

The December meeting of the Board of Commissioners, WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT, was held December 16, 1974, in Sarasota County Courthouse, Sarasota, Florida.

Present were: Larry Rhodes, Vice Chairman, Sarasota County  
 Dorothy R. Flowers, Secretary, Charlotte County  
 Dan P. McClure, Treasurer, Manatee County  
 G. Patrick Iley, Pinellas County  
 Elizabeth B. Castor, Hillsborough County  
 George A. Goldtrap, Jr., Lee County

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

#### ADMINISTRATION

The meeting convened at 10:45 a.m. Chairman Rhodes stated that Commissioner Goldtrap, Lee County representative appointed to the WCIND Board, will attend this meeting and his arrival is being anticipated. The Director reported receipt of card for Christmas and New Year greetings to the WCIND Board from former Commissioner A. L. Anderson, Pinellas County, who served on the WCIND Board.

Minutes of November 18, 1974 meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report for November, 1974 was approved as presented. Vouchers #7753 through #7778 were approved for payment.

The Director referred to projected expenditures in reference to the Manatee County Longboat Pass project and recommended that consideration be given for WCIND participation with its approved portion of cost in relation to current costs estimate when the WCIND Board meets in January. Commr. McClure, in reply to Commr. Iley's inquiry about WCIND funds held on hand, stated projected expenditure funds are available to supplement the costs of those projects sponsored by the local Counties in the District. The Director then reviewed past projects as completed, with the necessity of WCIND having its funds on hand for emergency demands so authorized: Venice Water Wells - \$80,000; Placida, Florida Bridge - \$992,000; and the current maintenance/diking cost for the Corps of Engineers IWW Dredging project in St. Joseph Sound, Pinellas County, \$301,000. The 1974-75 tax millage is 00.02 mill which is a one-third reduction from the previous year. The WCIND monthly operations statement was noted to reflect tax funds received; also, monies received from WCIND sales of spoil material and the interest earned on WCIND certificates of deposit.

Commr. George A. Goldtrap, Jr., arrived at the board meeting and the Chairman welcomed Lee County's representative to WCIND Board.

Commr. Castor reported that Hillsborough County is interested in withdrawing from the West Coast Inland Navigation District.

Chairman: "When will Hillsborough County make this request?"

Commr. Castor: "When the Florida Legislature gives its reply to Hillsborough County's request for withdrawal from the District."

Mr. Dye, Counsel: "A letter from the West Coast Inland Navigation District will be written in reply to the Hillsborough County's

plan to request withdrawal from WCIND." Mr. Dye also stated a review will include that a major part of Hillsborough County water traffic originates from Port Tampa - some of the original requests for the waterway came from Tampa, Hillsborough County; also, a history of the planning and the construction of this portion of the National Intra-coastal Waterway System.

Election of Officers - Vice Chairman Rhodes, as the chairman, called for election of a new chairman to serve the Board. Commr. Iley nominated Commr. McClure to be the new WCIND chairman; he moved that the nominations be closed. Commr. McClure was elected unanimously to serve as WCIND Chairman. Commr. Iley nominated Commr. Flowers to serve as Vice Chairman; he moved that nominations be closed. Commr. Flowers was elected unanimously to serve as WCIND Vice Chairman. Commr. Iley nominated Commr. Rhodes to serve as Treasurer; he moved that nominations be closed. Commr. Rhodes was elected unanimously to serve as WCIND Treasurer. Commr. Iley nominated Commr. Castor to serve as Secretary; he moved that the nominations be closed. Commr. Castor was elected unanimously to serve as WCIND Secretary.

Employment of Staff - Commr. McClure, WCIND Chairman, called for the Board's pleasure to be placed on record for staff employment. Commr. Castor moved that the Board approve the continuing employment of the present staff: Charles E. Furbee, Executive Director; Attorney Dewey A. Dye, Jr., Counsel; and Esther C. Happich, secretary-bookkeeper. The motion was seconded by Commr. Rhodes and the motion carried.

## ACTIVITIES REPORT

### Sarasota County

Spoil Contract: WCIND-CYNWYD INVESTMENT A survey was ordered by WCIND for yardage removed from the area S3-4, Venice. The Developer had asked to purchase additional 20,000 cu. yds. Attorney Dye wrote a contract to cover the terms; the price per cubic yard is stated as 38¢ to include the 3¢ administrative cost of the transaction. Commr. Rhodes moved that the board approve this contract as presented; the motion was seconded and carried. The contract was signed for delivery.

### Pinellas County

St. Joseph Sound Project Status - The Corps of Engineers trial for the St. Joseph Sound Dredging project with disposal site selected as the Crystal Beach location was reviewed by the Director who stated that his own deposition is scheduled for Thursday, December 19, 1974. The Corps of Engineers deposition will be taken Tuesday, December 17. The Director and Mr. Dye were in Jacksonville last week to meet with the Corps of Engineers personnel. Mr. Dye reviewed the Crystal Beach Citizens' proposal; they are now asking for the dredged material to be placed on Honeymoon Island. The pre-trial date is January 28, 1975 and the trial date is scheduled for February 10, 1975. The Director reported that a Corps of Engineers worksheet reflects an amount of \$116,300 to re-negotiate a Corps of Engineers contract for placement of dredged material on Honeymoon Island. Attorney Dye reported that the question now arises as to the true owner of Honeymoon Island. The details and current progress for the project will be reported in January.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE - The members agreed that January, 1975 board meeting will be held on Monday, January 20, 1975; this meeting will be held in Sarasota County Court House, West Wing, Second Floor, in Courtroom "D".

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Don P. McClure  
Chairman

Elizabeth B. Castor  
Secretary