

The monthly board meeting of the Board of Commissioners, WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT, was held June 18, 1979, in the Sarasota County Courthouse, Sarasota, Florida.

Present were: Larry Rhodes, Chairman, Sarasota County  
Arnold F. Schade, Vice Chairman, Charlotte County  
L. H. Fortson, Jr., Treasurer, Manatee County

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

Absent was: R. Douglas Taylor, Secretary, Lee County

#### ADMINISTRATION

The meeting convened at 10:46 a.m.

Minutes of May 21, 1979 regular board meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report, May 31, 1979, was approved as presented. The projected expenditures listed for Local Projects reflects payments approved for the Stump Pass project study to date.

The Director reported that the Jacksonville District Corps of Engineers will contribute fifty percent of the cost of a new issue of the IWW Guide Map.

Vouchers No. 1646 through 1669 were approved for payment.

Resolution No. 79 - 01 This 1979-1980 millage authorization was submitted by the Director stating that the WCIND proposed budget for 1979-80 is now on the agenda for the June 26 State Cabinet meeting. When the State Cabinet approves this budget as submitted, The Director of Resource Management, H. Jack Woodard, will notify WCIND the same day. The Board adopted Resolution No. 79 - 01, with motion made by Commr. Schade, then seconded and unanimously carried, for execution date, June 26, 1979, subject to Cabinet approval. The four Counties, Manatee, Sarasota, Charlotte, and Lee, will receive the information, in accordance with WCIND law, before July 1.

#### ACTIVITIES REPORT

##### Pinellas County

Crystal Beach Conservation & Development Associates/WCIND Agreement - Counsel Dewey A. Dye's letter of June 11, 1979 to the Director and to WCIND Treasurer was read for this meeting's record. This letter states Counsel's review of latest draft of the purchase agreement, copy of which was forwarded; states his recommendation that contract be executed and signed copy be delivered to Mr. Tom R. Moore, Atty., upon his presentation of the certified check in amount recited in contract; also, Counsel's understanding that Mr. Moore might need additional time on zoning, however, additional time would need the Board's approval and would require that approval of contract be held to the next board meeting on June 18, 1979. These changes are for

thirty days period only:

- 1 September, 1979 (rather than August 1, 1979)  
for earnest money deposit, \$15,000.00;  
and  
15 July, 1979 (rather than June 15, 1979)  
for submitting application for upzoning  
to Pinellas County and to the  
Pinellas County Planning Council.

This time frame is necessary: all dates being dropped back a month. Mr. Moore carried contract to WCIND office on June 12, 1979, and his certified check for \$10,000 (Option Money, per contract) was received by WCIND. Commr. Fortson moved to approve date changes; motion was seconded and carried. No information has been received to date from Pinellas County re Crystal Beach property sale by WCIND. Pinellas County still owes \$17,200; as its share of the cost.

### Charlotte County

#### Stump Pass Project Status

The two current projects were reviewed for the record: 1) Study to incorporate Stump Pass into the IWW; 2) The one-time dredging project by local governments (Charlotte County and the WCIND). The Charlotte County Commission assigned Coastal Engineering Consultants, Inc., as the engineering firm for the application for permitting; the time is about up for June 16. Coastal Engineering Consultants, Inc., is also working for a Federal Sea Grant of \$8,000 and has requested WCIND to consider executing a letter to the engineering firm in support for the future considerations of Stump Pass. The Director recommended that the Board support such a letter. Commr. Schade reported that Charlotte County, based on DNR correspondence, has included in its budget funds for Channel maintenance studies. The Corps of Engineers has reported that Phase I of the study is completed. The Boating Questionnaires are being returned with replies from both Sarasota County (for Big Sarasota Pass and Midnight Pass) and from Charlotte County re feasibility of studies. The Board concurred for a WCIND letter of support to Coastal Engineering Consultants, Inc. It was also reported by the Director that WCIND will apply to the State, under Florida Statute, 161.093, for State support in the amount of seventy-five percent of total cost of the Stump Pass Project, with the placing of good beach material on State property. Charlotte County expects the contract to start October 1.

### SARASOTA COUNTY

Venice Area, Dock Lease - Litigation No information to date has been received from Ramco for Fisherman's Wharf Restaurant client. This case was dismissed in May with notice of 20 days in which to file an amended complaint.

The ACTIVITIES REPORT was accepted as presented.

NEW BUSINESSH.B. 591

WCIND Reorganization Bill: Proposed Legislation, 1979 Amendment: Section 2, chapter 61-1590, Laws of Florida, as amended by chapter 77-494, Laws of Florida, is amended to read...

re, members/alternates, and voting members:

"The counties of Lee, Charlotte, Sarasota, and Manatee, be and the same are hereby created into and incorporated, for the purposes of this Act, into a special tax district of the State of Florida known as the "West Coast Inland Navigation District," hereinafter referred to as the District. Such District shall function and operate by and through its Board of Commissioners, hereinafter referred to as the Board.

Three members of the Board shall constitute a quorum. Each member county may, in addition to its designated commission member, designate an alternate commission member who shall be authorized to attend all board meetings and other District-approved activities and participate in board deliberations, but who shall not be authorized to vote except in the case of the absence of the designated member."

Counsel Dye reported on Pinellas County objection to the WCIND Bill re the reorganization of the District. No legislation was passed until the last day of the Legislature Session; the Bill of Amendment goes into effect October 1, 1979 and copies will be delivered to the four Counties in the District. Letters of acknowledgment are due Senators Henderson, Neal, and Shackelford. There is still a question of Pinellas County settlement of \$17,200 due WCIND and also the taxes due WCIND for this year. The WCIND has processed two checks to the Pinellas County government, re budget requirements, retroactive period, in accordance with Florida Statutes 192.091.

Chairman Rhodes questioned Counsel Dye concerning anticipated action by Pinellas County Commission: owing the WCIND that amount of money, \$17,200, and then sitting to decide whether to re-zone the same piece of property, Crystal Beach. He questioned if this can be done in an unbiased manner.

Counsel Dye stated that following action taken on last day of Session, he agrees with Chairman Rhodes - probably Tom Moore does too, that there is no reasonable likelihood that C.B. Cons. & Dev. Associates will get any improvement in the zoning; that WCIND, most importantly, should dispose of C.B. property on a satisfactory basis as compared to trying to collect \$17,200 that Pinellas County owes the WCIND.

NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE The Board concurred that the next regular board meeting will be held Monday, August 20, 1979, in Sarasota.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

*Charles E. Furber*  
Assistant Secretary

*Jerry Rhodes*  
Chairman