

November 17, 1958

Thre regular meeting of the West Coast Inland Navigation District was held in the Court House in Bradenton, Florida, Monday, November 17, 1958, at 2.p.m.

Present were:

Ellsworth Simmons, Chairman	Hillsborough County
Chas. R. Fischer, V-Chrm.	Pinellas County
Wilson Pigott	Lee County
James E. Miller	Charlotte County
Tom Slaughter	Manatee County

J. K. Merrin, Engineer
Bruce M. Cox, Accountant

Absent were:

James D. Neville	Sarasota County
Dewey A. Dye, Jr., Attorney	
J. Hardin Peterson, Special Attorney	

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ellsworth Simmons.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as presented.

A letter was read from A. B. Dixon, requesting the Board to use its influence in diverting the canal route from Lemon Bay. After discussion by the members present, it was recommended that the letter be acknowledged and that Mr. Dixon be advised that it would take an Act of Congress to change the approved route and unless the engineers recommended a change in the route, the approved route would be adhered to.

A letter was read from the General Telephone Co. accompanying a check in the amount of \$4.72 as refund on the closing of our telephone service.

Mr. Slaughter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Miller, to deposit this check from the General Telephone Co. in our account. APPROVED.

A letter was received from John Krider, of the Florida Waterways Committee, advising the Board that memberships were now due for the new fiscal year.

Mr. Pigott made a motion, seconded by Mr. Miller, that a check be sent to Florida Waterways Committee for \$50.00, for a Corporation Voting Membership. APPROVED.

The Board discussed the type of bridge proposed at Hatchet Creek. Mr. Simmons advised the members that a 50' clearance would not be adequate and that it might be advisable for WCIND to pay the difference to have either an 80' clearance or a draw bridge. The State Road Department would agree to the project paying for the difference to obtain the type bridge to be built, and requested that they be advised as to what the study of this matter by the project engineers would reveal.

Mr. Merrin reported that there was no formal report at this time, that work this past month consisted mostly of answering inquiries and reviewing work to date. Mr. Merrin stated that he had turned over some descriptions to Mr. Dye, but has heard nothing from him as yet.

Mr. Simmons informed the Board that there seemed to be a weak spot in the project. He suggested the members give some thought to obtaining a co-ordinator in order that work between attorneys, engineers, and other members of the project

may be expedited. Mr. Simmons said that he for one was not willing to put a great deal of money out for such a person, but hoped we could find one to associate with the Board for a nominal salary and expenses. Mr. Simmons had such a person in mind, but did not know if he was available and asked the members to consider this suggestion and perhaps think of someone they knew that could fill such a position. The members agreed that some sort of coordination was necessary and would give this matter consideration.

Mr. Pigott made a motion, seconded by Mr. Miller, authorizing Mr. Simmons to set up a meeting in Jacksonville with the U. S. Army Engineers. APPROVED.

Dr. J. A. Mease, of Dunedin, was present at this meeting and informed the Board of his interest in the project.

Mr. Fischer brought to the attention of the Board the area West of Dunedin along the proposed canal route where he felt a change would be advisable, stating that the Corps of Engineers were now in the process of studying the new plan. Mr. Fischer showed the members a map on which the change was indicated.

Mr. Fischer received a telephone call at this point of the meeting, from Colonel Herbert Gee, of Gee & Jensen, Consulting Engineers in Dunedin, offering to dredge a portion of the intracoastal waterway, 2000 ft. N. and 2000 ft. S. of the proposed route to Honeymoon Isle. The Board felt that

such an offer should be made in written form and it was suggested that a letter be sent to Colonel Gee to that effect.

Mr. Slaughter read the Treasurer's Report. Mr. Pigott made a motion, seconded by Mr. Miller that the Treasurer's report be accepted. APPROVED.

Mr. Slaughter made a motion that the current bills be approved for payment, seconded by Mr. Miller, APPROVED.

There being no further business, Mr. Slaughter made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Miller. ADJORNED.

W. L. Pigott
Secretary

C. D. Hammer
Chairman

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