

WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT

BOARD MEETING, APRIL 26, 1985

2:30 P.M.

VENICE, FLORIDA

A G E N D A

I. ADMINISTRATION:

- A. Approval of Minutes of March 8, 1985 Board Meeting
- B. Approval of February and March Treasurer's Report
- C. Approval of April Bills to be Paid

II. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

III. OPEN TO PUBLIC:

IV. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES COMMENTS:

V. ACTIVITIES REPORT:

SARASOTA COUNTY

Opening of Sealed Bids on the Manasota Key Lot

CHARLOTTE COUNTY

SCL Bridge in Placida

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT:

Report on Hurricane Conference in New Orleans
Discussion on Revenues and Expenditures
VHF Radios for All Bridges

VII. NEXT MEETING DATE:

To Be Discussed

A regular board meeting of the Board of Commissioners, WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT, was held on Friday, April 26, 1985 in Venice, Florida.

Commissioners Present: Westwood H. Fletcher, Jr., Vice Chairman Manatee County
Jerry L. Hente, Treasurer Sarasota County
Porter J. Goss, Secretary Lee County

Commissioners Absent: Joseph A. Tringali, Chairman Charlotte County

Staff Present: James M. Armstrong, Executive Director
Connie S. Lindsay, Administrative Assistant
John V. Quinlan, Associate Counsel

Guest Present: Mr. William Mindlin, President,
Sarasota Anglers Club
Steve Kleege, Press; Boca Beacon

ADMINISTRATION

The meeting convened at 2:30 p.m. with Vice Chairman Westwood Fletcher presiding. The Vice Chairman welcomed John Quinlan of Dye, Scott & Deitrich, Associate Counsel sitting in for Mr. Philip E. Perrey.

Minutes of regular board meeting March 8, 1985, Treasurer's Reports for the months of February and March, 1985, and current bills were approved as presented.

BID OPENING - April 26, 1985

Public bids were due today for the WCIND offering for sale, Manasota Key lot. Commissioner Fletcher asked if any sealed bids for the lot have been received at this hour. Director Armstrong replied "none." Commissioner Fletcher stated that no bids will be considered at this meeting and confirmed with the Director that the meeting was properly advertised and publishers affidavit was provided.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Director Armstrong introduced Bill Mindlin, President of the Sarasota Anglers Club and Steve Kleege, Press; Boca Beacon were welcomed at today's meeting.

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES COMMENTS

Director Armstrong conveyed the regrets of Mr. Dale Adams for not being able to attend the Board Meeting and stated that Mr. Adams assures the Board that our proposed legislation has gone through the House Committees and up to the appropriations with no problems in that area. There is a companion bill introduced by Senator Myers of Hebe Sound introducing exactly the same legislation as in H.B. 248 and there seemed to be no problem with it.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Commissioner Fletcher asked Mr. Mindlin for his comments. Mr. Mindlin stated he was working on the matter of Big Pass in Sarasota County and the purpose for attending WCIND's meeting is hoping to get something accomplished.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC-CONTINUED

Commissioner Fletcher stated that Big Pass had already been discussed by WCIND's Board, agreed it was a problem and did budget and allocate \$225,000.00 in this years budget for this project.

Commissioner Hente commented on the C.O.E. "dragging their feet" with this project.

Mr. Mindlin bringing the Board up to date stated the problem was with Sarasota County. That a water quality certification was to be filled out by Sarasota County and Sarasota County felt it was WCIND's responsibility for completing the document. Sarasota County agreed to the filling out of the needed paperwork, this was after several meetings and phone conversations, and would send everything needed to C.O.E.

Commissioner Fletcher stated that he feels this is an internal problem within Sarasota County. That this Board has taken all the action it will on this project. It provided \$225,000.00 and further does not feel this four-county Board should become involved with internal affairs regardless which county it might be. Commissioner Fletcher added that if WCIND can be of additional assistance to Mr. Mindlin in anyway other than what we have already done to please let us know. Commissioner Hente made phone calls to determine that all documents were to be signed and forwarded this day. Mr. Mindlin thanked the Board for allowing him to comment.

ACTIVITIES REPORT

Charlotte County

Director Armstrong stated that we no longer own the SCL Bridge at Placida. The bridge sale is closed with proceeds of \$107,000.00. The buyer is working to remove the bridge, hopefully by July or late August of this year it will be gone.

Lee County

The Director asked Commissioner Goss to comment on his request regarding the proposed rip-rap permit between Gasparilla Island and Three Sisters. Commissioner Goss explained that he was asking WCIND to urge the C.O.E. to review the permit application with possibility of opening the channel closed by accretion or other means rather than allow the permit which would further create a causeway and aid the development of the barrier island. Commissioner Goss indicated that the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council had opposed the project. Commissioner Goss indicated problems fisherman were having with navigation associated with the area which is immediately adjacent to the I.W.W. The WCIND Board agreed and asked the Director to write to the Corps of Engineers expressing WCIND's concerns.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

Our Executive Director stated he was only advising the Board on the Hurricane Conference in New Orleans. That it would take place from May 1 thru May 3, 1985 and he was not interested in attending only informing.

Commissioner Hente said that he planned to attend the Conference in view of the tornado that hit Venice and he may have an opportunity to learn something.

Commissioner Goss requested Commissioner Hente to ask someone, who informs on the Federal Emergency Act, what the rules are for rebuilding in high hazardous areas. With further discussion, Commissioner Hente said he will report on it.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT-CONTINUED

Revenues and Expenditures-Director Armstrong explained the Revenues and Expenditures Report identifies where WCIND's revenues have come from since WCIND's inception thru September 30, 1984 and where it has been spent. Also, explaining there were no "capital expenditures" on major projects prior to 1975 comparable to those we now are involved in.

VHF Raidos for all bridges-Director Armstrong stated he has been advised by Counsel not to do anything until our Legislation Bill passes but we could get started with ground work which Mr. Armstrong has already started. Our Director explained he has already contacted the State and they are enthusiastic about the idea and will get bids for the VHF Radios, buy them, WCIND will pay the State back and they will distribute to each county and make provisions for installation on bridges the county operates. This with an agreement with each county to maintain their own radio in each individual county. With further discussion, Director Armstrong summed up this discussion that he would contact each county advising them of the responsibility as to licensing, operation, etc., and get their approval and then once legislation is passed proceed with State D.O.T.

Letter from Senator Johnson-The Director gave a copy to each Commissioner a letter he had received on Midnight Pass funding. After a lengthy discussion the Board informed the Director to write the Senator and advise him that the Board's decision was to approve the project and commit some funding after Sarasota County came back with specific plans and funding request. In summary, WCIND's Board agreed to take the same posture as they did at the January 24, 1985 Board Meeting.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Commissioner Fletcher polled members who concurred to set next meeting date to be on Friday, June 14, 1985 as a tentative date at the WCIND office in Venice, Florida.


ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent the meeting was adjourned at 4:27 p.m.

JMA:csl



Joseph A. Tringali, Chairman



Porter J. Goss, Secretary