

March 10, 1958

The regular meeting of the West Coast Inland Navigation District could not be held for lack of quorum, but it was decided by the members present to hold a meeting for discussion only, of urgent business.

The members were called to order by Chairman E. G. Simmons, in the Court House in Bradenton, Florida, on March 10th, 1958, at 2:45 p.m.

Present were:

Ellsworth Simmons, Chairman	Hillsborough County
Chas. R. Fischer, V-Chairman	Pinellas County
H.C. Tom Slaughter, Treas.	Manatee County

J.K. Merrin, Engineer
 Fred. W. Ball, Executive Secretary
 Dewey A. Dye, Jr., Attorney
 J. Hardin Peterson, Special Attorney

Absent were:

Wilson Pigott, Secretary	Lee County
James D. Neville	Sarasota County
James E. Miller	Charlotte County

Mr. Simmons suggested that the three members present approve for payment the bills presented by Mr. Cox, and that the signature of a fourth member be obtained at the earliest opportunity. This suggestion met with the approval of the members present and all three signed the list of bills for payment.

Mr. Dye, Attorney, suggested the Board purchase the right-of-way on property in the Albee Creek area owned by

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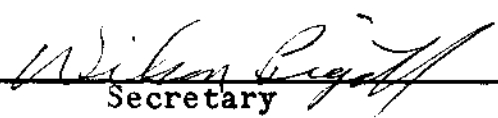
Mr. and Mrs. C.S. Leonard for \$1,176. This purchase was approved by the members present, subject to the approval by one more member of the Board.

Mr. Simmons indicated concern at the seeming lack of interest by Congressmen in this project, and hoped that in the very near future it would be possible for this Board to show some accomplishment in its aims.

Mr. Peterson, Special Counsel, told the Board that it may well be near the end of the legislative session before there is definite news on the funds needed. There was general discussion by all the members concerning the importance of obtaining Federal funds for this purpose.

Mr. Merrin, Engineer, made no formal report but advised the Board that at this time they were working in Charlotte County.

There being no further business for discussion, the Chairman announced the next regular meeting would be held on April 14th, 1958, at 2:00 p.m.


Secretary


Chairman

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