WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT
APPROVED MINUTES OF AUGUST 17, 2018 BOARD MEETING
VENICE CITY HALL
VENICE, FLORIDA

Commissioners Present	Charles Hines, Chair Carol Whitmore, Secretary Stephen R. Deutsch, Treasurer
Commissioners Absent - Excused	Larry Kiker, Vice Chair
Staff Present	Justin D. McBride, Executive Director Jed Schneck, Legal Counsel

Chair, Charles Hines opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m., with the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA CHANGES – Mr. McBride noted the addition under New Business of a request from the City of Clearwater.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Mr. Robert Luckner with the Siesta Key Association addressed the Board about an Inlet Management Plan for New Pass with the permit requirements, and what WCIND's role might be.

1. **CONSENT AGENDA -**

   Commissioner Whitmore motioned to approve the Consent Agenda.
   Commissioner Deutsch seconded the motion.
   Motion approved unanimously.

2. **AGENCY COMMENTS/PRESENTATIONS –**
   a. US Army Corps of Engineers - no representative – Mr. McBride noted that we are working with the ACOE on the Venice project, the 50-year plan, and our 3 year funding cycle.
   b. Department of Environmental Protection - no representative - Mr. McBride noted that we are working on some agreements regarding restoration of spoil islands .
   c. US Coast Guard - no representative – Mr. McBride noted that we are currently working with them on the Battle of the Bridges.

3. **ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA –**
   a. Resolution 2018-02 Schneck Legal

   Commissioner Deutsch motioned to approve Resolution 2018-02.
   Commissioner Whitmore seconded the motion.
   Motion approved unanimously.

b. Resolution 2018-04 Property Use Policy - Mr. McBride gave an overview of the policy. Counsel Schneck followed with additional comments.

Commissioner Deutsch motioned to approve Resolution 2018-04.
Commissioner Whitmore seconded the motion.
Motion approved unanimously.

c. Budget Discussion – Mr. McBride gave an overview between the proposed (current) millage rate 0.0394, and the roll-back rate 0.0377.

Commissioner Deutsch motioned to bring the preliminary budget to the September meeting using the proposed millage rate of 0.0394.
Commissioner Whitmore seconded the motion.
Motion approved unanimously.

4. OLD BUSINESS –

a. Continuing work with USACOE on DROP/Venice Dredging – Mr. McBride noted that this project has been delayed due to the ACOE not getting the permits from the DEP.
b. Derelict Vessel Initiative – Mr. McBride noted that 87 vessels have been addressed since bringing on the DV Specialist.

5. NEW BUSINESS –

a. Request from City of Clearwater – Mr. McBride noted that a request for the City of Clearwater regarding a quick claim deed to property that is adjacent to one of their parks. Mr. McBride added that we are not sure of ownership; Counsel Schneck will do more research. Mr. McBride also noted that there is an ACOE easement, and there is no benefit to the District.

Commissioner Deutsch motion to execute a quick claim deed for parcel identified in exhibit "A".
Commissioner Whitmore seconded the motion.
Motion approved unanimously.

6. WCIND COUNSEL'S REPORT – None

7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT –

a. Legislative Report – Thorn Run Partners – Mr. McBride provided an overview.

Manatee County

- Warner's Bayou project out for Bid.
- Preparing bid documents for Highland Shores Dredging Project.
- Working with County Staff on Warner's Bayou Shoreline Project.
- Working with County Staff on support for Palma Sola Boat Ramp.

Charlotte County

- Working on multiple encroachment issues on Palm Island.
- Engaged with Manchester Waterway Issue.

Lee County

- Preparing bid documents for Broadway Hogue and Intrepid Waters Dredge Project.
- Providing Support to City of Bonita Springs Dredge Project.
- Providing technical assistance to Pineland Channel.

Sarasota County

- Providing support to local rowing club with Battle of Bridges event.
- Working with County Staff on Lyons Bay Dredging – Consultant engaged for survey and permitting work.
- Securing property from adjacent landowners for dock expansion of VPD/SCSO dock.
- Engaged with SCPR on tree removal issue at Venice High School.

Regional/District Projects

- Working on budget for coming fiscal year.
- Continuing work on updates to 66A
- Derelict Vessel Initiatives
  - ✓ 47 vessels in process at this time
  - ✓ DV Regional Specialist is working with FFWCC and local LE Departments.
- Working with USACE in preparation for Corps dredge project of Venice Inlet and GIWW in Venice.
- Working with USACE on DROP project to facilitate a Programmatic Environmental Assessment (EA) or Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to address the general environmental issues and concerns at a broad project level.
- Working with DEP on a management strategy for DEP owned Spoil Islands that have WCIND/USACE spoil placement easements on them.
- Working with DEP and Tow Boat Companies on Seagrass issues.

8. **COMMISSIONER ITEMS** – Commissioner Deutsch, Commissioner Hines, Commissioner Whitmore commented on Red Tide; cleanup efforts, educating the public about the red tide scientifically, and the effects on tourism.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME: September 6, 2018 at 4:00 P.M., and First Trim Hearing at 5:01 P.M., Venice City Hall, Venice FL.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Charles Hines , Chair

Carol Whitmore, Secretary