

The November meeting of the Commissioners, of the WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT, was held November 26, 1973, in the Sarasota County Commission Chamber, Manatee Room, Sarasota, Florida.

Present were: Kenneth W. Daniels, Chairman, Lee County
 Larry Rhodes, Vice Chairman, Sarasota County
 Dan P. McClure, Treasurer, Manatee County
 Dorothy R. Flowers, Secretary, Charlotte County
 A. Oliver McEachern, Pinellas County

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

Absent was: Bob Lester, Hillsborough County

ADMINISTRATION

The meeting convened at 10:30 a.m.

Minutes of the October 29, 1973 meeting were approved as presented.

The Treasurer's Report was approved as presented. Vouchers No. 7408 through 7436 were approved for payment. The Director reported that the voucher in the amount of \$70,000 to the Seaboard Coast Line Railroad Company represented a partial payment of the final and complete billing (Invoice No. 6A2541) for the SCL bridge contract.

Waterway Guide Map - The Director presented Mr. W. P. Carey and Mr. Bill Fritts of Wm. P. Carey Inc., Advertising, Sarasota. Mr. Carey addressed the board to brief members on progress made for the contracted work on the WCIND map. A display of a Mechanical of the Guide Map was submitted for approval before going to the Printer. The finished guide map, similar to the FIND map, will be a four-color process and overlays of colors were described. On reverse side will be color photographs of attractions along the waterway as well as the history of the waterway. A mileage chart with berthing services and supplies will be printed; also, information related to ecology and wildlife of Florida. The board concurred that marinas and ports along the waterway for each County are to be noted in equitable manner. Commr. McClure moved that Wm. P. Carey, Inc., Advertising, work submitted be accepted and invitation for bid go forward for the printer with 50,000 copies as the initial amount for distribution of the WCIND Guide Map. Mr. Carey stated that he will present at a later date a proposal for distribution. Mr. Dye stated that Mr. Carey should prepare the specifications for the bid and then WCIND would seek sealed bids. The Chairman stated that WCIND should advertise and receive the bids which then will be forwarded to the Wm. P. Carey & Co., Inc. Commr. Rhodes moved that WCIND advertise for bids for the printing of the guide map in accordance with approved specifications; Commr. Flowers seconded the motion and the motion carried. The board concurred that bids received will be opened at the December board meeting.

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WCIND Tax Receipts - The Director submitted his analysis report to the board for the district-wide tax receipts for the FY ending September 30, 1973, showing a per capita tax by County which is based on tax millage of 00.03 mill.

ACTIVITIES REPORT

Sarasota County

Venice Canal Bank Clean-up - The Director reported that the mowing along the Venice Cut has been accomplished by the Corps of Engineers, Tampa Area Office. Additional work is scheduled in March, 1974, for repairs where needed.

Manatee County

Longboat Pass Project - Commr. McClure presided over the open hearing held November 14, 1973 at Manatee County Courthouse hearing room for the purpose of receiving support for the Manatee County project. Commissioner McClure, Mr. Dye, and the Director attended for WCIND. It was recommended that Mr. Dye appeal to the State Pollution Control Board and that WCIND take the initiative to set up a meeting with the State Pollution Control Board representative for a Manatee County hearing. The Chairman requested that Commr. McClure and Mr. Dye accomplish confirmation of recommended action for the hearing.

Pinellas County

St. Joseph Sound Dredging Project - Recent correspondence received from the Corps of Engineers Jacksonville Office was reviewed by the Director. The C.E. Tampa Area Office will act as consultant. The Corps of Engineers ready date for the diking work has been moved up from March 1, to February 1, 1974. The Director noted that two choices are to be considered and which way will WCIND go. Either the owner of the property, Mr. V. Jack Kennedy, do the diking; or, the Corps of Engineers be allowed to go ahead and award the contract to cover the dredging and the diking operations. Mr. Dye stated that the property owner will be expected to reimburse WCIND for any material - an estimated 50,000 cubic yards - to be either hauled in or moved from one dike area to another. Mr. Kennedy wished to stockpile his own material from a stockpit close by the area to be diked. Mr. Kennedy has stated that he will produce a certified copy of the property ownership and the map for the land area use required. The WCIND will be required to pay the Corps of Engineers for the diking. Commr. McEachern stated that he had reviewed the previous plan submitted by Mr. Kennedy and that this has now been changed. Since the property will be tied up for a period of time, WCIND should not do anything til Mr. Kennedy has acquired the lands required.

The Chairman requested that the board receive all information available and progress to date for the December meeting.

THE ACTIVITIES REPORT was accepted as presented.

NEW BUSINESS

Florida Ports & Water Resources Association
Waterway Convention - December 11, 1973, in Jacksonville -
Commr. Rhodes moved that members and staff be authorized to attend this Convention in Jacksonville at WCIND expense; the motion was seconded by Commr. McClure and the motion carried.

Annual Waterway Inspection - 1974 - Commr. McClure noted that plans will be in progress for members to make the inspection trip. He recommended that the date be scheduled early in April, 1974. The board concurred with his recommendation.

NEXT MEETING DATE The next meeting date will be December 17, 1973.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Dorothy B. Flowers
Secretary

Kenneth W. Daniels
Chairman

ACTIVITIES REPORT

October 29, 1973 - November 26, 1973

A. SARASOTA COUNTY

Venice - Canal Bank Housekeeping - The Tampa Office of the Corps of Engineers has completed the mowing of approximately 80 acres of grassed areas along the banks of the Venice Cut. The next treatment of the banks is scheduled for March, 1974, when the Corps of Engineers will mow, scrape, either seed or sod the banks, and also repair those areas where the rip-rap treatment needs attention.

B. MANATEE COUNTY

Longboat Pass Project - A meeting was attended by Commissioner McClure, Mr. Dye, and the Director in the Manatee County Courthouse on November 14, 1973, concerning Longboat Pass. The recommendation which resulted from this meeting is that the Florida Pollution Control Board will be requested to conduct an open hearing in Manatee County for the purpose of hearing first-hand from the commercial fishermen, yacht clubs, marine industries and various other local people and agencies in support of Longboat Pass Project.

C. PINELLAS COUNTY

St. Joseph Sound Dredging Project - A meeting was held in regard to this project with Mr. V. Jack Kennedy, Mr. Dye, and the Director attending. Mr. Dye is to accomplish a new easement agreement and present same to the WCIND Board of Commissioners at the November 26 monthly meeting. The Corps of Engineers has advised that the ready date for the diking of the area has been changed from 1 March 1974 to 1 February 1974. Also, the Corps of Engineers has advised by letter November 6 the advertisement for the maintenance dredging is now planned for February 8, 1974, open bids on March 7, and award the contract about mid-March 1974.