



WEST COAST INLAND AND NAVIGATION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
JULY 7, 1988
3:00 P.M.
A G E N D A

ADMINISTRATION:

- A) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 10, 1988
- B) APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID FOR JULY, 1988
- C) APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT OF MAY, 1988

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES COMMENTS:

ACTIVITIES REPORT:

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- A) REVIEW BUDGET PROPOSALS FOR FY88/89
- B) REPORT ON W.C. I.N.D. LIABILITY INSURANCE

NEXT MEETING DATE:

SUGGESTED - AUGUST 25, 1988

WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT

BOARD MEETING

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REPRESENTING:

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A REGULAR MEETING OF THE WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT WAS HELD ON JULY 7, 1988 AT 3:14 P.M. AT THE WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS, 200 EAST MIAMI AVENUE, VENICE, FLORIDA.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: JOSEPH A. TRINGALI, CHARLOTTE COUNTY
MARY ANN WALLACE, LEE COUNTY
WESTWOOD H. FLETCHER, JR., MANATEE COUNTY

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: JERRY L. HENTE, SARASOTA COUNTY

STAFF PRESENT: JAMES M. ARMSTRONG, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
CONNIE CLENNA, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
PHILIP E. PERREY, COUNSEL

DNR REPRESENTATIVE: JACK WOODARD

GUESTS PRESENT: COMMISSIONER DAVID H. SCHMIDT, CHARLOTTE COUNTY ALT.
BETH BEELER, D.N.R.

ADMINISTRATION

WITH CHAIRMAN TRINGALI PRESIDING COMMISSIONER FLETCHER MOTIONED APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JUNE 10, 1988, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE, MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMISSIONER WALLACE MOTIONED APPROVAL OF THE JULY, 1988 BILLS TO BE PAID (1 & 2), SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FLETCHER, MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. COMMISSIONER FLETCHER MOTION APPROVAL OF THE TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MAY, 1988, COMMISSIONER WALLACE SECONDED, MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

DIRECTOR ARMSTRONG INTRODUCED BETI BEELER OF D.N.R. LAB IN ST. PETERSBURG AND COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT OF CHARLOTTE COUNTY AND WELCOMED THEM TO TODAY'S MEETING.

OPEN TO PUBLIC

THERE WERE NO COMMENTS.

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES COMMENTS

MR. WOODARD STATED FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES THAT THE SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE HAVE CONTACTED D.N.R. BY SENDING A QUESTIONNAIRE TO INITIATE SUNDOWN REVIEW AND HAVE REQUESTED D.N.R. RESPONSE TO THE QUESTIONNAIRE EVEN THOUGH THE DISTRICT'S WERE NOT CREATED UNDER CHAPTER 374 THAT EACH DISTRICT WAS CREATED BY THEIR OWN SPECIAL ACT. THE D.N.R. ACKNOWLEDGES THIS FACT AND RESPONDED TO THE REMAINDER OF THE QUESTIONS SIMPLY FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES AND AS MUCH AS THE SUNDOWN REVIEW WILL TAKE PLACE ON THOSE SPECIAL PURPOSES CREATED DISTRICTS NEXT YEAR (1989) FOR THE SIMPLE REASONS THAT CHAPTER 374 AND THE DISTRICTS ARE TIED TOGETHER SO CLOSELY BY SUPERVISION, ETC. THAT IT IS AN ATTEMPT TO EXAMINE ONE WITHOUT THE OTHER. THE QUESTIONNAIRE IS FACTUAL INFORMATION NECESSARY FOR REVIEW.

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES COMMENTS - CONTINUED

COUNSEL PERREY STATED THAT WHILE IT IS TRUE THE NAVIGATION DISTRICTS WERE CREATED BY SPECIAL ACTS THERE IS ONE PROVISION IN CHAPTER 374 BEING 374.761 WHICH PULLS IN THOSE DISTRICTS THAT SAYS NAVIGATION DISTRICTS WERE CREATED PURSUANT TO THIS CHAPTER OR ALL OTHER NAVIGATION DISTRICTS CREATED BY OTHER MEANS WOULD GIVE D.N.R. A "HOOK" TO PULL IN THE SUNDOWN REVIEW OF THE TWO NAVIGATION DISTRICTS BECAUSE THAT SPECIFIC PROVISION IS THE ONE THAT GIVES D.N.R. THE OVERSIGHT RESPONSIBILITY OF THE DISTRICTS.

MR. PERREY QUESTIONED MR. WOODARD ON IF HIS IMPRESSION THAT THE PLAN W.C.I.N.D. MADE TO PIGGYBACK A PROVISION EXTENDING THE SUNDOWN REVIEW WILL WORK?

MR. WOODARD SAID HE FEELS THIS WILL NOT WORK HOWEVER WHEN THE LEGISLATURE CONVENES THEY CAN PASS ANYTHING THAT D.N.R. IS ON RECORD RECOMMENDING CONSIDERATION OF THE ENTIRE PACKAGE.

COMMISSIONER FLETCHER SUGGESTED SOMEONE KEEPING AN EYE ON THIS SUBJECT IN TALLAHASSEE AT A VERY EARLY DATE AS ANYTHING COULD HAPPEN.

COMMISSIONER TRINGALI AGREED AND ASKED THAT THE BOARD BE KEPT INFORMED AND AWARE OF ANYTHING THAT W.C.I.N.D. WOULD NEED TO ACT ON.

COPIES OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE WERE DISTRIBUTED FOR THE BOARDS REVIEW.

D.N.R. - REPORT ON MANATEE COUNTY BOATING STUDY

COMMISSIONER FLETCHER INFORMED HE HAD ASKED THAT SOMEONE FROM THE D.N.R. LAB IN ST. PETERSBURG ATTEND THIS MEETING AND INFORM THE WCIND BOARD ON THEIR PROGRESS AND GOALS AS A WCIND GRANT RECIPIENT.

MISS BEELER STATED D.N.R. IS WELL UNDERWAY WITH THIS PROJECT TITLED MANATEE COUNTY BOATING STUDY. AT PRESENT THEY HAVE PEOPLE MARKING NAVIGABLE CHANNELS IN THE BRADEN RIVER FOR BOATING SAFETY, ARE ASSESSING BOAT TRAFFIC FOR PROTECTION OF THE MANATEE HABITAT FOR A ORDINANCE REGULATING BOATING ACTIVITIES. ALSO INCLUDED IS THE CREATION OF EDUCATIONAL PAMPHLETS AND PUBLIC INFORMATION TO PROTECT THE MANATEE.

MISS BEELER STATED THIS IS A SURVEY OF THE ENTIRE COUNTY WITH INFORMATION BEING COLLECTED ON THE NUMBER OF BOATES ON THE WATER AS WELL AS INTERVIEWING PEOPLE AT BOAT RAMPS. AT PRESENT THERE IS A PHONE SURVEY SCHEDULED TO GET INFORMATION OF THE PUBLICS INTEREST IN BOATING WITHIN THE COUNTY. ALSO MOTE MARINE IS INVOLVED WITH THIS PROJECT DOING A STUDY OF BRADEN RIVER FOR PURPOSES OF MARKING.

DURING THE COURSE OF THE YEAR PLANS ARE MADE TO DO A SHORELINE SURVEY TO RECORD THE NUMBER OF BOATS TIED TO INDIVIDUAL DOCKS.

COMMISSIONER FLETCHER STATED ONE OF THE VERY BENEFICIAL ELEMENTS OF THIS PROGRAM IS THIS IS SERVING AS A PILOT PROJECT FOR AREAS ALL OVER THE EAST AND WEST COASTS OF FLORIDA IN HOPES THAT BY PLANNING THIS TYPE OF METHODOLOGY IN OTHER AREAS AROUND THE STATE WE WILL BE ABLE TO PROTECT A VERY FRAGILE RESOURCE BEING THE MANATEES.

WITH FURTHER DISCUSSION DIRECTOR ARMSTRONG POINTED OUT THAT HE HOPED ALL THE VARIOUS REGULATORY AND SCIENTIFIC AGENCIES ARE SOMEHOW COORDINATING ALL THESE STUDIES AND INFORMATION TOGETHER THAT THERE ARE NOT TWO OR THREE AGENCIES DOING THE SAME THING BEING CAREFUL OF REDUNDANCY, I.E. SARASOTA COUNTY IS DOING A MANATEE AERIAL STUDY AND COULD POSSIBLY COORDINATE WITH D.N.R. ON THEIR MANATEE PROTECTION PROJECT.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

REVIEW BUDGET PROPOSALS FOR FY88/89

DIRECTOR ARMSTRONG INFORMED HE HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH VARIOUS COUNTY STAFF THAT ARE WORKING ON GRANT PROPOSALS AND THEIR PROJECTIONS ARE THEY WILL HAVE MORE PROJECTS THAN WCIND COULD POSSIBLY FUND AND MR. ARMSTRONG REVIEWED SEVERAL GRANT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED THUS FAR. DIRECTOR ARMSTRONG STATED TODAY THE DECISION NEEDS TO BE MADE IF WCIND WILL DECREASE THE GRANT PROGRAM OR INCREASE TAXATION. COMMISSIONER WALLACE QUESTIONED WHEN IS WCIND'S FIRST PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED FOR?

DIRECTOR ARMSTRONG STATED IT HAS NOT BEEN SCHEDULED AS OF YET BUT IT HAS TO BE AFTER SEPTEMBER 5, 1988 AND NOT LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 28, 1988 AND THE FINAL PUBLIC HEARING CANNOT BE BEFORE OCTOBER 6, 1988 OR LATER THAN OCTOBER 7, 1988.

COMMISSIONER WALLACE STATED SHE HAS REVIEWED, WITH THE LEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, THE QUESTION OF RAISING THE WCIND MILLAGE BASED UPON THE LEE COUNTY PROJECT REQUESTS AND THE LEE COUNTY BOARD HAS DIRECTED HER TO COME BACK BEFORE THE WCIND BOARD INFORMING THEY WILL SUPPORT WCIND RAISING THE MILLAGE RATE TO THE CAP OF .2 MILLS.

COMMISSIONER WALLACE DISTRIBUTED THE LEE COUNTY PROJECT REQUEST LIST, LEE COUNTIES IDENTIFIED NEEDS, FOR FY 88/89 STATING THIS IS THE BASIS FOR THE LEE COUNTY REQUEST TO INCREASE THE MILLAGE.

COMMISSIONER TRINGALI REQUESTED THAT WCIND ESTABLISH A REASONABLE BUDGET THEN DETERMINE WHAT MILLAGE RATE WILL NEED TO BE SET TO COVER THAT BUDGET. COMMISSIONER TRINGALI STATED WE NEED TO DETERMINE WHAT WCIND'S NEEDS ARE THAT WE HAVE REACHED THE POINT WHERE WCIND CAN NO LONGER EXIST ON INCOME FROM OTHER SOURCES AS HAVE IN THE PAST THAT THE MILLAGE OF .0038 MILLS WAS THE MINIMUM SUSTAINING THE ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES AND NOW ARE GOING TO A REALISTIC SOURCE OF FUNDING.

COUNSEL PERREY STATED THIS WILL BE A CRITICAL YEAR IN TERMS OF THE SUNDOWN REVIEW AND THE STATE REGULATORY AGENCIES, SENATE AND HOUSE WILL VIEW A SUNDOWN EXTENSION MORE POSITIVELY IF THEY SEE WCIND ACTIVE AS OPPOSED TO ONLY MAINTAINING THE OFFICE.

COMMISSIONER FLETCHER INFORMED THE PROJECTS JUSTIFY THE EXPANSION OF THE ROLE WCIND HAS FOUGHT VERY HARD TO ACQUIRE THAT WCIND IS DOING VERY CONSTRUCTIVE PROJECTS IN THE AREAS OF BEACH RENOURISHMENT, PROTECTING SEA OATS WITH WALK OVERS, GROINS, ETC.

WITH FURTHER DISCUSSION THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS TO GET DETAILED LISTS OF IDENTIFIED NEEDS WITH EACH COUNTIES BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SUPPORT OF PROPOSED MILLAGE AND TO SET-UP WCIND'S NEXT MEETING DATE PRIOR TO AUGUST 4, 1988 AND HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING WHAT THE NEEDS OF EACH COUNTY ARE.

COMMISSIONER TRINGALI POINTED OUT THAT JUST WITH THE REQUESTS RECEIVED THUS FAR WOULD BE BASIS FOR SETTING THE MILLAGE AT THE CAP.

MR. PERREY SUGGESTED GETTING SOMEONE HERE FROM SARASOTA COUNTY FOR THE AUGUST 1ST MEETING DUE TO THE FACT THAT IT TAKES THREE AFFIRMATIVE VOTES TO DO ANYTHING AND IF THERE ARE ONLY THREE COMMISSIONERS PRESENT IT WOULD HAVE TO BE A UNANIMOUS DECISION.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT - CONTINUED

REPORT ON WCIND LIABILITY INSURANCE

DIRECTOR ARMSTRONG INFORMED ONE ITEM ON THE BILLS TO BE PAID, VOUCHER NUMBER 5068, IS FOR LIABILITY INSURANCE ON ALL SPOIL AREAS, R.O.W.'S AND EASEMENTS. DIRECTOR ARMSTRONG STATED WCIND HAD THIS SAME INSURANCE WITH A VENICE FIRM AND EACH YEAR THE PREMIUMS WOULD INCREASE IN ASTRONOMICAL AMOUNTS CONSEQUENTLY WCIND WENT TO BID AND HAS SAVED SEVERAL HUNDRED DOLLARS ALSO IS INSURED BY THE SAME UNDERWRITER. DIRECTOR ARMSTRONG EXPLAINED FUTURE PLANS ARE TO HAVE WORKMANS COMPENSATION TRANSFERRED TO THIS SAME COMPANY. ALSO MR. ARMSTRONG IS WORKING ON GETTING WCIND UNDER A POOL TYPE GROUP INSURANCE TO FURTHER REDUCE THIS EXPENSE. ANOTHER COST THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IS WORKING TO REDUCE IS HEALTH INSURANCE ON WCIND EMPLOYEES. STATED SHOULD BE RECEIVING WORD ON THIS IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE. MR. WOODARD STATED HE SEES NO PROBLEMS WITH INCORPORATING WCIND INTO THE STATE HEALTH PLAN.

LOGO SIGNS

DIRECTOR ARMSTRONG REPORTED ON VINYL LOGO SIGNS PRINTED TO BE PLACED ON POLES TO SIGNIFY THE PROJECT WAS FUNDED BY WCIND, A SORT OF PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN, THAT WCIND IS HAVING SEVERE PROBLEMS WITH DUMPING ON SPOIL AREAS AND DIRECTOR FEELS THESE SIGNS MAY HELP IN DEFERRING THIS PROBLEM.

EDITORIAL

DIRECTOR ARMSTRONG DISTRIBUTED COPIES OF THE LETTER, COMPOSED BY COUNSEL, THAT WAS PUBLISHED IN THE SARASOTA HERALD TRIBUNE AS A LETTER TO THE EDITOR REPLYING ON A RECENT EDITORIAL. MR. ARMSTRONG READ TO THE BOARD TWO LETTERS RECEIVED PRAISING WCIND'S RESPONSE TO THE EDITORIAL AND HAS RECEIVED NO NEGATIVE RESPONSES WHATSOEVER.

PRESS CONFERENCE

DIRECTOR ARMSTRONG REQUESTED THE BOARD'S OPINION REGARDING A PRESS CONFERENCE AFTER THE FINAL PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS WCIND'S GOALS FOR FY88/89. THE BOARD AGREED THIS WOULD BE A WISE THING TO DO.

ADJOURNMENT

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:25 P.M.

NEXT MEETING DATE

THE NEXT MEETING IS SET FOR AUGUST 1, 1988 AT 10:00 A.M.


JOSEPH A. TRINGALI, CHAIRMAN


WESTWOOD H. FLETCHER, SECRETARY