

The November meeting of the Commissioners, of the WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT, was held November 9, 1970 in the Commissioners Meeting Room, Manatee County Courthouse, Bradenton, Florida.

Present were: Kenneth W. Daniels, Vice Chairman, Lee County
 Larry Rhodes, Secretary, Sarasota County
 Dan P. McClure, Treasurer, Manatee County
 A. L. Anderson, Pinellas County
 Howard V. Barr, Charlotte County

Charles E. Furbee, Executive Director
 Dewey A. Dye, Jr., Counsel

Absent: Ellsworth G. Simmons, Chairman, Hillsborough County

ADMINISTRATION

The meeting convened at 11:00 a.m.

Minutes of the October 12, 1970 meeting were approved as presented.

The Treasurer's Report was read and approved. November vouchers, #6450 through #6468, were approved for payment.

Mr. Dye submitted resolution No. 70-05 for adoption. This resolution is in honor of the Honorable Spessard Lindsey Holland, Florida's senior United States Senator, who is retiring from the United States Senate after a distinguished career of dedicated public service to the State of Florida and its people, and to recognize Senator Holland's faithful service, particularly in the proper development of Florida's priceless natural resources, including development of a system of navigable waterways, part of which system lies within the West Coast Inland Navigation District. It is planned that this resolution be presented to Senator Holland at the Florida Waterways Association annual meeting in Jacksonville on November 13, 1970.

Commr. McClure moved that this resolution be adopted; this was duly seconded and the resolution No. 70-05 was adopted unanimously.

The WCIND 1969-1970 annual financial report was approved for publication to the six designated newspapers for the six counties in the district.

ACTIVITIES REPORT

Charlotte County

Commr. Barr requested that Resolution No. 70-41, submitted by Charlotte County Board of County Commissioners, be tabled at this time due to technicalities.

Sarasota County

Venice Chamber of Commerce - Letter was received in which a request is made for WCIND to release by sale or otherwise that square

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footage of land upon which a portion of the Chamber of Commerce Building was located after the land was acquired by WCIND for right-of-way. Mr. Dye stated that the service unit of this building stands on the right-of-way. The Venice Chamber proposes to sell the building and the question of this encroachment must be resolved. Mr. Dye recommended that since the right-of-way has been conveyed to the U.S. the inquiry should be made to the Corps of Engineers. It was agreed that the Venice Chamber should be advised to refer this request to the Corps of Engineers and that WCIND is in sympathy with this request. Commissioner Anderson recommended a lease plan that the CE could lease at one dollar per year to protect the public. Mr. Dye advised that the Venice Chamber, or the buyer, should make application to the Corps of Engineers and when the CE contacts WCIND then WCIND could make its recommendation.

Casey Key Pipeline Easements - The Director reported that of the seven easements required, three had been acquired and one other has recently been purchased by negotiation with the easement now obtained; three more are yet to be negotiated.

Maintenance of Waterway-banks, etc. - A tour of the designated 90-acre area by the Director revealed that the grass-mowing project is complete. An additional area is in need of maintenance, the Venice Isles Mobile Park location with drainage ditch south side of the S3-4; the Mosquito Control people will be contacted. Also, a 200' strip on the right-of-way in the vicinity of Fisherman's Wharf Restaurant will be inspected by the Director for maintenance.

While visiting the Corps of Engineers in Jacksonville last week, the Director and Mr. Dye were told that maintenance of the waterways, under 107 Funds - (Civil Projects), might be turned over to the local sponsors in the future. Maintenance then may become a part of the WCIND's job.

Pinellas County

Indian Rocks Beach Pipeline Easements - Mr. Dye reported on his recent attendance at the City Council's meeting with some 150 townspeople. This Council indicated that they will grant an easement on these two locations with a six-month notice for cancellation. The City will reserve this right. A form of easement will be worked out with their attorney and then turned over to the Corps of Engineers. If this is not acceptable to the CE, the original plan calling for purchase of upland by WCIND will be pursued.

Dunedin Pass Clearing Project - The Director received a copy of City of Clearwater Resolution No. 70-96 asking WCIND participation in the Dunedin Pass project. The Pinellas County has officially announced its willingness to participate in the application to the Corps of Engineers. A resolution to authorize this participation by the district is requested.

Commr. Anderson moved that a resolution be adopted for this project expenditure and that the Director be instructed to proceed accordingly; the motion carried. The Director and Mr. Dye will meet with the City of Clearwater attorney to prepare resolution No. 70-057

and will present it to the board members for signatures at the next meeting. It is estimated that the project will cost \$150,000, with local interests to furnish one-half the total cost. It is proposed that the local interest share be paid thus: one-half by City of Clearwater and the other half to be shared by Pinellas County and the WCIND. The WCIND share may not exceed limit previously fixed for participation in such projects, i.e., \$50,000.

The Activities Report was accepted as presented.

Seaboard Railroad Company Bridge Status - The Director gave a report on a visit with Mr. Dye to the Corps of Engineers in Jacksonville last week in order to determine the CE position as far as the replacement of the SCL bridge at Placida. The response was that the WCIND should first inquire of the SCL as to what it intends to do with the facility at Boca Grande, pending their deadline date of December 1 with the state for complying with correction of the pollution problem. Mr. Dye stated that the bridge should not be built if the pollution correction deadline is not met. Commr. Daniels stated that it is his recommendation to wait until December 1.

Commr. Anderson: "I feel the SCL should tell the WCIND immediately if they are to use it or not use it. We should not allow this cost to increase at the expense of public funds."

Commr. Daniels: "I do not believe this can be answered until December 1; I agree a decision could be made at the December meeting."

Commr. Barr: "I'm thinking of the unemployment for the Boca Grande area if the bridge is not built."

Commr. Daniels: "The Director is instructed to notify the SCL Railroad Company that the WCIND will make a final decision at the December meeting."

Commr. Anderson: "And I will insist on a decision."

The Director reported that on December 1 the SCL will answer the State as to correction of the air pollution charge by the State Air and Water Pollution Control Commission.

Commr. Anderson: "The decision comes from the SCL Railroad - or, the WCIND should terminate the contract. This matter will be on the agenda for a decision."

Mr. Dye stated that 1) WCIND should ask the SCL to write the board of their intentions and 2) WCIND should advise the SCL by writing them and inviting them to have a representative present here at the December meeting.

Commr. Anderson: "It seems to me that we are proposing that WCIND declare the contract at an end because of the violation by the SCL of their contract with this board. We should notify the Seaboard


Coast Line Railroad Company so that, if they want to go ahead and proceed, they will have this opportunity to do so before this board takes action at the December meeting, assuming we may."

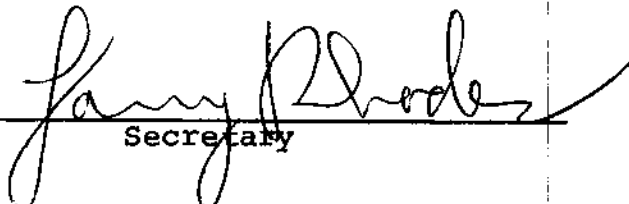
Commr. Daniels: "If there is any way to preserve this facility, I want to do it. I am anxious to resolve this matter too."

Florida Waterways meeting, November 12-13 - Jacksonville -
The Director received a request from Mr. McCree, President, that the WCIND members be urged to attend the meeting at which time Senator Holland will be honored for his interest in Florida's waterways.

NEXT MEETING DATE - It was agreed that the next Board meeting will be held on Monday, December 14, 1970, Manatee County Courthouse in Bradenton, Florida.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.


Vice Chairman


Secretary

ACTIVITIES REPORT

October 12, 1970 - November 9, 1970

I.

A. CHARLOTTE COUNTY

1. Received Resolution No. 70-41 from Charlotte County Commissioners requesting W.C.I.N.D. to require the SCL Railroad bridge at El Jobean, Florida, across the Myakka river to remain open to accommodate boat traffic at all times except when necessary to allow passage of railroad trains.

B. SARASOTA COUNTY

1. Venice Chamber of Commerce letter was received in which the request is made for W.C.I.N.D. to release by sale or otherwise that footage of land upon which a portion of the Chamber of Commerce Building is located and was acquired by W.C.I.N.D. for right-of-way.

2. Casey Key Pipeline Easements - Negotiations with one of the four property owners have been successfully completed. Easement obtained.

3. Maintenance of Waterway banks, etc. - An inspection tour of the grass-mowing project reveals that project is complete.

C. PINELLAS COUNTY

1. Indian Rocks Beach Pipeline Easements - The City Council will grant the two required easements if W.C.I.N.D. will agree to the stipulation of a cancellation clause based on a six-months observation basis.

2. City of Clearwater Resolution on Dunedin Pass - This has been mailed and will be presented to W.C.I.N.D. Commissioners on Monday, November 9, 1970.

II. GENERAL:

1. The W.C.I.N.D. 1969-1970 annual financial report has been prepared and publication in the six counties is awaiting the approval of these respective counties with the exception of Hillsborough County which has approved.

2. Florida Waterways Association convention will be held on November 12 - 13, 1970, in Jacksonville, Florida.