

WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1994 AT 4:15 P.M.
SARASOTA COUNTY SOUTH COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER
4000 SOUTH TAMiami TRAIL, ROOM 228
VENICE, FLORIDA

A G E N D A

ADMINISTRATION

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Approval of the Minutes of July 8, 1994
3. Approval of Bills to be Paid for July and August, 1994
4. Approval of Treasurer's Reports for June and July, 1994
5. Approval of Deletions or Additions to Agenda

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMENTS

ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS COMMENTS

OLD BUSINESS

1. Intracoastal Marine Park

NEW BUSINESS

1. Vogel Easement Agreement
2. Approve Extension Requests from Counties
3. Project DNR-8, Don Pedro Island - Extension Request and Presentation
4. Approve Work Plan for FY94/95
5. Approve WCIND Meeting Schedule for FY94/95

NEXT MEETING -- Scheduled for Friday, September 16, 1994 at 5:01 PM
SECOND PUBLIC HEARING on FY94/95 BUDGET

ADJOURNMENT

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MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 9, 1994

A regular meeting of the West Coast Inland Navigation District was held on Friday, September 9, 1994, at 4:15 P.M. at the Sarasota County South County Administration Center, 4000 South Tamiami Trail, Room 228, 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:

The roll was called. Commissioner Judah expressed sadness that Commissioners Chetlain and Derr had lost their respective primary elections and thanked them for their dedication to serving on WCIND's Board. Commissioner Derr moved to approve the minutes of July 8, 1994. Commissioner Chetlain seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Derr moved to approve the bills to be paid for July and August, 1994. Commissioner Chetlain seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Derr moved to approve the Treasurer's Reports for June and July, 1994. Commissioner Leonard seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Listowski explained that the Agenda has been revised to reflect changes and that the Commissioners had the revised Agenda before them.

ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS COMMENTS: Mr. Dan Beasley was expected to attend the meeting but had not arrived at this point. Mr. Listowski would like our counsel to research the issue of the District's responsibilities involving 6 counties vs. the District state legislation referring to 4 counties. Mr. Beasley arrived and said that if WCIND was going to be the local sponsor, it had to be the local sponsor for 6 counties. The COE certainly considers us to be the local sponsor of all 6 counties. Mr. Listowski said that he will be exploring the possibility of Collier County joining WCIND in the near future with several local groups. Commissioner Chetlain wondered how we could finance projects in Hillsborough and Pinellas Counties if those counties were not part of WCIND. Commissioner Derr moved to direct our counsel to explore these issues with the Corps' counsel. Commissioner Chetlain seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Dredging for Longboat Pass, New Pass, and John's Pass will be done in FY95 on a combined contract for all 3 passes. Boca Grande Pass will not be dredged before FY96 because of a lack of funding. Mr. Beasley suggested a grant funding source, Coastal America, for help with stabilizing the area around Snake Island and the Venice Inlet. Mr. Listowski reported on his meeting with Corps personnel from Clewiston. There is a real possibility that some time this winter they may be able to cut the berms, remove exotic vegetation, spray, and do repairs along the ICW in the Venice area. We have included some funding in FY94/95 Budget to assist the Corps in this area. There is no schedule as yet for an inspection trip with Colonel Terry Rice.

OLF BUSINESS

Intracoastal Marine Park: Mr. Listowski said our consultant attended a pre-application meeting with the COE in Tampa. They will approve this project with a minor change in the ramp structure within the next couple of months. We are moving right along with this project.

NEW BUSINESS

Vogel Easement Agreement: Counsel Perry explained that we are being asked to disclaim any interest in the old right-of-way along the Vogel property in Venice in return for Mr. Vogel giving us an easement. Commissioner Chetlain moved to approve the Agreement. Commissioner Derr seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve Agreements and Extension Requests from Counties: Commissioner Derr moved to approve the project extension requests. Commissioner Leonard seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve District Counsel Contract: Commissioner Derr moved to approve the Resolution 94-4 appointing Dye & Scott, P.A. as District Counsel for FY94/95 with no changes over the current agreement. Commissioner Chetlain seconded. Motion carried unanimously. As part of the motion, the Chairman was directed to sign the Resolution.

Project DNR-8, Don Pedro Island: See below after Public Hearing.

Commissioner Derr moved to adjourn the meeting to hold the Public Hearing at the advertised time of 5:01 P.M. Seconded by Commissioner Chetlain. Motion carried unanimously.

TENTATIVE BUDGET AND MILLAGE HEARING. The meeting was opened at 5:01 P.M.

Mr. Listowski summarized the funding requests from the four counties: Manatee - \$169,000, Sarasota - \$300,900, Charlotte - \$120,750, and Lee - \$327,000; for a total of \$917,650. Total budgeted expenditures for FY94/95 are \$1,576,639, a 20% decrease over the previous year. Mr. Listowski announced the proposed millage rate of .0195 compared to last year's millage rate of .020. This is a decrease in millage over the rolled-back rate of -2.50%.

Commissioner Derr moved to have Mr. Listowski issue a press release regarding the proposed budget for FY94/95. Seconded by Commissioner Chetlain. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Judah opened the hearing to the public. No one wished to comment on the budget.

Commissioner Leonard moved to adopt the tentative millage rate of .0195. Commissioner Derr seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Leonard moved to adopt the tentative budget for FY94/95. Commissioner Chetlain seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Derr moved to schedule the Second Public Hearing on the FY94/95 Budget for Friday, September 16, 1994 at 5:01 P.M. in Venice. Commissioner Chetlain seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Judah closed the Public Hearing. The Board Meeting returned to the Agenda of the regular Board Meeting.

Project DNR-8, Don Pedro Island: Mr. Phillip A. Werndli of DEP asked for a project extension to June 1, 1995. The project was under contract by January 5, 1993, but it has taken about 2 years to get a certificate of water quality from DEP. Commissioner Derr moved to approve the extension request to June 1, 1995. Commissioner Leonard seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Extension Requests: Mr. Listowski asked to return to a previous Agenda item. M-22, Highland Shores Dredging, would be extended for 90 days. Sarasota County is requesting that funding for S-27, Ken Thompson Park Seawall, be combined with the requested funding for FY94/95 for a project called New Pass Seawall. Staff recommends approval of the consolidation of funding in order that the project be completed in a timely fashion by September 30, 1995. Commissioner Chetlain moved to approve. Commissioner Derr seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve Work Plan for FY94/95: The Work Plan reflects a continuation of the stated goals and objectives of FY93/94 Work Plan. It also includes references to implementation of policies and programs to accomplish the goals and objectives. Commissioner Derr moved to approve the Work Plan for FY94/95. Commissioner Chetlain seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve WCIND Meeting Schedule for FY94/95: Commissioner Leonard moved to approve the proposed Meeting Schedule for FY94/95. Seconded by Commissioner Chetlain. Motion carried unanimously.

Charlotte County Request for District Assistance - Regional Approach to Maintenance Dredging: The Marine Advisory Committee has met with staff and requested our assistance for maintenance dredging. All the counties have experienced problems in securing permitting for dredging projects. Commissioner Leonard sent a letter to Governor Chiles on September 7th which laid out the groundwork for consideration by the State. Staff recommends a letter from the WCIND Chairman requesting consideration for Charlotte County relative to the Charlotte County letter and apprising the legislative delegation of this request. Commissioner Leonard said they are trying for an overall plan for the management and dredging of numerous interior canals which empty out into larger bodies of water. They would like to dredge them all out to a common depth. A comprehensive approach could include lobbying for permits in a blanket fashion. Commissioner Leonard moved to have the Chairman write to Secretary Wetherell regarding the regional approach to maintenance dredging. Commissioner Derr seconded. Motion approved unanimously. Commissioner Chetlain agreed that the individual approach was very expensive and cumbersome but doubted that DEP would agree. All agreed that it was worth trying.

The Second Public Hearing will be at 5:01 P.M. on September 16, 1994.

ADJOURNMENT: 5:35 P.M.


RAY JUDAH, CHAIRMAN


KENT G. CHETLAIN, TREASURER