

The monthly meeting of the WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS was held at the Manatee County Office Building in Bradenton, Florida, June 12, 1961.

Present were:

Ellsworth G. Simmons, Chairman, Hillsborough County
 H.H. Anger, Vice-chairman, Charlotte County
 Boyd R. Gernhard, Secretary, Sarasota County
 Elmer Bustle, Treasurer, Manatee County
 Mack H. Jones, Lee County
 A.L. Anderson, Pinellas County

George Kumpe, Executive Director
 Joe K. Merrin, Engineer
 Dewey A. Dye, Jr., General Counsel

ADMINISTRATION

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 2:05 P.M. Minutes of the 8 May 1961 meeting were approved as presented. The Treasurer's report was read by Mr. Bustle and accepted as read. Vouchers #2721 through #2755 covering current bills were approved for payment.

PROGRESS REPORT

The Director reported that the appropriation testimony by the Corps of Engineers was completed in the week of 8 May. Hearings of local interests by the Public Works sub-committees will be held June 13 and 14. Governor Bryant and his Cabinet will testify for all Florida projects and Mr. Peterson for the Navigation District. Chairman Simmons stated that he could not attend and testify, as previously planned, due to illness. The Board directed the Chairman to send telegrams to the entire Congressional delegation urging their support of West Coast Waterway and appropriations for it; also a telegram to

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Governor Bryant expressing the Board's appreciation of his assistance in the development of the waterways of Florida and particularly the West Coast Waterway.

Lands - Sarasota County

During the month the staff has been active working with Mr. Gernhard in trying to adjust spoil areas to minimize island spoil areas and have final results as satisfactory as possible to everyone. The Director, Mr. Dye and Mr. Merrin will go to Jacksonville on June 15 to check with the Corps of Engineers that work is proceeding in the right direction. Authority was given for Commissioners Gernhard and Anderson to accompany them if they felt it necessary to their counties.

Pinellas County

The staff is working on spoil area problems at Redington Beach and Belleair Beach. These will also be discussed at Thursday's meeting with the Corps of Engineers.

Venice

On May 19 the City of Venice sent to each Commissioner a lengthy letter regarding an open-Gulf route near Venice. This letter was acknowledged by Chairman Simmons. The attorney pointed out that WCIND legislation restricts the functions of the Navigation District to cooperation with the Corps of Engineers in construction along the authorized route and that if the District did anything else it would not be carrying out its statutory function. The Corps of Engineers can make studies only when authorized by Congress and WCIND is not a party to the procedures by which local interests get a study

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authorized. The Board directed that the letter be answered to the effect that this Board is to cooperate with the Corps of Engineers and other governmental agencies. Congress alone has the authority to direct that a re-study be made. Once the study is made this Board would be interested in helping to carry out the results. If this re-study should be initiated the Board would have no objections and would cooperate in each and every way. Any authorized route would be supported.

Bridges

Chairman Simmons reported that Mr. Warren Cason, State Road Board, had advised that he would support the request of Sarasota County to review their financing ability and lend any assistance he could, in an effort to see where he could be of the most assistance to the Board and WCIND. The new construction schedule of the Corps of Engineers changes the priority of bridges to be constructed, the Albee road bridge must be able to pass dredging equipment by February 1963, which means that this project must be included in this years budget. Commissioner Gernhard stated that this now becomes a WCIND-Sarasota County project. Plans for the bridge will be available within thirty days and have been or will be paid for out of secondary road funds. Right-of-way requirements have been surveyed. The bridge cost was originally estimated at \$700,000 but it is expected that it will be less when the bids are received. Commissioner Gernhard stated that he would move at the next meeting of the Sarasota County Commissioners that they ask the State to put

the bridge itself and the Casey Key road on the secondary system and that the county proceed with getting the right-of-way.

Administration

The Director read an amendment of Conservation Board legislation setting up a waterway division in the Board. Mr. Dye was asked to look into this and see if this legislation had been passed and what effect it would have on WCIND.

Regarding Mr. Ralph Erickson's request for data on each WCIND disbursement Mr. Simmons stated it was the desire of the Board to cooperate with governmental officials as long as too much work or expense were not involved. Mr. Erickson has indicated that he will be more explicit in his request.

The Progress Report was accepted.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Dye was directed to check the status of the WCIND legislation and to determine when it becomes law. A special meeting will then be called for the purpose of considering a budget for next year. The Director, the Attorney and the Engineer were asked to submit a tentative budget for consideration at that time to include acquisition of right-of-way, spoil areas, etc.

Mr. Merrin reported that the outboard motor acquired by the Navigation District in June 1952 is not repairable economically. Mr. Merrin was directed to get three sealed bids for the motor and present them to the Board for consideration at their special meeting if possible. A motor may be rented if needed in the future.

The Director presented the need of a 4-drawer legal size file cabinet with lock for the District office. Bids were presented by two firms. The low bid of \$96.00 from Keeton's Office Supply Co. was accepted.

Mr. Dye reported that through negotiation the Boben and Clark property in the Narrows in upper Boca Ciega Bay can be acquired for the payment of about \$4,200, an amount less than the appraised value. Based upon the recommendation of the attorney motion was made and carried that the Navigation District acquire the Elnor A. Archibold Clark parcel 33-A for \$648.00 and the W.R.A. Boben and Anona Boben parcels 33 and 34 for \$3,556.00.

The engineer reported that there were six submerged tracts in Manasota Key for which the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund would like to have the descriptions rewritten so that the property lines would run east and west as do all other spoil area sales, rather than perpendicular to the waterway. The engineer was authorized to revise these descriptions and send them to the Trustees.

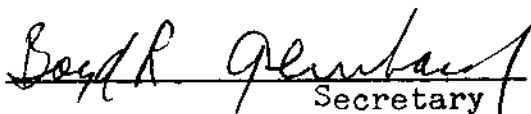
In regard to a proposed exchange of land between Sarasota County and the Navigation District (Rattlesnake Island), on the recommendation of the Engineer and Attorney, the Board authorized Mr. Dye to proceed in working with Commissioner Gernhard to negotiate this transaction if trade is equitable to both parties concerned.

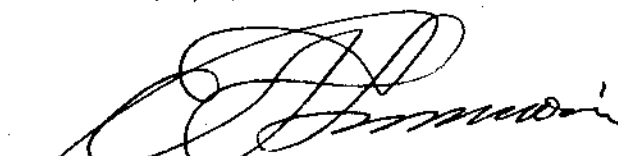
The Director noted that the established date of November 1, 1961 for the conveyance of Section 4 lands required much

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work to be done in a short time. Mr. Merrin reported engineering progressing satisfactorily. Mr. Dye stated that meeting the conveyance date would depend upon the cooperation of the counties and the Trustees on bulkhead line changes and composite spoil areas. Mr. Simmons directed that there be continuing effort on all phases of the land problem to assure meeting the November 1st date.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:20 P.M.


Secretary


Chairman

PROGRESS REPORT

8 May 1961 - 12 June 1961

CONSTRUCTION

1. Dredging on Section 5 started on 8 May at the south end of the project. As of 31 May the dredge had advanced 10,446 ft. and dredged 84,364 cu. yds. The contract was 3% complete.

2. Mr. Koperski informed the Director that the next section of work to be placed under contract, appropriation requests for which are now being heard by Congress, will be Section 4 (Tampa Bay to Venice Inlet) rather than Section 2 (Boca Grande to Alligator Creek) as had been previously planned.

3. Mr. Haley informed Chairman Simmons that local interests are scheduled to testify before the House Appropriations Committee on June 13. Statements for this Hearing were prepared. Senate hearings will take place on June 14, according to Senator Holland who asked that he be informed of progress in resolving matters of local cooperation.

4. Mr. William Kidd requested and was furnished information for inclusion in the testimony to be given by Governor Bryant before the Appropriations Committee.

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5. Mr. Elmer Rounds of the Legislative Committee on roads was informed that data on right-of-way procurement by WCIND could not be furnished until Mr. Dye returned from military leave. Data cards for each purchase were prepared and given to Mr. Dye.

Charlotte County

6. Mr. Fell and Mr. Clark visited the Director to discuss possible sites for a marina in the vicinity of the Cape Haze development.

7. At the request of Mr. Anger he was furnished a letter outlining the procedure whereby contributed funds could be used to pay additional pumping costs to eliminate island fills.

8. Mr. David Hill, Legislator from Charlotte County was informed that construction schedule of Corps of Engineers had been changed from Section 2 to Section 4. He was also advised of Mr. Anger's interest in eliminating island spoil areas.

Sarasota County

9. Three property owners between spoil area S-6 north and south may request inclusion in the spoil area. Mr. Van Norman

and the Director visited two of them to discuss the matter. Mrs. Boutelle, the northernmost owner, will request inclusion in spoil area S-6 north and believes the adjacent owner will do the same. General Persons, the southernmost owner, elected to deal with the contractor when an award is made. Bulkhead line revisions requested for the "third" contract in Lemon Bay were delivered to Mr. Dye. The Gulf & Bay Club requested that fill be placed on their property on Siesta Key adjacent to Sarasota Bay.

10. Mr. E.G. Sissons of Alex F. Ryland, realtor, as member of Siesta Key Ass'n. is determining feasibility of eliminating island spoil areas along Siesta Key. Mr. Van Norman and the Director met with him and Mr. Bud Davis of the City Recreation Board on June 2 to review possibilities. Mr. Merrin, Mr. Van Norman and the Director met with Mr. Gernhard on this matter on June 5.

11. Mr. Shumway of Don Boomhower proposed that the Point Crisp property of Mr. Walther, whom he represents, be designated a spoil area. He was informed that the property was too small, that he might negotiate with the contractor and that the offer should be made known to Mr. Sissons.

Manatee County

12. Mr. E.C. Snyder offered to receive fill on a one acre tract on the east coast of Longboat Key near spoil area M-5. He was informed of the method for negotiating with the contractor.

13. Descriptions of revised right-of-way on individual spoil areas was prepared and copies given to the Hardy Abstract Co.

Pinellas County

14. Mayor Gibbs of Redington Beach visited the Director to determine the possibility of eliminating spoil area P-25 R within Redington Beach limits. After the interview Mr. Gibbs determined that a site previously selected as a spoil area but then filled by a developer could be used. Mr. Merrin checked with Mr. Tom Huff, agent for the developer, Sabolo, and will determine the procedures to redesignate the original area.

15. The Belleair Beach Property Owners Ass'n. wrote to the Corps of Engineers objecting to all spoil areas within the town limits. At the request of the Navigation District the Corps of Engineers referred the matter to the Navigation District and discussed alternate proposals. An additional alternative is now under consideration.

VENICE

16. Mayor Brohard and President Raymond of the City Council were furnished information received from the Corps of Engineers on the treatment of the C-1 cut side slopes.

17. President Raymond submitted a letter asking consideration of an outside route study. Letter was acknowledged and placed on the agenda of the June 12 meeting.

ADMINISTRATION

18. Mr. Bustle extended the Time Deposit agreement with the First National Bank.

19. Mr. Dye visited Tallahassee on 26 May in connection with revised legislation of WCIND. This legislation was passed on 29 May.

20. The Corps of Engineers answered a request by the Board of County Commissioners that a spoil area be designated under the Corey Causeway, suggesting negotiations with the contractor.

21. Draft of legislation reorganizing the Conservation Board was received from Secretary of State Adams.

22. Mr. Ralph Erickson, Legislator from Sarasota County asked list of all WCIND disbursements since its establishment including the payee and the purpose of payment. The Director discussed with him the labor involved in even summarizing over 2900 vouchers and offered to prepare data on specific matters if desired; also pointing out that all vouchers were audited by the State. Mr. Erickson asked that his request be held until he could determine the information desired.

23. Mr. Dye wrote to the City of Venice repeating the position of the Navigation District that it was exempt from a \$3100. special street paving assessment.

24. The Director talked before the Church of the Epiphany Ladies Guild in Venice on 9 May, before the Sarasota Keys Rotary on 18 May and before the Sarasota Power Squadron on 30 May.