

**WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF APRIL 6, 2007 BOARD MEETING  
VENICE CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
VENICE, FLORIDA**

Commissioners Present:

Joe McClash, Chair  
Tom Moore, Vice Chair  
Ray Judah, Treasurer  
Nora Patterson, Secretary

Staff Present:

Charles W. Listowski, Executive Director  
Philip E. Perrey, Counsel

Chair Joe McClash opened the meeting at 10:30 a.m. at Council Chambers – Venice City Hall, Venice, FL.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Mr. Peter Van Roekens addressed the Board regarding conditions in the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, east of Jewfish Key in Manatee County, near Longboat Pass. Mr. Van Roekens reiterated safety concerns of his boaters' coalition. Mr. Listowski reported on the current status of the District's initiative and shared his hopes to have an emergency dredging project underway, and completed by mid-summer 2007.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION'S COMMENTS – Mr. Listowski reported on current status of the Lee County NGP initiative.

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS' COMMENTS – Mr. Listowski reported on discussions with the USACOE and FDEP, re: Jewfish Key ICW Dredge Project and proposal to stockpile material at Coquina Beach at a tremendous cost savings compared to transport of material to the existing site at Cortez. Permitting effort now includes both hydraulic and mechanical dredge method. Commissioner Patterson made a motion to deal with only the dredging of Jewfish Key, not the mitigation of illegal prop dredge, and authorized Mr. Listowski to negotiate up to \$450,000 contract for services. Commissioner Moore seconded the motion, and the motion approved unanimously.

Commissioner McClash provided sentiment regarding WCIND resources used to resolve this issue. Consensus of the Board was to have Mr. Listowski explore an agreement with the FDEP regarding potential reimbursement for the District's implementation of prop scar restoration. Mr. Listowski will report back to the Board at the May 18, 2007 meeting.

Mr. Listowski also discussed federal funding limitations prescribed by Congress, which is associated with already approved funding. Presently, the Congressional Delegation, led by Congressmen Mack and Buchanan and Senator Martinez, strongly support the FY08 request for \$3 million for GIWW improvements.

CONSENT AGENDA – Commissioner Judah, seconded by Commissioner Patterson, approved the Consent Agenda and the vote was unanimous.

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA –

1. Staff Report – Authorization for GIWW Emergency Permit (Jewfish Key) – Mr. Listowski reported on this item during USACOE discussion, and received Board direction.
2. Follow-up Report - Survey Costs Associated with IMP Modeling – Mr. Michael Poff, of Coastal Engineering Consultants, Inc., provided details related to supplemental survey costs required for comprehensive modeling of Venice Inlet in Sarasota County and Longboat Pass in Manatee County. Additional costs were estimated to be \$5,740 for Venice Inlet and \$6,380 for Longboat Pass. Motion to approve survey costs by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Patterson, and the motion approved unanimously.
3. Lee County Notice General Permit Process – Counsel Perrey – Counsel Perrey reported on the progress of this long-standing District initiative, and a planned public workshop in May 2007.
4. Boys and Girls Club of Venice – Counsel Perrey – Counsel Perrey reported on progress associated with formalizing the USACOE Land Use Agreement. Development of the site has occurred pending finalization/legal reporting of this agreement.

Commissioner Patterson also had another item for discussion and made a motion to have Mr. Listowski provide liaison services to Sarasota County and the City of Venice in creating an agreement to allow continued use of encroachment areas, until such time as needed by the USACOE for waterway maintenance at the Venice Inlet. Commissioner Moore seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

5. Congressional Funding Update – Mr. Listowski discussed funding limitations during the USACOE report.
6. Project Update – Mr. Listowski provided a written project update summary for Board's review. Mr. Listowski also presented a conceptual site plan for the Skyway Bridge Boat Ramp, developed by Mr. Michael Poff of Coastal Engineering Consultants. Commissioner McClash explained details of the concept. Commissioner Judah expressed concerns relative to natural resource impacts. Mr. Listowski also explained efforts to analyze benthic communities and local bathymetric conditions. Commissioner Moore expressed support of the concept.

Mr. Listowski reported WCIND recognition of participation in a Coastal America Award Winning Program, called The Oyster Restoration Team.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Next meeting will be held on May 18, 2007 at 10:30 a.m. at Venice City Hall.