

**WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 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 4:00 p.m. at Council Chambers – Venice City Hall, Venice, Florida.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION'S COMMENTS – Mr. Listowski reported on the final passage of a Memorandum of Agreement between the WCIND/FDEP/Florida SeaGrant which enhances the cooperative function and working relationships between these government entities.

Mr. Listowski read into the record Resolution 2010-06 which requests continued vigilance by the FDEP, on behalf of the WCIND member counties in Southwest Florida, regarding the long-term negative impacts from the BP Deepwater Horizon oil spill. Motion to approve the resolution by Commissioner Skidmore, seconded by Commissioner Chappie, and motion pass unanimously.

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS' COMMENTS – Mr. Millan Mora, USACOE Project Manager, reported on the status of various project initiatives, including planned improvements to the GIWW; near the Sunshine Causeway in Pinellas County, an area in the waterway near the northern tip of Anna Maria Island, and the constriction in Cut M-5 near Jewfish Key. Mr. Mora also reported on his research into the process involving improvements to New Pass in Sarasota County. He explained the original Section 107 authority for New Pass and the associated cap on New Pass funding from the federal government. Commissioner Patterson requested clarification of the funding process. Mr. Mora suggested some strategic consideration of aligning coastal management projects that are underway, such as the Lido Key Beach renourishment project, with a navigation improvement project at New Pass. There was some discussion about requesting an adjustment to the Section 107 existing WRDA project cap for New Pass to \$20 million. Commissioner Patterson made a motion to have Mr. Listowski pursue an adjustment to the WRDA Section 107 cap for New Pass maintenance in Sarasota County. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chappie, and motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Skidmore made a motion to have staff pursue procedural direction from the USACOE and the Southwest Florida congressional delegation to authorize Stump Pass as a federal project. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chappie, and motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Listowski then addressed the most recent strategic discussions regarding the management of Longboat Pass. He then read Resolution 2010-05 into the record which requests that the Southwest Florida congressional delegation encourage the USACOE to initiate the regulatory process required to maintain the federal authorized channel template at Longboat Pass in Manatee County. Motion to adopt the resolution by Commissioner Chappie, seconded by Commissioner Skidmore, and motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Judah also made some comments about the Ft. Myers Beach protection project that is now being funded by state and local entities.

Motion to amend minutes recorded in meeting minutes of 12-15-10.

CONSENT AGENDA – Commissioner Patterson pulled item 5(a) for discussion. Motion to move balance of consent agenda by Commissioner Skidmore, seconded by Commissioner Chappie, and motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Patterson explained an allegation of potential “conflict” of interest regarding legal representation of a City of Sarasota mooring project to be partially funded by WCIND. After some discussion and acknowledgment of Commissioner Patterson’s report for the meeting record, Commissioner Skidmore made a motion to approve item 5(a), seconded by Commissioner Chappie, and motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA –

1. Follow-up Resolution for BP Request - Mr. Listowski reported that this item was addressed under the USACOE report.
2. Strategic Outline for Emergency Protection Plan – Mr. Listowski reported on the progress related to Board direction to strategize on the creation of an emergency protection plan for Southwest Florida inlets and passes. After some discussion about other government requests for BP funding that have failed, Commissioner Skidmore made a motion to continue efforts to secure planning funds from BP to protect our District passes and inlets. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Chappie, and motion passed unanimously.
3. Resolution of Support for Sarasota County – Request to have New Pass re-authorized as federally maintained – Mr. Listowski reported that this item was also addressed under the ACOE report.

COMMISSIONERS’ ITEMS – Commissioner Judah requested that Mr. Justin McBride address the Board regarding funding to the Calusa Nature Center. Mr. Listowski suggested that a waiver to the WCIND reimbursement policy be considered by the Board for the current funding issue regarding the Calusa Nature Center. Motion by Commissioner Patterson to waive the WCIND policy requirement for reimbursement regarding the current Calusa Nature Center project, seconded by Commissioner Chappie, and motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

Next meeting will be held on Friday, September 17, 2010 at 5:01 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Venice City Hall.

FIRST TRIM HEARING ON THE FY2010/2011 BUDGET

Chair Judah opened the public hearing at 5:01 p.m. on WCIND's proposed millage rate and tentative budget for FY2010-2011. He publicly announced the current year rolled back rate is .0455 mill, and the proposed millage rate of .0394 mill.

Chair Judah announced the percentage increase in millage over the rolled back rate necessary to fund the tentative budget is -13.41%; and that the percentage increase in property taxes based on the proposed millage rate is -13.41%.

Chair Judah opened up the floor for any public comment. There was no public input recorded. Commissioner Chappie made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Commissioner Skidmore, and motion passed unanimously.

The Board has no desire to amend the tentative budget. Commissioner Chappie moved and Commissioner Skidmore seconded the motion to adopt the tentative millage rate for FY2010-2011 of .0394 mill. Motion passes unanimously.

Commissioner Skidmore moved to adopt the tentative budget for FY2010-2011 with projected funds available of \$18,806,955, total expenditures of \$4,687,552, and reserves of \$14,119,403. Commissioner Chappie seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

Chair Judah announced that the hearing to finalize the budget and adopt the final millage rate would be held at 5:01 p.m. on Friday, September 17, 2010, in the same room, Venice City Hall – Council Chambers.

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Skidmore, seconded by Commissioner Chappie, and passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.