

The June meeting of the Commissioners of the WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT Was held June 7, 1965 at the Manatee County Office Building.

Present were:

Ellsworth G. Simmons, Chairman, Hillsborough County  
 A. L. Anderson, Vice Chairman, Pinellas County  
 Mrs. Dorothy R. Flowers, Secretary, Charlotte County  
 Ralph S. Clark, Treasurer, Manatee County  
 Robert M. Wright, Sarasota County

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

Absent were:

Kenneth W. Daniels, Lee County  
 J. Hardin Peterson, Sr., Special Counsel

ADMINISTRATION

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. The Director noted that the next to the last paragraph of the minutes of the May 10, 1965 meeting which read "...18 and 19 of June...", should have read "...18 and 19 of May...". Minutes of the May 10 meeting were approved as corrected. The Treasurer's Report was read by the Director and accepted. Mr. Simmons welcomed Mrs. Rotruck to the WCIND. Motion was made and passed approving Mrs. Rotruck's salary at \$275 per month for 3 months, to be increased to \$300 per month thereafter if her services and conditions of employment were mutually satisfactory. The Director reported that during the month of May an additional time deposit of \$100,000 was established with the Bank of Palmetto as authorized at the May 10 meeting. Vouchers #4137 through #4162 were approved for payment.

PROGRESS REPORT

The Director reported that the contract for Section 2 was 71% completed on May 31. In Section 3 subcontractor for culverts is

starting operations.

Two contracts have been awarded for diking S/A S8-10A and 11A. The contracts require the completion of work at specific dates which were the best estimates then available for when the waterway contractor would start pumping into the S/A's. Liquidated damgges were provided for failing to meet these completion dates. The diking contractor has completed the diking of S/A 8 and 10A and started S11A. He did not meet the specified completion dates but has completed his dikes well ahead of the needs of the waterway contractor. The staff recommend that no liquidated damages be assessed against the diking contractor for work completed in advance of the construction requirements of the waterway contract.

During discussion of the matter a concensus developed that the damages provided in the contract were to cover actual losses to the district and were not punitive. The staff noted that payment could be made in full for diking completed before a spoil area was desired by the waterway contractor, yet, if necessary, liquidated damages could be assessed for the remaining diking if it should not be completed in advance of the waterway construction schedule. Motion was made and passed unanimously that payment would be made in full for each particular dike completed satisfactorily in advance of the need of the waterway contractor.

The Director reported that on June 15 the CE will open bids for extensive maintenance dredging in Pinellas County; and for the removal of shoals in the waterway at Midnight Pass. The Midnight Pass temporary S/A is needed and is being acquired.

Mr. Anderson stated that he has heard of one property owner in Pinellas County who has disposed of boulders from the S/A near his

property by pushing them back into the Intra-coastal Waterway. Mr. Anderson agreed to hold an investigation and report his findings to the Director.

The Director reported that at the Venice Avenue Bridge the SRD has determined that the subsurface conditions found at the bascule piers of the bridge require a change in design. This change will require an added estimated cost of \$10,856.20, which can be borne by the contingency allowance. Motion was made and passed noting and approving the change.

Upon motion duly made and unanimously carried the Progress Report was approved and accepted.

NEW BUSINESS

The Director reported that Col. H. R. Parfitt has left Jacksonville for his new assignment as Lt. Governor of the Canal Zone, and suggested that a formal resolution <sup>(p 84, Annex to WCND Minutes)</sup> be sent to express the District's thanks for the significant progress made in completion of the waterway during Col. Parfitt's tour of duty in Florida. Motion to pass proposed resolution was made and passed unanimously. The Director informed the Commission that the Division Engineer, Maj. A. C. Welling will be replaced by Maj. Gen. C. C. Haug in the near future.


The Director reported that Secretary of State Tom Adams has endorsed District membership in the National Waterways Conference, which is a non-profit organization devoted to the support of waterborne commerce as an essential element of the national economy. The Director stated that the Conference at present is devoting much of its efforts to defeat a proposal to add a \$.02 per gallon tax on fuel used by boats operating on inland waterways. The board voted to apply for membership in the Conference.

Mr. Dye proposed that WCIND exchange two parcels of the S/A S3-5 & 5A, MSA S29 and 30 complex in the Venice Area with a private owner, in order to render each tract more usable. Included was a grant to WCIND of a 30 ft. easement for a road. Mr. Simmons stated that you can't build a road on 30 ft. Mr. Clark suggested that we ask for 50 ft. Mr. Anderson asked if an appraisal should be obtained of the respective values of the parcels. Mr. Clark moved that the board make the swap without an appraisal. Mr. Dye recommended that the District make the trade with a 50 ft. easement for the road. The motion was made and approved unanimously on recommendation of attorney.

Mr. Wright reported that Mr. George W. Elderkin S6 and Mr. H. Brown were arguing over a dock being built by Mr. Elderkin against Mr. Brown's seawall. He suggested that WCIND be careful about any action on the swap until the argument was settled, as it might have a direct bearing on the action. Their argument could well be a civil matter and should be taken to court for settlement.

July 9 was set for next meeting date at 11:00 a.m. at the usual place.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

  
Chairman

  
Secretary

PROGRESS REPORT

10 May 1965 - 7 June 1965

CONSTRUCTION

Construction Progress - During month the contractor for Section 2 dredged 178,752 cu. yds. of material and advanced 7.125 linear ft. during May. On May 31 the contract was 71% complete. On Section 3, Norfolk Dredging Company representatives visited Venice on May 31, in preparation of setting up an office. A subcontractor is at work constructing culverts.

Construction Operations - Parkhill-Goodloe moved into S/A S6 South, depositing material from north to south.

Diking - A second contract, for diking S-11A on channel side, was awarded to Lee Tharpe on May 10; the contract was signed May 14. The ite. for diking S11A4 on the west side was eliminated. Diking on S/A S8 was completed on May 25.

CONSTRUCTION PLANNING

Maintenance Dredging - On May 11 Corps of Engineers advised that a contract would be advertised, with bids to be opened on June 15, for removing approximately 530,000 cu. yds. of shoaling in the waterway, all but 6,000 cu. yds. being in Section 5. Available maintenance spoil areas in Section 5 are adequate. In Sarasota County dredging is required at Midnight Pass only. A temporary spoil area at the north end of Casey Key was selected and will be requested from the Palmer interests. Contractor will be allowed 185 calendar days for completion of dredging.

UTILITIES

Access Road - Mr. Youngberg testified that the base course of the access road to the south airport property line will be completed during 1965 and the road completed in 1966.

BRIDGES

Venice Avenue - Mr. H. E. Johnson advised that a change in the design of the bascule piers had been found necessary at a net increased cost of \$10,856.20.

For assistance in appropriation testimony by the Corps of Engineers information was furnished on the status of bridge contracts as of May 9:

Manasota	78%	complete
South Bridge	7%	"
Venice Avenue Bridge	22%	"
North Bridge	24%	"
(Venice Bypass contract	29%	" )

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Appropriations - Mr. Peterson testified in Washington at Congressional Appropriations hearings on May 18 and 19. On May 10 Corps of Engineers was furnished information for testimony by its representatives.

Billage - Receipt of billage resolution was acknowledged by State Comptroller and by Pinellas County.

Venice Avenue Bridge Escrow Account - First National Bank paid \$35,604.00 to the State Road Department on May 12, making the total withdrawals to date \$402,600.00.

Time Deposit - An additional 90 day time deposit of \$100,000.00 was established with the Bank of Palmetto.

Cross State Barge Canal Appropriations - Support by the Navigation District was acknowledged by Senators Hayden, Ellender, Proxmire and Smathers and by Representatives Haley, Cramer, Rogers and Bohn.

Anclote River - Resolution in support of review of this project was acknowledged by the Corps of Engineers advising that the review had been authorized but not financed. Senator Smathers acknowledged receipt of resolution. Senator Holland acknowledged resolution and advised that he had obtained another authorization for the study. Mayor Lelekis of Tarpon Springs expressed his appreciation for District support.

Emergency Planning - After correspondence between Col. D. S. Roysdon, Planning Co-ordinator, State office of Emergency Planning, Mr. Simmons and the Director agreed to serve on the Inland Waterway section of the Transportation Group, and appointments were made by Governor Burns.