

The monthly meeting of the WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS was held at the Manatee County Office Building in Bradenton, Florida, November 13, 1961.

Present were:

Ellsworth G. Simmons, Chairman, Hillsborough County
 H.H. Anger, Vice-chairman, Charlotte County
 Boyd R. Gernhard, Secretary, Sarasota County
 L. Elmer Bustle, Treasurer, Manatee County
 Mack H. Jones, Lee County
 A.L. Anderson, Pinellas County

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

ADMINISTRATION

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 2 P.M. It was suggested that the second paragraph under "Bridges" in the minutes of the Oct. 9, 1961 meeting be re-worded: "Mr. Gernhard stated that Sarasota County could issue bonds to the maximum of \$750,000 for the reconstruction of the Manasota and Albee bridges. \$325,000 has been pledged for the reconstruction of the Albee bridge and the Sarasota Board of County Commissioners will consider application of the remaining bonding authority towards the reconstruction of the Manasota bridge next week. Sarasota County will pay the engineering and right-of-way costs for both bridges; engineering costs for the Albee bridge amounting to \$24,000 have already been budgeted out of Sarasota County secondary road funds." The minutes were approved as amended.

The Treasurer's report was read by Mr. Bustle and accepted as presented. Payment of Vouchers #2668 through #2887 covering current bills was approved.

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The Annual Report of the District was accepted and made a part of the permanent records. The Director was authorized to distribute copies of the report to each of the six counties comprising the Navigation District and to members of the Congressional delegation. Authority was granted to publish the annual financial report in one newspaper in each of the member counties, as required by statute.

Commissioner Bustle read the report of the committee appointed at the October meeting to make a recommendation for any adjustment in compensation of the secretary in the District office. Board approved salary of \$300 per month effective October 1, 1961.

PROGRESS REPORT

The Director reported that during October the dredge in Section 5 advanced 3,395 linear feet and dredged a total of 120,092 cubic yards of material. The sub-contract was complete on Oct. 17th. The prime contractor expects to start operating from the northern end about 15 November. As of 31 October 1961 the contract was 23% complete.

The matter of accepting contributed funds for additional pumping costs from individuals or agencies to eliminate undesirable spoil areas was discussed at length. The Director noted that the Corps of Engineers had been advised that the Navigation District would not make any formal request to the Corps of Engineers for an alternate area until the proponent of the area had deposited the full amount of additional costs. The Chairman asked the attorney, engineer and Director to review this matter and draw up step by step procedures to be followed to eliminate misunderstanding.

Commissioner Jones reminded the Board that Lee County wants some fill from dredging near Boca Grande. He was advised to have Lee County pass a resolution giving the location they desire filled, the volume required and their willingness to pay additional pumping costs. WCIND will then forward the request to the Corps of Engineers to determine the amount of contribution required.

Commissioner Gernhard expressed surprise that the District Engineer had told him that no work could be done in Sec. 2 until Sec. 3 was resolved. He stated that he would present a resolution to the Sarasota Board of County Commissioners on Nov. 14th urging that the Congressional delegation and the Governor do what they could to get the work started in Lemon Bay, without reference to Sec. 3, leaving about seven months to get the Venice problem resolved. The Chairman stated that he did not know what the Corps of Engineers would say to that; as far as the Corps of Engineers is concerned there is only one approved route and they cannot proceed on any other. WCIND responsibility is to meet the local requirements for the contracts for which the money is available.

Mr. Dye stated that requests for spoil areas in Section 4 are in the hands of the IIB now. Wherever there was trouble with a private owner the IIB was asked for an alternate spoil area. Spoil areas in Manatee County have been requested but easements have not been received. WCIND has done all they can until the Trustees act. He stated that there are a few privately owned spoil areas in Manatee County for which easements have not been signed but the owners have been contacted and it is expected that all will be finished by Wednesday, Nov. 15th. In the event

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that condemnation proceedings become necessary, motion was made and carried that Mr. Dye begin condemnation proceedings forthwith in all areas for spoil areas which are to be required in Section 4.

The Board authorized the Chairman to communicate with the IIB requesting immediate action on these spoil areas and rights-of-way.

Bridges

The resolution from Sarasota County involving the Albee bridge was mentioned by the Chairman. He stated that he will make an effort to meet with Mr. Gernhard and the State Road Board member, Mr. Warren Cason, to work out the Albee bridge and proceed on it.

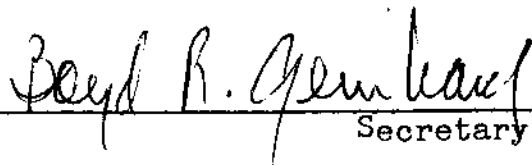
The Progress Report was accepted.

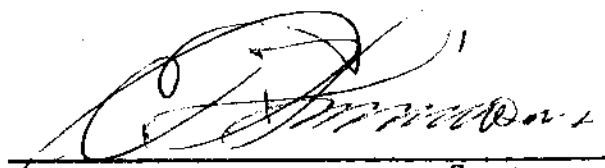
NEW BUSINESS

The Director and Mr. Dye reported on the Florida Waterways meeting they attended in Jacksonville on Nov. 10th. Organization of the Board of Conservation was discussed. Senator Hodges will help expedite spoil areas with the IIB.

Commissioner Gernhard asked the attorney to attend the Sarasota Commissioners meeting on Nov. 15th to clarify in the minds of the Board members the deadlines on spoil areas, etc.

The meeting adjourned at 3 P.M.


Secretary


Chairman

PROGRESS REPORT

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CONSTRUCTION

1. Progress - During October the dredge advanced from Station 83+60, Cut P-20 to Station 22+28.83, Cut P-21 for a total of 3,395 linear feet and dredged a total of 120,092 cubic yards of material. The contract was 23% complete Oct. 31, 1961.

2. The District Engineer proposed to the Navigation District that he request from the Chief of Engineers blanket authority to accept contributed funds from the Navigation District to pay additional pumping costs whereby objectionable spoil areas could be eliminated. Authority will probably be granted if the contribution is received from a public agency so the District Engineer asked for agreement to this procedure by the Navigation District. Concurrence was given on October 27 but the District Engineer was advised that the Navigation District would require actual receipt of the contributed funds from the proponents of the area before a request would be made to the District Engineer.

3. On October 26 the District Engineer informed the Director that construction would not be initiated on Section 2 or 3 until satisfactory arrangements for the remaining requirements of local cooperation have been made and furnished in writing.

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4. Charlotte County - The Board of County Commissioners will hear a request for fill permits for Section 2 on November 14th.

5. Sarasota County - On November 1st the Sarasota County Water and Navigation Control Authority conducted a public meeting on the subject of spoil areas. The staff of the Navigation District presented detailed sketches showing all spoil areas, possible alternates and island spoil areas which were being requested from the Trustees to permit advertisement of contracts. The Federal Fish and Wildlife Service and the State Board of Conservation were represented. The District Engineer sent a letter discussing the spoil area subject from the Corps of Engineers' viewpoint. During the presentation by the Navigation District it was brought out that the federal government could utilize island spoil areas without State or local permission.

6. On 19 October the Board of County Commissioners deferred decision on the Lemon Bay bulkhead lines until November 15th.

7. Mr. Dye furnished County Attorney comments on the road easement on Manasota Key north of the Manasota bridge.

8. On October 31st the Corps of Engineers furnished exact requirements for pipeline easement and spoil area immediately south of Venice Inlet.

9. The Corps of Engineers advised the Water and Navigation Control Authority that it was not feasible to modify channel or right-of-way through the Albee bridge.

10. The Corps of Engineers advised that proposed spoil areas 31 on Siesta Key and 32 on the mainland were too remote from the Waterway to be designated as spoil areas. In answer to Navigation District query the Corps of Engineers indicated contribution of \$16,750 each would be required for additional pumping costs in order to use these areas and thus eliminate spoil islands in Sarasota Bay. The owners of the two spoil areas were furnished the information as a basis for determining what action, if any, they would take.

11. The Corps of Engineers disapproved a proposed spoil area at the eastern end of Point Crisp.

12. Mr. Julius Zimm declined to grant spoil area easement or pipeline easement across his property north of Stickney Point bridge.

13. At the request of Mr. Gernhard investigation was made of additions to spoil area S-35-3 on Siesta Key across from spoil area S-36.

14. Mr. Whitney, attorney for the Gregg interests, indicated that the use of this area on the basis of an alternate bid was being considered. Mr. Dye outlined to Mr. Whitney that requirements for access, drainage and diking which must be satisfied before the Navigation District would ask the Corps of Engineers to consider an alternate bid item.

15. The Corps of Engineers furnished information on the utilization of spoil areas 38, 38A and 38B to eliminate spoil areas in Sarasota Bay. The three spoil areas can receive 149,000 cu. yds. of material without diking for a contribution of \$13,700. The extension of the dredged area the additional 1950' north to Siesta Key bridge would produce an additional 66,000 cu. yds. but at a total contribution of \$53,200. and the construction of a 3' earth dike by local interests. The principal owner in these areas, Mr. Ed G. Wright, was furnished the information and his proposed action was requested.

16. Descriptions of alternate island spoil areas were prepared for submittal to the Trustees.

17. Manatee County - On October 9th Mrs. Philena C. Stanford of the Manatee County Conservation Alliance discussed spoil areas with the Director. She expressed desire to obtain spoil for beach nourishment but did not indicate where necessary contributed funds would be obtained.

18. Manatee County spoil areas were requested from the Trustees on October 16th.

19. On November 2nd Mr. Bernard Porter offered three tracts on Longboat Key as spoil area. He was answered that only one is sufficiently close to the Waterway for consideration and was informed of the procedure for negotiating with the contractor.

20. Pinellas County - The possible encroachment of the Jacobson tract in the right-of-way was reported. Mr. Dye wrote to the attorney for the Jacobson interests to clarify the matter.

21. The Corps of Engineers furnished copy of a reply to Congressman Cramer on the Minthorne dredge and fill application.

BRIDGES

22. The Board of County Commissioners of Sarasota County considered three times County participation in the Albee and Manatee bridge program necessary to complement the decision of the Board of Commissioners of the Navigation District on October 9th. The Board of County Commissioners declined to amend their commitment of \$325,000 towards the reconstruction of the Albee bridge.

23. The Corps of Engineers wrote to Mr. Simmons stressing the need for a firm commitment on the bridge program in the immediate future.

ADMINISTRATION

24. Time Deposit agreements with the Manatee National Bank and the First National Bank were extended. Authority was granted to the banks to exchange maturing securities on deposit.

25. The Navigation District received copy of a resolution by the Sarasota Water and Navigation Control Authority requesting the District Engineer to accomplish improvements on New and Big Pass along with the construction of the Waterway. The Navigation District acknowledged the resolution and expressed support of the authorization study and appropriation requests for this work, with copies sent to the District Engineer, Senators Holland and Smathers and Congressman Haley.

26. The Corps of Engineers furnished preliminary commercial statistics for calendar year 1960. West Coast Waterway tonnage increased from 239,211 tons in 1959 to 261,330 tons in 1960. For the same periods the Okeechobee Waterway increased from 283,818 tons to 330,167 tons.

27. The annual report was mimeographed for consideration by the Board of Commissioners at the November 13th meeting.

28. On October 29th Mr. Gernhard and the Director appeared on Sarasota radio station WSPB to discuss the West Coast Waterway.

29. The Director talked before the Ft. Myers Rotary Club on October 31st.