

WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT

July 14, 1958

The regular meeting of the WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT was held at the Court House, Bradenton, Florida, on July 14, 1958 at 2:00 P.M.

Present were:

Ellsworth Simmons, Chairman	Hillsborough County
H. C. Slaughter, Treasurer	Manatee County
James Miller	Charlotte County
Charles Fischer	Pinellas County

J. K. Merrin, Engineer
 Dewey A. Dye, Jr., Attorney
 J. Hardin Peterson, Special Attorney
 Fred W. Ball, Executive Secretary
 Bruce Cox, Accountant

Absent were:

Wilson Pigott	Lee County
James D. Neville	Sarasota County

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Ellsworth Simmons.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as presented.

Letter was read from Senator Spessard Holland advising of the status of funds appropriated for Inland Waterway and that he would continue to support the project. Chairman Simmons expressed appreciation, on behalf of the Board, for the efforts of Senator Holland and other members of the Legislature from this area, for their efforts in securing funds for this project.

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Mr. Peterson, Attorney, advised that he had been in contact with the District Engineer and had reported on the progress of the Inland Waterway up to date on right of way acquisitions in all counties.

The Board unanimously showed support in favor of the project in Clearwater for dredging of the channel into Little Pass. Motion was made by Mr. Fischer, seconded by Mr. Miller that the Board give both active and moral support to the Little Pass project. APPROVED.

Following discussion of this project Mr. Peterson was authorized to attend meetings and hearings in Jacksonville on behalf of the Board and in full support and cooperation of the Little Pass project.

Mr. Peterson reported that representatives and supporters of the Rivers and Harbors bill were presently preparing next year's budget planning and the Board authorized Mr. Peterson to attend meetings in Washington when necessary in the Inland Waterway's interests and approved expenses for such trips.

Question was raised on what was needed to finalize right of way acquisitions in the remaining counties where this had not already been accomplished. Mr. Dewey Dye, Jr. reported that he had been to Tallahassee and conferred with members of the I. I. Board, Van Ferguson, and other interested persons and that preparation of area base maps was needed for Pinellas and Sarasota counties prior to issuance of further right of way deeds by the I. I. Board.

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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, pursuant to due authorization the Commissioners of the West Coast Inland Navigation District, a Special Taxing District of the State of Florida, have had a part of the intra-coastal waterway canal right of way in Charlotte County located and surveyed and have designated the same as the Charlotte County Section of right of way, and have prepared a map showing the location and survey of that portion of said section extending from the north line of Lot 19, Grove City Land Company Subdivision, Plat Book 1, page 19, public records of Charlotte County, Florida, extended westerly to the center of Lemon Bay, extending southerly to the northerly line of Cape Haze Subdivision Charlotte County, Florida, and

WHEREAS, this proposed route has been approved by the Corps of Engineers of the United States Army as the right of way of the West Coast Intracoastal Waterway for acquisition by said District as right of way in said section,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the West Coast Inland Navigation District, a special taxing District of the State of Florida, that it hereby approves the location and survey of said portion of said route and directs that a copy of said map of such location and survey certified to by the Secretary and Chairman of this Commission and showing thereon the official seal of this District, be filed in the

office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of said County together with a certified copy of this Resolution;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is the judgment of this Commission that the construction of said intracoastal waterway serves a public purpose, that it is necessary, practical and to the best interest of the State of Florida, and that it is necessary that the right of way for said canal for said portion of said route be acquired;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the said Commission that the District shall immediately proceed in its name to secure by gift, purchase or condemnation the lands, or interests in lands, necessary for the right of way for the construction and maintenance of said portion of said route together with any and all areas required for spoil disposal as may hereafter be found and determined necessary.

BE IT RESOLVED that the attorney for this Board, Dewy A. Dye, Jr., be and he is hereby authorized and directed to proceed to take the necessary steps for the District to acquire in the name of said District by donation, purchase or condemnation said rights of way and spoil disposal areas for said portions of said of said section of said right of way and to prepare in the name of said District all condemnation papers, affidavits and pleadings and to prosecute all condemnation proceedings to judgment.

Passed in open session at Bradenton, Florida, this 14th day of July, 1958, and certified this date.

WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT

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BY. _____
Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Secretary

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Mr. Merrin, Engineer, advised the Board that present survey maps now in the hands of the I. I. Board were insufficient for proper identification and description of remaining lands to be taken, especially those needed for deeds through the Pinellas section.

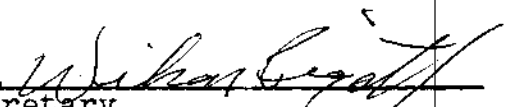
Lengthy discussions were held on the methods for acquiring right of way deeds through the I. I. Board and Chairman Simmons directed Mr. Merrin and Mr. Dye to follow through on whatever plans were necessary to clear acquisition of right of way on all remaining parcels not yet acquired.

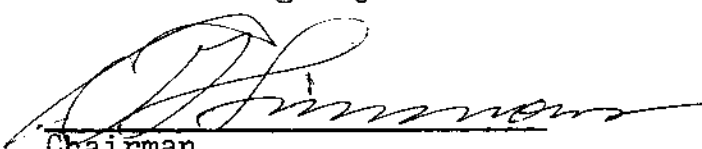
Mr. Fischer moved, seconded by Mr. Miller, that Mr. Merrin, Mr. Dye, and Mr. Peterson and all members of the Board be authorized to go to Tallahassee to meet with the Trustees at an early date to be determined by the Chairman and that expenses in this connection be paid by the Board. APPROVED.

Mr. Dye reported that a resolution had been prepared to be adopted by the Board and that proceedings were in order for the filing of condemnation suit in the Charlotte County Section. The Board approved the attached resolution and voted to proceed with the filing of such suit.

Mr. Slaughter read the Treasurer's Report and upon motion made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Fisher, the report was approved and bills presented and approved for payment.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.


Secretary


Chairman