

The August meeting of the Commissioners of the WEST COAST IN-
LAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT was held August 9, 1965 at the Manatee
County Office Building.

Present were:

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

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

Absent were:

J. Hardin Peterson, Sr., Special Counsel

ADMINISTRATION

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. Minutes of the July 9 meeting were approved. The Treasurer's Report was read and accepted. Vouchers #4199 through #4221 were approved for payment. The Director called the Board's attention to the payment to Mr. John C. Manson in the amount of \$2,507.45 for title insurance. He reported that this matter has received a great deal of attention and is near completion, except for Section 3. Mr. Dye noted that a few minor matters of title insurance in Section 1 still require correction. Check #4205 to the U. S. Treasurer was explained by the Director as being in addition to the contribution of \$950 paid in July to prevent a claim and possible injunction in the use of S/A S11A. The \$50 payment represents government costs which must be covered, but which had been omitted in the original estimate.

PROGRESS REPORT

The Director reported that on July 31 the contract for Section 2 was 93% complete, and that maintenance dredging in Pinellas County was 42% completed. Mr. Anderson inquired as to whether the channel would require dredging to that extent every year. The Director replied that it probably would require such dredging every few years until the channel stabilizes.

The Director reported that in S/A S8 the CE has been negotiating with the contractor for the elimination of the "finger" which extended to the dike. It is expected that negotiations will be completed by the end of the week.

The Director reported that during the month individual complaints have been received from owners in Lemon Bay spoil areas, and that these complaints have been acknowledged with a statement that the Navigation District must await information from the CE that construction operations have been completed in the particular spoil area involved. Once this information is received any remaining complaints can be presented to the Board of Commissioners with advise as to their legal responsibilities and abilities to make settlement. Mr. Simmons asked if the Ce is required to accept any of this responsibility. The Director replied that CE responsibility was limited to the contract requirements.

In reporting on Section 3 Spoil Areas the Director stated that the CE has received a complaint on the use of S/A S3-3 at the southeast corner of the airport. The use of the S/A was agreed to by the City of Venice in accordance with the four-way agreement. The complainant lives on Shamrock Road next to the spoil area, but outside of the city limits. This spoil area is essential to the construction and

will receive an appreciable amount of spoil. The Director suggested that it may be desirable for public relations, and also to provide additional capacity for maintenance dredging, if spoil from this S/A were removed. The Director requested that the Board set a policy on this matter for guidance of the staff. Mr. Wright, Chairman, Mr. Clark and Mr. Dye were appointed as a committee to work with the Director and bring in a recommendation as to correct policy in matters such as this. Mr. Simmons suggested that since most areas have a rather high demand for useable soil the committee might consider the possibility of advertising for somebody to operate spoil removal as a business.

The Director reported that a signed copy of the petition for annexation of certain properties to the City of Venice had been received from the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund. He suggested that the Chairman be granted authority to sign the petition for the annexation of WCIND properties. A motion was made and passed authorizing this action.

The Director reported that the Navigation District is participating in a cooperative agreement with the Florida and U.S. Geological Surveys on monitor well observations along the right-of-way. The District had asked Dr. Vernon, State Geologist, whether additional investigation should be made between Gulf Coast Boulevard and S/A S3-4 and he recommended the installation of one additional well at a first cost to the District of \$500 and an annual operating cost of \$250. The District would also have to provide an easement to the well site, in an area to which the District holds fee. Mr. Anderson asked if precautions would be taken that the dredge water would not contaminate the well by flowing in at the

top. He was answered that all necessary safeguards would be taken. A motion was made and unanimously passed that this investigation be conducted and that the Chairman be authorized to sign the necessary agreement and easement.

The Director reported that the Coast Guard has advised the District that the marking of Section 2 is being placed under contract and work should start about the first of October.

The Director reported that the State Board of Conservation has notified the District of a free flowing artesian well within the canal right-of-way north of Venice. The well is located on District property and we have a responsibility to close it. The Director will determine from the CE whether or not the location of the well requires that it be plugged below the surface. A motion was made and passed authorizing the investigation and possible plugging of this well.

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

NEW BUSINESS

The Director reported the receipt of a letter from Mr. R. F. Sutton requesting approval to excavate from his property across waterway right-of-way to the waterway. Mr. Sutton indicated in his letter that the CE is agreeable to this proposal if necessary permission is granted by the District. Mr. Simmons proposed that the Director and Mr. Dye develop a resolution on policy for such projects. Mr. Clark noted that any approval by the District should first have the recommendation of the county involved for protection against potential traffic and zoning problems. Mr. Simmons suggested the onus of such county approval should rest on the applicant.

Mr. Dye informed the Board that Norfolk Dredging Company had contacted him requesting approval for cutting all timber in Section 3

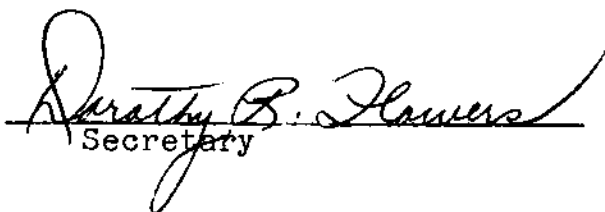
spoil areas which they are preparing for use. Mr. Dye stated that he saw no objection as long as they stayed within the bounds of the spoil area, and received permission from the fee owners. Mr. Simmons remarked that he deemed it permissible as long as the contractor did not benefit from the lumber involved. The District is furnishing Norfolk the names of owners of S/A's. It was agreed, however, that any permission granted by the District for clearing would be restricted to spoil areas to which the District holds fee.

September 13 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

9 July - 9 August 1965

CONSTRUCTION

Construction Progress - Section 2 - Parkhill-Goodloe, Inc. dredged ~~352~~ 300 cu. yds. and advanced _____ linear ft. during July. At the end of the month the contractor was placing spoil in the final spoil area and the contract was 93 % complete.

Maintenance Dredging - The contractor, R. C. Huffman Co., operating in Pinellas County, dredged ~~195~~ 23 cu. ft. during July. At the end of the month the contract was 42 % complete.

CONSTRUCTION OPERATIONS

Section 2 - The contractor requested the marking of S/A S11A-1-PL6, access to a beach S/A in case the capacity of S/A's S12 and 12A was exceeded. This pipeline easement was not used. The contractor started removal of the foot bridge on July 29.

In Charlotte County the CE noted six S/A's where spoil had flowed beyond the limits of S/A's shown in the contract. Recommendation as to desired corrective action by the contractor was made by the Navigation District.

Section 2 Claims - During the month individual property owners who were dissatisfied with the placement of spoil were requested to submit individual statements of their particular complaints. They were advised, in each case, that action by the Navigation District must await completion of action taken by the Corps of Engineers through Parkhill-Goodloe. The CE is continuing negotiations with the contractor on corrective action, particularly in S/A S8.

CONSTRUCTION PLANNING

Section 3 - Norfolk Dredging Co. started clearing and grubbing of S/A's proposed to be used. S/A's S3-3B, 4B & C, 5, 5A, C & F, 6 6A, B & C were staked for the contractor.

The City of Venice was informed of height limitations in S/A's within the city limits and concurred in them.

S/A S3-3 (SE corner Venice Airport) - A protest to use of this S/A was filed by residents of South Venice living across Shamrock Road from spoil area. Information for answering complaint was furnished Corps of Engineers.

LANDS - Section 4

Right-of-Way - The CE asked for comments on an SRD proposal that the permanent location of the channel at Stickney Point be moved 100 feet westerly. The Director discussed this matter with Mr. H. M. Johnson in Bartow on July 22, and visited Jacksonville on July 23. A meeting on this matter has been arranged for August 17 between the CE and Mr. Jennings, Assistant State Highway Engineer for Structures. If the SRD recommendation is approved, additional waterway right-of-way on the east side of Siesta Key must be acquired. Determination of the exact properties is underway.

S/A at Midnight Pass - Was acquired for maintenance dredging.

UTILITIES

Venice Water Supply - Dr. R. O. Vernon, State Geologist, recommended that an additional monitor well be installed in the Venice area to check conditions on the north side of S/A S3 - 4. Formal easement for the test well area was prepared for board action and USGS was granted authority to make preliminary investigations.

Power - Florida Power & Light Co. applied for two Department of the Army permits, one for a crossing at the southeast corner of the airport to the golf course, and a second crossing parallel to and immediately south of Venice Avenue.

ADMINISTRATION

Venice Annexation - Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund approved the request of the City of Venice that the Trustees petition for the annexation of submerged land to the City of Venice. Similar action by the Navigation District has been authorized upon notification from the City of Venice of the Trustees action.

Aids to Navigation - USCG advised that work on marking Section 2 would start about October first. The Director wrote referring to a previous schedule to start in June, soliciting an earlier starting date if possible.

Small Projects - State Board of Conservation concurred in the recommendations of the Chief of Engineers authorizing the improvement of Johns and Passe-Grille Passes.

Venice Avenue Bridge Escrow Account - SRD wrote to Manatee Banks to withdraw \$379,000.

Venice Well - Board of Conservation reported a free-flowing artesian well in canal right-of-way north of Venice Avenue recommending its closing. SRD will request its contractor to effect temporary capping, but sealing well below bottom of waterway will be necessary.