

BRADENTON, FLORIDA, JULY 28, 1947  
COURT HOUSE 2:00 P.M.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the West Coast In-land Navigation District was held in the Court House at Bradenton, Florida, on July 28th, 1947 at 2:00 P.M. Members present were as follows:

- CHARLOTTE COUNTY: MATT WEEKS
- HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY: FRED W. BALL, VICE-CHAIRMAN
- MANATEE COUNTY: J. E. MC LEOD, TREASURER
- LEE COUNTY: NOT PRESENT
- PINELLAS COUNTY: E. H. BECKETT, CHAIRMAN
- SARASOTA COUNTY: J. O. ALDERMAN, SECRETARY

Others present were as follows: Mrs. W. A. Read, Corps of Engineers, Tampa; Mr. F. H. Williams, Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville; Mr. Ben Fuqua, Palmetto; Col Mathews and Donald W. Caven, Sarasota and F. O. Taylor, Jr., Sarasota.

Mr. Beckett, Chairman, called the meeting to order and ask that the minutes of the previous meeting be read by the Secretary. Upon the reading of the minutes Mr. Ball moved that they be approved as read and upon vote of the Board, following a second by Mr. McLeod, it was so ordered.

The Surety Bond of Mr. McLeod as Treasurer was then presented. Upon motion of Mr. Ball, seconded by Mr. Alderman, and vote of the Board the same was approved.

The Official Seal of the District was then presented for approval by the Secretary. The Board voted to approve the seal following a motion to that effect by Mr. McLeod, which was seconded by Mr. Ball.

The Treasurer, Mr. McLeod, then recommended that the First National Bank of Bradenton be designated as the official Depository

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of the District. Mr. Ball moved that this bank be so designated, upon a second by Mr. Weeks, this motion carried.

The Warrant of Sarasota County in amount of \$4,057.04 was then presented to the Treasurer. This warrant representing Sarasota County's 1/5 mill on the 1946 roll. Upon motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Ball, the Secretary was instructed to acknowledge receipt thereof and to advise the other Counties to remit their proportionate share to the Treasurer.

Representatives of the U. S. Engineers Office were then introduced and asked as to the method of procedure. Mr. Williams stated that the first thing necessary was a resolution from this Board to the U. S. Engineer in Jacksonville (Mr. Williams furnished a suggested form of resolution). Said resolution will have to be approved by the Secretary of War before the District can begin acquisition of right-of-way. Upon motion of Mr. Ball, seconded by Mr. McLeod the Board voted its adoption. Mr. Williams suggested that the letter transmitting this resolution also include a statement as to the assessed valuation of each of the Counties on the 1947 rolls. He also stated that the survey was not complete but that it would be started again in October. The U. S. Engineers recommended that the District hire an Engineer of its own to work on the project and to work with the U. S. Engineer's Office. Said Engineer to be qualified both as an engineer and a surveyor. The Board asked that this matter be given publicity and that such applicants address the Secretary.

Mr. Ball moved that the form of check or warrant to be used by the District be left up to the Treasurer and Mr. Campbell of the First National Bank. Upon a second to this motion the Board

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voted its approval.

Bills against the District were then submitted. Upon motion by Mr. Ball, seconded by Mr. Weeks, the Board voted to pay the current bills.

Mr. McLeod moved that the Board members render monthly statements of their expenses. Following a second by Mr. Ball this motion carried.

Upon motion of Mr. Ball, seconded by Mr. McLeod, the Board voted to adjourn, subject to call by the Chairman.

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ATTEST:

APPROVED:

J. Waldman  
Secretary

E. H. Beckwith  
Chairman