

**WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT
APPROVED MINUTES OF JANUARY 15, 2016 BOARD MEETING
VENICE CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBERS
VENICE, FLORIDA**

Commissioners Present

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

Staff Present

Justin D. McBride
Philip E. Perrey, Legal Counsel

Chair, Larry Kiker opened the meeting at 10:30 A.M., with the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA CHANGES – Addition to the Administrative Agenda – letter to Ms. Jo Ann Gilmore; consensus by the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMENTS – Mr. McBride reported that the Charlotte County General Permit was finalized and went into effect on December 28, 2015. Mr. McBride added the process has started to get all four counties under a General Permit with the ACOE. This is a lengthy process, estimated to take about five (5) years.

U. S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS COMMENTS -

Mr. McBride reported that WCIND should have the Contributed Funds Agreement within 120 days.

Mr. McBride noted that the Work Plan, Miserable Mile, and the Omnibus Appropriations Bill are in Congress awaiting funding approval.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Chappie motioned to approve the Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Deutsch seconded the motion.

Motion approved unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA:

Slate of Officers: Commissioner Deutsch, Chair
 Commissioner Chappie, Vice Chair
 Commissioner Hines, Treasurer
 Commissioner Kiker, Secretary

Commissioner Chappie motioned to approve the Slate of Officers.

Commissioner Deutsch seconded the motion.

Motion approved unanimously.

Mr. McBride commented on the correspondence from Ms. JoAnn Gilmore regarding foreign vessels. Mr. David Negron (Lt. Commander USCG, Chief of Waterways Management) noted that any foreign vessel must submit a request for arrival 96 hours in advance. Documentation

must be submitted prior to arrival. After discussion, Commissioner Kiker stated for the record that by informal consensus, the Board directs Mr. McBride to handle this matter as appropriate, and to send a reply letter to Ms. Gilmore on the Board's behalf, said letter to include the information provided by Lieutenant Commander Negron.

OLD BUSINESS –

Planning Workshop March 25, 2016 after the regular Board Meeting.

Commissioner Deutsch recommended that representatives from ACOE and USCG be present.

Commissioner Kiker suggested that evaluation forms for the Executive Director be distributed at the March 25th Board Meeting.

Commissioner Chappie proposed the formal adoption of a written policy concerning the process of conducting annual evaluations of the Executive Director.

Commissioner Kiker asked about the process of replacing legal counsel upon Counsel Perrey's retirement.

Commissioner Deutsch commented on the Boca Grande railroad trestle and its removal. Mr. McBride reported that some parts of the trestle may become impediments to safe navigation, but other parts should remain in place for fish habitat, and historical preservation.

COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS – None

WCIND COUNSEL'S REPORT –

Counsel Perrey reported on the Legacy Trail suit. The Florida Supreme Court ruled that the railroad company owned the abandoned railroad corridor in fee simple, and the abutting property owners are not entitled to receive any financial award based on the conversion of the railroad corridor into a recreational trail.

Counsel Perrey reported on an FDOT project for roadway improvements on the Venice By-Pass. Mr. Jeff Devine presented the FDOT plans. Counsel Perrey stated that the FDOT has offered WCIND \$8,900.00 for a perpetual easement across the IWW right-of-way. Counsel Perrey recommended that WCIND offer to donate the easement to FDOT in exchange for a written agreement with FDOT allowing WCIND to place a hydraulic pipeline from time to time in a drainage culvert under the Venice Bypass roadway in order to move dredged material from the IWW to WCIND's spoil disposal area MSA S-31 adjoining Bypass Park. Mr. Perrey also noted that the ACOE must give its consent to FDOT's use of the IWW right of way. Commissioner Deutsch suggested that WCIND accept the \$8,900.00 offer from FDOT, and also get the written agreement with FDOT discussed above.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT –

- Mr. McBride gave a WCIND website tour.
- Manatee County
 - LaVista dredge project about 80% completed
 - Coquina dredge project DEP permit has been received; awaiting USACE permit; received a RAI and a response is being drafted.

Longboat Key project – additional reimbursement of \$275,518.87 which was turned over to the Town of Longboat Key.

- Sarasota County
Challenger Ball Field received the concurrence letter and working on a consent of use agreement.
Venice Inlet the agreement has been executed.
Encroachment Issues
- Charlotte County
Trestle project
Charlotte Harbor Fisheries Forum district staff attends these meetings.
- Lee County
Big Carlos Pass district staff is working with our congressional delegation for permit review and permit issuance
Punta Rassa – potential dredging

Regional Projects

- Permitting
Discussions with USACE on the creation of a regional permit
National Marine Fisheries working with our congressional delegation to get movement on pending permits
Biological Opinion staff is currently reviewing the 300 page document
- Regional Inlet Evaluation Sand Trap Project – agreement has been executed.
- Derelict Vessel Initiative – training on the State database
- Federal Funding – awaiting action by Congress
- Island Transportation Planning Organization – awaiting authorization from Manatee County to take the lead on navigation study of the channels.
- District Wide Dredge Material Management Evaluation – ongoing discussions with engineering firms for scoping and pricing.
- District Wide Commercial Access Feasibility Study and Evaluation – seeking proposal and exploring possibilities.

Mr. Darren Pauly (BOSN4, Aids to Navigation Officer, USCG Sector St. Petersburg) addressed the following matters:

- Boca Grande buoys, relocation and removal, advance notice will be given
- New Pass Sarasota buoy relocation, possible closure

NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME: Regular Meeting Friday, March 25, 2016 at 10:00 A.M. Workshop following regular meeting.

Meeting adjourned 11:30 A.M.

Stephen R. Deutsch, Chair

John Chappie, Secretary