

The regular monthly meeting of the WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS was held at the Court House in Bradenton, Florida, October 10, 1960.

Present were:

Ellsworth G. Simmons, Chairman, Hillsborough County
 Charles R. Fischer, V-Chairman, Pinellas County
 Elmer Bustle, Treasurer, Manatee County
 James A. Spanos, Secretary, Sarasota County
 H.H. Anger, Charlotte County
 Mack H. Jones, Lee County

George Kumpe, Executive Director
 J. Hardin Peterson, Sr., Special Counsel
 Joe K. Merrin Engineer
 Dewey A. Dye, Jr., General Counsel
 L.O. Hester, Pinellas County Engineer

Administration

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 2:05 P.M.

Minutes of the 8 August and 12 September meetings were approved as presented.

Treasurer's reports for August and September were read by Mr. Bustle and accepted. August vouchers #2453 through 2476 and September vouchers #2477 through 2502 covering bills for these two months were approved for payment.

Commissioners were given the annual financial report for the District and directed that it be made a part of the minutes and advertised in one newspaper in each of the six counties represented on WCIND. Cumulative financial reports covering the period from 1947 to date were also distributed for the information of the Commissioners. The Director presented a report of the work of the District for the past year and it was accepted and made a part of the permanent records; copies to be sent to the Clerks of the six counties involved.

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Progress Report

The Director reported that during September the dredge advanced 11,400 linear feet and removed 76,141 cu. yds. of material, deposited in S/A's L-13 through L-19. The first contract was 76% complete as of 30 September 1960.

Lands

For the section Boca Grande through Cut S-1 (2½ miles into Sarasota County) conveyance to the Engineers is in process. The Chairman was authorized to execute deeds to the United States Government conveying right-of-way in Charlotte and Sarasota Counties. The Attorney reported all spoil areas with the exception of three have been conveyed.

Work is continuing in acquiring S/A's in Sarasota County north to Alligator Creek.

In Pinellas County Mr. Dye reported that condemnation suits will be necessary in acquiring some of the tracts. Some easements have been refused and the owners of some tracts cannot be located. Proceedings should be instituted against all owners who have not executed easements, those who sign will be eliminated from the suit. Board adopted a resolution/authorizing the attorney to proceed in condemnation. (WCIND annex to minutes, page 21)
Maps of Pinellas County including the tracts needed were approved and the Chairman and Secretary then signed them and affixed the official Seal.

Right-of-way purchases were approved at the appraised valuation on 4.32 acres north of Stickney Point Bridge from

Katherine E. Hocking for \$2,160.00, with attorneys fees \$158.00; and from George N. Walther, Jr. a tract near Point Crisp for \$957.00; with attorneys fees \$97.85.

Bridges

Chairman Simmons expressed appreciation for Sarasota County's cooperation on the bridge program. During the month their resolution pledging \$75,000 a year for ten years instead of the five they had previously pledged will put WCIND in position to solve the problem of the Manasota and Englewood bridges.

The Director was authorized to inform the Venice area Chamber of Commerce in answer to their 8 August resolution regarding financing of bridges on the waterway that arrangements for the funding of these bridges are being completed; that the solution cannot be fully resolved, however, until January 1961 due to the change in State Administration and that the Corps of Engineers reviews the horizontal clearance of bridges before issuing a Department of the Army permit.

The Progress Report and related correspondence was accepted by the Board.

Other Business

Mr. Dye reported that on approximately 36 tracts in Lemon Bay docks and improvements would be inundated or damaged by spoil. Costs of replacement have been estimated by four contractors and on the basis of an average of the middle two bids the cost of replacement would be approximately \$22,000 for improvements on the 36 tracts. The Board approved including in

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the negotiation for spoil easements for these tracts payment for damages to structures on the basis of the average of the middle two bids, payments to property owners to be made for a general release of damages, for use of the spoil area at no further cost, and on condition that the spoil area is actually designated for use when the dredging contract is let. Complete copies of the four bids shall be held in WCIND files and shall be available for inspection by interested parties.

Mr. Fischer pointed out that there are many subdivisions being developed in the area from the Anclote River to St. Marks and extending out into the Gulf of Mexico. The Board adopted (WCIND annex to minutes, page 22) a resolution/approving efforts being made to have the Army Engineers make a re-study of the portion of the Intracoastal Waterway from the Anclote river northward to the presently authorized project at St. Marks and directed that copies of the resolution be sent to the interested members of the Congressional delegation, to the Corps of Engineers and to the Florida Waterways Committee.

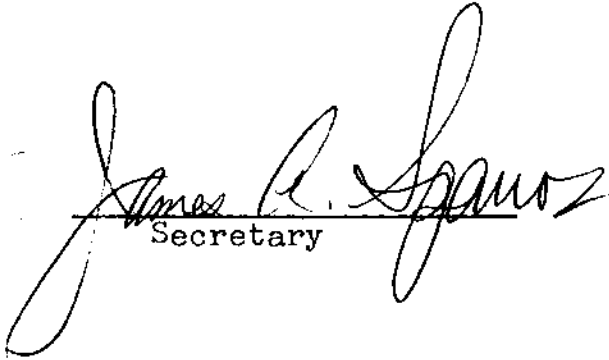
The Director was authorized to represent WCIND at the hearing the Corps of Engineers will hold about 7 December on incorporating the Sunshine Skyway borrow channel in the West Coast Waterway as an alternate route. WCIND position is in favor of the proposal as long as the present route remains the principal one. Boards of County Commissioners will receive copies of the Public Notice, will assure coverage of the hearing and will invite interested people from the counties to attend.


(WCIND annex to minutes, page 23)

The Board directed that a resolution/be prepared and forwarded to Colonel Julian V. Sollohub welcoming him to the Jacksonville Engineer District and enlisting his assistance to WCIND.

Pay increases of \$50.00 per month for Col. Kumpe and \$25.00 per month for Mrs. Smith were approved beginning Oct. 1, 1960.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:40 P.M.


Secretary


Chairman

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PROGRESS REPORT

12 September 60 - 10 October 60

CONSTRUCTION

1. On 12 September the District Engineer wrote to Chairman Simmons stressing the urgency of the conveyance of lands for Section 2 (Boca Grande-Cut S-1 Sarasota County) by Oct. 20 and in Section 5 (Pinellas County) by 31 October. He also reiterated the need for assured construction of the Englewood bridge by 20 October. Chairman Simmons acknowledged this letter stressing the intent of the Navigation District to meet the obligations of local cooperation.

2. Draft deeds for conveyance of R/W in Charlotte and South Sarasota Counties are being reviewed by the District Engineer prior to execution and spoil area easements are being recorded. The conveyance of lands in Pinellas County by 31 October appears impossible. (See Par. 16)

3. On 29 September Mr. Koperski telephoned that the Engineer District was being questioned as to its ability to obligate funds for the West Coast Waterway. If funds cannot be used economically they must be released.

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4. General Mr. Forsythe visited Mr. Van Ferguson on 12 September and discussed all WCIND matters pending before the Trustees. Based upon his visit 5 spoil areas in Charlotte County (C-16, 17, 21, 22, and 28) and spoil area S-1 in Sarasota County were modified. On 30 September the Corps of Engineers agreed to changes in these areas and in C-10A, C-20 and S-6.

5. Charlotte County On 9 September the Corps of Engineers agreed to modification in spoil areas C-19, 25, 29, 29A and 30. The Board of County Commissioners of Charlotte County approved the sale by the Trustees of submerged lands required for composite spoil areas. Based upon Mr. Forsythe's visit to Tallahassee this resolution was revised on 28 September. On 5 October Mr. Dye received Trustee easements to spoil areas C-19, 23, 25, 26 and 31.

6. Mr. J.W. Landis, president of the Galleon's Reach Conservation & Protection Ass'n., furnished Navigation District copies of a protest filed with the County Commissioners on the alleged diversion of funds for beach erosion prevention measures to the purchase of recreational lands.

7. On 28 September Mr. Merrin, Mr. Van Norman and the Director talked to several land owners in Sarasota County to encourage them to file purchase applications without delay so that the Trustees could complete grants required for spoil areas.

8. Sarasota County On 13 September 1960 the Board of County Commissioners concurred in the purchase of submerged lands in S/A S-2 and S-6 required for the second contract.

9. The possible purchase of the upland portion of S/A S-2 by Sarasota County was discussed with representatives of Sarasota County and assurance was received that such action will not interfere with the acquisition of the spoil area.

10. Mr. George Stoll of Holiday Harbors south of Stickney Point Bridge has offered submerged lands for use as a spoil area. The Director visited the area on 29 September and informed Mr. Stoll that his request would be filed but a decision would not be made in the near future.

11. On 3 October Mr. Spanos advised the Director that the Board of County Commissioners of Sarasota County had advertised changes in bulkhead lines required by S/A S-2 and S-6.

12. Manatee County On 27 September Director met with Mr. Rautenberg of Whitfield Estates and discussed spoil areas in Sarasota Bay.

13. Pinellas County On 9 September the Corps of Engineers approved Navigation District recommendations on amending the channel alinement in P-22, 23 and spoil areas P-29 A and B. On 13 September they approved subject to local diking spoil areas P-14, 15, 16 alt. and 17 and advised that P-16 alt. would not be required if P-15 and 17 were furnished.

14. On 22 September the Manager of the Bay Pines Veterans Administration Center furnished executed easements for the right-of-way and spoil areas on the reservation.

15. On 20 September Corps of Engineers furnished the Navigation District a request from Mr. Krentzman for spoil in the area near Lundgren Point, Ozona, Pinellas County. On 22 September Mr. Krentzman was advised of the procedures for dealing with the contractor and was asked to furnish Mr. Merrin an exact description of the area desired to be filled.

16. As of 29 September, of 25 easements required for R/W three had been signed, two had been denied absolutely and the owners of six could not be reached. The other 14 were in negotiation with a probability that at least one more easement will be refused. On 30 September Mr. Dye ordered appraisals to be made of the R/W tracts in preparation of condemnation action. More complete abstract data may reveal the need for additional R/W easements south of Belleair Causeway. Negotiation with owners of spoil areas had not started so a second agent was assigned to WCIND acquisitions.

17. On 3 October the Department of Interior Fish & Wildlife Service furnished copies of their 29 September comments to the District Engineer on spoil areas in Pinellas County.

BRIDGES

18. On 26 September the Venice Chamber of Commerce resolution dated August 8, 1960 was received and acknowledged. This resolution requested the Board of County Commissioners of Sarasota County to defer any financial assistance to the bridge program until the matter of funding had been completely resolved. The resolution also asked WCIND and the Corps of Engineers to review the specifications of bridges proposed particularly with respect to horizontal clearance.

19. On 16 September the State Road Department applied to the Department of the Army for permit for the Englewood Beach and Manasota bridges. They also applied for permits for additional bridges across Roberts Bay, Shakett Creek and Dona Bay required by U.S. 41 four-laning to Venice.

20. On 4 October the Board of County Commissioners of Sarasota County amended their previous commitment towards the construction of the Manasota Bridge to \$75,000. per year for ten years.

21. Mr. Dye furnished the Seaboard Airline Railroad comments on their Draft #5 of agreement with WCIND on reconstruction of the swing span of Bridge #1.

ADMINISTRATION

22. The monthly meeting of the Commissioners on 12 September lacked a quorum. Three members present approved the payment of bills subject to telephonic concurrence of at least one member. On 13 September two members agreed and the bills were paid.

23. Mr. Peterson furnished preliminary commercial statistics from the Jacksonville Engineer District for calendar year 1959:

<u>Waterway</u>	Short Tons		% of change <u>1958-59</u>
	<u>1958</u>	<u>1959</u>	
Intracoastal Waterway .			
Jacksonville-Miami	1,314,208	1,026,092	-22
Miami-Key West	666,242	415,141	-38
Caloosahatchee-Anclote	95,592	239,211	+150
Okechobee Waterway	92,394	283,818	+207

24. Draft of an annual report for the fiscal year was prepared and submitted to Chairman Simmons for comment.

25. The Corps of Engineers will hold a public hearing on incorporating the Sunshine Skyway borrow channel in the West Coast Waterway as an alternate route. The hearing is scheduled, tentatively, to be held in St. Petersburg at 2 P.M. on Wednesday, 7 December. WCIND has been asked to state improvements desired and suggest recipients of the public notice.

26. Quarterly lobbying report was submitted to Congress on 6 October.

27. The Director spoke before the Bayshore Gardens Yacht Club on 15 September and the Anna Maria Lions Club on 19 September.

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CONSTRUCTION

Progress: On the first contract, during September the dredge advanced from Station 158+00, Cut L-11, to Station 41+35, Cut L-12, a total of 11,400 linear feet, and removed 76,141 cubic yards of material. The material was deposited in Spoil Areas L-13 through L-19. Dredging operations were suspended during the period 9 - 14 September, inclusive, because of Hurricane Donna. The contract was 76% complete as of 30 September 1960.

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Sarasota County: During the month work continued on the acquisition of spoil area easements north of the second contract area. Out of 124 owners eleven have not yet signed easements but several of these have agreed to sign. Ten spoil areas must be acquired, of which all necessary easements for five have been obtained (S/A S10A, 10, 11B, 11C & 12), two require one additional easement (SA S8 & 11A), and two require two more easements (S/A S 7 & S 9). A final study is being made of eliminating from spoil areas those tracts for which easements apparently will not be granted or will be delayed.

Work started on obtaining pipe line easements north of Venice Inlet but will be of low priority until the Manasota Key area acquisition is completed.