WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT
APPROVED MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 13, 2015 BOARD MEETING
VENICE CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBERS
VENICE, FLORIDA

Commissioners Present	Stephen R. Deutsch, Vice Chair John Chappie, Treasurer Charles Hines, Secretary
Staff Present	Justin D. McBride Philip E. Perrey, Legal Counsel

Vice Chair, Stephen R. Deutsch opened the meeting at 10:00 A.M., with the Pledge of Allegiance.

CEREMONIAL PRESENTATION- Commissioner Deutsch presented and read into the record Resolution 2015-06 thanking Mr. Charles Listowski for his years of service with WCIND. Commissioners also presented proclamations and resolutions to Mr. Listowski from Charlotte, Lee, Sarasota, and Manatee counties. Mr. McBride presented Mr. Charles Listowski with the FSBPA Public Service Award.

AGENDA CHANGES – None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMENTS – None

U. S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS COMMENTS - Mr. Beau Corbett noted that the Contributed Funds Agreement has been submitted and will be processed in a timely fashion.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Hines motioned to approve items A, B and C.
Commissioner Chappie seconded the motion.
Motion approved unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA:

District Status Report –
Charlotte – Mr. McBride noted that the Notice of Proposed Rule for the NGP was published in the Florida Administrative Weekly on October 19, 2015, and the 21 day comment period ended on November 9, 2015. Mr. McBride added that in a meeting with the ACOE last week, discussion ensued regarding a general permit for WCIND that would encompass all channels, and channel markers in the District.

Mr. McBride noted that the Boca Railway evaluation is finished, and he will be meeting with Charlotte County staff.

Lee – Mr. McBride reported that the Big Carlos Pass is moving forward, the ACOE has forwarded the permit to the National Fish & Wildlife and we are working to move it through that process.

Manatee – Mr. McBride reported that the contractor has been selected, and the contract has been signed for the Lake LaVista dredge project. Mr. McBride noted the pre-construction survey is complete, and the project will start within the next two weeks and take about 30 days.

Mr. McBride met with the DEP regarding the Coquina dredging, they have given us a RAI (request for additional information), and we have responded. The project will be divided into two parts to expedite the work.

Sarasota – Mr. McBride reported that the agreement for the Challenger Baseball Field is under review by the ACOE.

OLD BUSINESS –

A. Meeting Schedule – Discussion ensued, and general consensus is to hold meetings on Fridays at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioner Hines motioned to calendar the meetings on Fridays at 10:00 A.M. with the possibility of moving the location periodically.
Commissioner Chappie seconded the motion.
Motion approved unanimously.

B. Executive Director Evaluation – Counsel Perrey suggested about 30 days before the August 26, 2016 Board meeting, the evaluation forms will be distributed. Each board member would complete the evaluation form and send back to Counsel Perrey. Counsel Perrey would then prepare a master score sheet that will be presented at the August 26th Board meeting.

After discussion:
Commissioner Hines motioned to evaluate the Executive Director at the June 24, 2016 meeting. The evaluation form will be provided to the Board prior to the June meeting to allow sufficient time to complete the form and meet with the Executive Director one-on-one prior to the June meeting.
Commissioner Chappie seconded the motion.
Motion approved unanimously.

COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS –

- Commissioner Chappie introduced Alan Laihipp, Manatee County staff.
- Commissioner Hines noted that there may be a request from the Casey Key Association, regarding changing the frequency of the opening of the single lane swing bridge at Blackburn Point. There is a schedule in place, opening every 20 minutes, but it isn't adhered to.
- Commissioner Deutsch thanked Mr. McBride for his presentation to the Charlotte County Board and the Marine Advisory Committee.
- Commissioner Deutsch reported that Englewood is sponsoring a water fest event next week.

- Commissioner Deutsch requested getting the agenda on-line 7 -10 days before the meeting.

WCIND COUNSEL'S REPORT – None

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT –

A. Regional Efforts
Mr. McBride noted that a meeting was held in October, 2015 with the head of the FWC AV/DV's, and all the law enforcement agencies in the District that deal with derelict/abandoned vessels. We are exploring a regional concept for dealing with AV/DV's, hopefully remove some the burden the individual county allocations. Mr. McBride reported that there is a rule change initiative moving forward. We gave those who attended the meeting, the information that they needed, so when that legislation moves forward they know what to support.

Mr. McBride reported that the State is looking at a new funding stream for AV/DV's, and he participated in crafting some legislation.

Long-term Dredge Material Management Plan – Mr. McBride reported that we are in negotiations with a consulting firm to do a full evaluation of the District waterways and dredge material management areas. The plan will also help secure State and Federal funds.

District Database – Mr. McBride reported the database will be tool for the county liaisons to use to streamline project tracking. Mr. McBride noted that we are currently negotiating with a Consultant to do the development of the database.

B. Washington DC – Mr. McBride reported that Representative Clawson was very supportive in getting funds from the ACOE. There was also discussion regarding the permitting issues we have been having with the Fish & Wildlife on the smalltooth sawfish *(Pristis pectinata).*

C. TRIM Certification – Mr. McBride reported that we received compliance certification.

Meeting adjourned at around 11:10 A.M.

NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME: Regular Meeting Friday, January 15, 2016 at 10:00 A.M.

Larry Kiker, Chair

Charles Hines, Secretary