

The regular monthly meeting of the WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS was held at the Manatee County Office Building October 11, 1963.

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
Mack H. Jones, Lee County
Masei C. Huston, Sarasota County

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

ADMINISTRATION

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:10 A.M. Minutes of the September 13, 1963 meeting were approved as presented. The Treasurer's Report was read and approved. Vouchers #3508 through #3536 covering current bills were approved for payment. Mr. Dye explained that as part of condemnation suit prosecution he had added 178 parties to the suit as owners of some nominal access rights to the Gulf beaches. Based upon appraiser's advice Mr. Dye had offered \$10 to each owner for disclaimer to such rights. The current bills covered several such disclaimers and two \$10 fees to attorneys who had handled the disclaimers. The Commissioners approved Voucher #3528 for these disclaimers and fees and the action of the legal department in handling these matters and for future guidance.

The Director noted that two of the vouchers covered payments to the City of Venice for Turin Street water main crossing for design work and construction supervision. The

percentages paid are the same that the City of Venice is using with the engineering firm. Motion was made and carried that the proposal be accepted and the Director be authorized to proceed with it, as further evidence of desire to assure that the construction meets the requirements of the City of Venice.

The Board accepted the financial statement for the District for the year 1 October 1962 to 30 September 1963 and authorized its publication in a newspaper in each of the six counties as prescribed by law. Each Commissioner indicated the newspaper to be used in his home county.

HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS

Mr. Richard Hellstrom of Secretary of State Adams' office was welcomed to the meeting. He reminded the Commissioners of Secretary Adams' interest in the Waterways of Florida, both as a private citizen and as a member of the Board of Conservation and offered the assistance of his office in any way needed.

It was noted that the staff is in correspondence with the Director of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund at this time regarding the possibility of advertising the sale of submerged lands before all papers are in hand. The Director pointed out that procedures for the sale of single tracts become cumbersome when applied without exception to areas comprised of many tracts. The staff is pushing to get all this paper work done.

Commissioner Huston told of the meeting he and Mr. Simmons attended at the State meeting of County Commissioners at which

Secretary Adams encouraged representatives from eight counties north of Anclote Key to form two Navigation Districts to work with the Corps of Engineers in the authorization and construction of the "missing link" of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway from Anclote Keys to St. Marks.

PROGRESS REPORT

The Director reported that Section 5 is expected to be completed in about two weeks and that Section 4 was completed on September 13. The Coast Guard has completed the marking in Sec. 5 and marking of Sec. 4 should be completed by the end of January.

The initial dredging at Siesta Key bridge is completed but the contractor will move his equipment from the Blackburn Point bridge back to eliminate two minor shoals found by the Corps of Engineers inspection. Dredging at Blackburn Point bridge is to be completed on October 11.

Validation hearing on the sale of bonds for Sarasota County portion of Albee and Manasota bridge costs has been set for November 12.

A correction was made in the Progress Report regarding Section 3 condemnation case. Arguments are set for November, not October.

The Progress Report was accepted as corrected.

NEW BUSINESS

Draft of the Annual Report for the District was mailed to the Commissioners during the month. Mr. Huston made a motion that the report be accepted. The motion carried and in addition

to the usual distribution each WCIND Commissioner will be given copies for each County Commissioner in his County.

The Director reported a scheduled meeting of the Florida Waterways Association at St. Petersburg on Oct. 28 at which it had been thought Section 5 might be dedicated, however, the League of Municipalities has now made plans for a Boat-a-cade and dedication on November 16. The District staff has furnished data on the Waterway and offered assistance in the planning. The Commissioners felt that dedications of the various sections should include the Commission members who have participated in the achievement of construction completion and that it would be proper, in this case, that Commissioner Anderson be present. The Director was directed to coordinate these plans.

Commissioner Anderson requested a place on the agenda of the Nov. 8 meeting for the appearance of several City officials of Pinellas County that they might be heard on the matter of Johns Pass project. Motion was made and carried that the group be given a time to appear.

Commissioner Anger reported that work on the Englewood bridge is progressing.

Mr. Simmons commented on the State Road Department's cooperation in giving the District a letter to present to the Corps of Engineers regarding commitments on the construction of the Manasota bridge.

Mr. Peterson reported that Congressional action on appropriations was being delayed by proposed legislation of higher priority. The two Chambers may not consider public works appropriations until November.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 A.M.

W. H. Anderson

H. H. Anger
Chairman

PROGRESS REPORT

13 September 1963 - 11 October 1963

CONSTRUCTION

Progress - Section 5 - The contractor continued clean-up work. The contract was 98% complete on September 30.

Section 4 - The section was completed on Sept. 17.

Operations, Sec. 5 - Mrs. C.E. Crepps alleged damage to her property in Indian Rocks Beach due to blasting by Gahagan. This complaint was referred to the Corps of Engineers who informed the contractor of the complaint. The contractor furnished an insurance Company report on the matter.

Dredging at Bridges - Hardaway Contracting Co. completed dredging at the Siesta Key Bridge on September 26 and moved to Blackburn Point Bridge. Partial payment was made. When the Corps of Engineers inspected the work, two high points were noted. Hardaway plans to remove these shoals on October 9.

S/A S35-1 - On complaints from owners, R.L. Witham, grading contractor, was advised that his agreement with the Navigation District did not permit use of the area to bury or burn trash.

LANDS

Lee County, Airstrip - County was asked to furnish legal description and sketch of area to receive spoil so that easement could be prepared.

Sunset Realty - Easement for the alternate spoil area has been prepared. and has been signed.

Charlotte County - Study was made of eliminating spoil area C-8 and 9 by use of an alternate spoil area C8A west of the waterway and immediately south of the SAL Railroad Causeway.

Mr. Merrin was asked to locate a pipeline between spoil areas C15 and 17.

C31 Alt - Sketch was prepared for easement.

Sarasota County, Sec. 2 - Agent for the individual owners buying submerged land completed administrative details with a goal of sending all necessary papers to the Trustees as soon as possible.

The Director wrote to Mr. Van Ferguson asking for confirmation that all papers required to advertise spoil areas S2, S6-S and S11B had been received.

S/A S-12 - On October 1, Mr. H. Pelham Curtis agreed that Venetia Inc., would contribute \$700 additional pumping costs so that spoil from a 400' section of the waterway above Manasota Bridge would be deposited in spoil area S-12.

Sec. 3. Condemnation Case - Dates in October have been set to hear arguments on the case. Trial date cannot be set until the winter calendar is established. Individual lot owners in Sunset Beach Subdivision were sent letters answering questions they had about the disclaimers sent by the Navigation District.

Spoil Areas S3-8 and 9 - The Corps of Engineers advised that proposed spoil area S3-8 was satisfactory but that the reduced spoil area S-9 should be restored to the dimensions originally requested. It was determined that the additional area was desired to reduce the pipeline length.

Sec. 4, Rattlesnake Island - A review was conducted of the exchange of a portion of Rattlesnake Island for right-of-way in the County island north of Albee Road.

UTILITIES

Turin Street Crossing - The City of Venice submitted a bill for engineering services for the design of Turin Street crossing and asked whether the Navigation District wished the consulting engineer to perform inspection work. Cost of the engineering will be \$1200 and for the supervision of inspection \$600.

BRIDGES

Manasota Bridge - Chairman Phillips, State Road Department, informed Mr. Simmons that the Manasota Bridge would be advertised as soon as the validation decree had been issued with the contract award deferred until proceeds from the sale of bonds are on hand.

Footbridge - The Corps of Engineers furnished copy of a letter to the South Venice Civic Association reiterating that the footbridges are illegal.

Center Road Bridge - The siting of the Center Road Bridge was reviewed in SRD, Tallahassee and must be revised so that the bridge is more nearly perpendicular to the waterway.

ADMINISTRATION

Major General A.C. Welling and Colonel H.R. Parfitt scheduled a visit to the Venice area September 24 but were prevented by weather conditions. Data on the project were sent by mail to Colonel Parfitt.

The Corps of Engineers was asked whether requested haul road easements must include public highways.

Mr. W.G. Rose reported an obstacle in the Narrows in Sec. 5. The incident was reported to the Corps of Engineers.

Report was received that remnants of dead trees and other refuse were being dumped into the waterway in Sec. 5. The Corps of Engineers was notified and held that such action was contrary to the Refuse Act of 1899. Staff of the Pinellas County Commissioners were asked to furnish to the Corps of Engineers the names and addresses of offenders.

Mr. Dye furnished to the Corps of Engineers a statement with respect to the proposed groin field south of Venice Inlet asking that no work be authorized which would affect adversely proposed spoil area.

Lobby Report for the third quarter was submitted to Congress on October 3.