

The monthly board meeting of the Board of Commissioners, WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT, was held November 19, 1979, in the Sarasota County Courthouse, Sarasota, Florida.

Present were: Larry Rhodes, Chairman, Sarasota County  
Arnold F. Schade, Vice Chairman, Charlotte County  
L. H. Fortson, Jr., Treasurer, Manatee County

Charles E. Furbee, Executive Director  
Dewey A. Dye, Jr., WCIND Counsel

Absent was: R. Douglas Taylor, Secretary, Lee County

Guests: Commissioner J. A. Tringali, Charlotte County  
Charlotte County Attorney, H. William Thompson

#### ADMINISTRATION

The meeting convened at 10:40 a.m.

Minutes of October 15, 1979 monthly board meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report, October 31, 1979, was approved as presented. Vouchers No. 1778 through 1806 were approved for payment.

#### WCIND Property in Sarasota County: Bid Openings for Parcel No. 9.

There were two bids submitted:

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond B. Grashoff.....\$104,600.00

Mr. David Truitt.....\$111,100.00

and the parcel for public sale stated a minimum bid \$100,000.00. Commr. Fortson moved that WCIND accept the higher bid submitted by Mr. Truitt; motion was seconded and motion carried. Counsel Dye received certified check (5% of bid) and will process a real estate contract providing for acceptance of offer with closing to be cash within thirty days after contract. Mr. Truitt was so advised.

#### WCIND Property in Sarasota County: Bids for Commercial Lot, Venice.

There were no bids received for this offering of public sale. This property lies adjacent to Sun Coast Gondolier, Inc. Venice property. A recent inquiry as to title with easements (Power & Cable T.V.) has been resolved. Counsel Dye reported on expressed interest for a long-term lease of this property. Commr. Schade moved that Counsel and Director be authorized to negotiate for a long-term lease to be presented to the Board for consideration; motion was seconded and carried.

The Chairman noted the present procedure for the receiving of bids and scheduled opening time. Commr. Schade moved that future Board action be that Sealed Bids be presented to the Board on meeting date and opened at meeting; the motion was seconded and carried.

#### WCIND Auto Lease, 1979-80

The current lease expires this month with Sarasota Chrysler-Plymouth. The Director requested Board consideration for a new lease for WCIND office use; several Dealers' quotations were submitted for two-year plans, one being \$198.50/month. Commr. Schade moved that the Board authorize a new two-year lease for office use at \$198.50 per month; the motion was seconded and carried.

HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS

Mr. Derek Dunn-Rankin appeared before the Board in the interest of Sun Coast Gondolier, Inc., Venice. Interest was expressed in the Commercial lot - Venice, for which no bid was received today. He plans to pursue this matter for a possible long-term lease of the lot.

ACTIVITIES REPORTCharlotte County

Stump Pass Dredging Project - A review of Charlotte County's latest efforts was given. Counsel Dye reported that Rep. Haben had called Thursday and requested that our delegation meet with DER Secretary, Jacob D. Varn, in Tallahassee on Thursday, November 29. The DER denial, re the CLASS II Waters without a variance will include a public notice. Charlotte County and WCIND will continue working for the permit or to meet on November 29. The public hearing should be requested to be held in Charlotte County. Commr. Schade suggested, then moved, that WCIND Board and staff plan to travel to Tallahassee along with Charlotte County Commission members and Mr. M. F. Stephen, Coastal Engineering Consultants representative, for November 29 meeting; the motion was seconded and carried. Also noted in the review was that the project contract can be held open until 1 February, 1980.

Inquiries re WCIND Property - Report was given re a prior visit concerning interest in purchase of the SCL railroad bridgespan which is now owned by WCIND following ICC hearings. The party, Gasparilla Enterprises, Inc., states plan for moving this bridge from location. This is to be considered following the final order by ICC with its conditions hinging on improvement of Rockport phosphate facilities - a period of 90 days given to SCL Railroad Company. There has been no answer to WCIND letter of October, 1979 to the SCL legal department.

Cape Haze Property - The Director received from Mr. Chiki, the party requesting WCIND license agreement for R/W property abutting his own property, the unsigned agreement as unacceptable; the file is closed.

Sarasota County

Fisherman's Wharf - Dock Litigation - Counsel Dye reported to Board that the Bamco, Inc.'s claim is without foundation. The final order was given last Friday; Bamco, Inc. has 30 days to file their appeal.

Property License Request - Venice Cut - The party requests use within the IWW and is interested in an area along the WCIND R/W to dredge 1320 cubic yards and install a dock for future restaurant property. Sarasota County has also received its request. The Director recommended that WCIND give "no objection letter" for this request, pending the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers clearance. Commr. Fortson moved for approval; motion was seconded and carried.

Pinellas County

Crystal Beach Property The County hearing is to take place today re the County's re-designation of aquatic land. The Director reported no meeting with Pinellas County Attorney Gray Dunlap since the time of Pinellas County cancellation of meeting the day before scheduled. The Pinellas County's bills for lot mowing and administration fees are still pending and the Director suggested that WCIND pay these under protest. Chairman Rhodes stated that he will endeavor to contact a Pinellas County Commissioner in the near future to resolve the matter. Counsel Dye advised the Board as to Crystal Beach Cons. & Dev. Associates, the purchaser; purchaser has the option of period of two years; also, it was learned recently that Rep. Dunbar, Pinellas County, will make a request for the State to make the purchase. The WCIND has authorized Attorney Tom R. Moore, partner, Crystal Beach Cons. & Dev. Associates, to file suit and WCIND is nominal party only.

The ACTIVITIES REPORT was accepted as presented.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, December 17, 1979, Sarasota Courthouse. It has been suggested that a change in meeting date be made to the fourth (4th) Monday, beginning in 1980.

Water Resources Congress Meeting - February, 1980 - Members received announcement and reservation for the February 14, 15, 16, 1980 meeting in New Orleans, La. Members and staff will be authorized to attend; also, the alternate may attend for that County's WCIND board member.

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

  
Assistant Secretary

  
Chairman