

**WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF MARCH 12, 2010 BOARD MEETING
VENICE CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBERS
VENICE, FLORIDA**

Commissioners Present: Ray Judah, Chair
John Chappie, Treasurer
Nora Patterson, Secretary

Commissioner Absent: Robert Skidmore, Vice Chair

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

Chair Ray Judah opened the meeting at 10:30 a.m. at Council Chambers – Venice City Hall, Venice, Florida.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Bob Siekmann, Vice Mayor of The Town of Longboat Key, addressed the Board regarding his new council assignment as liaison to the WCIND Board. Chair Judah welcomed Vice-Mayor Siekmann to the meeting.

Commissioner Judah suggested that Mr. Tim Murphy (USACOE) address the Board and Mr. Listowski report on FDEP comments later in the meeting.

Commissioner Skidmore arrived.

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS' COMMENTS – Mr. Tim Murphy, ACOE Project Manager, reported to the Board on the following:

- \$1.3 million dollars has been appropriated to WCIND/Gulf Intracoastal Waterway maintenance activities.
- The Venice Inlet dredging project is complete and Mr. Murphy registered appreciation to the construction team, including much assistance from WCIND staff during project administration. Approximately 22,000 cu. yd. have been removed from the GIWW channel and placed on eroded beach shoreline south of the Jetty.
- The Longboat Pass maintenance project will be more difficult, due to the volume/area and various required processes, including N.E.P.A. and other regulatory reviews. This project calls for the dredging of 200,000 cu. yd. for placement south of the Longboat Pass.
- Mr. Murphy also reported that the Sunshine Skyway (GIWW in Pinellas County) segment, permitted for WCIND implementation, must go through full permit review and the CORPS cannot utilize the WCIND permits. Further discussions will, hopefully, chart a course for successful project completion.
- New Pass was authorized under a Sec. 107, Continuing Authority Program that has exhausted available appropriated funds. Mr. Listowski mentioned his upcoming Washington meeting with Congressman Buchanan's office, when he will address the issue. Commissioner Patterson reported that conditions are unstable, difficult and, therefore, dangerous.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA –

1. FY2008-2009 Audit Report – Mr. Ed Leonard, CPA – Mr. Leonard reported the results of the 2009FY Audit. The report was deemed to be “unqualified,” which is the highest, positive rating available. He further reported the District to be in overall good financial condition, in compliance with all requirements, and operating systems were deemed excellent. Forty-nine funded projects were completed during the FY. Commissioner Patterson commented on CNIF balances, and questioned the location within the report, of listed CNIF projects. Motion by Commissioner Patterson to accept the FY 2009 Audit Report, second by Commissioner Chappie, and passed unanimously.
2. Federal/State Projects Update – Mr. Listowski – Mr. Listowski reported on his upcoming meeting in Washington with the SW FL Delegation to request congressional assistance. He will ask for a total of \$4 million: \$2.5 million for GIWW maintenance; and \$1.5 million for Okeechobee Waterway maintenance. Commissioner Patterson questioned Mr. Listowski on his expenditure of time on projects outside the direct four county WCIND jurisdictions. Mr. Listowski said that it is not a significant amount of time. The 2 year artificial reef socioeconomic project for six SW FL counties is now complete.
3. District Project Status Report – Mr. Listowski – Mr. Listowski reported on challenging circumstances that have arisen in regard to the emergency dredging of Cut M-5, east of Jewfish Key. A meeting on April 16, 2010 has been scheduled in Manatee County to address all issues.

COMMISSIONERS’ ITEMS –

Commissioner Patterson stated that the Jewfish Key GIWW issues are regionally important. She would like to hear a project status at the next WCIND Board meeting.

Commissioner Chappie expressed his desire to have meeting materials to review prior to the meetings ASAP. Mr. Listowski apologized for any oversight, and explained that issues arise up to meeting time, thereby, creating occasional confusion.

WCIND COUNSEL’S REPORT – Counsel Perrey reported on the legal action underway, regarding District lands in dispute, located adjacent to the Hatchett Creek Bridge in Venice.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT – N/A

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Next meeting will be held on Monday, May 10, 2010 at 2:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Venice City Hall.