

The March meeting of the Commissioners, of the WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT, was held March 13, 1972, in the Commission Chambers, Manatee County Courthouse, Bradenton, Florida.

Present were: Ellsworth G. Simmons, Chairman, Hillsborough County
 Kenneth W. Daniels, Vice Chairman, Lee County
 Larry Rhodes, Secretary, Sarasota County
 Dan P. McClure, Treasurer, Manatee County
 H. William Thompson, Charlotte County

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

Absent was: A. Oliver McEachern, Pinellas County

ADMINISTRATION

The meeting convened at 10:30 a.m.

Minutes of the February 14, 1972 meeting were approved as presented.

The Treasurer's Report was approved as presented.
 Vouchers #6876 through #6898 were approved for payment.

ACTIVITIES REPORT

Proposed State Legislation "to Abolish WCIND" - WCIND is in receipt of certified copies from each of these three counties of the District: Lee, Charlotte, and Manatee. These County Commission Resolutions were adopted recently to protest the proposed State legislation, H.B. No. 3405 to "abolish West Coast Inland Navigation District". Chairman Simmons reported that Hillsborough County Commission also stated to its local legislative delegation similar opposition to the proposed bill. Commissioner Rhodes reported, unofficially, that Sarasota County has taken no action to date but that the County Commission also was in opposition to the proposed bill. Motion was made by Commissioner McClure that WCIND acknowledge the receipt of these resolutions in support of WCIND and opposing its abolishment, and forward these to the Legislative Delegation in Tallahassee; the motion carried. Mr. Dye reported that H.B. No. 3405 is now in Committee and that WCIND will be given a week's notice before the proposed bill is brought up for discussion.

Charlotte County

SCL Bridge Status Report - The Director reported that delay in delivery of gears for the bascule was holding up construction but delivery is now expected April 15. There is no liability involved to meet the deadline date for completion, July 1, 1972. Current WCIND indebtedness for the SCL bridge construction is: Misener Marine Construction, \$488,220.67; and SCL Railroad Company, \$46,354.64. The U.S. Coast Guard, Seventh District, Miami, approved the WCIND request

to cut off the pilings at bay bottom, thus eliminating a more expensive undertaking. WCIND has requested Misener Marine Construction to submit a bid for the cut-off of pilings as proposed. A Change/Order to the contract will be authorized by WCIND to cover expenses.

Sarasota County

Channel Alignment - Mr. Archie Brown, registered surveyor, Venice, informed the Director that his recent survey indicates that the Center-line of the Channel is misaligned westerly of the surveyed Center-line. The Director requested his report of survey and will then submit these findings to the Corps of Engineers.

Venice Marina - WCIND has received a request for a storage area, S-29 spoil area, for placing of 50,000 cubic yards to be soon placed there on a temporary basis. The location of this spoil area is 200 yards north of the boat-basin and on the same side of the waterway as the Venice Marina. The board directed that Commissioner Rhodes and the Director consider the public relations involved as this is a business project by Rywell Corporation and to present their recommendation to the board at the next meeting.

Manatee County

Longboat Pass Project - The Director referred to past WCIND policy of supporting local pass projects which benefit the West Coast Waterway and that a maximum contribution of fifty percent, or up to \$50,000, was authorized by WCIND. No imminent action for WCIND participation is expected. Motion was made by Commissioner Daniels that Counsel prepare a WCIND resolution for adoption in authorizing WCIND financial support in keeping with the established WCIND policy; the motion carried.

Pinellas County

Dredging Project - Bids for maintenance dredging in St. Joseph Sound and John's Pass area will be advertised in May by the Corps of Engineers. As soon as the Corps of Engineers advises clearance with various federal, state and local agencies, the Director and Mr. Dye will proceed with acquisition of the areas needed for upland disposal areas.

The Activities Report was accepted as presented.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

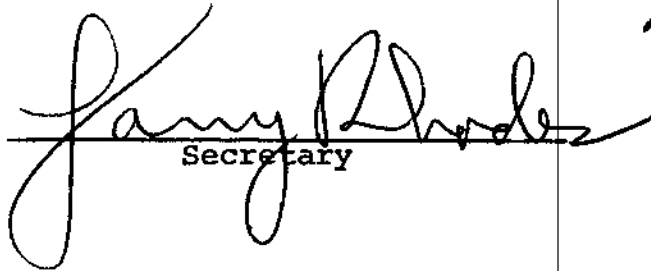
The Water Resources Congress Convention will be held on April 9 - 12, 1972, Washington, D.C., Sheraton Park Hotel. Commissioner Thompson moved that members and staff be authorized to attend at District expense; the motion carried.

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NEXT MEETING DATE - The next meeting date in April was considered by the board and because of the Water Resources Congress Convention April 9 - 12, 1972, the board agreed that the next meeting will be held a week later, Monday, April 17, 1972.

Mr. Dye announced that Governor Askew is visiting Bradenton today; he will be a guest at City Hall this morning and the Governor and his Staff will attend a Governor's Luncheon at the City Auditorium. This is DeSoto Week.

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.


Secretary


Chairman

W. C. I. N. D.

ACTIVITIES REPORT

February 14, 1972 - March 13, 1972

I.

A.

CHARLOTTE COUNTY

1. a) Placida, Florida, SCL Railroad Bridge Status - The Director visited the construction site on February 26 to verify that construction has been stopped. This is due to the delayed delivery of the steel contractors who are delayed awaiting the bascule gear. Expected delivery is now April 15, 1972.

b) Financial Status of Project to date:

	Misener Marine Const.	SCL Railroad Co.
Contract	\$882,821.66	\$92,277.00
Paid	<u>394,600.99</u>	<u>45,922.36</u>
Remainder	<u>\$488,220.67</u>	<u>\$46,354.64</u>

c) Removal of Test Pilings - An approval has been received from U.S. Coast Guard, Seventh District, Miami, for removal of the two test pilings by cutting them off at the bay bottom. The Director has requested a bid from Misener Marine Construction for the job.

B.

SARASOTA COUNTY

1. Channel Alignment - Mr. Archie Brown, registered surveyor, Venice, advised the Director by telephone that, as a result of survey work in the vicinity of South Venice Ferryboat operation, it is believed that the Center-line of the waterway is misaligned. His survey reflects the Center-line to be westerly of the surveyed Center-line. Mr. Brown was advised to provide his survey results to WCIND who would then consult with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District.
2. Venice Marina - Mr. Tom Ryan, operator of the Venice Marina, requests the use of WCIND property MSA S-29. Mr. Ryan was advised to submit his request in writing to the Board of Commissioners, WCIND.

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C. MANATEE COUNTY

1. Longboat Pass Project - Commissioner Fortson, Manatee County, attended a meeting on above referenced project in Jacksonville with the Corps of Engineers on February 23, 1972. On December 9, 1968, the WCIND Board of Commissioners was advised by the Director that in keeping with established policy of supporting local pass projects which benefit the West Coast Waterway, a maximum contribution of fifty percent, or \$50,000 by WCIND was authorized.

Estimated Cost	\$567,000
Federal Funds	<u>\$489,000</u>
Local Requirement	\$ 78,000 =====

D. PINELLAS COUNTY

1. Dredging Project - A letter announcement from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District, has been received by WCIND and all interested agencies in which a request is made for comments regarding this dredging of St. Joseph Sound and Johns' Pass area. The cut-off deadline is March 24, 1972. It is now estimated that 350,000 cubic yards will be removed from St. Joseph Sound and 50,000 cubic yards from the vicinity of Johns' Pass.