

WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT

July 8, 1957

The regular meeting of the West Coast Inland Navigation District was held in the Court House, Bradenton, Florida, on Monday, July 8, 1957 at 2:00 P.M.

Those present were:

Ellsworth Simmons, Chairman	Hillsborough County
Charles R. Fischer, Vice-Chairman	Pinellas County
H. C. Slaughter, Treasurer	Manatee County
Edwin F. McCann	Sarasota County
James Miller	Charlotte County
Wilson Pigott	Lee County
Fred W. Ball, Executive Secretary	
Dewey A. Dye, Jr., Attorney	
Joe K. Merrin, Engineer	
Rep. J. Hardin Peterson, Special Attorney	

Mr. Fischer made a motion which Mr. Miller seconded that the minutes of the previous meeting, a copy of which had been sent to the members, be approved.

Mr. Simmons reported that instructions had been carried out to notify the other five counties about bulkhead lines.

Mr. J. Hardin Peterson read a letter which he had sent to Chairman Ellsworth Simmons with reference to the Intra-Coastal Waterway from the Caloosahatchee to the Anclote River stating that the Public Works Subcommittee on the Senate Appropriations Committee is meeting to take up the appropriations bill on Tuesday, July 9. Mr. Peterson stated that Senator Holland plans an all-out effort to obtain \$135,000 in planning and engineering funds for this project.

Mr. Pigott made a motion which Mr. McCann seconded that the Board send the following DAY LETTER to Senator Holland:

"The West Coast Inland Navigation District Board in regular session expressed their appreciation for your work in attempting to get funds in the Appropriation Bill.

It is urgent that advanced planning and engineering appropriation be made this year.

If there is any further information or assistance we can render please call on us.

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By: 
Ellsworth Simmons, Chairman

Mr. Peterson further stated that if both houses were successful in passing this bill that the funds would come to the District Engineer, and that the appropriation would be immediately available. Mr. Peterson said that the House and Senate had approved the local contribution.

Discussion regarding finances ensued with Mr. Simmons inquiring how the Board could determine officially the amount of funds necessary to fulfill its previous commitments. Mr. Peterson stated that there is no actual way of knowing - due to constant changes - what a figure that was worked out today, would be in two years time. Mr. Simmons felt that the amount of revenue on deposit and the anticipated revenue for the next two years with a normal operation and right of way expenditures will leave a balance that will insure confidence in the legal and financial status of the District. Mr. Peterson also pointed out that the fund is gradually accumulating.

Mr. Pigott made a motion which Mr. Miller seconded that all future correspondence be sent to the State representatives to orient them on action being taken by this Board.

Dewey A. Dye, Jr., attorney for the Board stated that he had closed several right-of-way deals which had been pending.

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Mr. Dye reported that Right-of-Way #CC 5,7, 8 and 9 are four different parcels owned by Grove City Land Company in Lemon Bay, and are to be settled for \$2,500; also portion of Point Cripp addition in Sarasota County owned by George Walther for \$5,000.00. Mr. Miller made a motion which Mr. McCann seconded that Mr. Dye settle these accounts.

Mr. Miller reported that a property owner, Mr. Glenn Griggs, had put some fill in a right-of-way. Mr. Griggs claimed he had not been informed that he was encroaching, and that he lacked 167 feet of being on the line. Mr. Dye interjected that according to the maps he is on it by about 25 feet. Mr. Miller stated that Mr. Griggs said that if he were wrong, he would take out what he had put in. Mr. Miller made a motion which Mr. Fischer seconded that Mr. Merrin be instructed to get in touch with the property owner immediately to determine if there is any dispute over the property line of the West Coast Inland Navigation right-of-way. Mr. Miller
 Mr. Simmons made a motion which Mr. Pigott seconded that Mr. Fischer send a letter to Mr. Dye reporting the findings of this investigation and it be kept in permanent file for future protection to the West Coast Inland Navigation District.

Mr. Merrin read a letter from Mr. Leo L. Burnett, Assistant Chief, Engineering Division of Jacksonville, regarding the R/W proposed by the Sarasota County Commissioners for the Intra-coastal Waterway in the vicinity of the county park located north of Albee Bridge. The letter stated that requests for right-of-way in that area will be based on a minimum width of 300 feet and that no change in alignment was possible.

Mr. Slaughter made a motion which Mr. Pigott seconded

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that Mr. McCann make an appointment with Mr. Merrin and Mr. Dye and if Mr. McCann wished, any member of his Board of County Commissioners, to investigate the situation at County Island. Mr. Simmons stated that the Inland Navigation Board should advise Mr. McCann's Board of Commissioners officially of the receipt of this letter and instruct Mr. Merrin to advise Sarasota County that we are in receipt of it.

Mr. Simmons said that our records should show that the request for all property will be officially made to the State where title is held by it.


Discussion ensued regarding internal improvement and Mr. Simmons suggested that private property owners should be notified that no improvements can be planned or started. Mr. Merrin stated that they have all been notified.

Mr. Slaughter read the Treasurer's report. Mr. Miller made a motion which Mr. McCann seconded that the Treasurer's report be accepted. Vouchers #1627 - 1637 were presented for approval of payment. Mr. Slaughter made a motion which Mr. Pigott seconded that the bills be paid.

Mr. Pigott made a motion which Mr. Miller seconded that a transfer up to \$25,000 from the Time Deposit to the checking deposit be made to the best interest of the District.

Mr. Simmons asked Mr. Peterson what the status was regarding the agreement that we entered into with the city of Venice in exchange on release of property and Mr. Peterson informed him that a joint application will be made for conveyance of government land to city of Venice.

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 P.M.


Secretary


Chairman