

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT was held September 13, 1963 at the Manatee County Office Building.

Present were:

Ellsworth G. Simmons, Chairman, Hillsborough County  
H.H. Anger, Vice-Chairman, Charlotte County  
A.L. Anderson, Secretary, Pinellas County  
Irwin Klemmer, Treasurer, Manatee County  
Masel C. Huston, Sarasota County

George Kumpe, Executive Director  
Joe K. Merrin, Engineer  
Dewey A. Dye Jr., General Counsel

Absent:

Mack H. Jones, Lee County  
J. Hardin Peterson Sr., Special Counsel

ADMINISTRATION

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 11:05 A.M. Minutes of the 19 August 1963 meeting were approved as presented. The Treasurer's Report was read and accepted. Vouchers No. 3484 through No. 3507, covering current bills, were approved for payment.

PROGRESS REPORT

The Director stated that Hardaway Contracting Co. had issued the necessary notices and informed the Corps of Engineers and expected to start dredging work at the Siesta Key bridge the week of Sept. 16. As requested at the previous meeting Mr. Dye furnished in writing his opinion that the award of this contract to Hardaway was legal. Commissioner Anderson moved the acceptance and approval of the opinion. The motion carried.

The SRD has opened bids on the contract for protecting the piers of the Blackburn Point bridge. The Navigation District will pay for the dredging item of this contract at a bid price of \$2.00 per cubic yard. As the contractor may dredge to any depth between -9.6' and -12.6' the SRD will determine the actual quantity dredged before billing the Navigation District. The minimum yardage to be dredged is 1230 cubic yards.

Regarding the Director's visit to Tallahassee on September 4 on Sec. 2 matters, it was reported that the staff is attempting to determine the intentions of the nine owners who have not made application to the Trustees for submerged land purchase; originally all had indicated they would buy. The staff is working very closely with the Trustees and will ask them to advertise immediately on receipt of all applications in a spoil area.

Due to failure in obtaining spoil area easements in spoil areas 11A, B & C the Corps of Engineers was asked to review all tracts which had been acquired. They advised that with S/A S12 and 12A and S11A and 11B available S/A S11C would not be required and all spoil could be taken care of with the exception of about 15,800 cubic yards from a 400' section of waterway. A contribution of \$700 would be required for extra pumping cost to place this spoil on S/A S12. It was felt that other owners in the area might cooperate and make this contribution. The Director was authorized to try to work this out.

The Director reported that R.L. Witham had posted a performance bond for removing spoil and grading S/A S35-1 (Bickel et al) and work was in progress.

Mr. Dye stated that extensive amendments had been filed to the condemnation suits in Venice and as soon as the 110 additional owners are heard from the case will be ready for trial, and that the trial would probably be late in the fall.

Commissioner Huston presented copy of Sarasota County resolution authorizing the Florida Development Commission to sell A and B bonds in the amount of \$650,000 or possibly \$705,000 for the Albee and Manasota bridges. The resolution was made a part of Navigation District records. It was reported that the Albee Bridge is now in use but has not been opened officially.

Commissioner Anger, on behalf of the Charlotte County Board of Commissioners, thanked WCIND, SRD, the Governor and his Cabinet for their help in getting the Englewood bridge under contract and stated that the work is progressing.

Commissioners Anderson and Simmons said they were receiving numerous questions regarding marking of Sections 4 and 5. The Director reported that the Coast Guard has completed the permanent marking in Sec. 5 and will advertise the Sec. 4 marking and it is expected to be completed early next year. The Director was asked to determine the status from the Corps of Engineers of obstacles reported in the Waterway in Sec. 5.

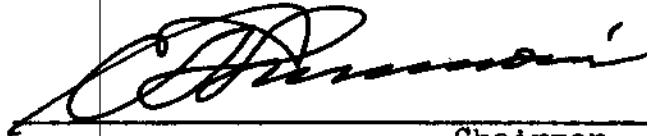
The Progress Report was accepted.

NEW BUSINESS

The Committee appointed to investigate the payment for engineering services in S/A S38B submitted its report. The Committee recommended that the attorney contact Mr. Wright and suggest that in view of the benefits he derived from Mr. Merrin's work he divide the bill equally with the Navigation District. The Board accepted the recommendation of the Committee and authorized the attorney to proceed along the lines recommended by the Committee.

The October meeting was set for 9 A.M. October 11th.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 A.M.



Chairman



Asst. Secretary

## PROGRESS REPORT

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CONSTRUCTION

## Progress

Section 5 - The contractor continued clean up work. The contract was 99 % complete on August 31.

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Operations, Section 4 - Two complaints were received of shoaling in the waste water return channel from spoil area S35-1 (Bickel et al). The complainants were referred to Sarasota County in accordance with County commitment made January 3, 1963, to encourage the use by Huffman of the spoil area.

Section 5 - The District Engineer approved the use of an alternate spoil area west of the channel between spoil area P 35A and the Indian Rocks bridge.

Dredging at bridges, Siesta Key bridge - Hardaway Contracting Co. signed the agreement and has been requested to furnish performance bond and evidence of liability insurance.

Blackburn Point bridge - On August 27 the State Road Department opened bids for the pier protection at the bridge. The apparent low bidder was Hardaway Contracting Co. with a bid of \$67,765.70 which included an item for dredging through the bridge at Navigation District expense.

Grading, Spoil Area S35-1 - In accordance with the offer by Mr. R.L. Witham, accepted by the Board of Commissioners at the August 19 meeting, Mr. Witham posted a certified check for \$1000 as performance bond for removing excess spoil and grading the area to the grade of Peacock Road and work is underway.

LANDS

Charlotte County - Mr. F.A. Anderson was advised that his suggested use of a tract on Catfish Point as a spoil area could not be acted upon until a sketch of the actual area was furnished.

S/A C26 - Mr. F.V. O'Day was advised that arrangements had already been completed for eliminating this spoil area by contribution of additional pumping costs.

Sarasota County, Sec. 2, S/A S1 - Supporters of an alternate spoil area on Manasota Key submitted a revised sketch of an alternate area. The Corps of Engineers was requested to estimate the contribution required to eliminate spoil area S1 by the use of this area. Estimate was received on Sept. 10 and was furnished to proponents.

Based upon information received from the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund efforts are being made to determine the attitude of the owners in four spoil areas who have not indicated whether they would purchase submerged lands necessary for the spoil area. The number of missing applications are:

Spoil Area	Total Purchases Required	Applications Missing
S6 N	8	3
S7	9	2
S8	8	2
S 11A	24	2

The areas already acquired in these spoil areas appear adequate; if the nine owners do not wish to purchase submerged lands some additional diking will be required.

The Trustees have indicated that sales of submerged lands will be made on the basis of complete spoil areas. The one purchase required in spoil area S6 South will be advertised in the near future. During the week of Sept. 9 the advertisement of S/A S 11B should be possible.

S/A S11C - At the request of Sarasota County a statement was provided that spoil area 11C was no longer needed as the owners of the major part of the spoil area did not wish to grant easements, and as alternate spoil areas 12 and 12A had been acquired and had been approved by the Corps of Engineers as acceptable in place of S/A 11C.

Section 3 - Dates have been requested for arguments and the trial of condemnation suit against Caspersen et al.

Section 4 - As requested, the Corps of Engineers furnished a restatement of right-of-way required at Tarpon Center based upon the channel relocation accomplished in November 1962. These requirements are being re-surveyed to assure non-interference with upland improvements.

S/A S23 (Rattlesnake Island) - The Sarasota County Recreational Board questioned the availability of any portion of Rattlesnake Island for minor recreational improvement. Answer by the Corps of Engineers was furnished to Sarasota County.

Pinellas County, Cats Point Project - On August 23 representatives of the Corps of Engineers examined the proposed spoil areas for the project. They were accompanied by representatives of Pinellas County, Federal and State conservation interests, the State Road Department, Florida Presbyterian College and the Navigation District. It appears that the limited amount of dredging for this project can be utilized effectively on the college grounds as the College has requested.

## UTILITIES

Crossings - The City of Venice acknowledged the Navigation District check which will accomplish the laying of the Turin Street main below the grade of the waterway. The City expressed a willingness to cooperate with Mr. Merrin in checking the grade of the main, when laid.

## BRIDGES

Validation of the Albee-Manasota bridge bonds is in process, the only remaining action to permit the sale is the passage of resolutions by the Sarasota Board of County Commissioners authorizing the sale of the Albee-Manasota bonds. The Development Commission hopes to have cost data on these bridges, for use in these resolutions, available during the week of Sept. 9.

Mr. Arthur Andrews, of the SRD Bartow office, met with Mr. Merrin, Mr. Dye and the Director in Bradenton on Sept. 11 to discuss common problems in Section 3.

## ADMINISTRATION

Letter to the Congressional delegation forwarding Sarasota County resolution with respect to the additional \$400,000 appropriation was acknowledged by Senators Holland and Smathers and by Mr. Haley, Mr. Rogers and Mr. Cramer.

Certificates on County valuations and assessments for the Navigation District were received from Pinellas, Hillsborough and Manatee Counties.

East Coast Fisheries applied for a permit to construct a bulkhead in the canal right-of-way next to their property south of Albee Road. The Corps of Engineers answered a letter from the Navigation District that the permit, if issued, would assure that the entire right-of-way conveyed by the Navigation District to the federal government would be available for navigation purposes, if required.

Colonel H.J. Kelly, Assistant Director, State Board of Conservation, visited Navigation District office on August 29. The Director visited Colonel Kelly at Tallahassee on Sept. 4 and met with him, Mr. Van Ferguson of the Internal Improvement Fund and Mr. Ben Dickens of the Florida Development Commission.

The Director accompanied Mr. Edgar L. Johnson, Executive Secretary of the Florida Waterway Association, on August 30 when he discussed with Sarasota Herald-Tribune personnel the waterway program of the State.

The Director spoke before the Sarasota Junior Chamber of Commerce on August 22 and before the Sarasota Exchange Club on August 23.