

A special meeting of the COMMISSIONERS OF THE WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT was held September 2, 1966, at the Manatee County Office Building in Bradenton, Florida.

Present were:

Ellsworth G. Simmons, Chairman, Hillsborough County  
Mrs. Dorothy R. Flowers, Secretary, Charlotte County  
Ralph S. Clark, Treasurer, Manatee County  
A. L. Anderson, Pinellas County  
Kenneth W. Daniels, Lee County  
Robert M. Wright, Sarasota County

Dewey A. Dye, Jr., Acting Director  
Joe K. Merrin, Engineer

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. He announced that the meeting had been called for the purpose of appointing an Executive Director. The Chairman asked for official acceptance of the resignation of Thomas H. Humphris, who was forced to resign due to personal business which would require his absence from the state for an indefinite period of time. Upon motion duly made and carried resignation was unanimously accepted.

The Chairman informed the Board that several applicants from various parts of the country had been interviewed for the position of Executive Director. He added that the District was fortunate in having located a gentleman living in the immediate area who is not only willing to serve but who also has the requisite qualifications and interest. He then introduced Rear Admiral Harlan T. Johnson. Upon motion duly made and carried the Board unanimously appointed Admiral Johnson as Executive Director at an annual compensation of \$7200, payable monthly, effective this date.

Mr. Dye announced that placement of spoil in S/A S3-3 requires consideration by the Board before the next regular meeting. On August 31 Mr. Dye toured the area accompanied by representatives of the Corps of Engineers. It was noted at that time that spoil was washing out onto adjoining property on the east and south. On September 1, an earth-moving contractor, Morrison Trucking Company of Venice had requested permission to purchase 5,000 yds. of this material at \$.10 per yard. It was agreed that the legal department prepare an agreement for the applicant to sign, and the engineering department stake out an area which will contain the approximate yardage. Removal of this spoil will require the approval of the dredging contractor and the Corps of Engineers.

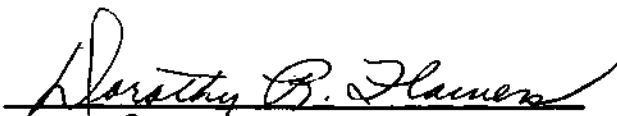
Mr. Anderson reported that on a recent boat outing he had occasion to return to port via the Pass-A-Grille pass and a great deal of time was lost in trying to locate the channel due to lack of sufficient markings. Mr. Dye was authorized to prepare a resolution requesting the U.S. Coast Guard to expedite the marking of Pass-A-Grille Pass.

Mr. Dye presented to the Board progress on plans for the West Coast Waterway Completion Ceremony. He stated that the Sarasota County Chamber of Commerce has accepted the invitation to act as official co-sponsor for the affair. Official opening date has been set for February 25, with an "invitation only" reception and dinner to be held on February 24. Tentative plans set the ribbon cutting ceremony somewhere in the Venice area, and the reception-dinner in

Sarasota. The Chairman explained to the newspapers that the location had been set for this area due to the fact that it was centrally located and was also the location of the final phase of dredging of the waterway.

Mr. Dye suggested that with the completion of the waterway it would be in keeping with precedent set by other similar projects to have a display map (or something similar) prepared professionally for use at waterway conventions and meetings of a like nature, or for display by member counties. Mr. Anderson volunteered the services of the Pinellas County Planning Department, explaining that they do excellent work on such projects. The Board authorized the Director and Mr. Dye to negotiate for such a display with Pinellas County and other public or private agencies, as appropriate.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

  
Secretary

  
Chairman