

WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT

BOARD MEETING, DECEMBER 7, 1984

2:30 P.M.

VENICE, FLORIDA

A G E N D A

I. ADMINISTRATION:

- A. Approval of Minutes of October 26, 1984 Board Meeting
- B. Approval of September 30 & October 31, 1984 Treasurer's Report
- C. Approval of November & December Bills to be Paid

II. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

III. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES COMMENTS:

IV. ACTIVITIES REPORT:

- A. Delegation of Authority, letter approval or changes
- B. Discussion on proposed Legislation
- C. Latest SCL Bridge proposal discussion
- D. VHF Radio Project for Drawbridges proposal discussion

V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT:

- A. Discussion on possible "Snook Farm" experiment
- B. Requested use of Spoil Area for radar beacon at Venice Airport
- C. Discussion of property protection at Spoil Area adjacent to Venice Airport

VI. NEXT MEETING DATE:

Suggested: January 18, 1985
Discussion of next date and proposed schedule for 1985

W.C.I.N.D. Convened the Board Meeting on Friday, December 7, 1984, at 2:30 p.m. at W.C.I.N.D. Headquarters, 200 East Miami Avenue, Venice, Florida 33595

Commissioners Present:	Joseph A. Tringali, Chairman	Charlotte County
	Jerry L. Hente, Vice Chairman	Sarasota County
	W.H. Fletcher, Jr., Treasurer	Manatee County
Commissioners Absent:	Porter J. Goss, Secretary	Lee County
Staff Present:	James M. Armstrong, Director	
	Philip E. Perrey, Counsel	
	Connie S. Haw, Administrative Assistant	

Guest and Public Present: None

ADMINISTRATION:

Minutes of October 26, 1984 Board Meeting were approved, motioned by Commissioner Hente, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher. Treasurer's Report of September 30th and October 31, 1984 were approved, motioned, seconded and carried. November and December bills to be paid were presented, move for approval by Commissioner Hente, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher, motion carried.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

No guest or public present.

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES REPRESENTATIVE:

Dale Adams of the D.N.R. informed the Board of recent legislation concerning spoil acquisition and Rule 160-22 that sets procedures for D.N.R. staff to implement Section 376.11 Florida Statutes that became effective March 7, 1984. This rule says that the Coastal Protection Fund monies may be used to fund a portion of spoil acquisition and improvements to spoil site already in existence. He advised W.C.I.N.D. that some apparent deficiencies have been identified and that D.N.R. was seeking input from all affected agencies for possible revisions. He indicated that D.N.R. had called a meeting for January 8, 1985, at D.N.R. in Tallahassee, to serve as a work shop for possible amendments to this program. W.C.I.N.D. Board of Commissioners directed J.M. Armstrong, Executive Director, to survey the inventory of spoil areas and consult with the Corp of Engineers on potential needs for spoil areas, their location and the area they are being provided for protection. Approval for travel expense for the Director and any members of the Board to attend the January 8, 1985 meeting in Tallahassee was approved.

ACTIVITIES REPORT:

- A. The "Delegation of Authority Letter" prepared by Counsel for Boards approval was discussed and approved to be sent to Dr. Gissendanner for his approval.
- B. The proposed Legislation prepared by D.N.R. was compared to Legislation prepared by W.C.I.N.D. for approval, the difference being that D.N.R. proposal offered same action but generally rather than line item specifics. After discussion the Board suggested Counsel review new proposal and make changes necessary to cover the wishes of W.C.I.N.D.
- C. Commissioner Tringali informed the Board that the Annual Election of Officers should take place at this meeting, confirmed by Counsel Perrey. Commissioner Tringali asked for nominations of Officers. Commissioner Fletcher motioned the present slate of Officers be retained for Fiscal Year 1984/85, seconded by Commissioner Hente, no objections, motion carried.

- D. The Director referred to S.C.L.'s latest proposal on bridge removal which briefly offers \$75,400.00 or 50% of removal cost in return for W.C.I.N.D. to release the railroad from all litigation, close docket with I.C.C. and to be responsible for the bridge by accepting title with \$75,400.00. Director suggested to the Board that this should be unacceptable and indicated he has recently met with the buyer of the bridge who is asking for a (1) year extension to his contract because we failed to deliver the bridge. Director further stated that the buyer showed some interest in utilizing his contractor to remove the bridge and would possibly ask his engineers to estimate removal cost which may be less than local contractors. With this in mind we could possibly work out a solution whereby W.C.I.N.D. accept S.C.L. \$75,400.00 and add their funds toward removal cost anticipated to be far less than \$150,000.00 and consummate the bridge sale. The Board advised Director Armstrong to pursue this idea, write to S.C.L. and confirm receipt of their offer and tell them the offer is taken under advisement. The Board authorized Counsel to prepare (1) year extension to sales contract amendment and communicate to buyer the need of new letter of irrevocable credit to be issued. The Director recommended an itemization of all details of the bridge sale be forwarded to I.C.C. Judge with copies to the President and anybody else appropriate in the Federal Government and indicate that tax payers here were demanding some action since the S.C.L. was renegeing on their agreement. No action was taken on this suggestion, the Chairman asked Counsel if we could sue for cost of the bridge, Counsel advised this would be a very long and expensive affair. The Chairman suggested W.C.I.N.D. notify F.A.A. that the bridge is unlighted posing an aviation hazard. The Board suggested when writing S.C.L. to inform them of existing hazards on their bridge.
- E. The Board found that VHF Radios installed on 12 drawbridges would be an aid to navigation in the District. Directed the Director to determine what bridges, who would maintain the radios and preparation of a letter of understanding that specifically refers to these items. Concern was shown over some bridges now are operated and maintained by County personnell and the possibility that the County would be saddled with any expense was expressed. The approval of \$8,700.00 will be made by the Board when these questions are answered.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Director Armstrong reported on being approached to aid D.N.R. in location of a site for "snook experiment" such as a spoil area of approximately 10 acres. He further reported that it now appeared no action will be necessary due to the project likely being taken over by Mote Marine if Senator Neal can get funding.

Director Armstrong reported a request by City of Venice and South Venice Road & Bridge District to utilize MSA-S28 a spoil area adjacent to the Airport for non-directional radar beacon and spoil depository. In return W.C.I.N.D. would get and improved spoil area and security measures to prevent dumping of garbage and trash. W.C.I.N.D. Board approved utilization of standard license use agreement to be prepared for execution.

Beaches and Shores membership dues for 1985 in the amount of \$500.00 was approved by the Board.

The Board ratified action taken in funding \$15,000.00 to Manatee County for rebuilding a groin to protect public beaches and improve water quality for fishing.

Director reported a request for funding \$372.40 to replace a day marker in a channel at Stump Pass that has caused several boats severe damage. Request approved and Charlotte County Marine Advisory will be notified.

Chairman Tringali asked the Board to consider in the near future some assistance in providing dock space for a ferry to be utilized to transport the public to the newly acquired "Don Pedro" Island beach front by the State of Florida. The Director is to survey potential sites and report back.

NEXT MEETING DATE:


January 18, 1985 at 2:30 p.m. at W.C.I.N.D. Headquarters

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business, Commissioner Hente motion adjournment, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher, carried at 4:00 p.m.



PORTER J. GOSS, SECRETARY, W.C.I.N.D.



JOSEPH A. TRINGALI, CHAIRMAN, W.C.I.N.D.