

**WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF JUNE 29, 2007 BOARD MEETING
VENICE CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBERS
VENICE, FLORIDA**

Commissioners Present: Joe McClash, Chair
Tom Moore, Vice Chair
Nora Patterson, Secretary

Commissioners Absent: Ray Judah, Treasurer

Staff Present: Charles W. Listowski, Executive Director
Philip E. Perrey, Counsel

Chair Joe McClash opened the meeting at 10:30 a.m. at Council Chambers – Venice City Hall, Venice, FL.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION’S COMMENTS – Mr. Listowski reported on a rescheduled public workshop for July 13, 2007 on the legislation, re: Lee County NGP for waterway improvements. The DEP, Lee County, and WCIND Staff will attend the workshop. Counsel Perrey commented on the slow progress and still unresolved issues, but expressed renewed hope of final resolution due to negotiations underway with key staff prior to the July 13th meeting.

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS’ COMMENTS – Mr. Listowski introduced Mr. Rick McMillen, of USACOE, and prefaced Mr. McMillen’s remarks with a preliminary report on “congressional ad” funding. The District Liaison in Washington D.C. reported the results of budget committee for the Energy and Water Resources Bill, which resulted in WCIND funding of at least \$1 million for FY08. Mr. McMillen reviewed the status of the following projects: Longboat Pass dredging, the GIWW dredging, the Venice inlet dredging, and the Miserable Mile in Lee County dredging. After much discussion about the Longboat Pass dredging project, the Board concluded that the USACOE should receive a formal request from WCIND to explore placement of GIWW dredge material on nearby Coquina Beach at the southern end of Anna Maria Island, and also request reimbursement for the emergency dredge initiative being performed near Jewfish Key funded with District emergency reserves. Motion by Commissioner Patterson to request the USACOE to dredge and place the balance of material, impacting passage through the GIWW near Jewfish Key/Longboat Pass for placement on the southern end on Anna Marie Island (Coquina Beach), seconded by Moore and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Steve Boutelle, of Lee County Marine Services, reported on the status of the Fort Myers Beach Federal Channel Shoaling and the permitted terminal structure for the northern tip of Estero Island.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA –

1. FY07-08 Budget Discussion – Counsel Perrey discussed budget legislation approved by the state for the associated millage rates in FY07-08 and proposals for ensuing years. Legislation mandating financial limits for cities and counties is different than for multi-county special districts. After much discussion about the four millage choices available to WCIND and other special districts. Consensus of the Board was to advertise the FY07-08 rollback rate, but also consider another approved choice mandated by the State Legislation of 97% of the rollback rate, as the approved millage for FY07-08 per the September 2007 Public Budget Hearings.
2. Report on Emergency ICW Dredge (Jewfish Key) – Mr. Listowski reported on this project during the USACOE report.

COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS – “Venetian Waterway Park Segment Dedication” – The Board of County Commissioners adjourned the regular meeting to attend a dedication ceremony along the GIWW ROW, associated with a recently completed segment of the Linear Park located along the waterway and through one of the District owned maintenance parcels on Venice Island. Venice Area Beautification (VABI) expressed appreciation to the District and USACOE for cooperation and assistance provided.

WCIND COUNSEL'S REPORT -

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT -

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Next meeting will be held on September 7, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. at Venice City Hall.