

The April meeting of the Commissioners, of the WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT, was held April 17, 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. Rainey, Pinellas 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.

Commissioner Charles E. Rainey, Pinellas County, substituted for Commissioner A. Oliver McEachern at this meeting and was welcomed to the board.

Minutes of the March 13, 1972 meeting were approved as presented.

The Treasurer's Report was approved as presented.
 Vouchers #6899 through #6928 were approved for payment.

ACTIVITIES REPORT

County Commission Resolutions in support of WCIND - The WCIND is in receipt of official copies of resolutions adopted recently to protest the proposed State legislation, H.B. No. 3405, to "abolish West Coast Inland Navigation District." These three resolutions, adopted since the last regular meeting of the WCIND, March 13, 1972, were forwarded to the WCIND by Pinellas County, Hillsborough County, and Sarasota County as being adopted by the County Commissions on March 21, March 22, and April 4, 1972, respectively. Commissioner Daniels moved that WCIND acknowledge the three resolutions received from Pinellas, Hillsborough, and Sarasota Counties; the motion carried. All six member-Counties of the WCIND have adopted resolutions in support of the WCIND.

Charlotte County

SCL Bridge Status Report - There is no change in the financial status from that reported last month. Misener Marine Construction, Inc., submitted a verbal estimate for change/contract for an increase of \$250 to cover the removal of two test pilings by the process of cutting them off at the bay bottom; this method has been approved by the U. S. Coast Guard. The formal change/contract necessary will be submitted in writing later for board approval.

Sarasota County

County Contract Renewal for Spoil - The Director reported that renewal of the previous contract (expiration date April 9, 1972) for the removal of spoil from MSA S3-4 has been received from the County and terms are the same. The Director recommended approval. Commissioner Rhodes moved that the WCIND accept the Sarasota County contract for spoil removal from MSA S3-4; the motion carried.

WCIND - Morris Trading Corp. Agreement - WCIND receives \$25 per month rental for the use of Right-of-Way in the Stickney Point Bridge area. Recently, the quarterly rental check was sent by Sarasota Marina, Inc., new owners, as WCIND office was informed. Mr. Dye suggested that WCIND might ask Sarasota Marina, Inc., to buy back the property from WCIND as it is not required and as was done in a recent similar transaction with E. E. Simmons, Sarasota County. Mr. Dye requested the board to defer action until he could present his recommendation. Motion was made by Commr. Rhodes that Counsel contact the new owners and present a recommendation to the board at the next meeting; the motion carried.

Venice Marina Proposal - The temporary storage of approximately 40,000 cubic yards of dirt on WCIND property MSA S-29 was recommended by Commr. Rhodes and the Director following their visit to the site, provided certain stipulations are agreed to for WCIND property protection and payment of a fee. Sarasota County Tax Assessor could provide the required appraised valuation of property for a fee to be paid to WCIND for period of six months. Commissioner Daniels moved that the proposal of Venice Marine Center, Inc., Thomas F. Ryan, President, be referred to Commissioner Rhodes, Counsel, and the Director with authority to act on behalf of WCIND; motion carried.

Manatee County

WCIND Support of LONGBOAT PASS Project - WCIND Resolution No. 72-02 was presented for board approval; the resolution states that in accordance with WCIND established policy (May 10, 1965) and the request of the local sponsor, Manatee County Board of Commissioners, for WCIND to join with them and support the project of dredging Longboat Pass and provide a navigation channel, the West Coast Inland Navigation District formally advises Manatee County Board of Commissioners of the District's policy and pledge to contribute fifty percent of the required cost, but not to exceed \$50,000, as prescribed by terms of Section 107 of the 1960 River and Harbor Act. Motion was made by Commissioner Rhodes that WCIND adopt the resolution for financial support of Longboat Pass project; the motion carried. Certified copies of Resolution 72-02 will be forwarded to Manatee County Board of Commissioners and the Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District. The C.E. estimate of cost is \$609,000 with Federal share \$525,000 for channel deepening the Longboat Pass 10-foot-deep by 100-foot-wide as needed. The Non-Federal local balance, \$84,000, is to be divided equally between Manatee County and WCIND. The Non-Federal amount for maintenance dredging is estimated \$2,100 annually for the local sponsor. WCIND has no policy on maintenance for such projects.

Pinellas County

Dredging Project Report, St. Joseph Sound & John's Pass - WCIND received the Corps of Engineers report on site selections, plans and specifications of the project, together with approximate cost of dyking sites required. WCIND must pay for cost of dyking its areas estimated at \$147,000. Pinellas County will pay for its own dyking of two areas offered to the C.E. The Director and Mr. Dye are working on acquisition of required land areas for dredged material. Total yardage is about 720,000 cubic yards. Various State agencies and local governments must approve the sites needed. Maps were displayed for the locations of uplands and private properties. Spoil to be excavated is poor quality and cannot be placed on the beach. Mr. Dye reported that St. Joseph Sound Channel has shoals in it now that limits the 9' channel to a depth of 5-1/2' and commercial tow operators cannot use the channel there. It has been about four years since the last dredging in these areas. The site locations needed are being obtained for this contract only. Permanent acquisition may have to be considered by the board for future requirements; also dyking costs must be considered for sites.

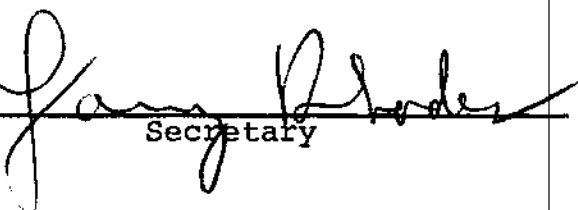
Chairman: "WCIND must consider its responsibility for the entire Waterway. Comparisons and estimates of cost must be determined."

Mr. Dye suggested that the board consider before the next meeting as to how WCIND is to meet the problem of acquisition and dyking. Also, that the 12' high dyking on WCIND spoil areas in St. Joseph Sound would be an excessive cost as declared by Mr. Keith Hamilton, Corps of Engineers, at the recent inspection trip for site selection. One location was objected to because of the aesthetic value of the property in Dunedin's built-up housing area. There is some hope that Pinellas County may be able to take some additional material and this would help with the project problem. Commr. Daniels moved that WCIND authorize the staff to obtain necessary appraisal and abstract work as well as proposed lease agreements for areas required by the C.E. for the dredging project and to submit these to the board at the next meeting, May, 1972; the motion carried. The contract award date is June 15, 1972. The C.E. requested WCIND to meet a deadline date April 28 for the C.E. allocation of funds. The dyking cost, \$147,000, a separate item to be included in the bid, must be considered by WCIND and the C.E. wants assurance WCIND will bear cost. The Chairman suggested that budgeted funds may be transferred as to priority costs for necessary acquisition of land and dyking required.

The Activities Report was accepted as presented.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next meeting date will be Monday, May 8, 1972.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.


Secretary


Chairman

W. C. I. N. D.

ACTIVITIES REPORT

March 13, 1972 - April 17, 1972

I.

A.

CHARLOTTE COUNTY1. a) Placida, Florida, SCL Railroad Bridge Status -

	Financial Status of Project to date:	
	<u>Misener Marine Const.</u>	<u>SCL Railroad Co.</u>
Contract	\$882,821.66	\$92,277.00
Paid	<u>394,600.99</u>	<u>45,922.36</u>
Remainder	\$488,220.67	\$46,354.64
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b) Removal of Test Pilings - WCIND has received an estimate to remove the two test pilings by the process of cutting them off at the bay bottom; this was submitted by Misener Marine Construction, Inc., for an amount of \$250.00. This procedure has been approved by the U.S. Coast Guard and it will result in a savings of \$1,350, or \$3,750, depending upon which of the methods would have been employed.

B.

SARASOTA COUNTY

1. Resolution by County Commission - This resolution was passed on April 4, 1972 and states the County Commission's opposition to the proposed bill to "abolish the West Coast Inland Navigation District." WCIND received the resolution on April 10, 1972.

2. Spoil Removal Contract - A new contract for the removal of spoil from S/A MSA S3-4 has been received from Mr. E. S. Hoyt, County Administrator, to take the place of the contract which expired April 9, 1972. Terms are the same in the new contract. Approval is recommended.

3. WCIND - Morris Trading Corp. Agreement - Agreement terms are that Morris Trading Corp. pays WCIND \$25 per month rent on WCIND's Right-of-Way. Morris Trading Corp. has evidently recently sold the property to Sarasota Marina, Inc., as the WCIND received a quarterly check in the amount of \$75 from Mr. James Edmonds, vice president of Sarasota Marina, Inc. He advised the WCIND by telephone of the recent change, and was then asked to submit a request to WCIND for continued agreement with WCIND. The check for \$75 is being held in abeyance awaiting the request from Sarasota Marina, Inc. and WCIND approval to continue the agreement. It is requested that WCIND board consider acceptance of agreement.

4. Venice Marina Proposal for Storage of Excavated Dirt - Commissioner Rhodes and the Director visited the Marina and WCIND property MSA S-29 to determine if it is feasible to store approximately 40,000 cubic yards of dirt on the subject spoil area. Approval is recommended if certain stipulations are agreed to: 1) material will be stored between the west banks of the waterway to the tree-line, not to damage the existing trees; 2) haul to and from on the old Tamiami Trail; 3) storage period not to exceed six months and to hold WCIND harmless from any damage; and 4) payment of \$100 fee to WCIND.

C. MANATEE COUNTY

1. Resolution by WCIND to support LONGBOAT PASS project - Resolution No. 72-02 is to be presented to board for approval in accordance with instructions given on March 13, 1972.

D. HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

1. Resolution by County Commission - This was passed on March 22, 1972 in opposition to the proposed legislation to "abolish the West Coast Inland Navigation District."

D. PINELLAS COUNTY

1. Resolution by County Commission - This was passed on March 21, 1972 in opposition to the proposed legislation to "abolish the West Coast Inland Navigation District."

2. Status Report on Dredging Project - WCIND has received site selections from the C.E. Jacksonville. Also received were title search results on two sites. West Coast Title Co. of St. Petersburg is processing title search on remaining sites. Mr. Sam Caldwell, Appraiser, is in the process of appraising locations where ownership has been obtained. WCIND has received plans and specifications of the project and has been informed of the approximate cost of dyking the sites. WCIND is required to pay the cost of dyking and it is estimated to be approximately \$147,000. One site selection was opposed by City of Dunedin. As a result, Mr. Dye, the Director and Mr. Keith Hamilton of C.E. Office met with Mayor E. O. Lindner of City of Dunedin, Mr. John Mount, City Manager, on April 13, 1972, to discuss selections; after a visit to the site and modifications to plans were made for placement of dredged material, Mayor Lindner expressed his opinion that modifications should be sufficient to remove the objections. Mr. Dye and the Director will make every effort to obtain the necessary lands for the Corps of Engineers to meet its deadline of April 28, 1972; however, title search may not be concluded in time.