

**WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT
Draft MINUTES OF August 26, 2013 BOARD MEETING
VENICE CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBERS
VENICE, FLORIDA**

Commissioners Present

**John Chappie, Chair
Nora Patterson Vice Chair
Tammy Hall , Treasurer
Stephen R. Deutsch, Secretary**

Staff Present

Charles W. Listowski

Others in Attendance

Philip Perrey, Legal Counsel

Chair, John Chappie opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. in Council Chambers – Venice City Hall, Venice, Florida.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Patrick McCarthy indicated that he would like to see a good decision made today, regarding the resolution for the Venice Inlet, and expressed appreciation for the District’s work on this inlet.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION’S COMMENTS – Mr. Listowski noted staff meetings are being scheduled with the Fort Myers Office of the DEP in preparation for the required Chapter 120 Florida Statue Public Hearing Rule Making Proceedings in reference to the Charlotte County NGP. This NGP will address state authorization to dredge 31 priority water bodies indicated in the Waterway Management report published by Florida Sea Grant.

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS’ COMMENTS – Mr. Mora reported that there will be a tour September 11, 2013 in Sarasota County for inspection of the waterways. The WCIND staff and the Army Corps staff will be involved in the inspection.

Longboat Pass – Mr. Mora noted that dredging has been completed in the Jewfish Key area. The Corps has run out funding to do Cuts 2 and 3. Mr. Mora added that the Corps and the local interests need to get together and discuss how we can better manage this inlet, for potential sand placement for adjacent beaches.

Mr. Listowski added that there is a project in the same vicinity in the implementation phase. It is permitted to mine sediment catch basins of beach quality material for placement on the severely eroded beaches on Longboat Key. The DEP has recently changed their beach erosion control program criteria to allow for a 75% cost share for this project. We have a permit that would allow for approximately 100,000 yards outside of the Corps Cuts 2 and 3.

Commissioner Chappie requested that the minutes reflect that WCIND and Manatee County they recommend no activities in the Sea Grape Harbor in Manatee County.

CONSENT AGENDA

Manatee County – 4(A) Mr. Listowski informed the Board a request from Manatee County for \$10,000 available through CNIF for abandoned barge removal in the Manatee River, staff recommends approval. 4(A.1) and 4(A.2) Manatee County requests to withdraw and close projects.

4(B) Mr. Listowski reported this is a resolution to establish a regional sand source from flood shoals. The cost share for this project would be approximately \$125,000 that be funded through regional reserves.

4(C) Mr. Listowski noted that the stabilization of Snake Island could be funded through the Venice Inlet Management fund, which is a multi-year initiative with the DEP. Venice Inlet Management has \$225,000 plus \$75,000 in the new budget as per commitment to the DEP. We are not likely to be committed to use that money with the DEP and it is available to be spent on other project features. Commissioner Patterson asked if Snake Island is a regional project. Mr. Listowski indicated that it is a regional project.

4(D) Mr. Listowski noted that there is \$150,000 in the current budget and \$75,000 in the proposed budget.

Commissioner Chappie and Commissioner Patterson requested to have the backup material at least a week in advance.

4(E) Longboat Pass – refer to discussion under USCOE

4(F) Bay Island Park Seawall Project S-177; Mr. Listowski noted that this is a waterway development project with a statute of limitations of three (3) years. Board action is required to preserve the funding. After discussion with Counsel Perrey, it was recommended that the Board delete or cancel a CNIF policy that requires a one (1) year fiscal cycle to elapse before CNIF funds can be expended.

Commissioner Patterson motioned to postpone Bay Island Park Seawall Project until we can delete or cancel the CNIF policy.

Commissioner Deutsch seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

4(G) Charlotte County request for a temporary easement - Mr. Listowski indicated that the request refers to a 2003 Agreement that we have been unable to locate in our records and asked to defer this until September 13th Board meeting.

Commissioner Patterson motioned to defer Charlotte County's request to September 13, 2013 Board meeting.

Commissioner Deutsch seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hall reiterated the request to have the backup material at least two weeks in advance for review and that a policy needs to be made unless it is determined that an item is time sensitive.

Commissioner Hall motioned to have a standard policy for backup material to be provided to the WCIND office two weeks prior to the meeting unless it is an emergency.

Commissioner Patterson seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Deutsch motioned to move to approve all items on Consent Agenda with the amended minutes, and defer items 4(F) and 4(G).

Commissioner Patterson seconded the motion.

Motion approved unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA –

- 1.) Charlotte County Special Event – Mr. York gave a presentation on the Super Boat Grand Prix. Commissioner Hall suggested not supporting this event, as it does not meet WCIND funding guidelines.
- 2.) Proposed Budget – Mr. Listowski noted that using the suggested millage rate of .0394 to develop a draft budget, staff realized that .0394 represents a tax increase of .0010 mills that will increase revenue by \$125,733. Staff recommends using the roll back .0384, due to minimal revenue increase. Commissioner Hall, Commissioner Patterson, and Commissioner Chappie support using the proposed millage rate of .0394.
- 3.) CNIF Policy Change –

Commissioner Patterson motioned to delete or cancel the CNIF policy providing for a one year delay before the Board can approve a member county's use of the CNIF funds for an expired waterway development program project. Commissioner Deutsch seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Commissioner Deutsch had to leave the meeting due to scheduled commitment

Commissioner Patterson motioned to allow Sarasota County to use their CNIF funds to complete the Bay Island Park Seawall Project S-177. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

- 4.) District project status report – deferred to next meeting
- 5.) Policy & Procedures Manual – Mr. Listowski noted that there was a liaison meeting last week, manuals were distributed and we are asking for liaison input, pertinent to what they do. Mr. Listowski added that the new web page is ready for launching.

OLD BUSINESS - None

COMMISSIONER ITEMS - None

Counsel's Report - None

Meeting adjourned at 11:06 AM

Next meeting will be held on Friday September 13, 2013 at 4:00 PM Venice City Hall, Council Chambers.