

**WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING**

**FRIDAY, JULY 8, 1994 AT 2:00 P.M.**

**SARASOTA COUNTY SOUTH COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER**

**4000 S. TAMiami TRAIL, VENICE, FLORIDA**

**A G E N D A**

**ADMINISTRATION**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Approval of the Minutes of May 27, 1994.
3. Approval of Bills to be Paid for May and June, 1994
4. Approval of Treasurer's Reports for April and May, 1994
5. Approval of Deletions or Additions to Agenda

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMENTS**

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Longboat Pass Dredge Update
2. Intracoastal Marine Park
3. Snake Island Update
4. Waterway Development Program Rule Change
5. Stump Pass Boaters Education Project
6. Quarterly Reports

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Vogel Property Easement Agreement
2. FY1994/1995 Budget Presentation

**NEXT MEETING TIMES AND DATES**

September 9, 1994	Board Meeting	4:00 P.M.	Venice
September 9, 1994	First Public Hearing	5:01 P.M.	Venice
September 16, 1994	Second Public Hearing	5:01 P.M.	Venice

**ADJOURNMENT**

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A regular meeting of the West Coast Inland Navigation District was held on Friday, July 8, 1994, at 2:00 P.M. at the Sarasota County South County Administration Center, 4000 South Tamiami Trail, Venice, Florida.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Ray Judah, Chairman  
Richard J. Leonard Vice-Chairman  
Kent G. Chetlain, Treasurer  
Wayne Derr, Secretary

STAFF PRESENT: Charles W. Listowski, Executive Director  
Connie McLenna, Administrative Assistant  
Philip E. Perrey, Counsel

ADMINISTRATION:

Commissioner Judah presided. The role was called. Commissioner Leonard was absent but arrived late. Commissioner Chetlain moved to approve the Minutes of May 27, 1994. Commissioner Derr seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Chetlain moved to approve the bills to be paid for May and June, 1994. Commissioner Derr seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Chetlain moved to approve the Treasurer's Reports for April and May, 1994. Commissioner Derr seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Listowski proposed the following deletions and additions to the Agenda: Add Hurricane Evaluation under Old Business and delete Vogel Property Easement Agreement, which will be considered at the September 9th meeting. Commissioner Derr moved to approve these changes. Commissioner Chetlain seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMENTS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Hurricane Hazard Evaluation: The Florida Sea Grant Program is requesting funding from WCIND in the amount of \$20,000 per year for two years (total of \$40,000) to evaluate hurricane hazards for recreational boats and moorings. The system has been developed and pilot-tested, and could be applied to all southwest Florida communities in an effort to reduce the loss of life or property in a hurricane emergency. Mr. Will Sheftall was asked to address the Board as a representative of Dr. Gus Antonini. However, he introduced Mr. Wayne P. Salladé, Charlotte County Director of Emergency Preparedness, who has reviewed this proposal in detail and who has been in touch with his counterparts in the other three counties. He thought very highly of the

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detailed investigations done in the aftermath of Hurricane Andrew on the east coast and wanted this same information for our area. Mr. Walter Stilley of B.A.I.L. spoke very highly in favor of this proposal and pointed out that it interfaces nicely with the system of anchorages being developed by B.A.I.L. Commissioner Derr thought a more effective way to educate boaters would be through law enforcement agencies and the Coast Guard Auxiliaries, rather than more studies and proposals. Commissioner Chetlain expressed some reservations. Commissioner Leonard moved to approve the funding of \$40,000 over a two-year period. Commissioner Chetlain seconded. Motion approved 3 votes to 1; Commissioner Derr cast the dissenting vote.

Longboat Pass Dredge Update: Counsel Perrey summarized the controversy over where to put the sand on Anna Maria Island. The COE wanted to put the sand where it isn't needed. WCIND's position is that we do not care where the sand is deposited so long as it is seaward of the erosion control line. The new deadline for DEP to act on the permit application is September 19th. Studies should be completed by that time.

Intracoastal Marine Park: A meeting was held with DEP on July 7th regarding the habitat restoration portion of this project at which time permitting issues were clarified and design features were refined. A meeting with SWIFTMUD will be held next week. In conjunction with this project, we have a temporary use agreement for the company doing the Venice Beach restoration project to use this area for staging purposes for their equipment in return for some minor site improvements. We are still working on getting the inter-local agreements with the City of Venice and Sarasota County. Commissioner Derr moved to approve the temporary use agreement between the James Company and WCIND. Commissioner Chetlain seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Snake Island Update: WCIND staff attended a Sarasota County Board of Commissioners Meeting at which time the County staff was directed to work with WCIND staff to develop future management mechanisms.

Waterway Development Program Rule Change: The rule change was advertised in Florida Administrative Weekly on June 24th, and the deadline for someone to request a public hearing is next Friday. The only feedback received by Counsel Perrey has been positive. The change can be finalized after July 25th. This is a technical change intended to clarify the rule to make it absolutely clear what can be funded and what cannot be funded.

Stump Pass Boater Education Project: We are cooperatively involved with Charlotte County, its Marine Advisory Committee, and the Sea Grant program to develop a boaters' guide, which will be distributed in various forms to the tune of 100,000 copies. We will be receiving \$10,000 from DEP to assist us in providing education materials and physical features for this project. The Marine Advisory Committee

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has approved the project contingent upon our input to them regarding a resolution of support which will include signage at boat marinas and in the water, at established locations so as not to require additional permitting and cluttering of the waterway. Commissioner Chetlain asked Mr. Will Sheftall if Stump Pass could be closed off like Midnight Pass. His answer, after quoting other sources and studies, was that he did not think so.

Quarterly Reports: Mr. Listowski reported that Charlotte County has not been submitting quarterly reports on a timely basis. Perhaps the lack of a standardized format for these reports is partly to blame. Commissioner Leonard moved to direct staff to develop a standardized format for quarterly reports. Commissioner Derr seconded. Motion carried unanimously. A meeting with county liaisons has been scheduled for July 12th. The rules require submittal of quarterly reports before reimbursement for projects.

NEW BUSINESS:

Project Extensions: Project M-33, Lake Manatee Boat Ramp, is slated to begin construction about September 1 and will need to be extended. Commissioner Chetlain moved to extend this project for 90 days, until December 31, 1994. Commissioner Derr seconded. Motion carried unanimously. M-16 and M-37, Greer Island Dredging, after numerous delays, will start some time in November and needs to be extended also. Commissioner Chetlain moved to extend for 90 days until December 31, 1994. Commissioner Derr seconded. Motion carried unanimously. These projects were due to expire on September 30, 1994, unless extended.

FY1994/1995 Budget Presentation: Mr. Listowski explained the proposed budget was based on a millage of .0195, slightly lower than our existing millage. Existing balances in the aggregate sense for the counties are \$2,818,908.64. Requests for new funding total \$937,650. So money that will be available for projects for the four counties totals about \$4 million. Manatee County has requested \$174,000 for new projects. Sarasota County has requested \$305,900. Charlotte County has requested \$125,750. Lee County has requested \$332,000 through the Waterway Development Program plus \$73,000 from the Capital Improvement Program. None of these requests presents a problem with the proposed millage rate of .0195. Under "Maintenance," proposed expenditures will increase substantially. We are looking at management mechanisms and maintenance regimens for our spoil areas, which total over 200 acres, in addition to many miles of right-of-ways which must be maintained. We do need to begin to look at a comprehensive long-range program for stabilization of spoil islands and areas that have been choked with exotics. This could be the beginning of a five-year program. Administration shows a decrease of 10% due to the retirement of Mr. Armstrong and the vacancy in the assistant director's position which will not be filled.

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Commissioner Chetlain asked for an explanation of the Capital Improvement Program projects. Mr. Listowski said that Sarasota County has a project called Clower Creek Intracoastal Access for \$140,000, and Lee County has a project called Spoil Island Restoration for \$73,000.

Commissioner Chetlain expressed his fear that the C.O.E. is not paying too much attention to our area in view of the fact that the inspection trip was canceled and that there are known areas in the channel where shoaling is causing navigation problems. He would like staff to make a report on this problem. Mr. Dan Beasley from the C.O.E. will be at the September 9th meeting, and a package can be readied for him at that time. Mr. Listowski said we need to make the C.O.E. aware of problems along the banks also, i.e. cave-ins and rip rap needing repair. We need to know if they are going to accept responsibility for doing the repairs.

Commissioner Leonard moved to set the millage rate at .0195. Commissioner Chetlain seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Leonard moved to approve the date for the First Public Hearing on the budget as September 9, 1994 at 5:01 in Venice, and the date for the Second Public Hearing as September 16, 1994 at 5:01 P.M. in Venice also. Commissioner Chetlain seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jim Sweeney from Charlotte County asked to speak about C-25, Sunrise Waterway Dredging, a project due to expire on September 30, 1994. Permits are expected within 30 days, but he has asked for an extension. Commissioner Leonard moved to extend C-25 for 90 days until December 31, 1994. Commissioner Derr seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Derr asked Mr. Listowski if the Neville Marine Preserve belonged to the Intracoastal Waterway as part of WCIND. This is in the mouth of what used to be Midnight Pass in Sarasota County. Mr. Listowski said he would check on it. A recent fire in this area was very expensive for Sarasota County to put out, and Commissioner Derr thought the county could be reimbursed from WCIND if indeed we do own the island.

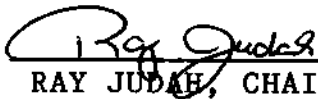
Commissioner Derr moved to authorize the Executive Director to research the ownership of the property with a view to reimbursing Sarasota County for extinguishing the blaze if WCIND owns the property. Commissioner Chetlain seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

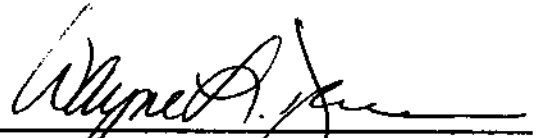
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ADJOURNMENT: 3:35 P.M.

  
RAY JUDAH, CHAIRMAN

  
WAYNE DERR, SECRETARY