

WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT

January 13, 1958

The regular meeting of the West Coast Inland Navigation District was held in the Court House, Bradenton, Florida on Monday, January 13th, at 2:00 P.M.

Those present were:

Ellsworth Simmons, Chairman	Hillsborough County
H. C. Slaughter, Treasurer	Manatee County
James Miller	Charlotte County
Ed. F. McCann	Sarasota County
James D. Neville	" "
Charles R. Fischer	Pinellas County

Fred W. Ball, Executive Secretary
 Dewey A. Dye, Jr. Attorney
 J. Hardin Peterson, Special Counsel
 Joe K. Merrin, Engineer
 Bruce M. Cox, Accountant

Chairman Simmons called the meeting to order.

Mr. Simmons introduced Mr. James D. Neville, Commissioner on the Board of County Commissioners, Sarasota County, who will take the place of Mr. Ed. McCann, on the Board of West Coast Inland Navigation District. Mr. McCann was present, and Mr. Simmons commended him highly on his work on the Board, and extended a welcome to Mr. Neville.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as presented.

Mr. Dye reported that he went to Jacksonville to check with the U. S. Corps of Engineers on right-of-way requirements on Mr. John C. Watson's property at Stickney Point Bridge, and that he had secured a new appraisal on it, based upon the 25 foot reduction recommended by the Engineers. Mr. Dye said that the original appraisal was for

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\$37,384.00 and that the new appraisal was \$25,850.00. Mr. Dye said that he recommended a settlement based upon the new appraisal. Mr. Robert Hoffman was present representing Mr. Watson, and said that he would accept the new appraised valuation.

Mr. Slaughter made a motion which Mr. Fischer seconded that this payment be made, based on the following letter to Mr. Dewey A. Dye, Jr. from J. H. McArthur, Realtor, Sarasota, Florida, changing the appraisal of property:

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Dewey A. Dye, Jr., Attorney
West Coast Inland Navigation District
P. O. Box 990
Bradenton, Florida

Dear Mr. Dye:

The purpose of this letter is to modify and change the appraisal of property owned by John C. Watson which appraisal was dated December 11, 1957.

Reference is made to Lots 14 and 15, together with the triangular shaped parcel immediately South of Lot 15. In the appraisal of December 11th, the amount of seawall as indicated on the survey dated November 25, 1957, and prepared by Joe K. Merrin, was 195 lineal feet. The seawall as ascertained by actual measurement this morning, is 271 feet in length. Therefore, the value of the seawall should be figured at \$2,710, and Mr. Watson should be credited for an additional \$760, making a total summation value of Lots 12, 13, 14 and 15, together with the triangular shaped parcel immediately South of Lot 15 -- \$25, 850.00.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

R. H. Lopshire

/s/

J. H. McArthur

Mr. Dye reported further that he had closed the Gable right-of-way transaction at Albee Bridge, but still had six or eight pending.

Mr. Peterson stated that the President's budget message was presented to Congress today, and within a few days the items would be known. Mr. Peterson explained that the figure presented was in a lump sum, without itemizing. This figure goes before the Appropriations Committee and then is allocated to individual projects. Mr. Peterson said that he had asked the three Congressmen and both Senators to let him know what items will be heard before the Appropriations Committee when it comes up in February or March. Mr. Peterson also reported that he had maps and easements on Venice, and will get final action in the near future.

Mr. Joe K. Merrin's monthly report was read and accepted.

Mr. Fred Ball presented a letter addressed to him from the Harbor-master of the City of Clearwater, Florida, regarding a Public Hearing on Little Pass, Clearwater, Florida at 10:00 A.M. February 4, 1958, at Clearwater.

Mr. Fischer made a motion which Mr. Slaughter seconded that this Board adopt a resolution supporting the approval of the dredging of Little Pass to an intersection with the Intracoastal Waterway, and that Mr. Fischer deliver it, after it is prepared by Mr. Peterson.

Mr. Fischer made a motion which Mr. Slaughter seconded that the Board be authorized to join the Florida Waterways Association for a fee not to exceed \$300 for annual membership. Approved.

Mr. Slaughter read the Treasurer's Report which was accepted as presented. Current bills were also approved as presented.

Mr. Dye stated that he was getting ready to file condemnation suits in Charlotte County and would like to secure local counsel.

Mr. Miller made a motion which Mr. Slaughter seconded that Mr. Dye be authorized to negotiate with local counsel to assist him in Charlotte County condemnation suits. Approved.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 P.M.


Secretary


Chairman

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