

The October meeting of the Commissioners of the WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT was held October 11, 1965 at the Manatee County Office Building.

Present were:

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

George Kumpe, Executive Director
 Dewey A. Dye, Jr. General Counsel
 J. Hardin Peterson, Sr., Special Counsel
 Joe K. Merrin, Engineer

ADMINISTRATION

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. Minutes of the September 13, 1965 meeting were approved as presented. The Treasurer's Report was read and accepted. Vouchers #4253 through #4276 were approved for payment. The Chairman proposed an increase in annual salary of \$600 be granted the Director, effective October 1, 1965. Unanimous approval was granted by the Board.

The Director presented the annual financial statement (page 620C) and requested authority to publish it in the six counties, as required by law. Authority was granted, with Commissioners to furnish the name of the newspaper in the individual counties to be used for publication.

PROGRESS REPORT

Director gave the progress on construction contracts

during September. He reported that the CE has not yet accepted the Section 2 contract from Parkhill-Goodloe, pending the completion of drainage work in B/A S12A. This work should be completed in the near future, as soon as construction equipment can operate in the area. In Section 3 construction is underway at three culverts. Diking of spoil areas and clearing of right of way and spoil areas is continuing. At the end of September the contract was 4% complete. During the month a maintenance contractor removed the shoal in the waterway at Midnight Pass in Sarasota County, dredging 13,629 cu. yds. of material and advancing 1,000 linear feet. The contract was complete on September 24.

The Director reported that as directed at the September meeting, study has been made of possible corrective action in the Lemon Bay S/A, he stated:

"With respect to diking performed by the Navigation District, the staff recommends that certain portions of these dikes be removed at Navigation District expense. The portions to be removed are dikes against which no useable fill was placed.

"It is recommended that these dikes be removed to the natural elevation of bay bottom and that material be disposed of either in the borrow pits from which diking material was obtained, or placed inside the spoil area.

"Although the dike material is of good quality any ex-

cavation, particularly by hydraulic dredge, will mix the material with silt and reduce the quality. For these reasons the staff feels that the use of dike material as additional fill is inadvisable, as is the use of hydraulic dredge.

"The staff recommends a procedure whereby the owners from whose property it is proposed to move dikes, be notified and asked to indicate on a form whether or not they approve of the removal of the dikes. If an owner objects, the dike on his property will not be lowered.

"The dikes in question are in S/A's S11A, where a 500' section in the middle of the S/A should be removed; and S/A S10A and 8, where diking at the north and south ends of each spoil area should be removed. In S/A S11A, some low diking was constructed along the highway where this construction traps rain water on the road, it is recommended that the District remove the dikes by filling borrow pits or placing the dike material on spoil.

"There are other complaints which have been received, and these must be treated on a case by case basis. It is recommended that a committee of Commissioners be named to consider each complaint and prepare a recommendation of action to be taken."

Mr. Wright asked if the dikes could not be removed most economically by hydraulic dredging. Mr. Merrin answered

that such solution had been considered but that the material to be pumped would not make satisfactory fill and that in S/A S11A the narrowness of the spoil area would not permit use of a dredge. The Director commented that one group of owners, upon whose property no spoil had been deposited, had advised the District that unless useable spoil were available in sufficient quantity to fill to the grade of their uplands, then no fill was desired from the dike removal.

Mr. Dye recommended contacting each property owner by letter requesting permission to remove dike, he pointed out that the District had received notice from two property owners that they did not wish to have the dike removed. Mr. Simmons suggested that these letters be sent either by certified or registered mail so that the District will be protected by a more complete file on record. Mr. Anderson suggested that the District reverse the approach and advise the owners concerned that diking would be removed if they so requested, and that the letters include a stipulation that unless the owners' request for removal of the dikes is received by November 15 no action would be taken. The Director noted that corrective action should be taken as soon as all answers have been received regarding a given section of dike; and that while removal of dikes by dragline appeared the best solution, the actual method should be made after all answers had been received. The Chairman agreed that prompt action should be taken and that the staff could proceed up to the awarding of

Motion was made to this effect and was unanimously approved. With respect to claims other than for dike removal, the Chairman appointed a committee of Mr. Anderson, Chairman, Mr. Clark and Mr. Daniels, to work on the matter with the Director, Mr. Dye, and Mr. Merrin. The Chairman noted the desirability of prompt action and advised the Committee that a special meeting of the Board would be called any time it appeared desirable.

The Director noted that trial of two condemnation cases for right of way in Sections 2 and 3, and for spoil areas in Section 3 has been set for December 13.

At the August meeting the staff was directed to investigate the best method for dealing with a free flowing artesian well on Navigation District property north of Venice Avenue. Investigation showed the well to be within the planned channel excavation. It is proposed therefore to modify the well so that the piping and the outlet will be clear of the excavation. An offer has been received from J. C. McDonald Co. of Venice to do the necessary work for \$345. This modification will eliminate erosion in the excavation and will provide a source of fresh water for boats. The offer was accepted unanimously by the Board.

Mr. Simmons reported that the staff had been in conference with the staff of the Board of Conservation during the month and provided the Board with budgetary information that

they desire. A request was also made to the Board of Conservation for an allocation of State appropriated funds when the procedures for such allocation is established. Mr. Simmons announced that the District has received authority to continue budget procedures followed in the past.

The Director reported that during the month Pinellas County requested that the District provide \$20,000 for the Johns Pass project, and \$35,000 for the Pass-a-Grille project as half of the local interest contribution. This contribution was included in the budget for the year starting October 1, but funds will not be available for this item until January 1. Mr. Simmons stated that at the time the Board acted on participation in "small" projects it was agreed that, subject to certain conditions, the District would contribute to any connections between the Gulf and the Waterway, approved by the Chief of Engineers. These Pinellas projects are the first applications that have been received. A resolution ^(P 87 Annex to WCIND Minutes) was presented reaffirming the intent of making this contribution and advising the Commissioners of Pinellas County that payment will be made by January 1, subject to receipt of a formal ruling of the Attorney General that such contribution is a legal expenditure of District funds. The resolution was passed by the Board unanimously.

The Director reported that during the month the United States Coast Guard was questioned as to the status of the in-

stallation of marking in Section 2. Coast Guard has answered that this work has not yet been advertised due, in part, to a new system of night marking. The Coast Guard proposes to establish temporary marking, to be completed within 30 to 45 days. A representative of the Coast Guard District in Miami will visit the area the week of October 11.

The Progress Report was accepted.

NEW BUSINESS

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Draft of the Annual Report for the year ending September 30, 1965 was approved. The Director was instructed to arrange for reproduction and distribution.

The Director requested permission to purchase an electric IBM typewriter for the District office. He reported that the purchase price of \$450 and the turn-in value of the manual typewriter, now owned by the District, which is about \$35 are standard for governmental procurement. Authority for the purchase and turn-in was granted by the Board.

Mr. Dye notified the Board of scheduled Florida Waterway Association meeting in Miami, November 18 through 20. Mr. Dye reported on the annual convention of the Louisiana-Texas Intracoastal Waterway Association which he attended in Victoria, Texas as representative of FWA. The Association, in recognition of the importance of Florida projects, has agreed to include the entire Gulf Coast in its membership under a changed name of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway Association. He remarked that the Association is extremely

interested in progress being made in the West Coast Waterway. The Louisiana-Texas Intracoastal Waterway Association passed two resolutions of interest to this District; one, urging continuing construction operations on Cross Florida Barge Canal, and the other urging CE to complete its report on the "missing link" along the Florida Gulf Coast.

Mr. Clark proposed that the District endorse the development of Port Manatee, specifically the related application to the Interstate Commerce Commission for rail service. Members were in agreement that the District should take no action on other forms of transportation, and should avoid entering into local problems.

Mr. Dye brought to the attention of the Board a request from one property owner who wishes to dredge and fill his submerged land in an unfilled portion of a Section 2 spoil area. Mr. Dye has checked with the T.I.I.F. staff and it is agreeable to them. The Director reported that he had brought the matter to the attention of the Corps of Engineers, and was advised that a permit would be required by the owner, and that an application would be given prompt attention.

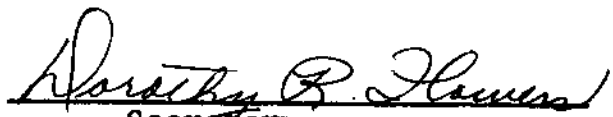
Mr. Peterson reported that as of October 8 the Public Works Appropriation bill was still in conference, but that there was no dispute on the Waterway item.

The next meeting was set for Monday, November 8, at 11:00 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.


Chairman

(SEAL)


Secretary

PROGRESS REPORT

13 September - 11 October 1965

CONSTRUCTION

Construction Progress - During September Section 2 contractor continued "cleanup" operations, picking up pipe and other construction materials and replacing material in spoil areas.

In Section 3 construction is underway at three culverts. Diking of spoil areas and cleaning of right-of-way and spoil areas is continuing. At the end of September the contract was 4% complete. See Page 2

Claims - Specific claims and discussions with owners continued during the month. In S/A S8 the spokesman of several owners indicated that if dike removal were undertaken materials should not be deposited on shoreline except where sufficient quantity was available to raise fill to level of uplands. Complaints were received from owners in S/A S6S and 11A. CE was asked to assure removal of weirs in the dikes and also to check drainage from spoil area on to road in S/A S11A.

CONSTRUCTION PLANNING

S/A's S3-5 & 5A - were staked in accordance with the exchange of land approved at the September meeting. Sarasota County objected to using east ditch of old Tamiami Trail as a waste water return unless assurances to repair damage were received from contractor and safety precautions were taken.

S/A S3-8 - Eagle Point, Inc. and Seaboard Airline Railroad have prepared agreement on utilization of railroad embankment to retain fill. Question of one year limitation is under discussion.

Maintenance S/A's - CE suggested acquisition of permanent maintenance S/A at Midnight Pass and will submit recommendations for disposal of maintenance spoil in Lemon Bay.

LANDS

Section 2 Right-of-way - Settlement with South Venice Civic Association was approved by presiding judge on September 15, defendants have withdrawn court deposit.

Section 4 - SRD was advised that at Stickney Point additional right-of-way for waterway will be acquired when and as requested by CE.

ADMINISTRATION

Aids to Navigation - Director called Mr. Demerit, USCG, on September 27 and learned that marking of Section 2 had not yet been advertised. The Director stressed the desirability of starting action on this work. Mr. Demerit will visit the area during week of October 11.

Budget - On September 30 Director discussed with Senator Hodges data desired from District to enable Board of Conservation to meet statutory supervision requirements. Data were submitted on October 5.

"Small Projects" - Pinellas County submitted bill for \$55,000 as Navigation District share of local interest contribution for small projects for improvement of Johns Pass and Pass-a-Grille. The legal authority of District to make contribution is under study.

Time Deposits - Inter City Bank paid \$60,640 to SRD for Venice Avenue bridge. Securities in the amount of \$355,000 for deposits in Manatee National Bank were released as they exceeded deposits.

Publicity - Mr. Dye and Director met with reporter from Tampa Tribune on over-all study of project and Florida Waterways. The Director gave talk to the Grace Methodist Church Men's Club in Venice on October 4.

Rental Payment - Was received for utilization of right-of-way tract at Stickney Point on which District holds easement.

Construction Progress (continued) - During the month a maintenance contractor removed the shoal in the waterway at Midnight Pass in Sarasota County, dredging 13,629 cu. yds. of material and advancing 1,000 linear feet. The contract was complete on September 24.

WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT
Financial Statement
October 1, 1964 to September 30, 1965

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	Taxes Collected	Tax Redemption and Land Sales	
County			
Charlotte	\$ 29,031.11	\$ 29.13	
Hillsborough	141,608.68	1,175.11	
Lee	43,545.04	6.62	
Manatee	61,339.06		
Pinellas	317,111.31	2.46	
Sarasota	72,136.09	.12	
Total Taxes	<u>664,771.29</u>	<u>1,213.44</u>	
Interest, Time Deposits			\$ 665,984.73
Other Receipts			22,666.15
Total Receipts for Year			<u>600.00</u>
Cash Balance, October 1, 1964			689,250.88
			<u>1,276,464.58</u>
Total			\$1,965,715.46
 <u>EXPENDITURES</u>			
Lands - Purchase		250,203.00	
Expense		<u>92,822.32</u>	
Total Lands			343,025.32
Engineering - Salaries		7,200.00	
Expense		<u>50,069.81</u>	
Total Engineering			57,269.81
Utilities - Miscl.		<u>2,000.00</u>	
Total Utilities			2,000.00
Bridges - Construction		781,600.00	
Total Bridges			781,600.00
Construction -		<u>48,679.54</u>	
Total Construction			48,679.54
Attorneys - Salaries		5,400.00	
Expense		<u>584.60</u>	
Total Attorneys			5,984.60
Executive - Travel, members		1,781.00	
Salary, Ex. Off.		8,400.00	
Travel, Ex. Off.		<u>1,049.55</u>	
Total Executive			11,230.55
Administration -			
Salaries		3,469.62	
Office Expense		2,244.21	
Commissions		<u>31,006.39</u>	
Total Administration			36,720.22
Total Expenditures for Year			<u>\$1,286,510.04</u>
Cash on hand Sept. 30, 1965			679,205.42
Total			<u>\$1,965,715.46</u>
 <u>DEPOSITS, Sept. 30, 1965</u>			
Manatee National Checking Account			23,332.77
Manatee National Time Deposit			65,009.00
First National Time Deposit			128,645.00
Bank of Palmetto Time Deposit			347,549.30
Inter City National Time Deposit			57,760.00
The Island Bank Time Deposit			56,909.35
Total Deposits			<u>\$ 679,205.42</u>