

October 13, 1955

The regular meeting of the West Coast Inland Navigation District was held in the Court House in Bradenton, Florida, Thursday, October 13th, 1955 at 2:00 p.m.

Present were:

Ellsworth Simmons, Chairman	Hillsborough County
Herman Burnett, Treasurer	Manatee County
Wilson Piggott, Secretary	Lee County
G. M. Nelson, Member	Sarasota County
J. K. Merrin, Engineer	
J. Hardin Peterson, Special Attorney	
Dewey A. Dye, Jr., Attorney	
Fred W. Ball, Executive Secretary	

and visitors.

Matt Weeks, member, Charlotte County, and Charles Fischer, member, Pinellas County, were not present.

The meeting was called to order by Ellsworth Simmons, Chairman.

The question of selecting another meeting date was brought up and discussed. Motion was made by Col. Nelson that the regular date not be changed until all members of the Board could be present and that the next meeting be held Monday, November 14, 1955 at 2:00 p.m.: Motion was seconded by Mr. Burnett and carried.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved on motion by Mr. Burnett, seconded by Mr. Piggott and carried.

James Kiernan, Mayor of the City of Venice, was present to ask the status concerning approval of the Seaboard Route by the U.S. Engineers. Mr. Merrin reported that the route had been approved as "feasible" by the Engineers. The request of Mr. Kiernan that he be kept informed as to the progress was granted in that Mr. Merrin was

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was authorized to notify him of future transactions, approval, etc. Also, it was brought out that the amount of local cooperation has to be determined and submitted by the Corps of Engineers and reported to the House and Senate committee on Public Works before the final approval.

Dewey Dye made a report on negotiations with property owners for right-of-way and recommended that the following purchases be made:

- 1) That portion of Lot 13 within the right-of-way, Bay Shore Estates, owned by Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Newton,  
Acquisition approved at \$7,750.00
- 2) U. S. Lot 7 in Section 1, Township 39 South, Range 18E, owned by Ben Dunn and others  
Acquisition approved at \$7,300.00  
being the appraised value as appraised, including submerged land deeded by the I.I. Trustees (No. 20047) May, 1952.

Upon motion by Mr. Burnett, seconded by Col. Nelson, the recommendations were accepted and payments authorized to be made to the individuals named.

On motion by Col. Nelson, seconded by Mr. Burnett, Mr. Dye was authorized to obtain the services of professional appraisers of the balance of the right-of-way wherever necessary.

Mr. Dye also reported that he had been assured by the Board of Public Instruction of Sarasota County that a proposal would be ready to submit to this Board at the next meeting.

Fred Ball reported that the West Coast Inland Navigation District brochure had been completed by Yorkunas Advertising Agency and 250 copies had been mailed out. Motion was made by Mr. Burnett that the bill for the services of the Yorkunas Advertising Agency be paid when rendered, providing that it does not exceed \$600.00. Motion was seconded by Mr. Nelson and carried.

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(Same being subject to the approval of the Chairman.)

Motion was made by Mr. Pigott that Chairman Simmons be authorized to invite the District Engineer, U. S. Engineers, to meet with this Board and if it would be more convenient for him, to make an appointment for all members to meet at the time and place designated by the engineer. Motion was seconded by Col. Nelson and carried unanimously.

On motion by Mr. Pigott, seconded by Col. Nelson, the following resolution was unanimously adopted. (Re Route recorded on page 254)

Motion was made by Col. Nelson that this Board bear up to fifty per cent of the cost of obtaining deeds from the Trustees of the I. I. Board for that part of the right-of-way owned by them. Motion was seconded by Mr. Burnett and carried.

On motion by Col. Nelson, seconded by Mr. Burnett, Chairman Simmons was authorized and requested to consult with Mr. Elliott regarding this matter and try to work out an agreement.

The treasurer's report was given by Mr. Burnett and accepted on motion by Mr. Piggott, seconded by Col. Nelson and carried.

On motion by Mr. Burnett, seconded by Col. Nelson, all vouchers dated October 13th, 1955 were approved for payment.

Motion was made by Col. Nelson that an index to this Board's Minutes be prepared in order to facilitate checking on specific matters of record. Motion was seconded by Mr. Burnett and carried.

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See page 253 for motion adopting the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the West Coast Inland Navigation that the attached map prepared by Joe K. Merrin is adopted and is approved as alternate Route C-1 of the Intra Coastal Waterway from the Caloosahatchee River to the Anclote River in the Venice area, subject, however, to the right to vary the exact details to meet such requirements as may be required by the Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army.

Passed at regular session of the West Coast Inland Navigation District at Bradenton, Florida on the 13th day of October, A. D. 1955.

Wilson Pigott /s/  
Secretary of said District

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There being no further business, the Board adjourned, on motion by Mr. Burnett, seconded by Mr. Pigott, until Monday, November 14th 1955 at 2:00 p.m.

Wilson Pigott  
Secretary

[Signature]  
Chairman