

**WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF MAY 10, 2010 BOARD MEETING
VENICE CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBERS
VENICE, FLORIDA**

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

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

Chair Ray Judah opened the meeting at 2:35 p.m. at Council Chambers – Venice City Hall, Venice, Florida.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMENTS – The FDEP/WCIND/FSG MOA - A report by Mr. Perrey on the benefits associated with this agreement was given to the Board. Motion to approve and process agreement by Commissioner Chappie, seconded by Commissioner Patterson, and motion passed unanimously. Mr. Listowski also reported on the Lee County NGP reviews, and discussions with the Tampa DEP office regarding permit reviews.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Bruce St. Denis, Town Manager of the Town of Longboat Key, introduced a contingency of city commissioners that will monitor WCIND meetings.

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS' COMMENTS – Mr. Tim Murphy, ACOE Project Manager, reported to the Board that his tenure as project manager for the GIWW/WCIND segment of the ICW system has been modified due to another assignment. Mr. Millan Mora will now be our project manager with the USACE. Mr. Murphy will still be involved in project oversight.

He also reported on the recently completed Venice Inlet dredging project, and reported a \$2.5 million balance of congressional “add” funding to complete dredging of Cut M-5 near Longboat Pass and the shoaled segment of the GIWW adjacent to the Sunshine Skyway Causeway in Tampa Bay. Mr. Murphy also reported on his continuing research into the re-authorization of the New Pass Channel as a federally authorized project.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA –

1. Longboat Key Meetings – Report and Discussion – Mr. Murphy introduced a new concept whereby the Town of Longboat Key would assume a coordinative role in managing the sediments within Longboat Pass. This role would require acquisition of all agency permits and be accomplished via a non-federal funding scenario. Mr. Hunsicker, Manatee County Natural Resources, addressed the Board about how this arrangement would proceed. Mr. Listowski responded to Commissioner Patterson’s question about how WCIND can assist in this effort. Commissioner Patterson then made a two-part motion: 1) write a letter of support for the concept of Town of Longboat Key and Manatee County managing the issues of navigability and

related beach stabilization for Longboat Pass, Longboat Key, and Anna Maria Island; and 2) make resources of WCIND available to assist the County and Town in facilitating this arrangement. Commissioner Judah then suggested this two-part motion be separated into two individual motions. The motions were made again by Commissioner Patterson, seconded by Commissioner Chappie, and motions passed unanimously.

2. Jewfish Key Update – Mr. Listowski reported on meetings with Manatee County and the Town of Longboat Key to facilitate strategies to relieve dangerous conditions within Cut M-5. The current understanding is that the USACE will pursue permits to dredge Cut M-5. Commissioner Gene Jaleski questioned the quality of the sand that would be available from Cut M-5. Mr. Listowski provided information on the sediment analysis.
3. District Project Status Report –Mr. Listowski – Mr. Listowski reported on the Bimini Bay/Key Royale dredging project that was now viewed as a potential add-on to the City of Anna Maria dredging project of the Lake LaVista Inlet. Mr. Listowski also reported on the District's project management of two Englewood CRA projects involving the replacement of a seawall and dock structure on County property at Harbor Lane and the efforts to obtain permits for a replacement fishing pier and boat dock structure associated with property on Cherokee Drive.
4. Preliminary Budget Discussion for FY2010-2011 – Mr. Listowski explained the background of the TRIM process, as we begin the calculations for aggregate millage rate. Preliminary estimates could be between -15% and -20% revenue for FY2011. Commissioner Patterson would like a detailed budget analysis prior to setting the millage rate.

COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS – Commissioner Skidmore requested support for Stump Pass improvement activities as the Pass is shoaled in and presents a dangerous condition. He detailed the County's efforts to assemble funding support and other technical scenarios.

Commissioner Patterson requested support for activities that could stabilize conditions at Big Sarasota Pass. She explained details of shoaling and she also mentioned a County study involving both Big Sarasota Pass and New Pass. Commissioner Chappie thanked Mr. Listowski for District safety actions involving Bimini Bay/Key Royale entrance channel.

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 (*Fisherman's Wharf Lawsuit*).

Meeting adjourned at 3:14 p.m.

Next meeting will be held on Thursday, July 29, 2010 at 10:30 a.m. in Council Chambers at the Venice City Hall.