

The June meeting of the Commissioners of the WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT was held June 6, 1966, at the Manatee County Office Building.

Present were:

Ellsworth G. Simmons, Chairman, Hillsborough County
Ralph S. Clark, Treasurer, Manatee County
Mrs. Dorothy R. Flowers, Secretary, Charlotte County
Robert M. Wright, Sarasota County

George Kumpe, Executive Director
Dewey A. Dye, Jr., General Counsel
J. Hardin Peterson, Sr., Special Counsel
Joe K. Merrin, Engineer

Absent were:

A. L. Anderson, Vice Chairman, Pinellas County
Kenneth W. Daniels, Lee County

ADMINISTRATION

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. The Director noted that the draft Minutes prepared for the May 9 meeting included one inaccuracy. He recommended that the first sentence of the fourth paragraph of the Progress Report be amended to end, "*** had agreed to settle on the basic price per foot of \$6.44." The Minutes as so amended were approved. The Treasurer's Report was read by the Director and accepted. Vouchers #4508 through #4538 were approved for payment. The Chairman suggested that a portion of the \$279,729.64 now deposited in the checking account with Manatee National Bank be invested for a period of up to 90 days. The Board approved this proposal, and the Chairman, Treasurer, Director and Attorney were authorized to take necessary action.

HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS

The Chairman recognized Mr. E. G. Boone, counsel for the Manasota Key Association. Mr. Boone announced that nearly all of the property owners in S/A S8 and 10 have signed agreements to settle with the District, and he saw no reason why a settlement could not be consummated. It was agreed that, where the owners so request in writing, a settlement check could be made payable to the Manasota Key Association, Inc. in lieu of separate checks to the individual property owners.

PROGRESS REPORT

The Director reported progress during May. The dredge NORFOLK has been shut down for repairs of the electrical system. Before the shut-down it was about 200' south of the excavation for the South Bridge at Center Road.

The Director reported that Sarasota County had erected barricades at Center Road and the old Tamiami Trail and that Voucher #4529 covered reimbursement to the County for labor and materials involved.

Mr. Dye announced that four individual claims had been settled during the month in S/A's S8 and 10A, leaving the group claims of the Manasota Key Association, Inc. and two individual claims (Burnett and Wilson Enterprises). Still unresolved in S/A S6 are Fowler, Hosea and Van Volkenburg.

The Director reported that a new location for the SAL bridge span had been agreed upon, thus eliminating interruption to navigation,

and reducing the cost of the project. J. E. Greiner Company will submit its Phase One report by June 13. He recommended that copies be reviewed by the staff and be sent to the Railroad and to the Corps of Engineers for comment. As soon as agreement can be reached on the design to be adopted he recommended that the staff be permitted to undertake negotiations with J. E. Greiner Company as to a fee for Phase Two; as provided in the contract, negotiations to be approved by the Board of Commissioners at a special or regular session. Motion was made and passed authorizing the negotiation as outlined.

At the October 11, 1965, meeting the Board of Commissioners authorized a contract for the modification of a free-flowing artesian well within the right-of-way in Venice. This work has not been started yet. Recently the City of Venice indicated that the well should either be plugged or allowed to run free. They are of the opinion that if the well is merely capped the water supply of the City eventually will be contaminated by the high mineral content of the artesian well. The Director has discussed this matter with the USGS, giving them the description of the artesian flow provided to the District by the State Board of Conservation. The reported sulphate content of the artesian well is 1200 parts per million and USGS advised that 250 ppm is considered the maximum desirable for potable water. The Director recommended, in view of the potential for contaminating the Venice water supply and the

fact that the flow from the artesian well was not potable, a permanent solution of plugging of the well according to State Board of Conservation standards. He recommended that the staff be authorized to obtain estimates for performing this work. The recommendation, as proposed by the Director was unanimously approved.

The Director reported that Sarasota County has an interest in utilizing spoil which has been placed in S/A S3-3 at the southeast corner of the Venice Airport. As this spoil area is still a portion of the contract for construction of Section 3, the contractor's operations should not be interfered with. The CE has been asked, however, if some arrangement can be made so that material can be withdrawn. The Director recommended that if and when agreement from the CE is received that the matter be referred to the standing committee on real estate, appointed at the May meeting to work out procedures. Upon motion duly made and carried the recommendation was approved.

Mr. Dye stated that he has had a query from one private contractor for use of spoil; and asked the Board's desire on whether a proposal should be submitted, or if it should be advertised. Mr. Simmons stated that he would recommend that it be advertised in order to avoid repercussions. Mr. Wright was of the opinion that if this material were sold to private concerns there would be less for the county. The Director stated that there are approximately 800,000 yards available for use. It was agreed that Sarasota

County should make a request in writing to the Board. No action was taken on disposition of spoil to private individuals.

Upon motion duly made and unanimously carried the Progress Report was approved and accepted.

NEW BUSINESS

The Chairman announced that after a review of the WCIND budget for the coming fiscal year it has been determined that a reduction in millage is possible. A motion was made that the millage be reduced from .25 mill to .15 mill and was unanimously approved. (Annex page 92)
A resolution/was adopted setting millage at .15 for the next tax year. The Chairman stated that there was every indication that further reduction may be possible for the 1968 fiscal year.

The Director presented the budget for the coming year and it was approved as presented. (Annex page 93)

A resolution/requesting the State Board of Conservation to allocate state appropriated funds of \$110,500 to the District for the acquisition of land was introduced and was unanimously approved.

Mr. Dye reported that the State Auditor has recommended that the District acquire insurance in the form of liability, property and workmen's compensation. Three insurance agencies have been contacted. The Chairman authorized Counsel to compile all the necessary information for presentation at the July meeting.

The Director announced that he had received advance notice of a groundbreaking ceremony for the Eureka Lock and Dam on the Cross-

Florida Barge Canal on June 25.

The Chairman reported that plans are advancing for the West Coast Waterway's completion ceremony which will be held on March 1, 1967.

Mrs. Flowers announced that Charlotte County had sent a resolution to the Corps of Engineers requesting the investigation of Stump Pass as a possible "small project."

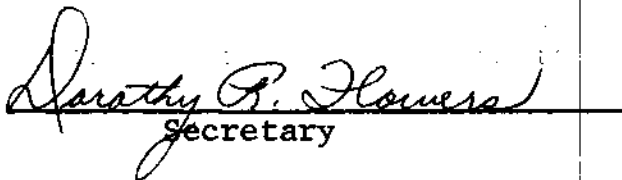
Mr. Peterson reported that the Appropriations Committee hearing in Washington was the best and most harmonious ever held.

July 11, was set for next meeting date at 11:00 a.m. at the usual place.

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.



Chairman



Secretary

PROGRESS REPORT

10 May - 6 June, 1966

CONSTRUCTION

Construction Progress - During May the contract dredge in Section 3 excavated cu. yds. of earth and advanced linear ft. At the end of the month the contract was % complete.

Construction Operations, Side Slopes - CE requested the contractor to estimate the cost of treatment of cut side slopes, for the contract south of the city limits.

S/A S3-1F - CE was asked to determine if mouth of ditch along east side of spoil area had been blocked by Norfolk; if so to have it reopened.

S/A S3-3 - CE was advised that ditching along south side by contractor encroached upon private property. Suggestion was made for settling permanent drainage problem by running ditch along east side of spoil area thence across the northern side to the waterway.

S/A S3-7A - At request of owner CE was asked for definite information as to intentions of Norfolk to utilize this area.

Barricades - As agreed with Sarasota County, County erected three barricades across Center Road and Old Tamiami Trail, at cost to District of \$159.71.

Section 2 Claims, S/A S8 - Agreement was reached with three owners on settlement at approved per ft. cost. (Shaw, Meyers and Smith) Attorney for other owners is continuing to obtain releases.

S/A S10A - Settlement was made with Carbino.

Wells - Two claims for alleged salt infiltration of wells were received, one from owner with property between S/A's S11B and C and one on mainland across from S/A S11A. Mr. Sutcliffe, USGS, was asked to investigate.

LANDS

Section 2 Right-of-Way - CE was forwarded request for modification of right-of-way near Cape Haze Corporation development.

Section 2 S/A's - Requirements were discussed with CE in Jacksonville on May 18.

Section 3 Condemnation - Application for retrial of three tracts was filed. On May 25 retrial was granted for the Venice Golf Association tract and denied for J. C. Bartlett & Sons and Venice Land Company tracts.

BRIDGES

SAL - Meeting of CE, SAL and J. E. Greiner Company in Jacksonville on May 18 was attended by Director. Proposed channel alinement of CE would result in minimum of 30 day closure of SAL bridge for navigation with necessary rerouting of traffic to southern draw span and considerable dredging of temporary channel. Subsequently, Greiner suggested siting bridge further to north to permit maintenance of navigation. Director suggested further movement to north to provide normal crossing of waterway and bridges. CE approved this recommendation on May 27. SAL indicated no objection to the relocation or to leaving the present draw span in place upon completion of new bridge.

South Bridge - Is now open to traffic.

Venice Avenue Bridge - SRD suggested safety curbs at the two U-turns under the bridge be modified from 10.5" to 9" height, stating that 9" height is adequate for safety reasons. Director answered that in view of SRD recommendation reduction in height was satisfactory.

North Bridge - SRD removed old bridge, allowing old north abutment to remain in place. Request from County and Venice Chamber of Commerce to retain two spans could not be granted.

ADMINISTRATION

Claims - Information was furnished Mr. Haley regarding alleged nonpayment of debts by subcontractor.

Budget Data - Was sent to State Board of Conservation on May 9.

Artesian Well - Contractor engaged to modify well outflow piping has indicated he may not be able to perform work by desired date. Investigation is being made of alternate contractor.

Aids to Navigation - As requested by Navigation District CE has asked Coast Guard to install an additional marker in Cut S27 near Floridaland, CE also forwarded District suggestion that range lights be installed at Venice Inlet. District asked CE to support installation of brighter jetty light if installation of range lights were not approved.

Suits Against District - In Bernhard et al vs SRD and WCIND, case was dismissed but may be refiled. Answer in the Caspersen suit was filed by District on May 6; suit was amended May 12 and*

On May 20, Director and Mr. Smith met with Dr. Caspersen and his attorneys. Arrangements were made for Dr. Caspersen and County Mosquito Control authorities to discuss proposed development plans so that CE might relieve contractor of drainage responsibilities in spoil areas.

Reports - Statement was furnished Governmental Reorganization and Efficiency Committee on buildings owned or occupied by the Navigation District.

Employer Contributions - Notice was received that effective July 1, 1967, District must match contributions of employees for retirement and social security. Further instructions will be furnished.

Insurance - In accordance with questions asked by the State Auditor, insurance coverage by District is being investigated.

Paving Assessments - City of Venice again submitted bill for special paving assessment on Tampa Street.

Utilization of Spoil - CE was asked to determine feasibility of relieving Norfolk of responsibility for a portion of S/A S3-3 so that spoil therefrom could be utilized by public agencies.

Publicity - Discussions were held with the State Board of Conservation and CE on completion ceremony set for March 1, 1967. The Director spoke before Englewood-Venice Rotary at Englewood on May 10, and taped radio interview for WENG that day.

* later removed to Federal court.