

January 19, 1959

The regular meeting of the WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT was held in the Court House in Bradenton, Florida, on Monday, January 19, 1959, at 2:30 p.m.

Present were:

Ellsworth Simmons, Chairman	Hillsborough County
H. C. Slaughter, Treasurer	Manatee County
Wilson Pigott, Secretary	Lee County
James D. Neville	Sarasota County
Charles Fischer	Pinellas County
J. K. Merrin - Engineer	
Dewey Dye, Jr. - Attorney	
J. Hardin Peterson - Special Attorney	
Bruce M. Cox - Accountant	

Absent were:

James E. Miller	Charlotte County
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Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as presented.

Visiting members of other counties were introduced by their respective members on the WCIND Board:

Mr. Anderson, Chairman	Pinellas County
Mr. Hunter	Lee County
Mr. Bustle	Manatee County

A letter was read from Curlew Properties, Inc., confirming their offer to dredge the West Coast Intra-coastal Waterways to its project dimensions for a distance of 2,000 feet on either side of the proposed causeway between Dunedin and Honeyoom Island. This commitment is contingent upon the successful execution and completion of a contract entered into by Curlew Properties, Inc., and the City of Dunedin, dated July 22, 1958.

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pigott, that

the letter from Curlew Properties, Inc., be acknowledged. APPROVED

Letter was read from U. S. Army Engineer District regarding the re-alignment of the waterway study as suggested by Mr. George Edmondson, stating the alignment around Venice by Myakka River is not the most feasible route, another objection would be the delay and confusion resulting from re-opening the study of alignments.

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Slaughter that Mr. Peterson send a copy of letter from the Corps of Engineers to Mr. George Edmondson. APPROVED.

Letter from A. B. Dixon, expressing his appreciation for the consideration of this Board and the Corps of Engineers in studying the proposed route through Myakka River.

Mr. Simmons suggested the Board members accompany Mr. Merrin to Jacksonville to meet with the Corps of Engineers to discuss the possibility of dredging permits being issued by the Army Engineers to specify, when possible, that fill be taken from parts of the proposed canal route by private interest needing the fill, as this would save the project time and money.

Letter was read from Mercer Brown, Chairman of the State Land Use and Control Commission advising the Board of their complete agreement with the above plan.

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pigott that arrangements be made to have the Board meet with the

Army Engineers, APPROVED.

Letter was read from Joe J. Koperski, Corps of Engineers advising the District that a formal report would be presented regarding the current economic re-study of the Intra-coastal Waterway from Caloosahatchee River to Anclote River, Fla.

Mr. Simmons discussed a letter he received from A. L. McKnight, Chief, Operations Division, Corps of Engineers, in which Mr. McKnight advised that the permit had been issued to the Florida State Road Department for the construction of a fixed bridge across Hatchet Creek near Venice. Mr. Simmons was disappointed at the issuance of the permit, hoping that it would have been delayed in order that something could be worked out whereby the District could supply the additional funds necessary and have the type span built that would be adequate for canal navigation. Mr. Simmons stated that he has not given up and will continue to try to work something out with the State Road Department.

Mr. Dye reported on right of way progress in the canal route, stating the major problems in the acquisition are in Sarasota and Pinellas Counties.

It was suggested that Mr. Neville and Mr. Dye go over the Sarasota County map and make their recommendations to the Board on how to proceed in acquiring the needed right of way in that county.

Pinellas County has deeds from the I I Board and is waiting now for re-survey and re-study before proceeding further.

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Mr. Simmons again stated to the Board members that it is important for the Project to proceed just as quickly as possible; feeling that the Board must get these matters settled and there should be less indecision.

Mr. Dye reported that the Legislative Resolution has been prepared and copies sent to all members associated with the project.

Mr. Pigott suggested that Mr. Dye arrange a meeting of the Legislative delegation with the WCIND Board so all questions of any member can be attended to.

Letter was read from Mr. Neville, advising Mr. Simmons of Mr. W. T. Edwards' enthusiasm and willingness to help the project. It was recommended that a meeting be arranged with Mr. Edwards and the Board.

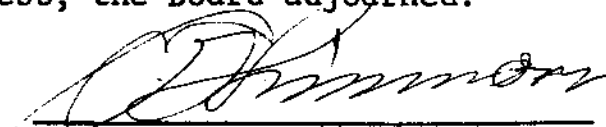
Mr. Slaughter read the Treasurers report, which was approved as read.

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Slaughter to approve the current bills for payment. APPROVED.

Mr. Pigott made a motion, seconded by Mr. Slaughter that \$105,380.78 be transferred from the checking account and distributed as equally as possible among the three time deposit accounts. APPROVED.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned.


Secretary


Chairman