

The July meeting of the Commissioners, of the WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT, was held July 15, 1968, in the Civil Defense Auditorium, Bradenton, Florida.

Present:

Ellsworth G. Simmons, Chairman, Hillsborough County
 Mrs. Dorothy R. Flowers, Secretary, Charlotte County
 Kenneth D. Dierks, Treasurer, Manatee County
 Kenneth W. Daniels, Lee County
 Robert M. Wright, Sarasota County

Harlan T. Johnson, Executive Director
 Dewey A. Dye, Jr., Counsel
 John R. Van Norman, Jr., Right of Way Agent

Absent:

A. L. Anderson, Vice Chairman, Pinellas County

ADMINISTRATION

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. Minutes of the June 17 meeting were approved as presented. The Treasurer's Report was read and approved. Vouchers #5459 through 5497 were approved for payment.

PROGRESS REPORT

Construction

Canal Bank Treatment, Venice Area - The Director reported that progress is satisfactory.

Bridges

SCL Bridge at Placida - In response to the WCIND's request of June 18, 1968, for recommendations on temporary modifications to the structure in order to meet requirements, the Corps of Engineers letter of June 26 stated that horizontal clearance was acceptable but that work to obtain project depth should not be delayed. The SCL Railroad letter of July 1 stated that deepening of the channel would probably expose untreated piling, that protection would be most expensive, and that it is doubtful whether the cost is warranted. The Director reported that a preliminary survey

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made by the J. E. Greiner Company appears to agree with the opinion expressed by the SCL Railroad Company.

J. R. Van Norman, Right of Way Agent, went to Placida recently and was informed by the bridge tender that approximately 20 tows pass through per month; tugs generally draw about 7 feet. Mr. Van Norman reported that tugs have trouble bringing barges through because of the bad fender system. The bridge tender stated that a dredge grounded at low tide several months ago and could not clear until high tide. Soundings were taken which indicated a minimum depth of 8.1 feet in the center of the north channel at M.L.W. A plot of soundings was presented.

The Chairman suggested that the WCIND ask the J. E. Greiner Co. for a report on what it would take to satisfy the Corps of Engineers requirement.

Mr. Daniels stated that the SCL Railroad Company reported that dredging there could not be done without some danger.

The Director stated that the cost for placing concrete to protect the piling, according to the C.E. preliminary plan, would now be about \$40,000. This did not include dredging or repair to the fender system. This is the cost that SCL Railroad Company considers to be unwarranted.

Mr. Daniels reported that Lee and Charlotte Counties are expecting to receive a report within 30 days from the SCL Railroad Company in regard to the problem of pollution from the phosphate loading operation.

The Chairman recommended to the Board that a request be made to the J. E. Greiner Co. for plans and cost estimate to correct the immediate problem of channel depth.

Motion was duly made and carried that the Director comply with this recommendation.

Lands

S/A's Pinellas County - Forms and information were provided by WCIND to Mr. Douglas M. Carter, Director, Public Works and Engineering, to negotiate for spoil areas required from public agencies.

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S/A's - Sarasota County - The revised easement form has been submitted to the Sarasota County Attorney.

Casey Key Spoil Areas - The Director reported that WCIND is proceeding to secure spoil areas one at a time. Since the WCIND has to negotiate with people who are not in the locality at present, it will be Fall before much progress is made.

S/A Requirements - The Director reported that a revised statement on "Status of Acquisition" of July 3 had been received from the Corps of Engineers. A list of remaining requirements is being incorporated in the "Status Report." This will be published with the Annual Report in September.

S/A S-4 - Due to heavy rains there had been a washout at the Roberts Bay Bridge on Hwy. 41. The State Road Department had requested assistance from the WCIND. The Director had arranged for rock to be made available from S/A S-4 and from the right-of-way. The Director stated his belief that this offer of available material for emergency use was in accordance with policy.

Project Maps - The Director reported that project charts were nearly complete. Work being done was primarily corrections. Full time work by Mr. Cole should be completed in about a month. It depends largely on additional work required in connection with spoil area procurement. Corrections based on spoil area procurement might be required for another year but will not be full time work.

Matching Funds - Desirable changes to proposed Resolutions 68-8 and 68-9 - returned to WCIND with suggestions for change - have been incorporated in proposed Resolutions: 68-13 for an amount of \$24,900, and 68-14 for an amount of \$31,452.50. Motion was duly made and carried that Resolutions 68-13 and 68-14 be adopted.

Shoal at "The Bulkhead" - A shoal has developed on the east side of the waterway in Cut M-14, between markers 64 and 66 near the mouth of the Manatee River. The Corps of Engineers plans to combine required dredging with that near Midnight Pass in an invitation to bid.

Corps of Engineers Permit 68-396 - Construction plans were reviewed. The Director expressed no objection thereto.

Motion was duly made and carried that the Progress Report be accepted as presented.

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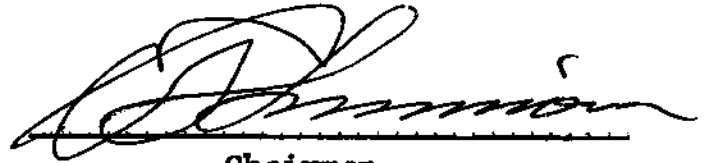
NEW BUSINESS

Conventions - The Director reported that he had received an invitation to attend the Florida Wildlife Federation Meeting in Winter Park on July 27.

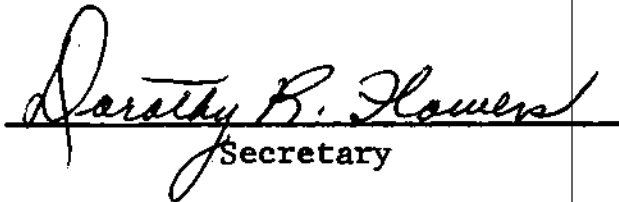
Motion was duly made and carried that the Director be authorized to attend at WCIND expense.

Next Meeting - The next meeting date was approved for Monday, August 12, 1968.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.



Chairman



Secretary

PROGRESS REPORT

June 12, 1968 - July 9, 1968CONSTRUCTION

Canal Bank Treatment - Venice Area - Progress is satisfactory. Ditching continues on east bank. A second Gradall has started to work. The fourth of eight culverts is being installed. Damage from recent rains has not been extensive. No complaints have been received.

BRIDGES

SCL Bridge at Placida - Plans and specifications for the replacement span are 60% complete.

On June 18, the SCL Railroad Co. and the CE were advised of action taken at the meeting on June 17 and recommendations were requested. On June 26, the CE stated that horizontal clearance was acceptable but that work to obtain project depth should not be delayed. On July 1, the SCL Railroad Co. advised that deepening of the channel would probably expose untreated piling, that protection would be most expensive, and that it is doubtful whether the cost is warranted.

In 1959, the CE made a preliminary estimate of the cost to reinforce the "swing bridge center pier": \$25,000. The cost of dredging and of a fender system adequate to protect the bridge from vessels was not included.

A preliminary survey of available information, made by the J. E. Greiner Co., reveals that misalignment of the old and new channels and inadequacies in the fender system, coupled with lack of project depth and unprotected piling at the bridge, indicate that it would cost something on the order of \$50,000 to \$100,000 to provide a satisfactory channel, of project depth but of restricted width, through the bridge area. This information appears to agree with the opinion expressed by the SCL Railroad Co. that it is doubtful whether the cost of this temporary measure is warranted.

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LANDS

S/A's Pinellas County - Mr. Van Norman, Mr. Cole and the Director conferred with representatives of Pinellas County on July 3. The offer of Mr. Douglas M. Carter, Director, Public Works and Engineering, to negotiate for spoil areas required from public agencies: S/A's P-16, 29, 30, 31 and 32, was accepted. Mr. Davis and Mr. Carter were most cooperative. They provided constructive suggestions and offered assistance where required. Forms and information are being provided by the WCIND.

S/A's Sarasota County - Revised easement forms are being submitted.

Casey Key Spoil Area - MSA-41 - As requested by the owner, Mrs. Hequembourg, information and an easement form were provided her attorney. The WCIND is awaiting a reply.

S/A Requirements - As requested by WCIND, the CE submitted a revised statement on "Status of Acquisition" on July 3, 1968. This gives an extensive and detailed list of requirements. Appropriate action is being taken. Remaining requirements are being incorporated in the "Status Report."

Cape Haze Right of Way Exchange - Release of 35 ft. was requested from CE in exchange for property released by Cape Haze.

S/A S-3 - On June 25, investigation revealed that the drainage ditch was again becoming blocked near the east corner. There was no standing water and no complaints have been received. Corrective action will be required at a later date.

ADMINISTRATION

Right of Way Agent - Mr. Jack Van Norman returned to fulltime duty on June 24, 1968.

Budget - Copies of Resolution 68-12, levying a tax of .03 mill, were forwarded to WCIND Counties and to the Comptroller of the State of Florida.

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Fiscal - Certificates of Deposit for \$50,000 were renewed, for seven months at 5%, in the Bank of Palmetto and in the Manasota Bank.

Project Maps - The process of completing and correcting continues. Manatee and Lee County maps should be complete when CE tract numbers are inserted. Copies of maps were sent to CE for insertion of tract numbers and comment.

Water Main, Manasota Key - The contract for the watermain between the Trustees and the McPherson Pipeline Construction Co. was signed on July 8, 1968.

Matching Funds - Resolutions 68-8 and 9 requesting matching funds were returned to WCIND with suggestions for change. Desirable changes have been incorporated in proposed Resolutions 68-13 and 14.

Channel Encroachments - The Jacksonville District, CE noted the proposed WCIND Resolution, discussed at the June Meeting, and suggested that the WCIND take no further action until a proposal previously submitted by the Jacksonville District had been acted upon by higher authority.

Shoal near Midnight Pass - No bids were received for removing the shoal in Cut S-30, between DM 40 and 42, opposite Midnight Pass, on June 11, 1968. The CE is endeavoring to locate interested bidders.

Shoal at "The Bulkhead" - A shoal has developed on the east side of the waterway in Cut M-14, between markers 64 and 66 near the mouth of the Manatee River. The CE plans to combine required dredging with that near Midnight Pass in an invitation to bid.

Stickney Point Bridge - Channel width at Stickney Point Bridge is temporarily restricted to 38 ft. due to construction.

CE Permit 68-396 - Construction plans were reviewed. The Director expressed no objection thereto.

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Motor Vehicle Questionnaires - Questionnaires from the State Purchasing Commission and the Governmental Reorganization and Efficiency Committee were answered.

National Rivers and Harbors Congress - Commissioners Anderson, Flowers, and Daniels and Mr. Dye attended the National Rivers and Harbors Congress in Washington, D. C.

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