

**WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT
DRAFT MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 14, 2014 BOARD MEETING
VENICE CITY HALL – COMMUNITY HALL
VENICE, FLORIDA**

Commissioners Present

Charles Hines, Chair
Larry Kiker, Vice Chair
John Chappie, Secretary
Stephen R. Deutsch, Treasurer

Staff Present

Charles W. Listowski

Others in Attendance

Philip E. Perrey, Legal Counsel

Chair, Charles Hines, opened the meeting at 10:30 AM in Council Chambers.
Addition to the agenda under 4 C supplemental funding request

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMENTS – Counsel Perrey reported that the FDEP will soon publish a Notice of Proposed Rule for the Charlotte County GP. The DEP has elected to establish a “No Internal Motor Combustion Motor Zone” that wraps around the eastern boundaries of Stump Pass Park. Once it is decided how to mark the NICMZ, a sign permit has to be obtained from the Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission. Commissioner Hines asked to view the map that designates the NICMZ. After review of the Charlotte NICMZ proposed area, there were no more questions from the Board.

Counsel Perrey reported on the FSBPA Conference. Subjects discussed in presentations are delineated in the attached outline.

U. S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS COMMENTS - Mr. Listowski report on the ACOE GIWW Inspection Tour. In addition to WCIND staff, there was WCIND representation from Lee County, Justin McBride, Charlotte County, Andy Stephens, and Commissioner Hines, Chair and Sarasota County Commissioner. The ACOE agreed to work on a Federal General permit similar to WCIND’s General Permits with the State of Florida. Commissioner Hines and Counsel Perrey noted that the trip was a relationship building experience.

Mr. Listowski noted that he has advocated for the alignment of the Longboat Pass federal channel as it was originally designed and permitted in 1977. With the dredging project that the Town of Longboat Key will be doing, the Pass will be in the most sustainable condition in many years. The equipment is being mobilized for this project.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Deutsch motioned to approve items A, B, and C on the Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Kiker seconded the motion.

Motion approved unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

Project Status Report

Lee County

- Big Carlos – in the permitting process
- Miserable Mile – improving navigability function will require approval from the Ding Darling Preserve to use designated spoil islands created for management of the waterway, these island have become environmentally sensitive habitat for birds and other resources.
- Estero Bay Preservation – discussion with the stakeholders has resulted in a list of priorities for Estero Bay to be considered by Lee County and the State.

Charlotte County

- General Permit – Counsel Perrey previously reported under Department of Environmental Protection Comments.

Sarasota County

- Snake Island - Management planning meeting with Sarasota County staff December 3rd.
- Englewood CRA – Cherokee docks – project completed. Commissioner Hines reported that this project is an enhancement to this area.

Manatee County

- Shaws Point – feasibility report for improvements is completed.
- Channel marker adjustments for Longboat Pass entrance channel being reviewed.

Commissioner Deutsch motioned to approve future reimbursement funds from FDEP-FECP for Longboat Pass reimbursement of costs previously incurred.

Commissioner Kiker seconded the motion.

Motion approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Counsel Perrey reported the WCIND has met the state requirements and is in compliance for the Truth in Millage Certification and the maximum millage levy.

COMMISSIONER ITEMS

Commissioner Deutsch reported on shoaling at Stump Pass. Coastal Engineering can do a bathmetric survey for \$4,500.00. In some areas it is down to a foot at low tide, hopefully, within

a year we will have approval on the groin system. Commissioner Deutsch asked if WCIND can help with the expense of the survey. Mr. Listowski noted that this would be a good use of district funding and the survey data would be beneficial.

Commissioner Deutsch motioned for WCIND to appropriate \$4,500.00 for Coastal Engineering to do the bathmetric survey at Stump Pass.

Commissioner Chappie seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hines is seeking direction, for WCIND staff, from the Board regarding the Challenger Baseball program, for handicapped children. The City of Venice and the County have been struggling to find a place to accommodate this event. There is space available at the Special Olympics/Boys and Girls Club property that is owned by WCIND. The Board gave consensus for Mr. Listowski to move forward and explore the use of this property for the Challenger Baseball Program.

WCIND COUNSEL'S REPORT

Counsel Perrey reported at the last Board meeting, September 12th public comment was made regarding Gulf Harbor Marina and WCIND becoming a co-permittee on a permit application for maintenance dredging of the access channel. Gulf Harbor Marina will bring it to the next meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Transition Plan – Mr. Listowski asked the Board for direction to advertise the Executive Director position, and he suggested that:

- There are two options. The Board can either hire an Assistant Executive Director to transition later or an Executive Director
- Review applications for five candidates for the Board to interview at the February 27th meeting.
- Start date April 1st.

Counsel Perrey noted that in order to hire Mr. Listowski's successor it will require three affirmative votes from members of the Board. Counsel Perrey added that there will be a large number of applicants that will have to be vetted resulting in a short list of finalists. If a committee is appointed everything has to be done in compliance with the Sunshine Law. Another option would be for Mr. Listowski to review the applications and do a short list.

Commissioner Deutsch suggested that Counsel Perrey and Mr. Listowski go through the applications and attain a short list. Counsel Perrey noted that this would be a committee subject to Sunshine Law requirements. .

Commissioner Kiker and Commissioner Chappie would like to view all applications independently. Counsel Perrey stated that would be fine if Board members are reviewing them independently and not discussing with one another.

**Commissioner Kiker motioned to advertise the position of Executive Director.
Commissioner Chappie seconded the motion.
Motion passed unanimously.**

**Commissioner Chappie motioned to accept the timeline presented for hiring a replacement Executive Director.
Commissioner Kiker seconded the motion.
Motion passed unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned at 11:46 AM

NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME: January 16, 2014 at 10:30 AM.