

WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT
Draft MINUTES OF September 13, 2013 BOARD MEETING
VENICE CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBERS
VENICE, FLORIDA

Commissioners Present

John Chappie, Chair
Nora Patterson Vice Chair
Stephen R. Deutsch, Secretary

Staff Present

Charles W. Listowski

Others in Attendance

Philip Perrey, Legal Counsel

Chair, John Chappie opened the meeting at 4:09 p.m. in Council Chambers – Venice City Hall, Venice, Florida.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION’S COMMENTS – Counsel Perrey noted that the new State Wide Environmental Resource Permit (SWERP) Rule 62-330 was adopted by DEP June 13, 2013, and the effective date is August 1, 2013. WCIND has two (2) General Permits; Section 410 is Manatee and Sarasota Counties, Section 411 is Lee County and Charlotte. Counsel Perrey answered specific questions on the process by commissioners Patterson and Deutsch. Mr. Listowski added that there is a meeting October 3, 2013 that will set the stage for public hearings associated with the Stakeholder groups that come forward to provide comment on the rule.

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS’ COMMENTS – Mr. Listowski reported he attended a public meeting September 10, 2013 associated with the new national setback policy. The setback being anything within 62 feet of the near edge of the federal channel. On September 11, 2013 a survey was conducted by the USACE survey vessel and staff to inspect potential encroachments in the area. There are numerous encroachments of the federal waterway throughout the state.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Patterson motioned to approve the consent agenda.
Commissioner Deutsch seconded the motion.
Motion approve unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA –

1. Budget FY13/14 – Mr. Listowski noted that we decreased the overall operating expenditures. Mr. Listowski requested comment from the Board on staff salaries and what county actions are being taken. Discussion ensued around salary increases, and evaluations. Consensus of the Board was to revisit the administrative budget, as needed, prior to next budget cycle. Counsel Perrey also offered clarification from the budget document on the status of District Reserves.

State Cost Sharing – Mr. Listowski noted that he would like to get started on Venice Inlet/Snake Island contract as soon as possible. The stabilization of Snake Island has not met the criteria to qualify for the state 75% cost share. Longboat, however does qualify for the 75% cost share being that the material will be taken out of the inlet and put on the beach. Mr. Listowski suggested to the Board that \$500,000 be committed to the imminent contracting for the Snake Island Restoration which is part of the Venice Inlet management implementation.

2. Project Status Report

- Charlotte County – October 3, 2013 meeting regarding Regional Waterway Management System conversion into a NGP. The NGP will enable the county to approach the other permitting agencies with a permit to use as a foundation and there are 31 water bodies that could be improved.
- Sarasota County – Mr. Listowski reported that we have bid documents for the Snake Island stabilization. Reserves will be used to supplement any existing funds approved by the Board to accomplish this project.
- Manatee County – Mr. Listowski reported that bids are being accepted for Warner's Middle, and the bid opening is set for Monday, September 16, 2013 at 2:00 PM. Trailer Estates East is going to be re-bid.
- Mr. Listowski explained that marine contracting has been challenging as of late, due to residual effects of a higher need for contracting in the north east U.S.

Commissioner Chappie suggested that a motion, regarding a funding commitment from the District unbudgeted reserves to implement the Snake Island Restoration and three other state BECP (Beach Erosion Control Program) cost share projects, may be required to complete the discussion. After some discussion and clarification of available funding:

Commissioner Patterson motioned to use \$500,000 from Undesignated District Reserves to supplement existing project funds and provide match funding as required for the recently submitted State BECP (Beach Erosion Control Program) funding applications.

Commissioner Deutsch seconded the motion.

Motion approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS - None

COMMISSIONER ITEMS - None

COUNSEL'S REPORT - None

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – Mr. Listowski announced the FSBPA meeting in Del Ray Beach September 25th, through the 27th.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 P.M.

Next meeting will be held on Friday November 1, 2013 at 10:30 AM Venice City Hall, Community Hall.