

The June meeting of the Commissioners, of the WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT, was held June 9, 1969, in the Commissioners Meeting Room, Manatee County Court House, Bradenton.

Present:

Ellsworth G. Simmons, Chairman, Hillsborough County
 A. L. Anderson Vice Chairman, Pinellas County
 Kenneth W. Daniels, Secretary, Lee County
 Dan P. McClure, Treasurer, Manatee County
 Kenneth D. Brumbaugh, Sarasota County
 Robert K. South, Charlotte County Alternate

Charles E. Furbee, Executive Director
 Gilbert A. Smith, Associate Counsel

Absent: Howard V. Barr, Charlotte County
 Dewey A. Dye, Jr., Counsel

The meeting convened at 10:30 a.m.

Minutes of the May 5 meeting were approved as presented.

The Treasurer's Report was read and approved. Vouchers, #5908 through #5954, were approved for payment.

The Director reported that the proposed WCIND FY 1969-70 budget is based on 0.01 mill tax levy for the six Counties. The Chairman noted that this represents a reduction of 66-2/3 per cent from the previous year, 1968-69.

Motion was duly made and carried that the proposed budget for FY 1969-70 with the 0.01 mill tax levy for the six Counties in WCIND be approved; Resolution No. 69-10, setting the tax levy at 0.01 mill for the FY 1969-70 for these six Counties was adopted. Copies and certification will be forwarded to the six Counties.

The Director reported that John R. Van Norman, Jr., WCIND Right-of-Way Agent, had submitted his resignation effective May 22 to accept a higher-paying position. The Chairman informed the Board that he had received that morning Mr. Van Norman's letter, addressed to the Chairman, Board Members and Staff, in which he expressed his appreciation for his period of employment with WCIND. The Director stated that he had written to Mr. Van Norman and had accepted his resignation with regret; also, that his association with Mr. Van Norman, as right-of-way agent, had been most rewarding. The Director recommended that future right-of-way matters be sub-

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mitted to those agents of the six Counties, WCIND, for required action. Motion was duly made and carried that Mr. Van Norman's resignation be accepted with regret; and that the Board accept and approved the recommendation of the Director as to future procedures for WCIND right-of-way action.

ACTIVITIES REPORT

Charlotte County

The Director reported that Order of Taking had been processed for Charlotte County, MSA C-17, \$3,500, and MSA C-29A, for \$51,500, in accordance with WCIND policy. Court ordered for deposit in Charlotte County Court the sum of \$55,000, the appraised value.

Sarasota County

The Director reported that no bids were received for sale of spoil in Section 3, MSA S3-4. He proposed that WCIND negotiate on a personal, individual basis, and reported that one party recently expressed an interest. Reason for no bids, in the Director's opinion, is that all parties interested in the area act together in regard to terms specified on the bid form - that the minimum price was too high and monthly minimum was also too high.

Motion was duly made and carried that the Director and the Attorney, subject to the approval of Sarasota County Commissioner Brumbaugh, negotiate for the sale of spoil from MSA S3-4.

Venice Jetty Rehabilitation - Commissioner Brumbaugh suggested that this question of proposed easement can be worked out with the Corps of Engineers. Motion was duly made and carried that the Director proceed with the proposed action of a personal visit to the CE, Jacksonville Office, for proper coordination.

MSA S3-3 - Fort Myers Shell & Dredging Co. Proposal - The Director reported that Mr. O'Mahoney of subject company had been requested to submit a new sketch to cover the new location of the proposed barge terminal. Commissioner Brumbaugh noted that the location is a short distance south of the Venice city limits: 1) no rezoning is necessary and 2) Fort Myers Shell & Dredging Company is to work out arrangements with neighboring industries. Also, a second site should be considered. Motion was duly made and carried that the recommendation of Commissioner Brumbaugh be approved.

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H. L. Tomlinson Proposal (Venice Area) - This location adjoins the Venice Avenue Bridge. The Director reported that a survey was requested for the proposed required location. Mr. Caldwell, appraiser, submitted his proposal for a lease rather than an outright sale, such as \$1,000 annually. Commissioner Brumbaugh suggested that this may be a legal point. Counsel Smith stated that Mr. Tomlinson is the only party desiring to obtain the lease. The Director reported that WCIND should try to get at least the appraised amount reported. Commissioner Daniels suggested that the Director, Commissioner Brumbaugh, and the Attorney work toward a proposal to present to the Board at the next meeting. The Board agreed to this recommendation.

Pinellas County

Spoil Areas P-29, P-29A, and P-33 - Mr. Smith reported that WCIND has a title problem on P-29A; an C & E report shows upland property for what had been formerly an island. S/A P-33 has been in negotiation for over a year, and it is now learned that this property was recently sold. The new owners have plans developed beyond a reasonable price for spoil disposal use. Another piece to the north of this P-33 location has been recently examined and a survey ordered. Mr. Smith recommended that the spoil area location be moved accordingly. Motion was duly made and carried that this recommendation for the new location be approved.

Shoaling Complaint, P-28 - The Director reported receipt of a letter forwarded by Commissioner Anderson, from Mr. D.R. Mosher, Seminole, Florida, who complained of the shoaling in his private channel during dredging of the P-28 spoil area; also, the Director reported on a verbal request from the Hendry Corporation to remove this material and place it out on Indian Rocks Beach. P-28 had been conveyed to the U.S.; however, all authority WCIND had was to place the spoil on this location. The Director sent messages via wire to the CE, TIIF, and Hendry Corporation, that "WCIND had no objection...". The Director stated that it has since been learned that the CE had approved the request. Commissioner Anderson made the recommendation that a letter be sent by the Director to Mr. Mosher giving him this information and advising that his request for diking consideration will be discussed with the CE during the month of June. The Director stated that he would do so.

The Activities Report was accepted as presented.

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NEW BUSINESS

City of Venice Proposal - The Director reported on the proposal plan for a boat ramp and recreational area on MSA S-32. A sketch of the facilities accompanied the proposal. Due to the close proximity of the City of Venice proposal's location and Mr. H. L. Tomlinson's boat basin/ramp plan, a motion was duly made and carried that the Director and Commissioner Brumbaugh report on both proposals at the next meeting.

A \$25 per month salary increase was authorized for the secretary/bookkeeper of the WCIND office, effective July 1, 1969.

Corps of Engineers has scheduled a public hearing for June 12. The Director reported on receiving a personal invitation to represent WCIND and attend the hearing on the Coastal Petroleum Company application for a Department of the Army permit for the mining of limestone from Lake Okeechobee; the Director made his reply via telephone that he would be unable to attend.

WCIND Office Space - The Director reported that due to the closing of the draftman's office in Tampa, the office equipment and records were stored in the WCIND office and in Room 456 of the Court House. It is anticipated that removal of the records from Room 456 will require additional office space. Chairman Simmons referred the problem to Commissioner McClure.

WCIND Resolution No 69-11 - This is a request to the State Board of Conservation for disbursement of matching funds for the acquisition of:

MSA - C-29A, \$51,500

MSA - C-17A, 3,500

MSA - P-29, 29,900

and was adopted.

Next Meeting Date - The next meeting will be held Monday, July 14, 1969, in the Manatee County Commissioners Meeting Room, Court House, Bradenton, Florida.

South Venice Civic Association - Commissioner Brumbaugh reported on receiving an inquiry from this Association regarding a footbridge in the location of the South Venice subdivision. Mr. Smith advised that the District had made a settlement with the South Venice Civic Association, Inc., for all of their interest in the access easements and footbridges leading from the South Venice Subdivision to their two beaches. The South Venice Civic Association agreed


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to accept \$200,000, an approximate figure; (records indicate \$150,000 plus the SVCA attorney fees of \$4,500). Mr. Smith stated that the South Venice Civic Association had a choice - footbridge or a ferry - and a ferry was approved in August, 1965.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.



Chairman



Secretary

ACTIVITIES REPORT

May 5, 1969 - June 9, 1969

I.

A. CHARLOTTE COUNTY

1. Cape Haze Right-of-Way quit claim deed, May 13, 1969: Mr. Dye, Mr. Archie Brown, Mr. James Costigan, and the Director met to discuss right-of-way in Cape Haze. WCIND has advised Mr. Costigan to apply for quit claim deed.

B. SARASOTA COUNTY

1. Ft. Myers Shell and Dredging Company, Inc.: A joint inspection visit of the proposed barge terminal location was made on May 23 by Commissioner Brumbaugh, Mr. O'Mahoney of Ft. Myers Shell and Dredging Company, Inc., Mr. Dye and the Director. WCIND made the suggestion that the Company resubmit its proposal with sketch for new location.

2. Venice North Jetty: A proposed easement for the right-of-way at the Venice North Jetty has been received from Dr. John Caspersen. It is presently being studied and, if suitable to WCIND, will be hand carried to Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District, for their approval.

3. City of Venice Water Wells: A conference with Mr. Horace Sutcliffe, Jr., U.S. Geological Survey, was held at the Director's office on May 19 to review the status of the Venice Water Wells located in the vicinity of Spoil Area MSA S3-4. Monthly water samples indicate six wells are maintaining a prohibitive amount of salt. Four wells are below the maximum count of 250 ppm and are remaining fairly constant.

C. MANATEE COUNTY

1. Sarasota Pass: A shoal-sounding inspection trip was made by the Director in Sarasota Pass on May 8; the report at this time shows no verification of shoaling in the waterway.

D. PINELLAS COUNTY

1. The Director and Mr. Gilbert Smith made an inspection trip for Spoil Area MSA P-33 and the adjacent areas.

II.

A. NEW BUSINESS

1. Mr. John R. Van Norman, Jr., Right-of-Way Agent, resigned effective May 22, 1969.

2. Chairman Simmons, Commr. Daniels, Mr. Dye, and the Director attended the NR&HC Convention in Wash. D.C., May 13 - 16.

3. WCIND office equipment and records were removed from the draftsman's office in Tampa and temporarily stored in Room 262 (Director's Office) and Room 456, Manatee County Court House.