

The February meeting of the Commissioners, of the WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT, was held February 15, 1971, in the Commissioners Meeting Room, Manatee County Courthouse, Bradenton, Florida.

Present were: Ellsworth G. Simmons, Chairman, Hillsborough County
 Kenneth W. Daniels, Vice Chairman, Lee County
 Larry Rhodes, Secretary, Sarasota County
 Dan P. McClure, Treasurer, Manatee County
 H. William Thompson, Charlotte County
 A. Oliver McEachern, Pinellas County

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

ADMINISTRATION

The meeting convened at 10:30 a.m.

Minutes of the January 25, 1971 meeting were approved as presented.

The Treasurer's Report was read and approved. Vouchers, #6528 through #6558, were approved for payment.

The Chairman welcomed Commissioner A. Oliver McEachern, Pinellas County, to the board. Mr. Dye administered the oath of office. The Chairman reviewed the WCIND policy of scheduled monthly meetings held in Manatee County Courthouse; also, the bank deposits held in Manatee County banks which pay the highest current rate of interest in accordance with legal requirements.

ACTIVITIES REPORT

Charlotte County

SCL Bridge Status Report - The Director displayed maps showing the location of the planned bridge and the SCL Railroad Company loading facilities in Lee County; also noted were locations of spoil areas. Site inspection for the bridge construction is February 16-17, 1971; both the SCL Railroad Company and the J. E. Greiner Co., Inc., personnel will be present on February 17 for site inspections.

Sarasota County

County Contract, S3-4 Area - Contract renewal was submitted by Sarasota County. Commr. Rhodes moved that the renewal be approved with the same terms as on the previous contract; the motion carried.

Request for Study, Manasota Key - Mr. C. G. Chambers' letter dated January 19, 1971 requested that WCIND study the spoil area just north of his property. Mr. Dye advised members that settlement had been made for damage due to dredging in the area to the former owners. Commr. McClure moved that the Attorney answer Mr. Chambers' letter stating the WCIND position of "no liability"; the motion carried.

Request for Contract for Spoil Material - Bob Rigby, hauling contractor, offered to purchase approximately 50,000 cubic yards at 25¢ per cubic yard. It was agreed to advertise for bids from private parties. Commr. Rhodes moved that WCIND advertise this spoil material

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in S/A S3-4 location in accordance with board policy; the motion carried.

Venice Boat & Motors, Inc. - The Director reported that Mr. H. L. Tomlinson, owner, requested WCIND to grant some relief for a few months - seven to nine months - or the setting aside of the contract until problems of organization are resolved and he can utilize his facilities. The contract was granted on an appraisal basis. It was agreed that any delay which may have been caused by the contractor would be the basis for relief. The Director is to report on this matter at the next meeting.

Right-of-Way Widener - Pipeline Easement Status - The February 10 hearing for the setting aside the "taking motion" was cancelled; the next scheduled date for hearing will be announced. This property has three owners: W & A Construction Company, Caspersen, and the South Venice Civic Association. WCIND has the right-of-way but this property is dedicated by Caspersen for twenty years to Sarasota County with a reversionary clause. WCIND is seeking condemnation of the reversionary clause since this property must be acquired for the Corps of Engineers. Caspersen is challenging the WCIND.

Pinellas County

Indian Rocks Beach Proposed Easement Instrument - The Director reported that the Corps of Engineers must concur with the terms stated on the easement instrument; the owners want a six-month cancellation notice. Negotiations are continuing.

Proposed Acquisition of S/A P-14 - The Director stated that this proposed location has been referred to the Corps of Engineers for approval. The Chairman asked Commr. McEachern if he had anybody he wished to recommend to contact for this proposal. Commr. McEachern recommended that staff contact Mr. Gordon Gray, Pinellas County Courthouse, and advise.

The Activities Report was accepted as presented.

NEW BUSINESS

South Venice Civic Association Claim - Commr. Rhodes requested information of Mr. Dye as to the status of suit, claim of land taken by WCIND. Mr. Dye stated that this claim is being included in the current right-of-way widener suit.

Dredge & Fill Permit for SCL Bridge Project - Mr. Dye informed the board that the SCL Railroad Company and the J. E. Greiner Co., Inc., concur that WCIND should apply for this permit from the State and the Corps of Engineers. There will be about 9,000 cubic yards dredging job for a small amount on both sides of the channel and then placed on the spoil area there. Motion was duly made by Commr. Daniels that this permit be requested; the motion carried.

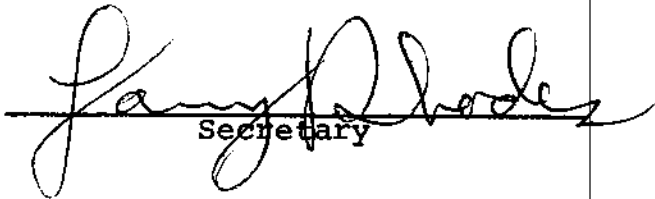
Announcements

National Rivers & Harbors Congress, March 16-19, Wash. D.C. - The Director stated that reservations have been made for some members. Others who may be able to attend, should advise as soon as possible.

Waterway Inspection Trip - It was agreed that the inspection trip of the West Coast Intracoastal Waterway be scheduled for: April 5 and 6, 1971.

Next Meeting Date - It was agreed that Monday, March 15, 1971, will be the next meeting date. March 15, 1971 is also bid opening date for the SCL Railroad bridge project, Placida, Florida.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.


Chairman
Secretary

ACTIVITIES REPORT

January 25, 1971 - February 15, 1971

I.

A. CHARLOTTE COUNTY

1. SCL Railroad Bridge Project - Status Report: The Director visited the Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District Office, February 5, 1971, to discuss plans for site inspections, receipt of bids, award of contract, and permits required for the bridge.

B. SARASOTA COUNTY

1. County Contract Renewal - Received a renewal contract from Sarasota County for purchase of spoil material from S/A S3-4.

2. Request for Study, Manasota Key - Letter was received from Mr. C. G. Chambers requesting a study of spoil area immediately north of his property to determine if relief from WCIND can be considered.

3. Request for S/A S3-4 Spoil Material Purchase - Mr. Bob Rigby, hauling contractor, has requested to purchase approximately 50,000 cubic yards at the present price of 25¢ per cubic yard. Board approval is recommended for preparation of a contract.

4. Venice Boat and Motors, Inc. - Letter of request was received from Mr. H. L. Tomlinson, owner, for temporary relief from lease contract, for period of seven to nine months.

5. Scheduled Hearing, Alligator Creek Right-of-Way Widener - The Director was present at Sarasota County Courthouse for hearing on February 10, but hearing was cancelled. This hearing was for the purpose of dismissing an order of taking for two pipeline easements and the Right-of-Way Widener. (WCIND Resolution No. 70-01).

C. PINELLAS COUNTY

1. Indian Rocks South Shore Owner's Claim against WCIND - The Director also visited on February 5 the C.E. Real Estate office to obtain aerial photos of area in dispute, i.e. the property of Dr. J. J. Ehrlich, to assist in investigation of the encroachment claim.

2. Indian Rocks Beach Proposed Easement Instrument Deferred - Mr. Ellwood L. Koch, City Manager, advised by telephone that the Council deferred action until February 15 for City Attorney's review.

3. Proposed Spoil Area (P-14) - Survey has been received from the George F. Young, Inc., St. Petersburg, for this proposed spoil area to be acquired. Director handcarried survey and legal description to the Corps of Engineers office, February 5, for review and approval.

II. GENERAL:

1. The Director visited the C.E. office in Jacksonville, February 5, to coordinate the planned waterway inspection trip.