

WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 1, 1988 - 10:00 A.M.
AGENDA

ADMINISTRATION:

- A) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JULY 7, 1988
- B) APPROVAL OF THE BILLS TO BE PAID FOR AUGUST, 1988
- C) APPROVAL OF THE JUNE, 1988 TREASURER'S REPORT

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES COMMENTS:

ACTIVITIES REPORT:

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- A) REVIEW BUDGET

NEXT MEETING DATE:

TO BE DISCUSSED

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT WAS HELD ON AUGUST 1, 1988 AT 10:06 A.M. AT THE WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS, 200 EAST MIAMI AVENUE, VENICE, FL.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: JOSEPH A. TRINGALI, CHARLOTTE COUNTY
MARY ANN WALLACE, LEE COUNTY
WESTWOOD H. FLETCHER, MANATEE COUNTY
JERRY L. HENTE, SARASOTA COUNTY

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: NONE

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

GUESTS PRESENT: JACK MERRIAM, SARASOTA CO. NATURAL RESOURCES
GEOFFREY W. PATTON, MOTE MARINE LABORATORY
MICHAEL L. DAVIS, DYE, SCOTT & DEITRICH
LAURI KAUFFMANN, VENICE GONDOLIER

ADMINISTRATION

WITH CHAIRMAN TRINGALI PRESIDING COMMISSIONER FLETCHER MOTIONED FOR APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JULY 7, 1988, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
COMMISSIONER WALLACE MOTIONED APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST BILLS TO BE PAID, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HENTE, MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
ON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER FLETCHER AND A SECOND BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE THE JUNE TREASURER'S REPORT WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

DIRECTOR ARMSTRONG INTRODUCED AND WELCOMED ALL GUESTS PRESENT AT TODAY'S MEETING.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

NO COMMENTS WERE MADE.

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES COMMENTS

NO D.N.R. REPRESENTATIVE WAS PRESENT.

ACTIVITIES REPORT

DIRECTOR ARMSTRONG INFORMED HE HAS RECEIVED A REQUEST FROM CHARLOTTE COUNTY TO REDIRECT FUNDS FROM AN EXISTING APPROVED FY87/88 PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000.00 PEACE RIVER CHANNEL DREDGING TO THE BAY SHORE PIER PROJECT.
THE DIRECTOR ADDED FUNDS HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN REDIRECTED TO THE BAY SHORE PROJECT AND STILL NEED \$20,000.00 TO COMPLETE.
COMMISSIONER FLETCHER QUESTIONED IF THIS PROJECT MEETS ALL THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS, THE DIRECTOR CONFIRMED AND COMMISSIONER FLETCHER MOTIONED APPROVAL OF THE REQUEST TO REDIRECT, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE, MOTIONED CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ACTIVITIES REPORT - CONTINUED

DIRECTOR ARMSTRONG STATED MANATEE COUNTY HAS REQUESTED REDIRECTION OF \$10,000.00 FROM PARKS AND RECREATION ARTIFICIAL FISHING REEF BUOY TO THE GREER ISLAND DREDGING PROJECT. COMMISSIONER WALLACE MOTIONED APPROVAL OF THE TRANSFER OF \$10,000.00 FROM THE ARTIFICIAL REEF TO GREER ISLAND PROJECT, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FLETCHER, MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

DIRECTOR ARMSTRONG INFORMED FCR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY, MANATEE COUNTY HAS INDICATED A CARRY OVER FOR FY87/88 WILL BE APPROXIMATELY \$121,000.00.

MR. ARMSTRONG REMINDED THE BOARD OF THE C.O.E. INSPECTION TRIP, BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 12, 1988 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 14, 1988 AT SANIBEL IN LEE COUNTY. COMMISSIONER FLETCHER MOTIONED APPROVAL FOR ALL BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF TRAVEL APPROVAL TO ATTEND THE C.O.E. INSPECTION TRIP AND FOR THE F.S.B.P.A. MEETING SEPTEMBER 14, 1988 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 16, 1988 WITH APPROVAL OF ASSOCIATED EXPENSES, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HENTE, MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. THE DIRECTOR FURTHER INFORMED THE BOAT TRIP IS BEING SPONSORED BY THE BRADENTON AND VENICE BRANCHES OF SOUTHEAST BANK.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

BUDGET REVIEW

DIRECTOR ARMSTRONG REVIEWED THE PROPOSED FY88/89 BUDGET UTILIZING A MILLAGE OF .02 MILLS FOR THE BOARD STATING THUS FAR WCIND HAS RECEIVED ALMOST TWO MILLION DOLLARS OF REQUEST FOR FUNDING AND REVIEWED THOSE SUBMITTED BY COUNTY.

MR. MERRIAM OF SARASOTA COUNTY NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT REVIEWED THE FUNDING REQUEST, BY LINE ITEM, SUBMITTED BY HIS DEPARTMENT.

COMMISSIONER FLETCHER SUGGESTED DIVIDING THE TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE DISTRIBUTED FOR PROJECTS TO EACH COUNTY BY PERCENTAGE, I.E. MANATEE COUNTY WOULD RECEIVE 19.9%, CHARLOTTE COUNTY 10.7%, SARASOTA COUNTY 32.8% AND LEE COUNTY 36.6%.

COMMISSIONER TRINGALI STATED WCIND IS FACING A PROBLEM OF PROJECTS THAT ARE SO GENERAL IN NATURE THAT THEY NOT ONLY BENEFIT THE FOUR COUNTIES OF WCIND BUT OTHERS AS WELL, FOR EXAMPLE STUMP PASS AND BIG PASS THAT THESE TWO PASSES BENEFIT THE ENTIRE DISTRICT NOT JUST A LOCAL GROUP.

COMMISSIONER TRINGALI ADDED THAT FROM THE VERY BEGINNING THE EMPHASIS NEEDS TO BE BASED ON THE GENERAL MISSION OF THIS GROUP WHICH IS THE INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY AND THE PROJECTS THAT AFFECT IT AS A WHOLE TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION WCIND'S MISSION HAS BEEN ALTERED THROUGH LEGISLATION.

FURTHER ANOTHER IMPORTANT ASPECT IS COST SHARING.

COMMISSIONER FLETCHER REQUESTED A REVIEW OF EACH PROJECT SUBMITTED FOR FUNDING TO SIGNIFY MERIT AND THEN DETERMINE ALLOCATIONS TO EACH COUNTY.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT - CONTINUED


BUDGET REVIEW

COMMISSIONER WALLACE STATED FOR THE RECORD ONE POINT SHE FEELS STRONGLY ABOUT AND OPPOSES IS TAXING DISTRICTS FUNDING BEACH RENOURISHMENT PROJECTS THAT THE INITIAL PURPOSE OF WCIND LEANED MORE TOWARDS DREDGING, MARKERS AND BOATING SAFETY.

COMMISSIONER FLETCHER STATED HE UNDERSTANDS COMMISSIONER WALLACE'S RESERVATIONS BUT FEELS DIFFERENTLY AND POINTED OUT SEVERAL BEACH RENOURISHMENT PROJECTS THAT WERE AND ARE STILL VERY BENEFICIAL THAT BEACHES CONSTITUTE 25% OF THE ECONOMY OF FLORIDA AND CANNOT BE IGNORED.

COMMISSIONER HENTE ADVISED OF HIS ADVERSE FEELINGS TOWARDS "STUDIES" STATING A LOT OF WORTHY PROJECTS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED THAT WOULD TAKE PRIORITY OVER SOME OF THE STUDIES RECEIVED THUS FAR.

WITH FURTHER DISCUSSION COMMISSIONER FLETCHER MOTIONED TO REPORT THE TRIM MILLAGE AT .03 MILLS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE, MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMISSIONER FLETCHER MOTIONED TO SET THE FIRST PUBLIC HEARING FOR FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 9, 1988 AT 5:01, WITH A ~~WORKSHOP SESSION~~ TO BEGIN AT 3:00, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE, MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. COMMISSIONER FLETCHER MOTIONED TO SET THE FINAL PUBLIC HEARING FOR MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1988 AT 5:01 P.M., SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 

DIRECTOR ARMSTRONG MENTIONED THE ONLY CRITICISM RECEIVED FROM D.N.R. WITH REGARD TO WCIND FUNDING IS D.N.R. SUGGESTS WCIND'S ACTIVITY SHOULD BE STRICTLY ON MATCHING FUNDS ONLY.

MOTE MARINE REQUEST

MR. GEOFFREY PATTON OF MOTE MARINE LABORATORY INFORMED THE BOARD ON HOW WCIND HAS AIDED MOTE MARINE THROUGH SPONSORSHIP OF THE SARASOTA COUNTY NATURAL RESOURCE DEPARTMENT TO CONDUCT AERIAL SURVEYS OF MANATEES AND WITH THE MARINE MAMMAL STRANDINGS PROGRAM.

MR. PATTON DISCUSSED A RECENT INSTANCE WHERE MOTE WAS SUMMONED TO A MARINE MAMMAL STRANDING AND STATED WCIND ACTUALLY DESERVES THE CREDIT BECAUSE OF WCIND'S SUPPORT WHICH IS ALLOWING MOTE'S TECHNICIANS TO GROW AND DEVELOP THEIR CAPABILITIES. MR. PATTON INFORMED PREVIOUSLY WITH REGARD TO STRANDED WHALES, DOLPHINS, ETC., MOTE WOULD HAVE TO CONTACT SEA WORLD TO REMOVE THE MAMMAL FROM A DANGEROUS SITUATION. NOW WITH THE TRAINING AND KNOWLEDGE THROUGH THE SUPPORT OF WCIND ARE ABLE TO TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION IN HOPES FOR A BETTER CHANCE OF SURVIVAL.

MR. PATTON DISTRIBUTED PAMPHLETS MOTE WAS ABLE TO ASSEMBLE THROUGH FUNDS FROM WCIND TITLED "MARINE MAMMAL ANATOMY AND BEHAVIOR A BOATER'S HANDBOOK" STATING HE WOULD APPRECIATE EACH COMMISSIONER TAKING SOME BACK TO THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTIES FOR DISTRIBUTION TO THE BOATING PUBLIC.

ADJOURNMENT

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 12:27 P.M.


COMMISSIONER JOSEPH A. TRINGALI


COMMISSIONER WESTWOOD FLETCHER