

The February meeting of the WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS was held at the Manatee County Office Building in Bradenton, Florida, February 14, 1964.

Present were:

Ellsworth G. Simmons, Chairman Hillsborough County  
H.H. Anger, Vice Chairman, Charlotte County  
Irwin Klemmer, Treasurer, Manatee County  
Masel C. Huston, Sarasota County

George Kumpe, Executive Director  
J. Hardin Peterson Sr., Special Counsel  
Dewey A. Dye Jr., General Counsel  
Joe K. Merrin, Engineer

Absent:

A.L. Anderson, Pinellas County  
Mack H. Jones, Lee County

ADMINISTRATION

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 11 A.M. The minutes of the January 10, 1964 meeting were corrected on Minute Book Page 478 to read, "Letter was read to Mr. H.M. Johnson, District Engineer, State Road Board." With this correction the minutes of the 10 and 17 January 1964 meetings were approved as presented. The Treasurer's Report was read and accepted. The amount in the checking account was noted and the Treasurer, Mr. Huston and the Director were asked to review this balance in relation to immediate needs of the District and make a recommendation at the March meeting as to whether it is advisable to place part of this balance in time deposit. Vouchers #3623 through #3658 covering current bills were approved for payment.

PROGRESS REPORT

The Director stated that advertisement for Section 2 was awaiting action by the Trustees on the sale of submerged lands.

Mr. Dye will attend the 18 February meeting of the Trustees and lend any assistance he can. Mr. Dye said some pipeline easements had been obtained in the area and if "we run into any serious trouble we can go one way or the other". The Chairman urged completion of all matters for which WCIND is responsible.

All requests for lands in the Section 5 Cats Point Project are in the hands of the owners.

The Director reported a new interest in obtaining spoil by some of the owners in Manasota Key who had previously refused. Mr. Huston stated that the attitude of the residents had changed considerably within the last year. In one instance, with the consent of Mr. Huston, the Director had told the owner that WCIND would not object to including his area if it could be done at no expense to the District.

It was noted that the Sarasota bridge bonds were sold at Tallahassee February 13 with proceeds to be available on or before March 3, and that the Manasota bridge will be advertised in March. To facilitate the bond sale the balance of \$150,000 remaining in WCIND escrow accounts in Manatee County banks was withdrawn by the Chairman of the State Road Board and deposited with the State Treasurer.

Mr. Dye reported on the condemnation case, that he is proceeding on order of taking on the balance of the right-of-way needed in Sections 2 and 3 with the hearing set for the morning of February 20. The Chairman and the Treasurer were authorized to sign additional checks which may be required by the Court Order.

The \$700,000 appropriation included in the President's budget message was discussed as well as the fact that it would not be enough to start Section 3. The Chairman stressed that benefits would accrue to the Project if the statement could be made that "the Project's just awaiting construction funds, only, in order to be completed."

The Progress Report was accepted.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Motion was made and carried that any member of the Board who can spare the time, the Director and Mr. Dye be authorized to attend the Florida Waterways Association meeting at Orlando on February 21. It was noted that attendance at these meetings helped to make the Project known and to create more interest in it. Mr. Klemmer and the Director spoke of the large delegation of Floridians at the MVA Convention and the value to Florida projects.

Regarding terms of employment for the engineer and attorney a committee of Mr. Anderson, Mr. Anger and Mr. Huston was appointed to review proposed agreements during the month and to meet one hour earlier at the next meeting and to present some definite recommendation to the Board at the meeting.

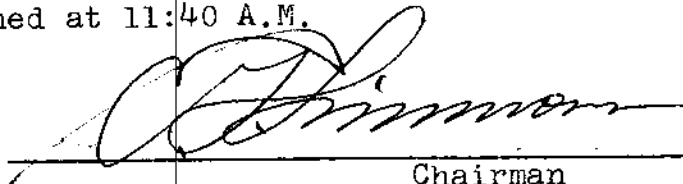
Mr. Merrin reported that in Venice the City contractor was laying the Turin Street water line crossing under the waterway now. The Chairman asked if the Corps of Engineers could review this work so the Board will have no liability for possible lowering the crossing; Mr. Dye felt they should make a physical inspection of the work before it is covered up. The Director was authorized to contact the Corps of Engineers

and advise them the work is in process and ask if they would like to have any inspection, at District expense. It was also agreed that a certificate should be obtained from the City's project engineer that the line has been laid according to their specifications.


The Chairman asked if the problem of grading S/A S35-2 at Peacock Road was settled and was told that it was not. He asked that this be kept before the Board until a settlement had been reached.

The March meeting will be held March 13th.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 A.M.



Chairman



Secretary

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PROGRESS REPORT

10 January 1964-14 February 1964

CONSTRUCTION

Markers S/A S-39 - The Hendry Corp. removed three spoil area markers which constituted navigation hazard.

Dredging, Blackburn Point Bridge - SRD was requested to submit bill for dredging.

CONSTRUCTION PLANNING

Sec. 2 - Colonel Parfitt announced that from the \$1,200,000 appropriated for the West Coast Waterway \$935,000 had been allocated to the Jacksonville District. The difference in the amounts is "slippage" due to lateness of the appropriation and other factors determined by the Bureau of the Budget.

Contribution of \$65,700 was made to the Corps of Engineers for alternate spoil areas.

The Corps of Engineers asked that waivers on possible restrictive ordinances in Sec. 2 be obtained to permit opening of bids on March 24.

Sec. 3 - The Corps of Engineers asked for removal of restrictive ordinances in Sec. 3.

Sec. 5 (Cats Point) - The Corps of Engineers asked for removal of restrictive ordinances in Sec. 5 to permit opening of bids on March 19. Actual advertisement will be deferred, however, until acquisition of lands is complete.

BRIDGES

The State Road Department advised that they proposed to award the contract for the Hatchett Creek bridge in July '64 with completion January '66; Venice Avenue bridge June '64, completion December '65; and the South (Center Road) bridge in August '64 with completion February '66. The Corps of Engineers issued public notice of the permit application for these bridges.

Albee-Manasota Bridge Bonds - Sarasota County bonds will be sold on February 13th. To meet requirements of the trust indenture, the \$150,000 residue of the WCIND escrow account for these bridges was transferred to the State Treasurer for deposit on the Sarasota Bridge Project construction trust fund.

LANDS

Lee County, S/A L-29A - The County signed easement for this spoil area.

Charlotte County Right-of-Way - The County and the State Road Department were asked to waive any rights in old Englewood bridge right-of-way.

S/A C-16A - Upland spoil area was acquired in place of a less desirable proposed pipeline easement.

Sarasota County, General - Condemnation Case - On January 14, when calendar was set, attorney for one defendant stated he was not ready. The judge decided to postpone the trial. Application for Order of Taking was filed without delay. At Jan. 29 hearing Court Appraisers were appointed to report on Feb. 14 with a hearing on the Order of Taking set for Feb. 20. South Venice Civic Association stipulated that a Right of Taking would be granted with the posting of Navigation District appraised value. Check for \$80,000 was delivered to the Court on February 10.

Sec. 2, Right of Entry - The Corps of Engineers asked for Right of entry in right-of-way only, not in spoil areas. Rights were extended.

Spoil Areas - During the month the advertisement by the Trustees on the sale of submerged lands drew some correspondence:

S/A S6 North - Mr. Evins asked for information and was answered with a request that modified easement be granted;

S/A S7 - Mr. Deveboise indicated he would object to the sale of submerged lands several hundred feet from his submerged holdings.

S/A S3-9 - Mr. Sliney was answered that the spoil area had been deleted.

S/A S11A & B - Mr. Grishaw was informed that no alternate spoil areas were under consideration; Mr. Maddin was informed that the proposed construction of the Manasota bridge would require the removal of the old bridge, that S/A S11C had been deleted, that tracts deleted from spoil areas due to action of the owners would be restored if no additional costs to the Navigation District were involved; Mr. Ward was informed that his tract was included in a portion of the spoil area to be used; Mr. Ellis was informed that as the tracts of the adjacent neighbors had been refused he probably would receive no spoil unless one of these tracts were added. Mr. Wilmot stipulated many requirements before he would consent to the addition of his tract; he was advised that it was not necessary.

Meeting of Trustees to authorize sales was deferred from Feb. 11 to Feb. 18. Their Staff was reminded of the need to grant WCIND certain temporary spoil easements in making the sales.

Sec. 3, S/A S3-4 - The Corps of Engineers was requested to handle easement for the pipeline crossing of USAF property in the airport.

S/A S3-5 - The Artist's Guild may develop this area before the waterway is constructed.

S/A S3-6 - Sarasota Board of Public Instruction may desire additional spoil if construction is by other than hydraulic dredge.

S/A S3-8 - The Director met with Mr. Burket, attorney for Eagle Point Inc., on Jan. 6. CE has confirmed that S3-8 will require no dike. In connection with the application for bulkhead line change the Corps of Engineers furnished information that from stations 0+00 to 18+00 of Cut S16 approximately 95,000 cubic yards of material will be dredged but that although S3-8 was the closest area to this section of the waterway use of the area could not be guaranteed.

S/A S3-9 - Mr. Burket is holding \$3000 contribution for pumping costs. Eagle Point Inc., is studying the establishment of a quantitative requirement in the spoil area in place of a height requirement they wished but the Corps of Engineers would not permit.

S/A S3-10 - A new pipeline location is being sought.

Section 5, Cats Point Spoil Areas - Meetings were held with representatives of Florida Presbyterian College to meet changed conditions. They were advised of the amount of spoil to be dredged from Cut CP2. A new spoil area, CP6, is being sought.

The Corps of Engineers furnished the results of January soundings.

Venice Access Road - Contract with the City of Venice on the access road to the Caspersen property was signed by Mr. Simmons on Jan. 27.

BRIDGES

Clearances - The State Road Department design of the three bridges at Venice provides 90' horizontal clearance. The Corps of Engineers will advise the Navigation District whether 90' will be required at the Seaboard Air Line rather than 80' previously studied.

South Bridge - The State Road Department was advised that an underpass for the Venice access road was no longer desired.

Venice Avenue - State Road Department furnished right-of-way requirements west of the waterway.

ADMINISTRATION

Mississippi Valley Association Meeting - Commissioner Klemmer and the Director attended meeting in New Orleans Feb. 1 through 4.

Appropriation Testimony - On January 21 the Director attended the Waterway Resources Conference in Tallahassee and presented a request for \$1,500,000 in USFY '65. At the meeting it was announced the President's Budget Message included \$700,000 for this item. The Florida Canal Authority concurred in the larger request.

Channel Markings - The United States Coast Guard advised that the contract for marking Sec. 4 should be completed by March 19.

Channel Conditions - The Corps of Engineers reported that an investigation of reported shoaling in Section 4 indicated only one slight shoal, near Midnight Pass.

Escrow Account - In accordance with the contract with the City of Venice for the access road, escrow account in the amount of \$62,945.30 was established in time deposit with the Island Bank.

Venice C. of C. - In connection with financial arrangements with the Chamber they were advised that 60 days notice would be given in advance of any waterway construction near the Chamber building.

Underwriting of Land Costs - To correct a misunderstanding Manasota Key residents were advised that no payments had been made by the Navigation District to Walter Hardin Realty Co., in connection with the work done by the Company in land acquisition.