

The monthly meeting of the WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS was held at the Manatee County Office Building in Bradenton, Florida, December 20, 1962, one week later than the normal time.

Present were:

Ellsworth G. Simmons, Chairman, Hillsborough County  
H.H. Anger, Vice-Chairman, Charlotte County  
A.L. Anderson, Secretary, Pinellas County  
L. Elmer Bustle, Treasurer, Manatee County  
Mack H. Jones, Lee County  
Warren S. Henderson, Sarasota County

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

Absent:

J. Hardin Peterson, Sr., Special Counsel

ADMINISTRATION

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:05 A.M. expressing appreciation for attendance at this meeting, which had been postponed from December 14th. Minutes of the 9 November 1962 meeting were approved as presented. The Treasurer's Report was read by Mr. Bustle and approved as read. Vouchers #3227 through #3252 covering current bills were approved for payment.

HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS

Mr. C.J. Giles appeared to protest the height of fill and the closing of a private channel in front of his property at the mouth of Pirate's Cove (S/A S-34), and asking if part of the spoil could be removed and no more put there. The Chairman told Mr. Giles the Board had worked long and hard with Sarasota County on eliminating problems in this area but once the contract

was let it was a matter for the contractor. Mr. Henderson said it was a shock to learn that a second contractor might use the area and he felt the Board should find out if the channel can be opened. It was pointed out that it was the contractor's responsibility to stay within the spoil areas shown on the plans or otherwise approved. Motion was made that the Director contact the Corps of Engineers immediately forwarding the complaint and soliciting their cooperation in seeing that the contractor deposit no further spoil on S/A S-34. The motion carried. Commissioner Anderson remarked that everyone of the Commissioners was sympathetic and interested and wondered if the matter could be referred to Sarasota County Commissioners; Commissioner Henderson felt that the first step would be to check with the Corps of Engineers that spoil was placed in accordance with the contract and has not exceeded it.

Mr. Fred Conners, Secretary and Treasurer of Coral Cove Association appeared to protest "spoils" spoiling their view and their property. He requested removal of spoil which was ruining property value at Coral Cove, and that no more be placed there. Chairman Simmons reminded that Sarasota County cooperated in every way and WCIND Board did everything they could to work this out, even to paying additional pumping costs, knowing of the objections to island spoil areas, but that the height of any spoil area was <sup>not</sup> discussed at any Board meeting because WCIND does not govern that. "Unfortunately **neither** this Board nor Sarasota County can control it once it goes to contract."

Mr. Henderson said that WCIND and the County would do all possible to place the spoil in the two designated upland spoil areas (S 35-1 and S 35-8) and reduce the spoil to below mean low water. Mr. Simmons pointed out that Mr. Henderson was speaking for the County.

Commissioner Anderson stated that Pinellas County has many spoil islands and doesn't like any of them.

Mr. Reno de Frances read a protest that a spoil island had been created in front of his property and a request that the spoil be distributed so that it will be submerged and that no more spoil be placed there. He said that he also represented Mr. Rasmussen, who was ill, who had said that he could take most of the spoil with a little diking and a little cooperation from Sarasota County and WCIND - property of his (in addition to S/A S35-8) could be used as a temporary stock pile if the County would agree to remove the spoil. Chairman Simmons felt that the proposal involved action by the Sarasota Board of Commissioners on approving of bulkhead line change and similar matters and that all WCIND could do was to make its staff available, to authorize any travel that might be necessary and to cooperate with Sarasota County in any way it could. Motion was made to request the Corps of Engineers to accept this/and have the contractor carry it out. Motion carried.

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Mr. Simmons emphasized that while WCIND would take all possible action to discourage any further use of S/A S-34, including a strong request to the District Engineer, the Navigation District was not party to the construction contract and could not guarantee no future use of the area.

PROGRESS REPORT

The Director reported on the progress of dredging during November.

The Board passed a resolution authorizing the attorney to take necessary action in acquiring spoil areas and right-of-way for the Sunshine Skyway Borrow channel.

On bridges, Chairman Simmons reported plans are complete for the Englewood Bridge, funds are budgeted and the Road Department has expressed a readiness to proceed. Plans for the Manasota Bridge are about completed. The timing and construction of these bridges should be scheduled to give minimum inconvenience to the residents of the two areas. The bridges in the Venice area are being coordinated with the State. It was felt that a meeting with Road Board Member Warren Cason, Commissioners Henderson, Simmons, Anger and the Director should be arranged to firm up details. Chairman Simmons will arrange this meeting.

The Progress Report was accepted.

NEW BUSINESS

The Director announced that since the last meeting the Army has relieved Colonel Sollohub as District Engineer in Jacksonville and that he has been replaced by Colonel Harold R. Parfitt. Board authorized a letter of welcome to Colonel Parfitt. A resolution, <sup>(Page 49, WCIND annex to minutes)</sup> was passed in appreciation of Colonel Sollohub's work, copies to be sent to him and to the Chief of Engineers, United States Army. The District office was asked to notify each member county of the new District Engineer's name.

The Director cited the need for additional storage in the District office and that, based upon three bids, stationery cabinet now in use could be exchanged for a larger one for a cost of \$41.80. Approval of 4 Commissioners had been obtained by telephone of this exchange. This action was approved.

The Board directed that letters be sent to each County asking that they designate their 1963 member of WCIND inasmuch as January is the organization meeting in the Counties and for the Navigation District. Any Board member being replaced was asked to attend the January meeting with his successor. Mr. Bustle said that he would be replaced and expressed his pleasure in working with and knowing the Commissioners and his happiness that the project is going along and looks like it will be completed.

Mr. Dye stated that, regarding the taxation problem in Pinellas County, he had continued with action the Board authorized at the Nov. 9th meeting but that the matter was as yet unresolved.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 A.M.

W.L. Anderson  
Secretary

[Signature]  
Chairman

## Progress Report

9 November 1962-14 December 1962

### CONSTRUCTION

Progress - During the month of November:

a. In Section 5 the contract dredge excavated 219,856 cubic yards of material and advanced 7,381 linear feet. On November 30 the contract was 89% complete.

b. In Section 4 the contract dredges excavated 206,503 cubic yards of material and advanced 7411 linear feet. On November 30 the contract was 31% complete.

Operations, -Section 4 - The District Engineer approved a relocation of the waterway within the right-of-way between cuts S-36 and S-37. This matter is being discussed by the District Engineer with the contractor.

S/A S 24-4C - An amendment to the area and slight change in location of this spoil area was conveyed to the Corps of Engineers the change being acceptable to the contractor.

S/A S-26 - The contractor furnished information on the height of fill he would place in the area. The District Engineer was requested to approve increased use of this area.

S/A 27/PL 3C - The grantor of this spoil area asked the contractor to change the location of the pipeline within his property. Survey to revise the sketch for approval by the District Engineer was undertaken.

The District Engineer authorized the contractor to utilize property owned by Mr. T.A. Azar south of S/A S-31. This alternate area was diked but not filled.

S/A S-31 - During filling of this spoil area waste water seeped under the retaining dike into adjacent property. Additional ditching was accomplished to minimize this flow.

S/A S-34 - Investigation of alternatives to use of this area was unsuccessful. Description of an enlargement of this area was prepared.

S/A S-36 - Based upon information from the contractor the owner of this area was informed it was improbable it would be utilized.

Pinellas County - Section 5. The District Engineer approved the utilization of one spoil area owned by Mr. Leo Smitz.

Planning - The District Engineer requested information on the status of local cooperation in Sections 2 and 3 for use in budget preparation. The State Road Department was asked to furnish information on planning and construction schedule for bridges. Answer was made on December 13.

Section 3 - Mr. R.W. Pocock of Venice wrote to suggest moving the channel northward on Roberts Bay west of Fishermans Wharf. The suggestion is being studied.

#### LANDS

Charlotte County - Information was furnished to West Charlotte County Civic Association and to Mr. Anger on spoil areas and right-of-way in the County, at the request of the Civic Association.

Sarasota County, Section 2 - The Trustees approved bulkhead line changes in Lemon Bay required for spoil areas. Sales of submerged lands are being advertised.

Spoil area S-9 - In view of commitment by the Corps of Engineers to replace spoil in borrow area for the Manasota bridge abutments the District Engineer was asked to consider eliminating spoil area S-9.

Section 3 - The District Engineer advised that the encroachment of the Chamber of Commerce building in the right-of-way was acceptable for the construction of the waterway as authorized at present. Clarification of this matter is being requested.

The District Engineer approved a reduction of 50' in the right-of-way to prevent an encroachment in enchanted Isles Sub-division.

Section 4, S-24X - It was determined that the use of this spoil area was infeasible.

S/A S 24-4C - A revised easement to this spoil area was obtained and conveyed to the Corps of Engineers.

S/A S 35-3 and -3A - Spoil area easements to include submerged land recently purchased were obtained and conveyed to the Corps of Engineers.

S/A S-37 - An easement to the platted county road previously omitted from the spoil area was obtained and conveyed to the Corps of Engineers.

Manatee County - The owner of spoil area M 12 requested its release for other purposes. Contractor advised the Director that the area could be released as soon as the District Engineer accepted that section of work. The District Engineer was asked to accept the section as soon as feasible.

Venice - City Council approved signature by the Mayor on the contract between the City, County, SRD and WCIND.

The State Road Department was asked for information on the siting of the bridge across the waterway in the vicinity of Center Road for use in providing access road to Caspersen property. Information is expected during the week of Dec. 17.

Sunshine Skyway Borrow Channel - The District Engineer advised that federal funds are available for the initial improvement of this waterway. Bids will be invited the middle of February, opened in the middle of March.

On Dec. 11 representatives of the Corps of Engineers, the State Road Department, conservation interests and Navigation District inspected the Skyway project to select spoil areas.

The District Engineer billed the Navigation District for \$7,875 as the local interest contribution required for this project. Check was sent to the District Engineer on Dec. 10 in accordance with previous resolution of the Board of Commissioners.

#### BRIDGES

Venice Avenue Bridge - The Corps of Engineers furnished information to the State Road Department on the location and dimensions of the waterway under this bridge.

Albee Bridge - The District Engineer advised that the temporary bridge near Albee Road would not affect waterway construction in that area.

Siesta Key and Blackburn Point Bridges - The District Engineer furnished comments on the requirements for dredging under these bridges. The State Road Department was asked to furnish Mr. Merrin construction plans for protecting the Siesta Key bridge piers for use in preparing specifications for dredging.

#### UTILITIES

In accordance with request from Navigation District Dr. Robert O. Vernon, State Geologist, agreed to undertake negotiations of the cooperative agreement for the installation and operation of monitor wells in Venice.

#### ADMINISTRATION

At the request of the Inter City National Bank securities protecting Navigation District deposits were exchanged.

Annual report was acknowledged by Senators Holland and Smathers and by Representatives Haley and Rogers.



Check for \$14,235 was sent to the District Engineer for the channel realignment in the vicinity of Tarpon Center at the south end of Section 4.

The Corps of Engineers furnished plans and specifications for a repair contract to be let for the repair of the Venice jettys.

On Nov. 21 the Chairman of the State Road Board withdrew \$200,000 of Navigation District funds in escrow for the construction of the Albee bridge.

Mr. Dye, Mr. Merrin, Mr. Ralph Davis of Sarasota County and the Director visited Jacksonville on Dec. 5 to discuss Sections 2 and 4.

The Director spoke on the waterway before the Military Order of the World War in Sarasota on Nov. 27; and before the Sarasota Outboard Motor Club on Dec. 13.