

The February meeting of the Commissioners of the WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT was held February 14, 1966, at the Manatee County Office Building.

Present were:

Ellsworth G. Simmons, Chairman, Hillsborough County  
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

George Kumpe, Executive Director  
Gilbert A. Smith, Attorney  
Joe K. Merrin, Engineer

Absent were:

J. Hardin Peterson, Sr., Special Counsel  
Dewey A. Dye, Jr., General Counsel

ADMINISTRATION

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. Minutes of the January 10, 1966, meeting were approved as presented. The Treasurer's Report was read and accepted. The Chairman suggested that \$200,000 of the \$335,558.41 now deposited in the checking with Manatee National Bank be invested for a period of up to 90 days. The Board approved this proposal, and the Treasurer and Director were authorized to take necessary action. Vouchers #4384 through #4427 were approved for payment.

HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS

The Chairman recognized Mr. Norman Six, who presented a written claim for alleged damages to his property in S/A S11A. He spoke in support of his letter and requested corrective action for fill placed over silt, the raising of the spoil area within his property,

the removal of a shoal along the north 300' of his property, the degrading of dikes used to retain fill and compensation for salt infiltration of his well. Mr. Six pointed out that he had been active in promoting the waterway and in obtaining the spoil area and that, while for this reason he expected no special consideration, he felt that his claims were reasonable.

Mr. Donald Six presented a claim for costs incurred in digging and connecting a fresh water well, replacing supply from a driven well which had become salty. Mr. Six also presented his claim by letter dated February 14, 1966.

Both Messrs. Six's indicated that they knew of other owners in the area who had suffered salting of their wells.

After extended discussion, the motion was made and passed that the two claims be referred to the staff and that they be prepared to make a recommendation to the Board at the next meeting. The Messrs. Six confirmed that this delay was agreeable to them; that they desired a specific answer as to what action, if any, would be taken by the Board in settlement of the claims.

The Chairman then recognized Mr. H. L. Jensen, S/A S8, who announced that he had contacted five different contractors requesting estimates on work he desired to be done along his bayfront property, and thus far had not received any bids. It was suggested that he talk to the contractors. Mr. Merrin was asked to furnish Mr. Jensen the names of a few additional contractors who might be interested.

PROGRESS REPORT

The Director reported that Norfolk Dredging Company began dredging operations in Section 3 on January 14, and during the month had advanced 2,223 linear feet removing 177,537 cubic yards of material. At the end of January the contract was 8% complete.

The Director noted that the approved bills included one for \$149.33 from the City of Venice for the moving of a fire hydrant as necessitated by construction of the Venice Avenue bridge. The SRD had confirmed that work was required and that the City had been asked to do the work. Payment was unanimously approved.

The Director reported that as of February 6, the completion status of SRD construction near Venice was: Hatchett Creek Bridge, 78%; Venice Avenue Bridge, 65%; Center Road Bridge, 73% U.S. 41 ByPass 87%.

The U.S. Coast Guard has awarded contract for permanent marking of Section 2, with work to be done in March.

The Director announced that the President's Budget Message included \$648,000 for the waterway, an amount sufficient for completion of construction of Section 3.

The Director reported that request was received from Williams Nursery of Largo asking for permission to remove sable palms from S/A S3-4 for \$1.00 per palm. The Chairman suggested that a lump sum settlement was better than being paid by the tree. The Board authorized the Director to contact Williams Nursery for a lump sum bid and to complete the transaction.

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

NEW BUSINESS

The Director reported the Okeechobee Waterway Association meeting in Clewiston on February 23, and the second annual waterway forum in March. A motion was made and approved that the Director advise members of the dates of these meetings and that attendance at District expense of these meetings was authorized for Commissioners and members of the staff.

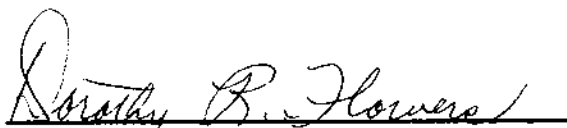
Mr. Daniels commented on studies being made of minor relocations of maintenance spoil areas to facilitate the obtaining of title insurance. He asked that whenever maintenance spoil dredging be proposed in Lee County the County be given the opportunity of proposing alternate spoil areas. The Chairman agreed, suggesting that the request be made in writing.

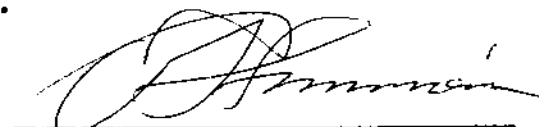
The Chairman commented that the Board should visit the project in the Sarasota-Charlotte County area in the near future to inspect the work which has been accomplished and is under way.

The members agreed that probably the District will be able to set a lesser millage this year than in recent past years.

The next meeting was set for March 14.

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

  
Secretary

  
Chairman

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NORMAN F. SIX, A.I.A., ARCHITECT  
TAMPA, FLORIDA

February 14, 1966

ADDRESS REPLY TO:

214 E. Davis Blvd. 33606

West Coast Inland Navigation District  
Bradenton, Florida

In Re: Spoil Area S-11A

Honorable Members of the Board:

Supplementing my personal complaint under date of Sept. 8, 1965 and my letter as President of the North Manasota Key Association under date of Sept. 9, 1965, I hand you herewith a summary of items resulting from the placement of spoil from the Inland Waterway to which I respectfully register serious objections and request the necessary action to rectify same, to wit:

- (1) a. The solid fill that was inadvertently deposited over  $\approx 2\frac{1}{2}$  ft. of depth of silt should be removed. This area is approximately 100' x 100' x  $\approx 2'$  deep Approx 740 cy
- b. The silt exposed from the above operation should be removed and hauled away. This area is approximately 100' x 100' x  $\approx 2.5$  ft deep " 925 cy
- c. The 100' x 100' x  $\approx 2'$  deep solid fill moved under(1) a. above should be replaced. " 740 cy
- (2) Additional solid fill over an area of approximately 100' x 100' x  $\approx 2'$  average depth should be deposited on top of existing solid fill, to bring the elevation of the fill in front of my property to a comparable elevation with the fill already deposited contiguous to the properties to the south, and should be graded to drain to the east, not to the north as is now the case. " 3000 cy
- (3) The wier constructed opposite my north 150 feet of frontage caused the formation of a shoal as the result of the dredging operation, said shoal extending from somewhat north of my north property line to a distance of well over 300 feet to the south, lying between the outer dyke and the main channel, and said shoal is completely out of water at low tide. This shoal should be removed and used for the solid fill required under(2)above, in order to provide navigable water and access from my 400 foot frontage to the main channel.

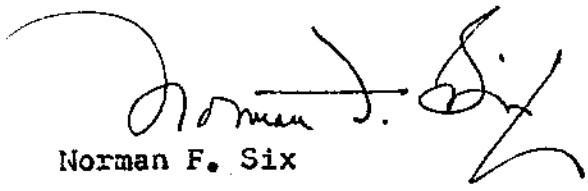
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- (4) The outer dykes have been left at an elevation of several feet higher than the solid fill deposited behind same. These dykes should be graded down to the approximate level of the elevation of the solid fill deposited under (2) above so as to permit drainage of the filled area from west to east and into the Bay.
- (5) As is the case with every fresh water well in my section of the Key, my fresh water well has turned salty, and some damages should be considered for this item.
- (6) Since the operations requested above could probably be performed under the continuance of present permits, it is requested that the WCIND provide the required permits to facilitate the acquisition of same and in the interest of time.

It is to be noted that I am requesting for your consideration no more than is fair and equitable as an adjustment to the results of the dredging operation of the main channel. Your sincere consideration of my appeal will be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Norman F. Six

cc: Hon. E.G. Boone

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West Coast Inland Navigation District  
Post Office Box 786  
Bradenton, Florida

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Attention: Col. George Kumpe

Gentlemen:

During the dredging of the Inland Waterway past my property on North Manasota Key, Section S-11-A, my fresh water well turned to salt water overnight.

On the night mentioned, with water and silt about four to five feet above the level of the water in Lemon Bay, a very poorly constructed weir in the dike gave way and with the terrific suction caused by water and silt rushing through the break in the dike, all of the fresh water was drained from my well, and was replaced with salt water.

This occurred about July 1st, 1965, and on February 12, 1966 this well was still salt.

In the meantime, it was necessary to have a deep well drilled and plumbed to the original pump and tank in order to stay in our home.

Attached herewith are two invoices from the J. C. McDonald Co., Well Drillers, Venice, Florida, totaling \$249.80 and one invoice from L. N. Shirling, Plumber, of Englewood, Florida in the amount of \$84.46.

There are other expenses for the future which are not included in the above amounts, such as a monthly rental of a Culligan Filter which will continue from now on.

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It is my belief that since this salt condition was caused by the poor planning and construction of the above mentioned weir, that I should be reimbursed for the well drilling and necessary plumbing required by W. C. E. N. D.

Yours very truly,

  
Don M. Six

DMS:abc

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Route 1, Englewood, Florida



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PROGRESS REPORT

11 January - 14 February 1966

CONSTRUCTION

Progress Section 3 - Norfolk Dredging Company's CHARLESTON commenced dredging operations on January 15. During the month the dredge advanced 2,223 linear feet and removed 177,537 cu. yds. of material. As of January 31 the contract was 8% complete.

Operations - The contractor continued diking in S/A S3-6. The owner of S/A's S3-1 E, F & G asked for modifications of spoil areas to minimize the retention of silt within spoil areas. The Corps of Engineers approved some changes in specifications.

Section 2 Claims - The Board of County Commissioners of Sarasota County sent a resolution asking the District to proceed on plans for the removal of dikes, confirming letter presented by Mr. Wright at the January 10 meeting.

In S/A S6-S, Mr. Dye met with owners who have submitted claims. Agreement was reached on some settlements, subject to approval by the Board of Commissioners. Contractors' estimates were received on work desired by the owners, much of which exceeded the apparent responsibility of the District.

In S/A S8, Mr. Dye met with attorney for owners. Additional data were furnished the attorney and a meeting of owners was scheduled for February 4.

S/A S10A - No progress was made in this area.

S/A S11A - Application for dredge and fill permit was filed with Sarasota County and with the Corps of Engineers. Decision was made to process County application without requesting exception in length of advertising. CE will issue public notice on application during week of February 7 and will expedite action. On February 4 the Director met with two owners outside of the "pocket". A claim for drilling of the new well was made and these owners plan to attend the February 14 meeting. Mr. Sutcliffe, USGS, was asked to check again on salt intrusion in wells.

LANDS

Section 2 & 3 Right-of-Way - On January 21 jury returned condemnation award of \$59,400 for right-of-way acquired from Mr. O. W. Caspersen.

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Section 5 Right-of-Way - Study of encroachment by Bay Builders continues.

UTILITIES

Venice Water Supply - The Director accompanied Mr. Weitzner, USGS, to inspect monitor wells in Section 3.

Venice Utilities - City of Venice submitted \$149.33 bill for moving fire hydrant as necessitated by construction of Venice Avenue bridge. The Director verified the work with SRD.

BRIDGES

SAL Bridge - Letter was sent to railroad confirming desire of District to accomplish modification of draw span without delay. Mr. G. W. Salmon, bridge engineer, answered that tentative study indicated that a single leaf bascule span probably would be the most economical design but that detailed design work would not start until mid-April. He furnished information on proposed contract provisions.

Venice Area - As of February 6, the percentage of completion of bridges was: Hatchett Creek, 78%; Venice Avenue, 65%; Center Road, 73%. (The US 41 ByPass contract is 87% complete.)

ADMINISTRATION

Aids to Navigation - USCG has awarded contract for permanent marking of Section 2, work should start in mid-March.

Small Projects - Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County forwarded resolution of appreciation for contribution made by District to Pass-a-Grille and Johns Pass projects.

Appropriations - President's Budget Message delivered on January 24 included \$648,000 for completion of construction of West Coast Waterway and \$90,000 for maintenance. No decision has been reached as to where maintenance dredging will be performed. The budget item agrees with request made by District at the Governor's Conference.

Governor's Conference, Water Resources - On February 25 annual conference was held for development of Cabinet budget testimony on federal appropriations. Commissioners Wright, Flowers and Daniels,

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Mr. Dye and the Director attended. The Director presented a resolution in support of uninterrupted construction of Cross-Florida Barge Canal. Receipt of resolution was acknowledged by Governor Burns.

Florida Waterways Association - Annual meeting was held in Tallahassee on February 24, Mrs. Flowers, Mr. Dye and the Director attended.

Escrow Account - City of Venice was furnished \$6,294.53 from escrow account for access road. Inter City Bank paid to SRD \$57,760 for Venice Avenue bridge, closing out time deposit. Depositories were authorized to release to bank \$150,000 in securities covering time deposit.

Secretary of State was furnished revised information on status of West Coast Waterway.

Bridge Clearance - Mr. Paul Franklin, President Okeechobee Waterway Association, visited Director on January 18 to discuss modification of SAL bridge for use in obtaining increased clearances on Okeechobee Waterway.

S/A S39 - Information was obtained for Mr. Maurice Shumway from CE on usage during construction of S/A S39 and on expected future use.

S/A S3-4 - Request was received from Williams Nursery of Largo asking for permission to remove sable palms from spoil area with reimbursement of \$1.00 per palm. Commissioners were advised so that desires of county for such trees might be considered at February 14 meeting.

Emergency Planning - Director attended Civil Defense exercises in Tallahassee on January 28.