

The May meeting of the Commissioners, of the WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT, was held May 8, 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  
 A. Oliver McEachern, Pinellas County

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

#### ADMINISTRATION

The meeting convened at 10:30 a.m.

Minutes of the April 17, 1972 meeting were approved as presented.

The Treasurer's Report was approved as presented. Vouchers #6929 through #6954 were approved for payment.

The State Auditor-General's Report was released on April 21, 1972 as to its findings, criticisms, and recommendations for financial and land records in the seven-year audit. The Chairman stated the board's concern for taking the necessary steps in compliance with the law, to see that any proper criticisms are corrected and any re-occurrence is prevented. Therefore, it will be necessary to set up a satisfactory system of books as the Auditor-General has suggested. The question was raised by Mr. Dye as to how elaborate a set of books. Commissioner Daniels moved that the board instruct the staff to take the necessary steps. Commissioner McClure agreed with Mr. Dye's recommendation for a system that will be clear, simple, and honest which will be in compliance with the law. The motion carried.

Chairman: "This board desires and must comply with the law; Mr. Dye is to see that this is done."

Commissioner Thompson: "The Auditor-General does have final say."

Mr. Dye, Counsel; and the Director are to present their recommendation at the next meeting for the necessary steps to be taken which is in keeping with the law and in the most economical manner. Commissioner Daniels presented his personal check for \$8.75 as refund for the overpayment by WCIND for travel as cited in the Auditor's Report; and, for the record, commented that he sincerely hoped the State Legislature should be able to fund the Auditing Department sufficiently so that the Audit Reports are current and regular. The Director reported that the travel vouchers which were cited in the report for overpayment were made out by him and submitted to the Commissioners. The Director stated that he was responsible.

The Auditor-General's Report was discussed with Mr. Robert Austin of the Sarasota district office. He concurred with the Director that a sample format be submitted by the Director to Mr. Austin for the Auditor's suggestions and comment. The Director requested the board's approval to pursue this effort of establishing a book-keeping system similar to that of the Florida Inland Navigation District; the board concurred.

ACTIVITIES REPORT

Charlotte County

SCL Bridge Status - The Director has been advised that the revised completion date for the bridge at Placida is July 15 to August 1, 1972. There is no penalty clause for this delay.

Sarasota County

Morris Trading Corp. Agreement/Sarasota Marina, Inc. - Mr. Dye reported that efforts are being made to have the new owners buy back the property Right-of-Way which WCIND no longer required. The Chairman suggested that the new owners be notified by registered mail to vacate the property since they are holding no lease. Mr. Dye advised that the Right-of-way, fifty feet surplus, is on the west side of the corrected channel-line at Stickney Point bridge.

Venice Marina Proposal - Commissioner Rhodes, Mr. Dye, and the Director recommended that the board approve an agreement that WCIND permit the temporary storage of excavated dirt on MSA S-29 for a period of six months with a fee of seven percent of the appraised value of \$3,500 as carried on the County Tax Roll. The board concurred.

Morrison Trucking Co. - Request for Fill Material - Commr. Rhodes moved that purchase of 5,000 cubic yards at 25 cents per cubic yard from S/A S3-4 be approved; the motion carried. Material will be removed from different area than that of County Contract.

South Venice Civic Ass'n - Inspection of Area - The Director reported that a small portion of Right-of-way is part of a pending lawsuit for the WCIND to acquire a widener. Also, shoaling in the ferryboat operation area was inspected and the Director recommended the board pursue the matter with the SVCA out of court. The Waterway was dug fifty feet off-center by the Corps of Engineers. Commr. McClure moved that authority be granted the Director to proceed to resolve this matter out of court. The erosion of banks, at the ferryboat operation area, was referred to the C.E. who are to determine if there is a hazard since maintenance is the C.E. responsibility, not a WCIND responsibility; the motion carried.

Harbor Lights Mobilesites Area - Request for Seawall - The area needed in the WCIND Right-of-way is twenty-five feet of upland bought in fee simple. Mr. Dye presented the plan to excavate the Right-of-way in front of a permanent seawall. Commr. McClure moved

that WCIND approve Mr. Dye's recommendation for WCIND to negotiate for the twenty-five feet required for erection of a permanent sea-wall. This would also straighten out the Right-of-way line. The motion carried to approve Harbor Lights Mobilesites proposal.

### Manatee County

Longboat Pass Project - At the last meeting, April 17, 1972, WCIND adopted Resolution 72-02 for participation in the Longboat Pass project with Manatee County as local sponsor. The Director reported that the Manatee County Board of Commissioners submitted their letter dated April 19, 1972, formally requesting WCIND to authorize funds for participation in the Longboat Pass project. This letter was presented to the board and is placed on record. Commr. McClure moved that the letter of request be accepted by WCIND board and acknowledged; the motion carried.

### Pinellas County

Dredging Project - The Director stated that Commr. McEachern had approved the action being taken in the Dunedin area for Corps of Engineers selected-sites at the Mediterranean Manors and the Seaside Lake area south of Crystal Beach. Mr. Dye has written to the owners. WCIND received an offer made Thursday, May 4, by the Girl Scouts' representative, that their camp location, Garden Island, 45 acres, can be used for placement of spoil. The Director with the C.E. representative will meet with the Girl Scouts' representative to determine if it is suitable location for placing spoil from the dredging. Commr. McEachern stated that there is a distance of three miles across the area for pumping but agreed that this area could be used when needed in the future.

The Activities Report was accepted as presented.

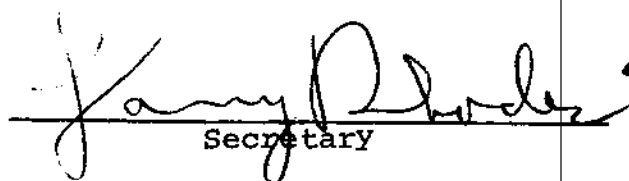
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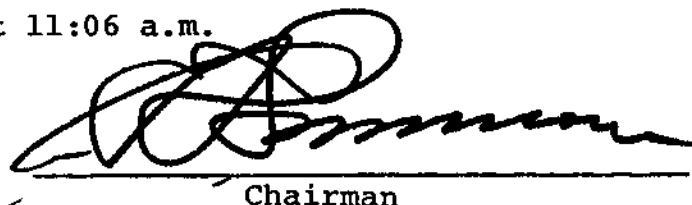
The Florida Inland Navigation District's manager, Colonel W. F. Powers, invited the Director to attend their May 12 board meeting in Miami and the Director requested authority to attend in order to observe system of record-keeping there. Commr. McClure moved that the Director be authorized to attend; the motion carried.

WCIND Resolution No. 72-03: The Chairman presented a resolution on behalf of the Board and Staff honoring staff secretary, Mrs. Esther Happich, who was named by Manatee Chapter, National Secretaries Association, "Secretary of the Year for 1972." Mr. Dye read the resolution for those present; the resolution was adopted. Mrs. Happich expressed appreciation and thanks to the Board and Staff.

NEXT MEETING DATE The next meeting date will be Monday, June 12, 1972.

The meeting adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

  
Secretary

  
Chairman

## ACTIVITIES REPORT

April 17, 1972 - May 8, 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>482,308.36</u>	<u>56,360.79</u>
Remainder	<u>\$400,513.30</u>	<u>\$35,916.21</u>

b) Visit to Tampa Ship Repair & Drydock Facilities -

On Thursday, April 27, the Director met with Mr. Louis H. Stahl, P.E., J. E. Greiner Company project engineer and WCIND's technical engineer, to visit the site of fabrication of the superstructure of the bridge. They are awaiting delivery of the gear; this gear is expected to be delivered on Friday, May 5. Misener Marine Const. expects to barge the superstructure out of the Tampa area beginning about May 15. Misener Marine Const., Inc., now estimates that it will be between July 15 and August 1 before the project is complete.

## B.

SARASOTA COUNTY

1. WCIND - Morris Trading Corp. Agreement/Sarasota Marina, Inc. WCIND is awaiting a letter of request from Sarasota Marina, Inc. for the transfer of agreement between WCIND and Morris Trading Corp. to the new owners. This is an interim measure until Mr. Dye, Counsel, can work out an agreement for release of this property from WCIND back to the present owners.

2. Venice Marina Proposal: Storage of Excavated Dirt - In accordance with directions of WCIND board on April 17, the appraised value was obtained for the property in question for the placement of this spoil material; appraised value is \$3,500 as carried on the Tax Assessor's Roll, Sarasota County. The Director is preparing an agreement for Venice Marina, Inc., to accept terms whereby Venice Marina, Inc. will be required to meet legal stipulations such as liability insurance, etc., and pay WCIND a fee of seven percent (7%) of the assessed value. Mr. Thomas Ryan of Venice Marina, Inc., has been verbally informed of the terms and is tentatively in agreement.

3. Morrison Trucking Company Request - WCIND has received a request for purchase of approximately 5,000 cubic yards of spoil material--~~for~~ removal from S/A S3-4 at 25¢ per cu yd.

The Director recommends that this request be approved for the purchase of material from S/A S3-4 at 25¢ per cubic yard.

4. South Venice Civic Ass'n - Inspection of Area - On Monday, May 1, Mr. Dye and the Director met in the office of Mr. Eugene Williams, Attorney, and personnel from the SVCA:

E. P. Foster, President; W. J. Eschelbacher, First V. Pres.;

M. Perinovic, chairman, parks and beaches;

B. Longacre, chairman, legal relations; and

J. D. Eldred, chairman, Ferry Committee.

This meeting was called to discuss the pending lawsuit for the WCIND to acquire the right-of-way Widener and, also, to inspect the Ferryboat operation area. Due to the condition of shoaling of banks on the narrow stretch of the waterway in this area, it was determined that an engineer from the Corps of Engineers should inspect the site in regard to future maintenance. Mr. Keith Hamilton, C.E. Jacksonville District, has been contacted and a meeting is scheduled for May 11 in South Venice area.

5. Harbor Lights Mobilesites Request: Erection of Seawall - The Director received a telephoned inquiry from Mr. Hoffman to gain permission for erection of a seawall which would be on the WCIND right-of-way. Mr. Hoffman was advised to submit his request and enclose a copy of the permits he has obtained from the County and the State for the WCIND Board's consideration.

C. MANATEE COUNTY

1. LONGBOAT PASS Project - The WCIND Resolution No. 72-02 for support of WCIND participation in the project with Manatee County as the local sponsor has been duly corrected as directed by the WCIND Board at the last meeting on April 17; i.e., to include the words "not to exceed \$50,000.00."

2. Letter of Request from: Manatee County Board of Commissioners - WCIND has received the request from the Chairman of Manatee County Board of Commissioners for WCIND support of the LONGBOAT PASS project. The letter of request is now placed on record.

D. PINELLAS COUNTY

1. Status Report on Dredging Project - On Friday, April 28, Mr. Dye and the Director met with personnel of Mediterranean Manors Housing Project to inspect and review the requirements for placement of dredged material on their property. Again, on May 4, Mr. Dye and the Director met with one of the owners, Mr. Joe Vaughn, and his engineer, \*Mr. Lloveras, to consider some of the technical details in placement of spoil. It was decided that an engineer from the Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville, should meet with Mr. Lloveras to complete plans for the placement of spoil; a meeting is now scheduled for May 11. It appears as though the area can accommodate for 125,000 to 150,000 cubic yards.

\*Sandy Lloveras

II. GENERAL:

1. Florida Inland Navigation District Invitation -  
The Director reported that he discussed the recent audit report of WCIND with Colonel W. F. Powers, Director of the F.I.N.D. and it was decided that in addition to Colonel Powers providing the Director with a copy of his financial statement, it might benefit the WCIND Director to attend the F.I.N.D. Board of Commissioners meeting at Miami May 12. The Board's approval is requested.