

The January meeting of the Commissioners of the WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT was held January 10, 1966, at the Manatee County Office Building.

Present were:

A. L. Anderson, Vice Chairman, Pinellas County
Ralph S. Clark, Treasurer, Manatee County
Mrs. Dorothy R. Flowers, Secretary, Charlotte County
Robert M. Wright, Sarasota County
Kenneth W. Daniels, Lee County

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

Absent were:

Ellsworth G. Simmons, Chairman, Hillsborough County

ADMINISTRATION

The Vice Chairman called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. Minutes of the December 13, 1965, meeting were approved as presented. The Treasurer's Report was read and accepted. Vouchers #4345 through #4383 were approved for payment. The Board reorganized for 1966. By motion made, seconded and passed unanimously, the following officers were re-elected for 1966:

Ellsworth G. Simmons, Chairman
A. L. Anderson, Vice Chairman
Dorothy R. Flowers, Secretary
Ralph S. Clark, Treasurer

Motion was made and passed continuing the employment of the staff, to serve at the pleasure of the Board.

HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS

Several residents of the Manasota Key area were present to be heard in connection with claims involving Section 2 spoil areas. The Director suggested that they defer their questions until hearing his report on the progress made by the District in connection with these claims during the month of December.

PROGRESS REPORT

The Director reported that at the December meeting the Board considered claims in Lemon Bay spoil areas and that the staff was directed to meet with three different groups. One of the claims involves the removal of dikes in spoil areas S8 and 10A. Mr. Merrin has worked with Mr. Slider, Sarasota County Engineer and has determined plans of the County for road relocation. It is hoped that a meeting with the representative of this group can be arranged this week.

Mr. Dye announced that some negotiations had been concluded. In S6 four lots are involved, two of these are owned by Mr. Hosea, who has agreed to settle for \$160 his claim for his southern lot. This settlement was approved. Settlement has not been reached as yet on Mr. Hosea's northern lot, or for the other two tracts.

In S/A S11A, the unfilled and silted pocket involves seven owners, who named Col. F. R. Chamberlain, Jr. to represent them in a proposal to fill the pocket with good material. Mr. Dye met with Col. Chamberlain and several of the other owners, and reached tentative

agreement on a \$6,000 settlement of claims by the District, with the District to obtain necessary permits for the dredging and filling and to remove the low dike along the west side of the pocket. The proposed division of the settlement among the owners, as set by them is:

James H. & Jessie B. Ellis	\$ 471.00
W. Archibald & Jean D. Welden	870.60
W. W. & Virginia R. Ward	1,467.60
Ann H. Anderson & J. Anderson	1,345.80
Frederick R., Jr. & Elizabeth M. Chamberlain	694.80
Ruby McKenzie	684.00
Oswald A. & Blanche Fonos	466.20

This settlement represents approximately 40% of the total cost of the project, and is the estimated cost to the District of removing the dikes along the pocket, cleaning up the waterfront in the area, and settling remaining claims. Mr. Dye has reviewed with the Sarasota County Deputy Clerk the requirement for permits and it will be necessary to secure another dredge and fill permit as the original permit does not cover this proposed work. This permit will have to be approved routinely by the IIB. The Corps of Engineers will also have to issue a permit. The over-all settlement plan and authorization for the payments were approved by the Board. In approving the settlement the Board found that the payment of the sums listed was a satisfactory substitute for removal of the dike which had previously been approved by the Attorney General. The Staff was authorized to proceed with securing the necessary permits and to arrange for removal of the small road dike.

Residents present from S/A 's S8 and 10A stressed their desire for prompt action. It was agreed that Mr. Boone, attorney for these property owners, would be asked to meet with the District staff at an early date, and if agreement is reached a special meeting of the Board would be called to consider action on these claims. If agreement cannot be reached the Board will be informed.

The Director gave the construction progress in Section 3 as 6% complete, with pre-dredging operations continuing. He reported that as of January 2, the completion status of SRD projects was: North bridge, 77%; South bridge, 66%; Venice Avenue bridge, 57%; and U.S. 41 Bypass, 79%. Dredging in Section 3 should start in mid-January.

The Director announced the receipt of a letter from the Corps of Engineers requesting a firm construction schedule for modification of the SAL bridge to Gasparilla Island. On January 5, Mr. Dye and the Director met with Mr. G. W. Salmon, Engineer for Bridges for the Seaboard Railroad. Although in previous meetings and correspondence much work has been done on preparing a contract, certain engineering and administrative information is still required. Mr. Salmon has started the engineering studies and will furnish to Mr. Dye a specific proposal as to the inclusion in the project of the maximum amount of competitive public bidding.

The Director noted that it is important that the Seaboard understand there is no further question that this work might be

postponed. In February, 1960, this Board instructed the attorney and the Director to undertake negotiations with the Seaboard Airline and this authorization is still valid. The Director suggested that he be instructed to inform the railroad that the District is now prepared to enter into a firm contract and to request that the Seaboard proceed with the information that will permit preparation of the contract. The Chairman approved this suggestion.

At the December meeting Mr. Merrin had been instructed to estimate the cost of completing the access road at Venice, as outlined in a letter from Mr. Youngberg. The City of Venice has requested that funds held in escrow beyond that required for completing the work be released; Merrin reported that his estimate of the work was \$6,294.53. Motion was made and passed to release to the City 10% of the funds originally placed in escrow.

The Director reported that CE has furnished revised regulations which specifically include the West Coast Waterway in the regulations which prohibit unnecessary appurtenances to vessels which result in otherwise unneeded bridge openings.

The Coast Guard has advised that a contract for installation of permanent aids to navigation in Section 2 will be awarded early this month and that the contractor will be allowed 120 days to install the markers.

Upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, the Progress Report was approved and accepted.

NEW BUSINESS

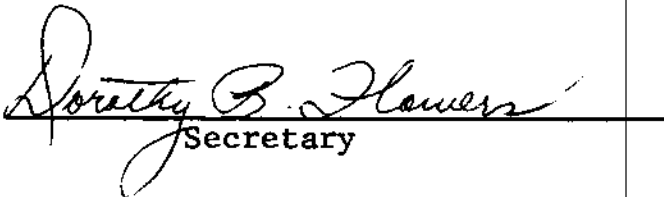
Mr. Dye announced the status of District condemnation trials. One case alone took the entire week allotted to the two suits and was not concluded. Trial will be resumed January 19th with the same jury. One large tract was settled, S/A S3-4 (Saraven). It consists of 70 acres which the District will acquire in fee. Mr. Dye stated that there are only two or three small right-of-way parcels left unsettled in Sarasota County at this time.

Next meeting was set for February 14, at 11:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.



Chairman



Secretary

PROGRESS REPORT

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CONSTRUCTION

Construction Progress Section 3 - Prime contractor continued pre-dredging operations. On December 31 the contract was 6 % complete.

Construction Operations

Section 2 Claims - In S/A S6S Mr. Dye reached agreement on one claim. In S/A's S8 & 10A, Mr. Merrin and Sarasota County engineer reached agreement on the quantity of fill required for the Manasota road project. In S/A S11A, agreement was reached with owners in the unfilled section. All settlements are subject to approval of the Board of Commissioners. In S/A S11B a claim for loss of access to the waterway due to shoaling was received and the owner was asked to furnish specific information.

Section 3 - Clearing of right-of-way and spoil areas will be completed by January 10th. Required diking of spoil areas has been completed except S/A S3-6 (Board of Public Instruction) which is 20% complete and S/A S3-9 (Eagle Point), where diking has been deferred until the summer. Rock excavation subcontract is 71% complete. The contractor plans to start dredging operations in mid-January.

Construction Planning - S/A S3-6A, B & C (Board of Public Instruction) - The contractor was authorized to place additional fill around the school buildings as requested by the BPI. Whether or not this fill will be placed depends upon agreement between the BPI and the subcontractor on payment for fine grading. A representative of the Venice Shrine Club was informed that the CE would probably approve a request from the contractor for the placement of a small quantity of spoil on the Shrine parking lot at the circus grounds.

S/A S3-8 & 9 (Eagle Point) - Arrangements were made for the contractor and the SRD supervisors to make necessary plans for filling these spoil areas up to the U.S. 41 causeway, in accordance with easement granted by SRD.

LANDS

Condemnation Trial - Trial for Sections 2 and 3 right-of-way and Section 3 spoil areas was held December 13 through 17. Testimony on the Caspersen right-of-way tract alone was heard and the

case adjourned for one month. Settlement by negotiation was reached on the acquisition in fee of S/A S3-4. Additional Court deposits of \$97,295.00 for purchase price and \$15,000.00 for costs were made with the Clerk of Circuit Court on December 30.

Conveyances - CE asked for completion of land conveyances in Sections 1 and 3.

BRIDGES

Seaboard Airline Bridge - CE asked for a specific construction schedule on the required modification on the north draw span in accordance with Navigation District commitment. Mr. Simmons determined from the Railroad that there are no plans for discontinuing the Boca Grande line in the foreseeable future. Mr. G. W. Salmon, Chief Bridge Engineer, S.A.L., met with Mr. Dye and the Director on January 5 and brought up-to-date the contract previously discussed.

Construction Status - As of January 2 completion status of SRD projects was: North bridge, 77%; South bridge, 66%; Venice Avenue bridge, 57%; (U.S. 41 Bypass, 79%).

UTILITIES

Access Road - Mr. Merrin determined that the proposed retention of 5% of the escrow account was insufficient to complete paving of road if a leveling course were required.

ADMINISTRATION

Budget Data - Board of Conservation advised that information furnished to them was adequate.

Permits - Venice Chamber of Commerce asked for information on the permits which must be obtained by private individuals for the construction of docks and channels connecting to the waterway. Answer was made that the Navigation District was not involved in such approval but would obtain desired data. Information from CE and Sarasota County was obtained and furnished Chamber. Information requested from City of Venice has not been received.

Public Relations - Preparation of a project map was started.

Bridge Regulations were received from CE specifically including the West Coast Waterway in regulations prohibiting the equipment of

vessels with non-essential appurtenances which require bridge openings not necessary otherwise.

Aids to Navigation - The Coast Guard expects to award contract for permanent marking of Section 2 in early January. Contractor is allowed 120 days to complete work.

Governor's Conference & Water Resources Development - State Board of Conservation was furnished information desired in preparation for conference.