

BRADENTON, FLORIDA, JULY 14, 1948
COURT HOUSE 2:00 P.M.

A meeting of the West Coast Inland Navigation District was held in Bradenton, Florida, July 14th, 1948, in the Court House, Commissioners' Office at 2:00 o'clock P.M. Members present were:

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| CHARLOTTE COUNTY: | MATT WEEKS |
| SARASOTA COUNTY: | J. O. ALDERMAN |
| MANATEE COUNTY: | J. E. MC LEOD |
| HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY: | FRED W. BALL |
| PINELLAS COUNTY: | E. H. BECKETT |
| LEE COUNTY: | H. M. STRINGFELLOW |

Also present were: Capt. W. A. Read, U. S. Engineer's Office, Tampa Branch; Mr. Manning, Secretary Bradenton Chamber of Commerce; T. L. Glenn, Jr., Attorney County Commissioners, Sarasota County; W. A. Wynne, Clerk of Circuit Court, Sarasota County; H. Barton Lewis, and O.P. Erickson, members of Tampa Port Authority; Paul Irons, Registered Engineer and Surveyor, St. Petersburg, Fla.; Anna Mae Tally, Realty, Bradenton, Fla.; Harry Land, Bradenton; John Douglas, Bradenton Herald; Dick Bothwell, St. Petersburg Times; and Jim Powell, Tampa Tribune.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman E. H. Beckett.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Secretary read the minutes of last meeting of the Commissioners held on July 28, 1947 and same were approved as read.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mr. J. E. McLeod, Treasurer gave a financial report of the Commission, stating that when all funds were in from the Counties, that the Commission would have in cash the sum of \$116,182.65. Mr. Ball moved that the Treasurer's report be approved, seconded by Mr. Stringfellow

and carried.

Mr. Ball called attention to the Treasurer the requirement that Treasurer's report of funds held by the Commission must be published in a newspaper in each of the member Counties. Mr. McLeod advised that when all funds were in that he would publish such financial statement.

RE: EMPLOYMENT OF ENGINEER FOR DISTRICT:

The matter of employment of an Engineer for the Commission was discussed. Capt. W. A. Read stated that proposals from Engineers should be invited and that each of the applicants should be interviewed by the Commission. That the first duty of the Engineer would be to acquire the right-of-way for the Canal and that the Engineer should be assisted by the County Engineers and County Attorneys in each of the member Counties.

It was suggested that a Committee be appointed by the Chairman to interview the applicants and then make a report to a meeting of the Commission to be held in about two weeks, therefore:

Mr. Ball moved that a Committee be appointed for the purpose of interviewing applicants and to report to the Commission two weeks from today, seconded by Mr. McLeod, and on vote, motion carried.

Mr. Alderman moved that Mr. Fred W. Ball and Mr. J. E. McLeod and Mrs. E. H. Beckett acting as Ex-officio member be appointed to act as a Committee for the purpose of interviewing applicants, the Committee to meet in Tampa, Florida, on Friday, July 23rd, 1948, at 2:00 P.M. in the Commissioner's Office in the Court House for this purpose, and to report their recommendation at a meeting of the Commission to be held in Bradenton, Florida, Court House, at 2:00 P.M., on July 28, 1948. Mr. Weeks seconded such motion, and on the vote, motion carried.

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Chairman Beckett reported that he had requested all member Counties to levy 1/5 of a mill for the District in their 1948-1949 Budgets.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

The following bills were presented:

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| F. O. Taylor, Paid Post-Office Box Rent..... | \$ 1.50 |
| Williams Stationery Company, Minute Book..... | \$ 12.95 |
| Board of County Commissioners, Pinellas Co., To expense funds advanced by Pinellas Co to Mr. J. H. Mann, Jr. from May 1945 to April 1946.... | \$210.40 |

Mr. Ball moved that the above listed bills be approved for payment after Auditing and approval by the Secretary of the Commission, which motion was seconded by Mr. Wekks, and on vote motion carried.

REQUEST AUDIT:

Mr. Ball moved that it be officially requested that the State Auditing Department of Florida, make an audit of the Accounts of the Commission, which was seconded by Mr. McLeod, and on the vote motion carried.

RE: DEATH OF FELIX H. WILLIAMS:

Mr. Ball offered and moved the adoption of the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Stringfellow:

R E S O L U T I O N

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT, in meeting assembled.

That this Commission expresses its deepest sympathy over the recent death of Hon. Felix H. Williams, Attorney, Chief Legal Branch, War Department, Corps of Engineers, Office of the District Engineer, Jacksonville, Florida, who died _____.

This Commission does hereby go on record as expressing its appreciation and thanks to the family of the late Mr. Felix H. Williams

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for the able assistance given this Commission at the time of the organization of the West Coast Inland Navigation District. His sound advice and able assistance will be greatly missed by this Commission in its future work.

No further business the meeting did then adjourn to meet again on July 28th, 2:00 P.M. Court House, Bradenton, Fla.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

W. L. Woodard
Secretary

E. H. Beckwith
Chairman

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