

**WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF JANUARY 16, 2008 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 10:45 a.m. at Council Chambers – Venice City Hall, Venice, FL.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION’S COMMENTS – Mr. Listowski reported that numerous discussions have taken place with DEP administrative staff in Tallahassee and Fort Myers regarding coastal issues, inlet management planning, and permitting.

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS’ COMMENTS – Mr. Listowski and Counsel Perrey reported on the progress of the Contributed Funds Agreement (CFA), and current status of the congressional “add” request. Commissioner Judah made a motion to approve the format of the current agreement, motion seconded by Commissioner Moore, and motion passed unanimously.

The figure of \$1.215 million appeared to be up for final approval for the Intracoastal Waterway, and staff would begin development of design/permitting for the projects. For next year, an additional request of \$3 million will be made. Mr. Listowski added that we now have a permit to dredge the ICW segment in Pinellas County, although it is outside WCIND’s jurisdiction. He requested that this item be included in the funding requests, and the Board agreed to have him proceed.

Mr. Listowski requested that the Board members each complete a customer satisfaction survey from Colonel Grosskruger of the Corps. He stated that this would be a good mechanism to convey their comments and concerns.

Commissioner Judah requested that the Board prepare a letter to the congressional delegation supporting a three year, or at least one year, extension of Colonel Grosskruger’s term of duty because of the significant value the Colonel has made to the region. The Board agreed.

CONSENT AGENDA – Motion by Commissioner Patterson to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Moore, and motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA –

1. FY2006-2007 Audit Report – Mr. Ed Leonard, C.P.A. – Mr. Ed Leonard, C.P.A., of Christopher, Smith, Leonard, Bristow & Stanell, P.A., presented the FY2006-2007 Audit Report. The Audit Report provided a “clean” representation of the District’s financial functions. One comment noted in the report was for the District to consider some different

investment strategies due to the large amount of invested funds, and the issues regarding the SBA. Staff responded to this comment, and agreed to research other alternatives.

2. Palm Island Transit Contract – Counsel Perrey prepared a license agreement between WCIND and Charlotte County as agreed upon in the last meeting. He went on to state that an appraisal had been done of the property and although the report had not yet been finalized, the preliminary value was reported as not greater than \$260,000. In past years, a 10% cap rate had been used to determine the lease amount. Commissioner Patterson made a motion to enter into a license agreement with Charlotte County, and to establish an annual license fee based on a 10% cap of the appraisal, which is not to exceed \$26,000 per year. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Judah, and motion passed unanimously.
3. Project Status Report – Mr. Listowski reported on the status of:
 - Lee County NGP initiative is still underway and additional areas are being added.
 - Hatchett Creek dredge project is underway and going very well. 2400 yards of material will be dredged.
 - Bowlees Creek/Bryn Mawr – The bid advertisement should be in the next few weeks with the project to startup at the beginning of March.
 - Federal Funding Appropriation for GIWW Maintenance – Approved at \$1.215 million.
 - Longboat Pass and Venice Inlet Modeling Projects – Final plan will be submitted to the DEP within two weeks.
 - Pinellas County GIWW/Sunshine Skyway Channel Dredge Permit – Approved permit within ICW.
 - Boca Grande/Harbor Drive - Co-applicant permit was approved.
 - Proposed Skyway Boat Ramp Site in Manatee County – Received bathymetric survey and found to be a very healthy eco-system.
 - Venice Boat Ramp – Parking lot was repaved and dock structure was refurbished.
4. Annual Election of Officers – Commissioner Patterson nominated Commissioner Ray Judah to serve as Chair; seconded by Commissioner Moore. Motion passed unanimously. Similar motions were made, approved and passed unanimously for Commissioner Tom Moore as Vice Chair; Commissioner Joe McClash as Treasurer; and Commissioner Nora Patterson as Secretary.

COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS – Commissioner Patterson requested further information regarding the clearing of Snake Island. Mr. Listowski reported that the County and WCIND entered into a cooperative agreement for the clearing of Rattlesnake Island. Discussion ensued regarding vegetation on Snake Island. Commissioner Patterson made a motion to have Mr. Listowski contact Pat McCarthy and other volunteers regarding concerns on Snake Island, motion seconded by Commissioner Moore, and motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Next meeting will be held on March 10, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. at Venice City Hall.

WCIND COUNSEL'S REPORT: ERROR OF OMISSION FROM MINUTES OF JAN. 16, 2008

Counsel Perrey suggests to Staff an error of omission involving comments he made during the January 16, 2008 Board Meeting. Two votes were taken and motions approved for the following:

1. A temporary construction easement agreement for the District's administered project for Manatee County called Bowlees Creek/Bryn Mawr Dredge Project. Motion to approve by Commissioner McClash, seconded by Commissioner Moore, and the motion passed unanimously.
2. Counsel Perrey also reported the opportunity for the District to "opt-in" to a pending Federal Court action involving District property within the CSX Railroad Easement. Motion by Commissioner Patterson to direct Mr. Listowski to "opt in" to the legal process underway. Seconded by Commissioner McClash, motion passed unanimously.