

May 14, 1956

The West Coast Inland Navigation District held its regular meeting in the Court House in Bradenton, Manatee County, Florida, Monday, May 14th, 1956 at 2:00 p.m.

Present were

Ellsworth Simmons, Chairman	Hillsborough County
Matt Weeks, Vice Chairman	Charlotte County
Wilson Pigott, Secretary	Lee County
Herman Burnett, Treasurer	Manatee County
Charles Fischer, Member	Pinellas County
E. F. McCann, Member	Sarasota County
Fred W. Ball, Executive Secretary	
Dewey A. Dye, Jr., Attorney	
J. Hardin Peterson, Special Attorney	

The meeting was called to order by E. G. Simmons, Chairman.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read. The Chairman stated that if there were no alterations or corrections the Minutes would stand approved as read.

Mr. E. F. McCann, incoming member representing the Board of County Commissioners, Sarasota County, was sworn in by Lendell Sharer, an officer duly authorized to perform such duties.

\* On motion by Mr. Burnett, seconded by Mr. Pigott, the amount of \$250.00 for three parcels (No. \_\_\_\_\_) was authorized paid.

On motion by Mr. Burnett, seconded by Mr. McCann, Attorney Dye was authorized to proceed with negotiations for acquisition of the right of way if in line with the appraised values.

\*Amended - "Upon recommendation of Attorney Dye."

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Mr. Dye reported that negotiations with O. W. Casperson were still in process.

The engineer's report was given by J. K. Merrin. He advised that he had an appointment in Tallahassee, Wednesday, May 16th to investigate the application of Tarpon Center property, Charlotte County as no property maps were available and that he was in the process of getting up maps through the Narrows south of Englewood; that abstract information as records were such that the requested report for the U. S. Engineers could not be furnished at this time.

Mr. Peterson had been requested to contact the Mayor of the City of Venice with respect to working out amicable solution whereby all interests could be served in the matter of the Intra-coastal Waterway. He reported that he had a very courteous interview with officials of the City of Venice and that they had requested (1) 1,000 feet on the east-west runway where airport is located - 500 feet from the center line of the other runway because of a disposal plant in the right of way and easement.

Motion was made by Mr. Pigott that Chairman Simmons be authorized to write any letter necessary to allow Mr. Peterson to proceed with negotiations relative to the best interest of the project. Motion was seconded by Mr. Burnett and carried.

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Upon motion by Mr. Burnett, seconded by Mr. Pigott, resolution requesting each participating county to assess one-fifth mill for the West Coast Inland Navigation District was unanimously adopted: (Recorded page

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

**RESOLUTION**

Whereas, the River and Harbor Act approved March 2, 1945, adopted a Federal project to provide for improvement of the section of the Intracoastal Waterway from the Caloosahatchee River, Florida, to the Anclote River, Florida, in accordance with the report of the Chief of Engineers as published in House Document No. 371, 76th Congress, 1st session, and subject to certain requirements of local cooperation, and

Whereas, the Board of Commissioners of the West Coast Inland Navigation District adopted on July 28, 1947, a resolution agreeing to and assuming responsibility for meeting the following requirements of local cooperation: (1) Furnish free of cost to the United States all lands, easements, and rights-of-way and spoil disposal areas for the initial work and for subsequent maintenance when and as required; (2) hold and save the United States free from claims for damages resulting from the improvement, and (3) assume responsibility for the maintenance and operation of the highway bridge to be constructed near Venice, all in accordance with the recommendation of the Chief of Engineers as published in House Document No. 371, 76th Congress, 1st session, and

Whereas, the River and Harbor Act approved September 3, 1954, modified the River and Harbor Acts of 1945, 1948 and 1950 so as to authorize the use of alternate route C-1 in the Venice and Lemon Bay, Florida, area, as designated in plans of the Corps of Engineers, and

Whereas, the River and Harbor Act approved September 3, 1954 directed the Chief of Engineers to report to the Congress his recommendation as to the fair amount of local contribution in the light of the changed condition, the provisions as to local contribution based on those recommendations to become effective when approved by the Public Works Committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives, and

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Whereas, the West Coast Inland Navigation District adopted on November 21, 1955, a resolution requesting that the Intracoastal Waterway, Caloosahatchee River to Anclote River be constructed along alternate C-1 route, including construction of bridges as necessary to maintain the existing alignment of U. S. Highway 41 through the City of Venice, and

Whereas, the Federal cost for dredging the project waterway would be considerably greater along alternate route C-1 than along the originally authorized route, and

Whereas, the District Engineer, Jacksonville District, Corps of Engineers, recommends that the existing project for Intracoastal Waterway, Caloosahatchee River to Anclote River, Fla., be modified to provide that local interests give assurances satisfactory to the Secretary of the Army that they will construct, operate, and maintain any bridges made necessary by construction of alternate route C-1;

Now, therefore, Be it resolved by the Board of Directors of the West Coast Inland Navigation District, that said Board hereby amend the resolution adopted July 28, 1947 to apply to construction of the Intracoastal Waterway from Caloosahatchee River to Anclote River along alternate route C-1, and further amend said resolution to provide that said Board agrees that it is a local responsibility and the Board on behalf of itself or in joint cooperation with other State, County or local bodies, do agree to and assume responsibility for construction, operation, and maintenance of any bridges made necessary by construction of alternate route C-1 including the construction of one bridge which was originally a Federal responsibility under the provisions of the River and Harbor Act approved March 2, 1945, such further amendment to be contingent upon approval by the Public Works Committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the additional local cooperation recommended by the District Engineer, and to be further contingent upon said Board becoming vested by statute with legal authority and financial competence to furnish such additional cooperation.

Be it further resolved by the Board of Directors of the West Coast Inland Navigation District that said Board will diligently endeavor to attain the legal authority and financial competence necessary to assume responsibility for meeting the additional requirements of local cooperation as recommended by the District Engineer, after said additional requirements have been approved by the Public Works Committees of the Congress.

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The treasurer's report was given by Mr. Burnett and accepted on motion by Mr. McCann, seconded by Mr. Weeks and carried.

On motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Burnett, vouchers dated May 14th, 1956 were approved for payment.

Motion was made by Mr. Burnett that Attorney Dye render an opinion as to the commissions to Tax Collectors and Tax Assessors that should be paid by this District. Motion was seconded by Mr. Pigott and carried.

R E S O L U T I O N

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the West Coast Inland Navigation District, pursuant to the authority vested in said District by the laws of Florida, that the respective Boards of County Commissioners of the counties of Pinellas, Hillsborough, Manatee, Sarasota, Charlotte and Lee, are hereby requested to include in their budgets for the coming fiscal year an item of taxation of one-fifth mill in each of said counties for the use and benefit of the West Coast Inland Navigation District, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, as provided by Chapter 30074, Laws of Florida, 1955.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be furnished to the several Boards of County Commissioners as above set forth.

Passed and certified to passage this 14th day of May, 1956, in regular session of said Board of Commissioners at Bradenton, Florida.

(SEAL)

E. G. Simmons /s/  
Chairman  
Board of Commissioners  
West Coast Inland Navigation District, a political subdivision of the State of Florida

Upon motion by Mr. Burnett, seconded by Mr. Pigott, the meeting was adjourned until Monday, June 11th, 1956 at 2:00 p.m.

William Pigott  
Secretary

E. G. Simmons  
Chairman