

March 30, 1950

A special meeting of the West Coast Inland Navigation District was held in the Court House, Bradenton, Florida, Thursday, March 30, 1950 at 2:00 p.m. MEMBERS PRESENT WERE:

CHARLOTTE COUNTY:	Matt Weeks, Member
HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY:	F. W. Ball, Chairman
MANATEE COUNTY:	J. E. McLeod, Treasurer
PINELLAS COUNTY:	A. E. Potter, Member
SARASOTA COUNTY:	W. L. Woodard, Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT WERE:

Joe K. Merrin, Engineer for the West Coast Inland Navigation District and J. Ben Fuqua, Attorney for the West Coast Inland Navigation District.

ABSENT WERE:

LEE COUNTY: H. M. Stringfellow, Vice Chairman

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ball. Minutes of the previous meeting were read by Secretary Woodard and approved on motion by Mr. Potter and seconded by Mr. Weeks.

After a lengthy discussion, Mr. McLeod moved to enter into contract with Colonel Jones to brief route from Anclote River to St. Mark's River and the cost not to exceed \$1500.00. Seconded by Mr. Potter and carried unanimously.

On motion by Mr. Potter and seconded by Mr. Woodard that the Resolution recite that this Board has authorized the expenditure of funds to furnish the U. S. Engineers with the data necessary to completing the study of the canal from Anclote Key to St. Mark's and that we request that an appropriation of \$200,000 allocation as an initial unit to begin construction of the West Coast Inland Navigation District canal from Ft. Myers north. This project has been approved by the Rivers and Harbors Congress at a recent meeting^{of} which this was of seven that had been approved of more than 50 projects submitted to them.

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Engineer Merrin presented his monthly report and it was accepted. He was also instructed by the Board to keep in contact with engineers at Jacksonville about the route to be approved.

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Upon motion by Mr. McLeod, seconded by Mr. Weeks, meeting adjourned to meet again Wednesday, April 12, 1950 at the Court House, Bradenton, Florida.

ATTEST:

W.L. Woodard
SECRETARY

APPROVED:

J.H. Bae
CHAIRMAN

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the West Coast Inland Navigation District is composed of Lee, Charlotte, Hillsborough, Sarasota, Manatee and Pinellas Counties, Florida, and was created under authority of Chapter 23770, Laws Of Florida, Acts of 1947, for the purpose of aiding and assisting the Federal Government in connection with an inland waterway from Maine to Texas and the East Coast portion of said waterway has been constructed and is now in use and that developments have progressed to the point that it is necessary and essential that Congress be requested to make an appropriation to be used in the ultimate construction of said waterway from the mouth of Anclote River to connect with the Florida East Coast waterway, and that therefore it is deemed advisable by the Board of Commissioners, the governing authority of said West Coast Inland Navigation District that an initial appropriation of the sum of \$200,000.00 be requested to be made by the Congress of the United States.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the West Coast Inland Navigation District, that the Congress of the United States, be, and it is hereby, respectfully requested to appropriate the initial sum of \$200,000.00 for the beginning of the construction of said project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to Senator Claude Pepper, Senator Spessard L. Holland and Congressman J. Hardin Peterson.

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As secretary of the Board of Commissioners of the West Coast Inland Navigation District, I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by said Board on the 30th day of March, 1950.

Witness my hand and official seal, this, the 4th day of April, A. D. 1950.

Secretary SEAL