

The November meeting of the Board of Commissioners, WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT, was held November 18, 1974, in Lee County Courthouse, Commissioners Hearing Room, Fort Myers, Florida.

Present were: Kenneth W. Daniels, Chairman, Lee County  
Larry Rhodes, Vice Chairman, Sarasota County  
Dorothy R. Flowers, Secretary, Charlotte County  
Dan P. McClure, Treasurer, Manatee County

Charles E. Furbee, Executive Director  
Dewey A. Dye, Jr., Counsel

Absent were: Elizabeth B. Castor, Hillsborough County  
G. Patrick Iley, Pinellas County

#### ADMINISTRATION

The meeting convened at 11:00 a.m. Chairman Daniels expressed appreciation for the members and staff traveling to Fort Myers for the board meeting today.

Minutes of October 21, 1974 meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report for October, 1974 was approved as presented. Vouchers #7720 through #7752 were approved for payment with the motion made by Commr. Rhodes, then seconded and carried.

The Director reported on the status of WCIND staff inclusion in group coverage with Sarasota County group insurance contract with the Blue Cross-Blue Shield. Beginning November 1, 1974, the coverage for an individual is \$19.19; the employee pays \$7.20 participating rate and the employer pays \$11.99 monthly rate.

#### ACTIVITIES REPORT

##### Sarasota County

Sarasota County Chamber of Commerce - The Director reported the receipt of letter from Chairman Dr. Wiley for a visit to the Chamber's meeting on November 7 regarding the Chamber's consideration of a proposal to dredge Midnight Pass. No action was taken. Chairman Daniels noted for the Board members that the WCIND's past letter of support to Sarasota County authorized no WCIND funds for such a project since this proposed plan for Midnight Pass dredging is the sole responsibility of Sarasota County.

Spoil Material - MSA S3-4 WCIND has received the amount due, \$8,400.00, for sale of spoil, as contracted by John Roberts, Contractor.

Venice Area - WCIND Right-of-Way - Mr. Ross Hadley, of the Four Bays Subdivision, requested a parcel of right-of-way which is adjacent to his property, as he wishes to build swimming pool on his property. The Chairman questioned any board consideration for releasing any WCIND right-of-way on a temporary basis to an adjoining property owner. Commr. Rhodes inquired for what use is this parcel needed by WCIND. It was

reported the right-of-way is not presently used. Commr. Rhodes moved to disapprove the request for release of this parcel to be granted to property owner for planned construction of swimming pool on the owner's adjacent property; the motion was seconded and carried.

Englewood Water District - WCIND is requested to approve, and Mr. Dye recommends "minus 18 below mean low water for depth of installation of a subaqueous water main" proposed at North Manasota Key Bridge. The Englewood Water District supervisors and the Engineer agree to this change, of two feet deeper, with the inclusions of holding the WCIND harmless. A permit is necessary from the State and from the Corps of Engineers prior to any action taken there.

Department of Natural Resources - Re, Venice Cut Bank Treatment - WCIND received letter from Division of Interior Resources Director Charles M. Sanders, Tallahassee, with copy to the Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District, urging the C.E. to conduct necessary inspections and to program for appropriate maintenance measures in this land cut area in Fiscal Year 1976. The Director referred to the annual Water Resources Development Conference held in Tallahassee, August 15, 1974, and WCIND request for maintenance funding of \$500,000.

#### Manatee County

Girl Scouts Activities - Bicentennial Celebration Project - The Director reviewed the assignment of spoil islands by WCIND for this project. Five have been allocated. A tour of the island located in Manatee County, near Cortez Marina, is planned for November 23, The Director and Mr. Dye were requested to attend part of the day's event.

#### Pinellas County

St. Joseph Sound Project Status Report - Current activities were reviewed since the last board meeting re relocating another spoil area to receive dredged material rather than the Crystal Beach selected site. The trial is requested in December and the Director is scheduled to give deposition on December 19, 1974. Mr. Dye advised that the restraining order was retained following a \$50,000 bond paid by the Save Crystal Beach Association. Now the Corps of Engineers project is held up until the trial. The Contractor has agreed to keep the bid open. The State Attorney Shevin has requested the Environmental Protection Agency in Washington D.C. to make its own investigation - even though this project in St. Joseph Sound has been approved by twenty-four various local, state, and federal agencies. WCIND Counsel, Mr. Dye, will take depositions from the owners of the proposed site, Honeymoon Island, and also from the members of Save Crystal Beach Association.

St. Petersburg Request for Dredged Material - This material is to be used in the area near Johns Pass. The Director will note this request for future planning in operations here.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

NEXT MEETING DATE - The recommended date is Monday, December 16, with the board meeting to be held in Sarasota County Courthouse.

Florida Ports & Water Resources Annual Meeting - The Director noted this meeting will be held in Orlando, Hilton Inn South, and the dates are December 8 - 9, 1974. Members and staff who attend were authorized to do so at WCIND expense, as approved in October meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Retirement of Chairman Kenneth W. Daniels - Commissioner Rhodes read to the members and staff the WCIND Resolution No. 74-06 stating the District's appreciation and heartfelt thanks for the outstanding and dedicated service received during Commissioner Daniels' service years as Lee County board representative for WCIND and serving on this board as Secretary, Vice Chairman, and Chairman for the period 1964 through to the present date. Commr. Rhodes moved that this resolution be adopted, the motion was seconded and carried unanimously. Director Furbee read to the assembly a letter addressed to Commissioner Daniels from Harmon W. Shields, Executive Director, Department of Natural Resources, on behalf of the DNR, to express appreciation for Commissioner Daniels' service to the community and to the State of Florida. Vice Chairman Rhodes presented WCIND resolution to Commissioner Daniels along with gift of gavel and deskboard with the plate commemorating his service years to this day of retirement. Chairman Daniels expressed his appreciation for the cooperation and work of members and staff and acknowledged with thanks the gifts presented.

Lee County - Mr. Paul G. Franklin was welcomed by the Board upon his arrival to express appreciation for Chairman Daniels' service to WCIND and also for his interest in proposal to continue the waterway south of Caloosahatchee River terminus. Mr. Franklin reported on the new bridge plans for Fort Myers Beach. The U.S. Coast Guard is being requested to keep the bridge at height in conformance with clearances for other bridges. Commr. McClure moved that the Director and Counsel prepare and submit a letter to the State Department of Transportation, re bridge clearances; the motion was seconded and carried.

Board members and staff expressed personal appreciation for Chairman Daniels' leadership for WCIND and presented a cake to Commissioner Daniels and Mrs. Daniels as a token of best wishes for their good health and prosperity in retirement.

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Norothy B. Flowers  
Secretary

Jerry Rhodes  
Vice-Chairman