

WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT

BOARD MEETING

JANUARY 12, 1990

10:30 AM

ADMINISTRATION:

- A) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 17, 1989
- B) APPROVAL OF THE BILLS TO BE PAID FOR DECEMBER AND JANUARY, 1990
- C) APPROVAL OF THE TREASURER'S REPORT OF OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER, 1989
- D) CONSIDERATIONS TO REHIRE STAFF

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES COMMENTS:

ACTIVITIES REPORT:

- A) RESPONSE TO SNAKE ISLAND REQUEST - SARASOTA COUNTY
- B) APPROVAL OF REDIRECTION OF FUNDS/OLD GRANT BALANCES - CHARLOTTE COUNTY
- C) APPROVAL OF FY89/90 APPLICATIONS AND AGREEMENTS - LEE COUNTY
- D) REQUEST TO USE R.O.W. FOR PARKING - CHOICE INVESTMENTS

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- A) NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON BEACH PRESERVATION TECHNOLOGY
- B) D.N.R.'S INLET MANAGEMENT PROPOSAL
- C) REPORT ON WCIND/STATE HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS

NEXT MEETING DATE:

SUGGESTED: FEBRUARY 23, 1990/10:30 AM

WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT

NAME:

REPRESENTING:

Belinda Perry

Sarasota County Natural Resources

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A REGULAR MEETING OF THE WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT WAS HELD ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 1990 AT 10:30 AM AT THE WCIND HEADQUARTERS, 200 EAST MIAMI AVENUE, VENICE, FLORIDA.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: KENT G. CHETLAIN, CHAIRMAN  
RAY JUDAH, VICE CHAIRMAN  
JIM GREENWALD, SECRETARY  
DAVID H. SCHMIDT, TREASURER

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: NONE

STAFF PRESENT: JAMES M. ARMSTRONG, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
CONNIE MCLENNAN, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT  
PHILIP E. PERREY, COUNSEL

DNR REPRESENTATIVE: JEREMY A. CRAFT, DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF RESOURCES MGT.

GUESTS PRESENT: BELINDA PERRY, SARASOTA COUNTY D.N.R.

ADMINISTRATION:

WITH CHAIRMAN CHETLAIN PRESIDING COMMISSIONER JUDAH MOTIONED APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 17, 1989, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT, MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. COMMISSIONER JUDAH MOTIONED APPROVAL OF THE BILLS TO BE PAID FOR DECEMBER, 1989 AND JANUARY, 1990, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT, MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. COMMISSIONER JUDAH MOTIONED APPROVAL OF THE TREASURER'S REPORTS OF OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER, 1989, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT, MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. MR. ARMSTRONG REPORTED EACH JANUARY THE BOARD DECIDES WHETHER OR NOT TO REHIRE THE WCIND STAFF. COMMISSIONER JUDAH MOTIONED TO REHIRE THE WCIND STAFF, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT, FOR DISCUSSION, STATING HE FEELS THE STAFF IS DOING AN EXCELLENT JOB. COMMISSIONER CHETLAIN CALLED FOR THE VOTE AND THE MOTION WAS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

MR. ARMSTRONG INTRODUCED BELINDA PERRY OF SARASOTA COUNTY NATURAL RESOURCES DEPT. AND RICH BOMBINGER AND WELCOMED THEM TO TODAY'S MEETING.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

THERE WERE NO COMMENTS.

COMMISSIONER JUDAH QUESTIONED IF BELINDA HAD BROUGHT COPIES OF THE BOATING IMPROVEMENT FUND GUIDELINES?

MR. ARMSTRONG INFORMED HE HAS TWO COPIES AVAILABLE. COMMISSIONER JUDAH STATED HE WANTED TO GO OVER THESE GUIDELINES WITH HIS STAFF AND POSSIBLY REPORT BACK HIS FINDINGS AT WCIND'S NEXT MEETING.

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES COMMENTS:

MR. CRAFT BRIEFLY REPORTED ON THE COMMITTEE MEETING COMMISSIONER CHETLAIN REFERENCED TO IN HIS LETTER SENT TO EACH MEMBER OF THE SENATE RESOURCES COMMITTEE, WHICH

ACCURATELY REFLECTED WHAT WENT ON AT THAT MEETING. AS A RESULT OF THE LETTER MR. CRAFT MET WITH THE STAFF DIRECTOR OF THE COMMITTEE AND HAD A DISCUSSION WITH HIM BASED ON SOME OF THE ACTIVITIES THAT IS GOING ON WITH WCIND BEING THE DISTRICT TAKING OVER THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE INLETS. MR. CRAFT SUGGESTED THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE SOMETHING THAT WILL ALLOW THE LEGISLATORS TO BE ABLE TO CLAIM THEY HAVE CUT BUREAUCRACY, CUT TAXES AND IMPROVE EFFICIENCY WHAT WE COULD DO IS PROVIDE A STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR THE DISTRICT TO HANDLE INLETS UNDER THE EXISTING TAXING AUTHORITY. WHILE THIS WOULD NOT EFFECT TAXES IN THIS DISTRICT BY DECREASING TAXING AUTHORITY ON THE EAST COAST IT WOULD ELIMINATE SOME INLET DISTRICTS. BY COMBINING A NUMBER OF GOVERNMENT ENTITIES INTO ONE POSSIBLY COULD IMPROVE EFFICIENCY. IF THIS BOARD LIKES THE IDEA THE DEPARTMENT WILL PROPOSE TO THE COMMITTEE STAFF THAT THEY MIGHT CONSIDER, AND PROPOSE TO THE LEGISLATURE. MR. CRAFT REPORTED BEFORE GOING AHEAD WITH THIS PROPOSAL WANTED TO ADVISE THIS BOARD BUT ASSUMED THIS BOARD WOULD CONCUR ON SOMETHING LIKE THIS SINCE WCIND HAS ALREADY INDICATED ACTION TO TAKE OVER THE INLETS. COMMISSIONER JUDAH REPORTED LEE COUNTY HAS INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS WITH SEVERAL MUNICIPALITIES TO BE TAKEN BEFORE THE LEGISLATURE AT THE NEXT SESSION SUPPORTING THE REPEAL OF THE SUNSET PROVISION AND REENACTING WCIND'S LEGISLATION. COUNSEL INFORMED THE DIRECTOR AND HIMSELF HAVE A MEETING SET-UP TO MEET WITH ANDY IRELAND TO INFORM HIM ABOUT WCIND ACTIVITIES AND GET HIS SUPPORT. COMMISSIONER CHETLAIN STATED MANATEE COUNTY HAS AN UPCOMING MEETING WITH THEIR LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION AND WILL MAKE SURE TO INCLUDE WCIND IN THE PACKET FOR DISCUSSION.

ACTIVITIES REPORT:

RESPONSE TO SNAKE ISLAND REQUEST

MR. ARMSTRONG INFORMED WCIND OFFERED SNAKE ISLAND TO SARASOTA COUNTY IN AUGUST OF 1989 AND ON DECEMBER 12, 1989 HAVE RESPONDED BY DECLINING STATING THEY DO NOT WISH TO PURSUE THE MATTER ANY FURTHER.

MR. ARMSTRONG REVIEWED ACTIONS TAKEN AT WCIND'S LAST MEETING WHEREBY THIS BOARD DIRECTED MR. ARMSTRONG TO CARRY-OUT HIS RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING SOLVING THE PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH SNAKE ISLAND. I.E. CUTTING DOWN TREES, CONTACTING COE, POSTING, ETC.

MR. ARMSTRONG REPORTED THE AUDUBON SOCIETY WAS CONSIDERING TAKING OVER THE ISLAND BUT HAVE CONCLUDED THEY DIDN'T WANT IT EITHER.

COMMISSIONER JUDAH SAID IN MAKING THE EFFORT TO REMOVE THE AUSTRALIAN PINES MAY AS WELL REMOVE ALL THE TRASH TREES.

MR. ARMSTRONG AGREED AND REPORTED HE ALSO IS LOOKING INTO THE PLACEMENT OF SIGNS STATING "NO CAMPING, DUMPING, DOGS, DRINKING, BONFIRES, ETC. AND ASK THE SHERIFFS AND MARINE PATROL FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE.

STATED ARE ALSO AWAITING FOR COE'S RESPONSE.

IT DOES NOT MATTER WHAT WCIND DOES TO ALLEVIATE THE PROBLEMS WE ARE EXPERIENCING WITH LAWSUITS, ETC. THAT THE SAME GROUP OF PEOPLE WILL BE BACK IN HERE DOING THE SAME THING THEY DID LAST TIME WITH TV CAMERAS AND RADIO STATIONS.

WHAT HE IS ASKING FOR IS ASSURANCE THIS BOARD STILL WANTS THESE THINGS DONE AND TO PROCEED WITH THIS EFFORT.

COMMISSIONER JUDAH MOTIONED TO PROCEED WITH THE EFFORT OF TREE REMOVAL, SIGNAGE, COORDINATION WITH THE SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT AND MARINE PATROL FOR ENFORCEMENT AND REMOVAL OF ANY SWING, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GREENWALD, MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMISSIONER JUDAH MOTIONED TO DRAFT A LETTER TO CONGRESSMAN GOSS REQUESTING ASSISTANCE IN EXPEDITING THE COE'S EFFORT TO HELP US, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT, MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.  
COMMISSIONER CHEILAIN REQUESTED COPYING ANDY IRELAND ON THIS.

ADDITION TO AGENDA

MR. ARMSTRONG READ THE ITEMIZED ADDED AGENDA WITH REQUESTS FROM CHARLOTTE COUNTY TO REDIRECT FUNDS FROM PREVIOUS COMPLETED PROJECTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,657.00, LEE COUNTY REQUESTING FOR APPROVAL AND EXECUTION OF APPLICATIONS AND AGREEMENTS FOR FY89/90 ALLOCATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$349,349.00 AND SARASOTA COUNTY REQUESTING TO APPROVE RESOLUTIONS AND APPLICATIONS FOR FY89/90 PROJECTS.  
COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE REQUESTS REVIEWED BY WCIND'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JUDAH, MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

REQUEST TO USE R.O.W. FOR PARKING

MR. ARMSTRONG REPORTED THE CITY OF VENICE SENT A LETTER TO WCIND INFORMING WE WERE IN VIOLATION OF THE CITY'S ZONING ORDINANCE BY ALLOWING PARKING ON GOVERNMENT PROPERTY AND STATED WCIND HAD THIRTY DAYS TO CORRECT PROBLEM.  
THE DIRECTOR INFORMED HE HAS POSTED "NO PARKING" SIGNS" ON THE REFERENCED PROPERTY AND WROTE LETTERS REQUESTING ALL VEHICLES TO CEASE ALL PARKING.  
THE CITY REPORTED BACK WCIND WAS IN COMPLIANCE.  
ONE OF THE TENANTS WROTE ASKING TO USE THE ENTIRE AREA BEHIND HIS BUILDING AND MR. ARMSTRONG INFORMED THIS INDIVIDUAL, CHOICE INVESTMENTS, THAT UNDER PRESENT ORDINANCES WOULD HAVE TO DENY HIS REQUEST.  
MR. PERREY INFORMED THE CITY OWNS ALL KINDS OF PROPERTY WITH THE SAME ZONING THAT IS USED FOR PUBLIC PARKING AND THEIR POSITION IS SOMEWHAT INCONSISTENT.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON BEACH PRESERVATION TECHNOLOGY

COMMISSIONER GREENWALD MOTIONED TO APPROVE TRAVEL EXPENSES FOR BOARD AND STAFF MEMBERS TO ATTEND THE F.S.B.P.A. CONFERENCE FEBRUARY 14, - 16, 1990, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT, MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

DNR INLET MANAGEMENT PROPOSAL

MR. ARMSTRONG REPORTED HE HAS RECEIVED A LETTER FROM MR. KIRBY GREEN, DIRECTOR, DNR BEACHES AND SHORES DEPT., AND READ IT TO THE BOARD IN ITS ENTIRETY.  
MR. GREEN REQUESTED EACH COUNTY WITHIN THE WCIND DISTRICT SUBMIT A RESOLUTION DIRECTING WCIND TO BE THE CENTRAL CONTACT WITH DNR'S BEACHES AND SHORES TO HAVE A SINGLE ENTITY TO ACT AS LIAISON FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TO IMPLEMENT THE PLAN.  
MR. ARMSTRONG STATED IF YOUR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS WANT YOU TO BE THAT ENTITY, WE NEED AN AGREEMENT FROM THEM TO DO THIS SO WE CAN PROCEED.  
MR. GREEN STATED WCIND SHOULD GO FORWARD WITH A PILOT PROJECT AND SHOULD THE PLAN WCIND SUBMIT FOR THE PROJECT BE APPROVED BY DNR'S BEACHES AND SHORES DEPARTMENT

THERE MAY BE FUNDING FOR THAT AS WELL.

COMMISSIONER GREENWALD STATED THIS LOOKS LIKE A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION AND REQUESTED A COPY OF MR. GREEN'S LETTER AND A INVENTORY LIST OF INLETS WITHIN THE WCIND DISTRICT.

COMMISSIONER GREENWALD MOTIONED TO DIRECT STAFF TO PREPARE A LETTER FOR EACH COMMISSIONS CONSIDERATION SUPPORTING THE REQUEST SUBMITTED BY DNR BEACHES AND SHORES, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JUDAH, MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

REPORT ON WCIND/STATE HEALTH INSURANCE

MR. ARMSTRONG INFORMED MR. PERREY HAS COMPOSED A LETTER STATING HIS RECOMMENDATION IS WCIND STAFF BE CLASSIFIED AS SELECT EXEMPT SERVICE EMPLOYEES AND FOR THE AGENCY OR WCIND PAY THE INSURANCE PREMIUMS.

COMMISSIONER GREENWALD MOTIONED THAT BASED ON MR. PERREY'S RESEARCH THAT THE LIFE AND HEALTH PREMIUMS BE HANDLED FOR WCIND STAFF TO PARALLEL THOSE PROGRAMS IN DNR, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT, MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENIOR FRIENDSHIP CENTER

MR. ARMSTRONG STATED HE HAS RECEIVED A REQUEST FROM THE S.F.C. ASKING FOR 2000 YARDS OF SPOIL AND COMMISSIONER GREENWALD MOVED APPROVAL FOR THE SENIOR FRIENDSHIP CENTER TO REMOVE 2000 CUBIC YARDS OF SPOIL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT, MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ANNUAL LIST OF WCIND MEETING DATES

THE DIRECTOR INFORMED SHOULD ANY COMMISSIONER RECEIVE A COPY OF THE LIST OF WCIND MEETING DATES FOR THE YEAR "1990" NOT TO GIVE TO YOUR SECRETARIES AS THEY ARE TENTATIVE AND ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND THE BOARD REQUESTED MR. ARMSTRONG TO TRY AND SCHEDULE BIMONTHLY MEETINGS.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

COMMISSIONER GREENWALD MOTIONED TO REELECT THE OFFICERS THAT HAVE BEEN SERVING ON THE WCIND BOARD FOR THE YEAR OF 1989 TO SERVE ON THIS BOARD FOR THE YEAR 1990, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT, MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMISSIONER JUDAH REPORTED HE AND HIS STAFF HAVE COMPILED A BREAKDOWN OF PERCENTAGES OF WCIND FUNDING RECOMMENDING MORE MONEY BE PUT TOWARD ENFORCEMENT AND BOATING SAFETY AND REDUCING ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES AND RECREATION.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

THE NEXT WCIND BOARD MEETING IS SET FOR FEBRUARY 23, 1990 AT 10:30 AM.

*Kent G. Chetlain*

COMMISSIONER KENT G. CHETLAIN

*Jim Greenwald*  
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