrs. McClure and McEachern stated their Commission Chambers could be made available.

FP&WR Association Meetings - Commr. McClure moved that members and staff be authorized to attend Directors' meeting May 16 in Tallahassee, and Semi-Annual meeting June 15, 1973 in Miami Beach; the motion was seconded and carried. (Florida Ports & Water Resources)

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Dorothy R. Flowers
Secretary

Kenneth W. Daniels
Chairman

ACTIVITIES REPORT

April 16, 1973 - May 14, 1973

I. ADMINISTRATION

- A. Proposed Budget - The proposed budget for FY 1973-1974 along with WCIND Resolution No. 73-01 was sent to the Florida Department of Natural Resources, May 3, 1973. On May 8, 1973, the Director received a telephone call from Mr. James Smith, Administrative Assistant to the Director, DNR, advising that by WCIND passing Resolution No. 73-01, we were in violation of Florida Statutes, Chapter 374, Section 374.93 which requires "prior to fixing the rate of taxation for that year, prepare an itemized budget for administration and operations, payment of principle and interest on bonds and any other expenses contemplated for the ensuing year and submit the same to the Board of Conservation (DNR) for its approval." Mr. Smith also advised that in order to present the proposed budget to the executive council of the DNR on May 15, 1973, it would be acceptable to advise him by telephone after the WCIND May 14, meeting that Resolution No. 73-01 had been rescinded by WCIND. Then, after approval by DNR, a new resolution could be adopted by WCIND. Otherwise, the proposed budget did appear to be acceptable.
- B. House Bill - 42 - The Director did not attend the House of Representatives Transportation Sub-committee hearing on H.B.-42 on April 25, 1973, as the WCIND was represented by Counsel, Mr. Dewey A. Dye, Jr. The Sub-committee voted to defeat the bill. Mr. Dye advised the Director to be present at the Transportation full Committee hearing on April 26, 1973, upon suggestion by Mr. Ted Randall, chairman of the Sub-committee. The Director attended the hearing on April 26, 1973. The bill was defeated at the full Committee by a vote of 16 against, 2 for, and 1 abstention.
- C. CORPS OF ENGINEERS - A meeting has been arranged with the Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District, for either June 4, or June 5 to discuss:
- 1) Property acquisition in Pinellas County,
 - 2) Diking costs of maintenance dredging,
 - 3) Venice Canal Bank - Rip Rap maintenance;
and
 - 4) Maintenance Disposal Areas - engineering criteria.

II.

A. Sarasota County

1. New Pass - A Sarasota County Commission resolution requesting the Corps of Engineers to dredge the New Pass channel has been received by WCIND.

2. Property Releases - The following requests for the property releases have been processed and are ready to forward to the Corps of Engineers Office, Jacksonville:

- a) Dr. C. J. DeMasi
- b) Mr. S. J. Carbone
- c) Mr. J. L. Dunn
- d) Sarasota Marina

B. The Director was guest speaker at the "Skippers Club" of the Venice Yacht Club on May 9, 1973. The history of waterways and the West Coast Intracoastal Waterway was presented, along with the present operation of WCIND, its finances, its organization and current activities. Afterwards, the Director appeared on the Charlotte-Sarasota Community Affairs radio program, Radion Station W E N G, Englewood for an interview concerning affairs of WCIND.