

CONSENT AGENDA – Commissioner Judah made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Commissioner McClash, and the motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA –

1. Request from Venice Area Beautification, Inc. (VABI) – Mr. Monty Andrews of VABI made a presentation to the Board regarding three potential alignments for crossing District property on Venice Island with a 10' wide concrete walkway. After some discussion and visual graphics, Commissioner McClash made the motion to have Mr. Listowski return at a future meeting with a use agreement involving alignment B, which bisects District property in a south to northwest direction. Mr. Fred Hammett, Venice City Council, related to the Board that he is hopeful of receiving permission from private property owners to facilitate this alignment. Commissioner Judah requested information about litter pickup. The motion was then seconded by Commissioner Judah and motion approved unanimously.
2. Federal Funding Request/Approval and Fiscal Year 2006 "Add" Request – Commissioner McClash made the motion to approve the federal funding request to congressional delegation, seconded by Commissioner Judah. The motion passed unanimously. Commissioner McClash recognized the work being done by WCIND's lobbyist with the acquisition of money and the potential for more money.
3. Inlet Model Presentation – Humiston & Moore Engineers – Mr. Listowski introduced Dr. Mohamed Dabees and Mr. Ken Humiston, of Humiston & Moore, to present the regional sediment reservoir model and the regional circulation model involving work to be done at the Venice Inlet, and the relationships of this work to other regional inlets.

After much discussion and the Powerpoint presentation by Dr. Dabees, there was a motion by Commissioner McClash, seconded by Commissioner Judah to have Mr. Listowski pursue inlet management plan funding for modeling and improvements to New Pass and Big Sarasota Pass (Sarasota County) and Longboat Pass (Manatee County). Motion passed 3-1 with Commissioner Patterson voting no.

4. Slate of Officers – Chair Patterson related to the Board that she has completed two consecutive years as Chair and has always advocated periodic changes to the chairship. Commissioner Moore then nominated Commissioner Judah to serve as Chair, seconded by Commissioner McClash. Motion passed unanimously. Similar motions were made, approved and passed unanimously for Commissioner McClash as Vice Chair, Commissioner Patterson as Treasurer, and Commissioner Moore as Secretary.

COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS – Commissioner Judah requested that Mr. Listowski relate a Lee County Marine Extension request for assistance in developing an artificial reef mapping dive club. Mr. Listowski explained to the Board that this was a worthwhile and cost-effective project in that it would yield map products useful to the District in planning boating destination patterns for recreational boaters. Commissioner Patterson questioned the funding and whether this program could be applied in Sarasota County. Commissioner McClash made positive comments about this type of program as he mentioned Manatee County's experience with middle schoolers and the value of the program. After some discussion relating regional benefits, Commissioner McClash made a motion to fund, not to exceed \$5,000, of support for a regional program for all District counties in developing this program. Commissioner Judah seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

COUNSEL ITEMS – Counsel Perrey introduced the temporary construction easement and agreement between the Sarasota Manatee County Airport Authority and WCIND for use during construction of the Crosley Museum waterway improvement project. Consensus of the Board was to approve this document and send onto the Airport Authority for final execution.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:32 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on March 31, 2005.