



WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT

BOARD MEETING

JANUARY 6, 1989 / 10:30 A.M.

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ADMINISTRATION:

- A) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 18, 1988
- B) APPROVAL OF DECEMBER, 1988 BILLS TO BE PAID
- C) APPROVAL OF JANUARY, 1989 BILLS TO BE PAID
- D) APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT OF OCTOBER & NOVEMBER, 1988
- E) REPORT ON AUDIT RESPONSE LETTER ACTION
- F) ELECT CHAIRMAN, VICE CHAIRMAN, TREASURER & SECRETARY
- G) REHIRE STAFF

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WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT

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NAME:

REPRESENTING:

1. JACK MERRIAN

SARASOTA CO. NAT. RES. DEPT.

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A REGULAR MEETING OF THE WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT WAS HELD ON JANUARY 6, 1989 AT THE WCIND HEADQUARTERS, 200 EAST MIAMI AVENUE, VENICE, FL.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

KENT G. CHETLAIN, MANATEE COUNTY
RAY JUDAH, LEE COUNTY
JIM GREENWALD, SARASOTA COUNTY
DAVID H. SCHMIDT, CHARLOTTE COUNTY

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

NONE

STAFF PRESENT:

JAMES M. ARMSTRONG, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
CONNIE MCLENNA, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
PHILIP E. PERREY, COUNSEL

D.N.R. REPRESENTATIVE:

JACK WOODARD

GUESTS PRESENT:

JACK MERRIAM, SARASOTA COUNTY D.N.R.

ADMINISTRATION:

WITH CHAIRMAN CHETLAIN PRESIDING, COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT MOVED FOR APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 18, 1988, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GREENWALD, MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT MOTIONED APPROVAL OF THE BILLS TO BE PAID FOR DECEMBER, 1988 AND JANUARY, 1989 SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GREENWALD, MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, FOR DISCUSSION.

COMMISSIONER GREENWALD QUESTIONED THE DECEMBER CHECK MADE OUT TO CHARLOTTE COUNTY FOR GROUP INSURANCE AND THE DIRECTOR EXPLAINED WCIND EMPLOYEES OBTAIN MEDICAL INSURANCE THROUGH THE CHARLOTTE COUNTY PLAN AND DEPENDENTS ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL. DIRECTOR ARMSTRONG INFORMED WCIND'S COUNTERPART F.I.N.D. IS UNDER THE STATE OF FLORIDA'S HOSPITALIZATION PLAN AND SEE'S NO REASON WHY WCIND CANNOT PARTICIPATE.

JACK WOODARD STATED HE HAS NOT BEEN SUCCESSFUL OBTAINING A REPLY WITH REGARDS TO INCLUDING WCIND INTO THE STATE OF FLORIDA'S INSURANCE PLAN.

COUNSEL PERREY MENTIONED FOR THE BOARDS INFORMATION THAT CHECK NUMBER 5278 IS A BILL FROM HIS FIRM, DYE, SCOTT & DEITRICH FOR SERVICES RENDERED IN NOVEMBER OF 1988 INFORMING THIS CHARGE IS HIGHER THAN USUAL BECAUSE IT INCLUDES \$3,700.00 WORTH OF ABSTRACT WORK ON THE LONGBOAT PASS PROJECT.

MR. PERREY STATED WITH REGARD TO WCIND'S TREASURER REPORTS THAT THE BOARD SHOULD VOTE TO "RECEIVE SUBJECT TO AUDIT" RATHER THAN TO MOTION TO APPROVE.

COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT MOTIONED TO RECEIVE, SUBJECT TO AUDIT THE TREASURER'S REPORTS OF OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER, 1988, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GREENWALD, MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

REPORT ON AUDIT RESPONSE LETTER

DIRECTOR ARMSTRONG REPORTED THAT A COPY OF THE LETTER SENT BY WCIND TO THE AUDITOR GENERAL IS IN EACH COMMISSIONERS FOLDER. THE LETTER IS RESPONDING TO COMMENTS BY THE AUDITOR BEING FIRST THE PROBLEM WITH WCIND INVENTORY AND SECOND THE FILES ON COUNTY FUNDED PROJECTS.

MR. ARMSTRONG INFORMED THESE PROBLEMS HAVE BEEN RESOLVED THAT THE INVENTORY AND COUNTY PROJECT FUNDING HAVE BEEN PUT IN WCIND'S COMPUTER AND A COPY OF THESE PRINT-OUTS ARE IN EACH FOLDER FOR REVIEW. ALSO MR. ARMSTRONG STATED A COPY OF THE COUNTIES PROJECT FUNDING PRINT-OUT WILL BE SENT TO EACH COUNTY FOR AUDITING TO BE SURE ALL RECORDS BALANCE.

ADMINISTRATION - CONTINUED

DIRECTOR ARMSTRONG FURTHER MENTIONED NOTHING HAS BEEN DONE WITH THE GULF COAST PASS MAINTENANCE FUND REGARDING A PRINT-OUT. THAT IT IS BUDGETED BY LINE ITEM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$525,000.00 THAT HAS NOT BEEN ALLOCATED TO ANY COUNTY OR PROJECT AND CAN BE UTILIZED BY ANY COUNTY AS NEEDED AS A REGIONAL FUND. MR. ARMSTRONG SAID HE IS STILL IN CONTACT WITH THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS TRYING TO GET STUMP PASS AND BIG PASS FUNDED WITH NO RESPONSE FROM THEM AS OF YET.

ELECT CHAIRMAN, VICE CHAIRMAN, TREASURER & SECRETARY

COMMISSIONER CHETLAIN ASKED FOR A MOTION TO NOMINATE A CHAIRMAN OF THE WCIND BOARD. COMMISSIONER GREENWALD NOMINATED COMMISSIONER CHETLAIN. COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT MOVED TO ELECT COMMISSIONER CHETLAIN CHAIRMAN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JUDAH, MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. COMMISSIONER GREENWALD MOVED TO NOMINATE COMMISSIONER RAY JUDAH AS WCIND'S VICE-CHAIRMAN. COMMISSIONER GREENWALD MOTIONED TO ELECT COMMISSIONER JUDAH AS VICE CHAIRMAN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT, MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. COMMISSIONER GREENWALD MOTIONED TO ELECT COMMISSIONER DAVID H. SCHMIDT AS WCIND'S TREASURER. COMMISSIONER GREENWALD MOVED TO ELECT COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT AS TREASURER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JUDAH, MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT MOTIONED TO NOMINATE COMMISSIONER GREENWALD AS WCIND'S SECRETARY. COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT MOVED TO ELECT COMMISSIONER GREENWALD AS SECRETARY, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JUDAH, WITH THE CHAIR VOTING IN FAVOR AND COMMISSIONER GREENWALD VOTING "NA."

REHIRE WCIND STAFF

COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT MOTIONED TO REHIRE THE WCIND STAFF WITH JAMES M. ARMSTRONG AS THE WCIND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CONNIE MCLENNA AS THE WCIND ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/SECRETARY, AND THE DYE, SCOTT & DEITRICH FIRM AS COUNSEL FOR THE YEAR OF "1989," SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JUDAH, MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

DIRECTOR ARMSTRONG INTRODUCED AND WELCOMED JACK MERRIAM OF THE SARASOTA COUNTY NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT TO TODAY'S MEETING.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

THERE WERE NO COMMENTS.

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES COMMENTS:

MR. JACK WOODARD, REPRESENTING D.N.R.'S DIVISION OF RESOURCES MANAGEMENT, REVIEWED THE ACTIVITY OF THE SENATE RESOURCES COMMITTEE STAFF REGARDING "SUNSET REVIEW" OF NAVIGATION DISTRICTS AND CERTAIN PORTIONS OF THE FLORIDA STATUTES NO. 374. HE COMMENTED THAT IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT THE STAFF REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION WOULD BE FAVORABLE.

ACTIVITIES REPORT:

SARASOTA COUNTY - MARINE MAMMAL STRANDINGS

THE DIRECTOR REVIEWED ACTION TAKEN AT THE LAST WCIND BOARD MEETING WHEREBY EACH WCIND COMMISSIONER WAS TO REQUEST HIS COUNTY FOR SUPPORT OF THE MARINE MAMMAL STRANDING PROGRAM. COMMISSIONER GREENWALD CONFIRMED THAT SARASOTA COUNTY HAD APPROVED THE FUNDING. COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT OF CHARLOTTE COUNTY SAID HE WAS GETTING MORE INFORMATION FOR PRESENTATION, COMMISSIONER CHETLAIN SAID HE WAS DOING THE SAME. COMMISSIONER JUDAH OF LEE COUNTY COMMENTED THAT HE WAS JUST APPOINTED TO THE WCIND BOARD AND WAS NOT AWARE OF ALL THE FACTS OR ACTION TAKEN BUT WOULD GET AN ANSWER VERY SOON. THE DIRECTOR REPORTED THAT BOTH CONGRESSMAN GOSS'S OFFICE AND SENATOR JOHNSON'S OFFICE HAD CONTACTED HIM URGING SUPPORT OF THE PROGRAM.

KONTI-WHARF (DURANTI'S) REQUEST TO BUILD DOCK

MR. ARMSTRONG INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THE PREVIOUS OWNER, MR. SCHUETT, AND OUR LESSEE, BLUE SEAS CHARTER FISHING BOAT, HAD CONTINUING PROBLEMS. THE NEW OWNERS, MR. DURANTI, ARE PUTTING SOME FOUR MILLION DOLLARS INTO RENOVATING THE ENTIRE PROPERTY.

THEIR REQUEST IS TO LEASE A PORTION OF THE WCIND RIGHT OF WAY TO BUILD A DOCK TO ALLOW BOATS TO STOP AND COME IN TO DINE. DIRECTOR ARMSTRONG INFORMED EACH COMMISSIONER HAS A PICTURE OF THE WAY SCHUETT'S LOOKED AT ONE TIME WITH DOCKS ADJACENT TO THE RESTAURANT. DIRECTOR ARMSTRONG STATED WHAT THEY ARE REALLY ASKING IS TO REBUILD THE DOCKS THAT WERE PREVIOUSLY THERE AND PROBABLY TORN DOWN WHEN THE INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY WAS DREDGED. THIS IS HOW WCIND ACQUIRED THE PROPERTY.

DIRECTOR ARMSTRONG SAID THE NEW OWNERS ARE TRYING TO DO SOMETHING GOOD FOR THE COMMUNITY AS WELL AS BEING A GOOD FRIEND TO WCIND'S TENANT WHICH IN THE PAST WCIND HAD SPENT TIME AND MONEY JUST TRYING TO KEEP THE TWO APART.

MR. ARMSTRONG REPORTED THAT IN THE PAST THIS BOARD HAS ENTERTAINED SUCH ACTIVITIES TO ENHANCE THE I.W.W. IN BOATING ACTIVITY WITHIN THE AREA AND ANOTHER ASPECT WOULD BE INCOME FROM A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE AMOUNT YET TO BE DETERMINED. COMMISSIONER CHETLAIN STATED HIS ONLY CONCERN WOULD BE WHAT EFFECT, IF ANY, THESE DOCKS WOULD HAVE ON IMPEDING THE CHANNEL AND THAT C.O.E. WOULD PROBABLY TAKE THE SAME POSITION AND BE ONE OF THEIR MAIN CONCERNS.

WITH FURTHER DISCUSSION, COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT MOTIONED TO CONCEPTUALLY APPROVE THE PROPOSED VENTURE FOR TRANSIENT DOCKING SUBJECT TO OBTAINING ALL NECESSARY LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL PERMITS, AND WITHHOLDING ANY FINAL DECISION ON THE FUEL DOCKS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GREENWALD, MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

REPORT ON CURRENT STATUS OF ALL WIND/COUNTY PROJECTS

DIRECTOR ARMSTRONG STATED APPLICATIONS AND GUIDELINES HAVE BEEN SENT TO EACH COUNTY AND NEEDS TO HAVE THESE COMPLETED AND RETURNED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO COVER THE ALLOCATIONS TO EACH COUNTY FOR FY88/89.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT:

REQUEST TO LEASE OR PURCHASE VEHICLE

DIRECTOR ARMSTRONG REPORTED IN ORDER TO MEET STATE LAW AN INDIVIDUAL MUST DRIVE A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF MILES TO COMPENSATE THE \$250.00 ALLOWANCE, WHICH IS BEING DONE. MR. ARMSTRONG STATED HE PAYS 30% OF THE \$250.00 BACK TO THE STATE IN INCOME TAX. FURTHER THE DIRECTOR INFORMED THE BOARD THAT HE REALLY DOES NOT NEED A SECOND VEHICLE THAT HE HAS ALREADY DAMAGED THE FRONT END OF THE CAR HE IS PRESENTLY DRIVING BY TRYING TO GET TO WCIND'S SPOIL AREAS. HE IS ASKING THE BOARD TO CONSIDER, PROVIDING THE BUDGETED AMOUNT IS NOT EXCEEDED, TO LOOKING INTO THE LEASING OF A VEHICLE. WHAT IS NEEDED IS SOMETHING THAT SETS UP HIGH ENOUGH TO PATROL WCIND'S PROPERTY THAT IS WOODED AND HAS DEEP RUTTED ROADS. ANOTHER ASPECT OF THIS WOULD BE WCIND HAS MONEY BUDGETED FOR SPOIL AREA MAINTENANCE AND THE PURCHASE OF A BOAT HAS ALREADY BEEN APPROVED TO IDENTIFY THESE ISLANDS AND PATROL. MR. ARMSTRONG STATED THE VEHICLE HE WOULD LEASE WOULD BE ABLE TO HAUL A BOAT AND TRAILER AND SIGNS TO ACCOMPLISH THIS TASK. WITH FURTHER DISCUSSION, COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT SAID HE HAS NO PROBLEMS WITH THIS REQUEST AS LONG AS IT IS WITHIN THE BUDGET AND FEELS IT WOULD BE A SAVINGS TO LEASE.

THE BOARD DIRECTED STAFF TO LOOK INTO THIS AND COME BACK WITH PROPOSALS AND COST ANALYSIS FOR A VEHICLE AND BOAT.

CERTIFICATION SHEET

DIRECTOR ARMSTRONG STATED EACH YEAR WCIND MUST SEND A CERTIFICATION SHEET OF THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT TO THE COMPTROLLER OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA. THIS REPORT NEEDS TO BE SIGNED BY THE WCIND CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD. COMMISSIONER GREENWALD MOTIONED TO DIRECT COMMISSIONER CHETLAIN TO EXECUTE THIS REPORT, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JUDAH, MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ANNUAL MEETING DATES

MR. ARMSTRONG SAID THAT BY STATE LAW WCIND HAS TO PUBLISH A ANNUAL SCHEDULE OF MEETING DATES, PER F.S. 189.005, AND NOTIFY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS OF THIS DISTRICT.

DIRECTOR ARMSTRONG INFORMED RARELY DOES THIS BOARD MEET ON ANY OF THESE DATES, BUT WITH THE BOARDS PERMISSION HE WILL PREPARE A SCHEDULE FOR THE FOURTH FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH WITH A 10:30 A.M. MEETING TIME.

REQUEST FOR A LETTER REGARDING ALTERNATES

DIRECTOR ARMSTRONG REQUESTED THOSE COUNTIES WHO HAVE NOT NOTIFIED THIS OFFICE BY LETTER TO PLEASE SUBMIT ONE DESIGNATING THEIR WCIND ALTERNATE TO THE BOARD.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

MR. ARMSTRONG QUESTIONED THE BOARD AS TO WHAT INFORMATION EACH COMMISSIONER WOULD LIKE SENT TO HIM STATING WCIND RECEIVES A LOT OF GENERAL INFORMATION AND IF

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT-CONTINUED:

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS


IT APPLIES TO A SPECIFIC COUNTY HE GENERALLY DISTRIBUTES COPIES TO THE APPROPRIATE COUNTY. THAT IF ANY COMMISSIONER WOULD LIKE SPECIFIC INFORMATION REGARDING THE OPERATIONS OF THIS DISTRICT TO PLEASE ADVISE AND HE WILL BE GLAD TO ACCOMMODATE.

DIRECTOR ARMSTRONG STATED THAT GENERALLY WHEN A COMMISSIONER RETIRES FROM THIS BOARD A PLAQUE IS PURCHASED IN THEIR HONOR AND WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ONE MADE UP FOR COMMISSIONER HENTE AND COMMISSIONER TRINGALI. THE BOARD HAD "NO PROBLEMS" WITH THIS.

NEXT MEETING DATE

THE NEXT MEETING DATE IS SET FOR FEBRUARY 17, 1989 AT 10:30 A.M.


COMMISSIONER KENT G. CHETLAIN


COMMISSIONER JIM GREENWALD