

The regular meeting of the West Coast Inland Navigation District was held at the Court House, Bradenton, Florida, on April 14, 1958, at 2:45 p.m.

Present were:

Ellsworth Simmons, Chairman	Hillsborough County
H. C. Tom Slaughter, Tres.	Manatee County
Wilson Pigott, Secretary	Lee County
James D. Neville	Sarasota County
James E. Miller	Charlotte County

J. K. Merrin, Engineer  
 Dewey A. Dye, Jr., Attorney  
 J. Hardin Peterson, Special Attorney

Fred Ball was absent due to illness.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman E. G. Simmons.

Memorandum of the last scheduled meeting was read, and the actions taken at this meeting were confirmed and approved. Mr. Cox advised that Mr. Neville's signature had been secured as the fourth member's approval for the payment of March bills.

Mr. J. W. Landis, Route 1, Englewood, presented a proposal to the Board in behalf of interested persons in the Lemon Bay area in Charlotte County with regard to taking spoils from the Waterway property to develop and fill to an elevation of about 5½ ft., and seawall with retaining walls, around some undeveloped mangrove islands in that area. Question was raised on the bulkhead line as to proposed area. Mr. Peterson, Special Counsel, thought this had been offered as a spoils area in a previous letter to Mr. Merrin and had received a response. Mr. Merrin, Engineer, suggested that a general plan be submitted to the Corps of

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Engineers and to the Trustees, giving a complete picture of the suggested proposal in Charlotte County. Mr. Neville made the motion, seconded by Mr. Pigott, that the plan be submitted to the Corps of Engineers for consideration and that the Board give their approval subject to the provision that it cleared with the District Engineer and Charlotte County Board of County Commissioners. Carried.

Mr. Landis also presented to the Board, a proposal for dredging a canal in the Englewood area of Gasparilla Bay for the purpose of providing a water passage for small craft. This proposal would provide the digging of a canal 17-18 ft. wide by 3-5 ft. deep, through the narrow portion of this area known as "the narrows." Mr. Miller stated his approval as far as Charlotte County is concerned and felt that it would greatly benefit that community, and suggested that having this channel opened and using it showed the local interest in Charlotte County and their desire for improving this section. After some discussion, Mr. Peterson suggested taking it up with the Corps of Engineers and that the Board cooperate with the community on their endeavors.

Mr. Peterson, Special Attorney, reported on the Meeting he had attended in Jacksonville; Atlantic and East Coast Waterway high level bridges. Also that he had been to Washington and conferred with the Engineers for obtaining Federal funds for Rivers and Harbors activities; and that he had reviewed two applications for cable permits in Charlotte County.

Mr. Merrin had no report but stated that he was working with several developers on establishing the bulkhead line in Charlotte County and that a public hearing had been held on April 2. Also, that he was bringing up to date, right of way maps for Pinellas County.

Mr. Neville brought to the attention of the Board the proposed Golf Course at Sarasota and the possibility of its interfering with the West Coast Inland Navigation District right-of-way on that strip of land. Mr. Neville made the motion, seconded by Mr. Miller that Mr. Dewey Dye, Jr., check with the City of Venice on the airport property in keeping with the existing agreement and follow through to afford protection of this agreement. Approved.

Mr. Neville made the motion, seconded by Mr. Miller that Mr. Dewey Dye, Jr., be authorized to purchase the right-of-way property of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Richardson at Albee Bridge for the appraised valuation of \$435.00. Approved.

Letter was read from Florida Waterways Committee President, John Krider, on the relocation of the office to Sanford, and that a communication be sent to Gov. Collins for his public cooperation on the development of Florida waterways.

Letter was read from John West of the West Cement Products, requesting permission to erect an advertising sign on the Inland Waterway property in Venice. Motion made by Mr. Slaughter, seconded by Mr. Miller, that Mr. West be directed to work with Mr. Neville on the above requests.

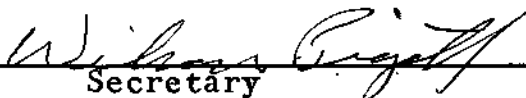
Mr. Pigott made the motion, seconded by Mr. Miller that a request from the Manatee River National Bank be concurred in for the transfer and substitution of certain securities on deposit provided like securities in similar amount be deposited.

After some discussion, motion was made by Mr. Pigott and seconded by Mr. Neville that the checking accounts of the Board be rotated in cooperation with various banks in the county.

Mr. Neville reported that Sarasota County was going through a reappraisal and that the 1/5 mill value was in excess of \$20,000.00. Mr. Simmons stated that millage would be discussed at the next meeting.

Mr. Tom Slaughter, Treasurer, read the Treasurer's report. Bills were presented and Mr. Neville made the motion, seconded by Mr. Pigott that the bills be paid. Approved.

Motion made by Mr. Slaughter, seconded by Mr. Pigott that the meeting be adjourned. Carried.

  
Secretary

  
Chairman