

**WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT
APPROVED MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 27, 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 9:35 AM, with the Pledge of Allegiance and recessed the meeting for the Board members to have one-on-one conversations with each candidate prior to the interview sessions beginning at 1:00 P.M. in Council Chambers.

Reconvened at 10:30 AM, all members of the Board present.

AGENDA CHANGES: Mr. Listowski noted that there are two items;

- Charlotte County, Harbor Walk request for assistance, and
- Manatee County, City of Anna Maria modification of agreement for a dredging project.

Commissioner Hines motioned to approve the agenda changes.

Commissioner Chappie seconded the motion.

Motion approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Amos commented about the meeting starting at 9:30 AM asserting that the interviews were held in secret. Mr. Amos added that he will be going to the State Attorney's Office with this issue. Mr. Amos commented on the Sunshine Law, the interview process, changing the resolution for the Executive Director job description, the ranking process of the candidates for the Executive Director position, Charlotte County General Permit, and Lee County General Permit.

Mr. VanRoekens, Chair of SOSS2, Inc. (Save Our Siesta Sands), noted concern about the dredging of Big Pass. Mr. VanRoekens added the ACOE plans on doing a second Environmental Assessment (EA). He believes that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is required.

Commissioner Hines asked for Counsel Perrey's opinion on the Public Comments. Counsel Perrey noted that he has researched the Sunshine Law, and spoke with several different government agencies and the consensus is that the selection process complies with Florida Law.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMENTS –

Mr. Listowski noted that the Charlotte County General Permit is in the final stage of approval.

U. S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS COMMENTS -

Mr. Listowski commented that in the future there will be a national policy being promoted by the ACOE that will defer the responsibility for encroachments to the federal right-of-way to the local sponsors. Mr. Listowski added that this would be a large budgetary item, if we are required to conduct litigation proceedings, surveys, and the like. Mr. Listowski suggested that an ACOE representative present the proposed policy changes at a WCIND Board meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Deutsch motioned to approve the Consent Agenda Items A – E.

Commissioner Chappie seconded the motion.

Motion approved unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

Project Status Report

Lee County – Mr. Listowski noted that the Big Carlos Pass Dredging Application has been submitted, and the federal review could be challenging.

Charlotte County – Mr. Listowski reported the General Permit is in the final stage. Mr. Listowski reported on the revitalization of a shoreline area along the US 41 Bridge in Charlotte County. One of the elements in this project is a section of seawall replacement at a cost of \$331,760.00 and the County would like WCIND's support and assistance. Mr. Listowski added that this project doesn't meet the District's criteria for regional funding. Mr. Listowski asked the Board to give him the opportunity to present a fiscal scenario on WCIND's involvement.

Mr. Listowski suggested the following:

- \$100,000.00 WCIND reserves: \$100,000.00 CNIF: and \$131,760.00 to be paid back over the course of three (3) years from anticipated revenues.

Commissioner Deutsch motioned to fund the \$331,760.00 from WCIND reserves.

Motion died due to lack of a second.

Discussion ensued about the location of the project and the possible funding sources.

Commissioner Hines motioned to approve \$331,760.00 for Charlotte County Harbor Walk project as submitted and authorize the Executive Director to work with Charlotte County to develop a funding strategy.

Commissioner Chappie seconded the motion.

Motion approved unanimously.

Sarasota County – Englewood CRA Project to revitalize a county shoreline park property with a new fishing pier and boat dock is complete.

Manatee County – Mr. Listowski reported that the Lake LaVista entrance channel requires dredging again less than a year after the last prior dredging. Current year funding of \$149,500.00 should be used for designing, planning, and engineering to revitalize that area. Mr. Listowski also reported on the dredging of the internal part of the same system.

Commissioner Chappie motioned for an Amendment to the current project agreement, to allow for the project to be for design, planning and engineering.

Commissioner Deutsch seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

Transition Plan

Mr. Listowski noted that there was public comment about Resolution 90-3, and it was developed as a requirement by the State in 1990 as a job description. The resolution language is written to allow timely modifications when needed.

Mr. Perrey noted that Mr. Bradley Muckle withdrew his application, and Mr. Perrey suggested the following procedures;

- 4 interviews ½ hour for each candidate
- 2 minutes maximum candidate opening remarks
- 2 minutes maximum for each answer
- 3 minutes maximum for closing remarks

Commissioner Deutsch asked if the same questions need to be asked of each candidate and if the candidates will be present in each other's interview.

Counsel Perrey stated the candidates sent him a message that they have unanimously agreed that they will not be present for each other's interview.

OLD BUSINESS - None

COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS – Commissioner Kiker noted that there are scheduling conflicts on Fridays for the WCIND Board meetings. He asked if there is a possibility of another day and time for the meetings. Staff will reschedule meetings.

WCIND COUNSEL'S REPORT - None

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT - None

Meeting recessed at 11:30 a.m. reconvene at 1:00 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m. interviews for the Executive Director were conducted with:

Robert Brantly – Overview of opening remarks

- In depth knowledge of administration and financial management
- Developed rules and procedures for the State Beach Erosion Control Program
- Oversees 30 million in grants; grant administration and obtaining grants
- Contracting and outsourcing services
- Contract manager
- Permitting FDEP and ACOE
- Professional Engineer
- Facilitates discussion among stakeholders

Justin McBride – Overview of opening remarks

- Modernize the districts processes with technological upgrades that he has implemented in Lee County
- Re-birth of the 5-year Strategic Management Plan
- Large scale navigation and beach projects
- WCIND liaison
- State and Federal permits
- Public speaking

Bruce St. Denis - Overview of opening remarks

- Was the Town Manger for the Town of Long Boat Key
- Involved in beach projects
- Administration
- Community Development
- Finances of Special Districts

Laird Wreford – Overview of opening remarks

- Budget development and management
- Project management
- WCIND liaison
- Superior collaborator, coordinator, and communicator
- Dedicated and loyal
- Able to deal with complex issues

Each applicant answered questions posed by individual Board Members. Each Board Member completed a tally sheet following each interview, and assigned a ranking (1-4) to each candidate

compared with all the other candidates. Following all the interviews, Counsel Perrey collected and reviewed the tally sheets marked, and signed by each Board member.

The tally sheets were marked as follows:

	Ranking 1	Ranking 2	Ranking 3	Ranking 4
Commissioner Chappie	Mr. St. Denis	Mr. Wreford	Mr. McBride	Mr. Brantly
Commissioner Kiker	Mr. McBride	Mr. Wreford	Mr. St. Denis	Mr. Brantly
Commissioner Deutsch	Mr. McBride	Mr. Brantly	Mr. Wreford	Mr. St. Denis
Commissioner Hines	Mr. McBride	Mr. Wreford	Mr. St. Denis	Mr. Brantly

Counsel Perrey announced that Mr. McBride was ranked number one on three tally sheets, and Mr. Wreford ranked number two on three tally sheets.

**Commissioner Hines motioned to accept the ranking, and authorized the Chair and Mr. Perrey to enter negotiations with Mr. McBride.
Commissioner Chappie seconded the motion.
Motion approved unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME: April 6, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.

Chair

Secretary