

September 10, 1956

The regular meeting of the West Coast Inland Navigation District was held in the court house in Bradenton, Florida, Monday, September 10th, 1956 at 2:00 p.m.

Present were

Ellsworth Simmons, Chairman	Hillsborough County
Matt Weeks, Vice Chairman	Charlotte County
Wilson Pigott, Secretary	Lee County
W. H. ...	Madison County
Chas. H. Fischer, Member	Pinellas County
Dewey A. Dye, Jr., (Attorney) and J. Hardin Peterson (Sp. Atty)	
Herman Burnett, Treasurer (Manatee County) and E. E. McCann, member, Sarasota County, were absent because of illness.	

Fred W. Ball, Executive Secretary, and J. K. Merrin, Engineer were present also.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Simmons.

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.

A letter from Leo L. Burnet, Assistant Chief, Engineering Division, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers (dated August 24, 1956) was read. This was relative to the review of the special report on Alternate Route C-1 at Venice, and requesting information bearing on the question as to whether local desires might have changed in favor of using the original route in view of the cost of the Alternate route exceeding the cost of the original one; also information as to status of right of way acquisition of the Alternate C-1 route.

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Copy of Mr. Simmons' answer (dated September 5, 1956) was read, in which he advised that Alternate Route C-1 is acceptable to the majority of the citizens in that area and that no other routes should be given consideration.

Upon motion by Mr. Pigott, seconded by Mr. Fischer, cognizance was taken of the communications and the answer given by Chairman Simmons approved.

The Board was advised that Congressman Cramer was endeavoring to arrange a date for a conference with the Chief Engineer on the report, which would possibly early in January, 1957.

Chairman Simmons stated that members of the West Coast Inland Navigation District had been invited to take part in the program of the State Chamber of Commerce, October 4, 1956 in Clearwater. He said he understood that the Senators and Congressmen of the District had been invited and that in addition to the members being present if possible, it would be well that the meeting be attended by Mr. Dye, Mr. Peterson and Mr. Merrin.

Mr. Dye reported that the re-draft of the agreement with the City of Venice was ready for presentation and he read a copy to the Board. Upon motion by Mr. Pigott, seconded by Mr. Fischer, Attorney Dye was authorized to submit the new agreement to the City of Venice.

Upon motion by Mr. Pigott, seconded by Mr. Fischer, Attorney Dye was authorized to negotiate with the land agent, Corps of Engineers, for approval of deeds.

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Upon motion by Mr. Pigott, seconded by Mr. Weeks, resolution directed to the Trustees, Internal Improvement Fund, relative to submerged lands in Charlotte County, was adopted.

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Upon motion by Mr. Pigott, seconded by Mr. Weeks, resolution directed to the Trustees, Internal Improvement Fund, relative to submerged lands in Lee County, was adopted.

Mr. Dye reported that no encroachment upon the canal right of way in Pinellas County had been found by the engineers.

Upon motion by Mr. Fischer, seconded by Mr. Pigott, resolution regarding deeds to lands in Pinellas County was adopted.

Upon motion by Mr. Fischer, seconded by Mr. Pigott, the following payments for right of way were authorized:

Kirk & Pinkerton (parcel by Morin)	\$580.00
1st Venice Corporation (Dart & Bell)	700.00

The treasurer's report was read and accepted on motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Pigott and carried.

Upon motion by Mr. Pigott, seconded by Mr. Weeks, bills as shown by vouchers dated September 10th, 1956 were authorized paid.