

March 12, 1956

The West Coast Inland Navigation District held its regular meeting in the Court House in Bradenton, Manatee County, Florida, Monday, March 12th, 1956 at 2:00 p.m.

Present were

Ellsworth G. Simmons, Chairman	Hillsborough County
Matt Weeks, Vice Chairman	Charlotte County
Wilson Pigott, Secretary	Lee County
Chas. Fischer, Member	Pinellas County
Herman Burnett, Treasurer	Manatee County

Fred W. Ball, Executive Secretary
J. Hardin Peterson, Special Attorney
Dewey A. Dye, Jr., Attorney

The representative from Sarasota County was not present.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Simmons.

On motion by Mr. Burnett, seconded by Mr. Pigott, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Mr. Dye reported that a tentative agreement with the Sarasota County Board of Public Instruction had been reached in regard to obtaining the right of way through the Venice school property: \$800.00 per acre plus \$ damages to the athletic field, total, \$24,720.00 (29.15 acres)

This agreement was approved on motion by Mr. Burnett, seconded by Mr. Pigott and carried.

On motion by Mr. Burnett, seconded by Mr. Weeks, \$5,970.00 payment to the Artists Guild Foundation (7.1A), to include No. 4 green, was authorized.

Motion was made by Mr. Pigott that the proper authorities be instructed to execute and file on the condemnation suit for acquisition of rights of way. Motion was seconded by Mr. Fischer

and carried.

Upon motion by Mr. Pigott, seconded by Mr. Fischer, the following resolution was unanimously adopted: (recorded page 270)

A letter from James P. Kiernan, Mayor of the City of Venice, was read in which it was stated that it (city of Venice) would not negotiate for right of way unless the area west of the airport was released from the right of way. The matter of release of this parcel by the CAA was discussed and it was concensus of opinion of the chairman and members of the Board that a meeting with the officials of the City of Venice should be held to try to work this problem out to the best advantage to all areas concerned.

On motion by Mr. Burnett, seconded by Mr. Fischer, Chairman Simmons was authorized to write the U. S. Engineers and give progress report.

Upon motion by Mr. Burnett, seconded by Mr. Pigott, J. K. Merrin, engineer, was authorized to accompany Attorney Dye to Jacksonville for a conference with the U. S. Engineers.

Upon motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Pigott, the treasurer's report given by Mr. Burnett was accepted and vouchers dated March 12th, 1956 were authorized paid.

Upon motion by Mr. Pigott, seconded by Mr. Weeks, certain securities were authorized released from the Bank of Manhattan to the First National Bank of Bradenton, Florida (letter dated March 1, 1956)

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Upon motion by Mr. Burnett, seconded by Mr. Weeks, resolution requesting the Board of County Commissioners of Sarasota County to request the Tax Assessor and Tax Collector of that County to delete properties acquired by the West Coast Inland Navigation District for right of way purposes from the assessment rolls.

The engineer's report was given by Mr. Merrin and on motion by Mr. Burnett, seconded by Mr. Weeks,

Upon motion by Mr. Burnett, seconded by Mr. Pigott, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, pursuant to ~~due~~ authorization the Commissioners of the West Coast Inland Navigation District, a Special Taxing District of the State of Florida, have had a part of the intracoastal waterway canal right of way in Sarasota County located and surveyed and have designated the same as the Venice Section of Alternate Route C-1, and have prepared a map showing the location and survey of that portion of said section extending from Rattlesnake Island at Venice Inlet, ~~thence in southerly and southeasterly direction to Lemon Bay, and~~

WHEREAS, this proposed route has been approved by the Corps of Engineers of the United States Army as Alternate Route C-1 of the West Coast Intracoastal Waterway for acquisition by said District as right of way,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the West Coast Inland Navigation District, a special taxing District of the State of Florida, that is hereby approves the location and survey of said portion of said route and directs that a copy of said map of such location and survey certified to by the Secretary and Chairman ~~of this District, as revised February 20, 1956, the official seal of this District, as revised~~ of this Commission and showing thereon the official seal of this District, as revised February 20, 1956, to be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of said County together with a certified copy of this Resolution;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is the judgment of this Commission that the construction of said intracoastal waterway serves a public purpose, that it is necessary, practical and to the best interest of the State of Florida, and that it is necessary that the right of way for said canal for said portion of said route be acquired;

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the said Commission that the District shall immediately proceed in its name to secure by gift, purchase or condemnation the lands, or interests in lands, necessary for the right of way for the construction and maintenance of said portion of said route together with any and all areas required for spoil disposal as may hereafter be found and determined necessary.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Attorney for this Board, Dewey A. Dye, Jr., be and he is hereby authorized and directed to proceed to take the necessary steps for the District to acquire in the name of said District by donation, purchase or condemnation said rights of way and spoil disposal areas for said portions of said District all condemnation papers, affidavits and pleadings and to prosecute all condemnation proceedings to judgment.

Passed in open session at Bradenton, Florida, this 12th day of March, 1956, and certified this date.

WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT
BY [Signature]
Chairman

(Seal)
ATTEST:

Secretary

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There being no further business, the Board adjourned to meet Monday, April 9th, 1956 at 2:00 p.m.

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