

**WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT
APPROVED MINUTES OF APRIL 6, 2015 BOARD MEETING
VENICE CITY HALL – COMMUNITY HALL
VENICE, FLORIDA**

Commissioners Present

Larry Kiker, Chair
Stephen R. Deutsch, Vice Chair
Charles Hines, Secretary
John Chappie, Treasurer

Staff Present

Charles W. Listowski
Philip E. Perrey, Legal Counsel

Chair, Larry Kiker, opened the meeting at 9:30 AM, with the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA CHANGES - None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Amos addressed the Board about the following; his interpretation of the Florida Sunshine Law; the Board policy on the time allowed for public comment; the hiring process, and contract negotiation for the new Executive Director; WCIND as an “Agency” by State definition.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMENTS – None

U. S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS COMMENTS - Mr. Mora noted that there are no funds available for FY15/16 for the GIWW from the Caloosahatchee River to Anclote River. The funds that were allocated for the Miserable Mile have been diverted to other projects that the Army Corps of Engineer’s Headquarters have determined to be more advantageous. After some discussion,

Commissioner Hines motioned to have staff send a letter to the ACOE asking them to explain why the funding for the Miserable Mile project was removed.

Commissioner Deutsch seconded the motion with an amendment to notify the Congressional Delegation of our concerns and the steps that we are taking, and soliciting any support they can give us.

Motion approved unanimously.

Commissioner Chappie motioned for staff to get an update on the CORPs' priority list so we can be more effective in the next budgeting cycle and to draft a resolution stating the economic value of our resources in each member county.

Commissioner Hines seconded the motion.

Motion approved unanimously.

Commissioner Deutsch asked if Alcalde & Fay could be at the next meeting to present a status report, and what they have been doing on our behalf.

Mr. Mora reported on Venice Beach. At the South Jetty there are some potential hazard areas near the parking area and there are concerns with the exotic vegetation in this area. Mr. Listowski noted that we are working with the ACOE and the City of Venice to make this area safer.

Mr. Mora reported on the relocation of the Venice Beach Hot Dog Stand that is in the ACOE right-of-way. Mr. Listowski added that the City may need financial assistant to relocate the lift station and it is within our mission to do that.

Mr. Mora reported on the Challenger Baseball Field, and that he doesn't foresee an objection from the ACOE. Mr. Listowski added that the Challenger Baseball Field will be an addition to an existing agreement with the Boy's and Girl's Club/Special Olympics, and will not affect our ability to maintain the waterway.

Mr. Mora reported on set-back policy for dock structures.

Mr. Mora reported on the Big Sarasota Pass/Lido Beach Shore Protection Project, regarding the permitting process. Mr. Mora noted that they are modifying some of the structures on the beach. The ACOE has opened its plan for peer review on the modifications.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Deutsch motion to approve Minutes of February 27, 2015, invoices paid for March 2015, Charlotte County Easement on Palm Island, and the Charlotte County Sheriff's request for additional \$10,000.00 for funding project C-183.

Commissioner Hines seconded the motion.

Motioned passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

Project Status Report

Lee County – Mr. Listowski reported on the Big Carlos permit initiative. Everything has been submitted, and requests for additional information from both the State and ACOE have been received and we are responding to them. Commissioner Kiker thanked Mr. Listowski for all of the work he has done on this project. Commissioner Kiker asked Mr. Listowski if there was anything we could do with the NCMZ (no combustion motor zone). Mr. Listowski noted that in discussions with the State, signs can be posted.

**Commissioner Deutsch motioned to support the State efforts to fund the signs.
Commissioner Hines seconded the motion
Motion passed unanimously.**

Charlotte County – Mr. Listowski reported on ownership of spoil islands south of Stump Pass, research indicates it is the State of Florida. Mr. Listowski asked Commissioner Deutsch to have administration send us a letter stating who the new county liaison is.

Sarasota County – Mr. Listowski reported that the survey monitoring of the Snake Island project has been completed. Maintenance has been done along the revetment of the Venice Canal. Working with Sarasota County we have completed the surveys required for the ACOE at the Challenger baseball field.

Manatee County – Mr. Listowski reported that the Longboat Pass Improvement project is moving forward. There have been planning sessions with the City of Anna Maria for the dredging of the internal canals and the future Lake LaVista improvements. A RAI (request for additional information) has been received for the Bradenton Beach Dredge project.

Counsel Perrey reported on contract negotiations for the new Executive Director. Commissioners had concerns regarding the following:

- More detail on the evaluation process; how frequently, forms used, etc.
- Auto allowance increase annually
- Annual leave transfer from current job
- Annual leave number of hours earned per year

**Commissioner Hines motioned to evaluate the new Executive Director after six months and yearly thereafter.
Commissioner Deutsch seconded the motion.**

**Commissioner Hines motioned to amend his previous motion regarding an annual review of the New Executive Director position. His motion reflects the need for a meeting discussion at the time the current Executive Director retires and an annual evaluation near the annual date of the employment agreement at a time prior to our budgeting process.
Commissioner Deutsch seconded the motion.
Motion approved unanimously.**

Commissioner Deutsch motioned that after all Commissioners have individually reviewed and approved the final contract, Commissioner Kiker is authorized to sign the contract with Mr. McBride.

Commissioner Hines seconded the motion.

Motion approved unanimously.

Mr. Listowski suggested that the Board appropriate from reserves \$50,000.00 to fund the new Executive Director position for the remainder of FY14/15.

Commissioner Hines made a motion to authorize Mr. Listowski, when the employment contract is approved, to amend the budget to cover the cost related to the Interim Executive Director, \$50,000.00 from District Reserves.

Commissioner Deutsch seconded the motion.

Motion table until the next Board meeting.

OLD BUSINESS - None

COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS – None

WCIND COUNSEL'S REPORT - None

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT - None

NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME: June 22, 2015 1:00 P.M.

Chair

Secretary