

April 13, 1959

The regular meeting of the WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT was held in the Court House in Bradenton, Florida, on Monday, April 13, 1959.

Present were:

Ellsworth Simmons, Chairman	Hillsborough County
H. C. Slaughter, Treasurer	Manatee County
James D. Neville	Sarasota County
James E. Miller	Charlotte County
J. K. Merrin, Engineer	
Dewey Dy, Jr., Attorney	
J. Hardin Peterson, Special Attorney	

Absent were:

Charles Fischer	Pinellas County
Wilson Pigott	Lee County
Bruce M. Cox, Accountant	

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Simmons.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as presented.

Letter was read from the Corps of Engineers, showing a proposed realignment in San Carlos Bay, in the vicinity of Calooshatchee River.

Mr. Simmons stated that this proposed realignment was very definite evidence that the Engineers were giving the project serious and thorough study.

Mr. Neville pointed out that the suggested realignment was minor and that if the suggested realignment was the only change proposed after a thorough study, the over-all route was evidently a good one.

After Board discussion, it was decided that no

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Legislative action would be necessary if the realignment was approved.

Mr. Neville made a motion, seconded by Mr. Miller that the realignment as proposed by the Corps of Engineers be approved, subject to the review and approval of the Commissioners from Pinellas and Lee Counties. APPROVED.

Mr. Simmons reported on the member's trip to Jacksonville on April 1, stating that in his opinion a good deal was accomplished. Mr. Simmons stated that there was a minor correction needed in the Resolution pertaining to the Board Legislation, that it was only a particular wording that needed modification.

Mr. Neville made a motion, seconded by Mr. Slaughter that Mr. Peterson make the necessary amendment to the resolution and forward it to Washington. APPROVED.

Mr. Simmons stated he was very much impressed with the whole-hearted interest shown the project in Jacksonville.

Mr. Simmons also advised that while in Jacksonville, they learned that fill dredged from the canal is the property of the contractor doing the work, and he can dispose of it at his own discretion. That ordinarily when the use of spoils is directed, the cost of the work increases. If any erosion board wants to use the spoils, they should make arrangements with the contractor.

Mr. Simmons stated that Mrs. H. D. K. Stanford had called him by phone concerning the use of the dredged up

spoils for combating beach erosion.

Mr. Peterson was directed to send a letter to Mrs. Sanford advising her of the information obtained in Jacksonville and also to check his files and send Mrs. Stanford any coorespondence on the subject.

The Board reviewed a map obtained from the Engineers in Jacksonville showing the complete route of the canal. Each member was given a copy of the map for his county.

Mr. Merrin reported that the three maps for study of the entire district went to Jacksonville, and they concurred as to the way they were kept. Mr. Merrin stated that we would advise them of any modifications. Mr. Merrin also stated that the Corps of Engineers was complimentary as to the way the District was handling matters, but it was concerned with boat registration in the pleasure craft field, suggesting that the number of boats registered be obtained.

Mr. Dye reported that a meeting is scheduled in Tallahassee for Thursday to discuss the pending Bill on the Extension of the District. Mr. Dye stated that Rep. Hathaway was slated to introduce the Bill, but he hoped that all the delegates would sign it. Mr. Dye also reported that a right of way settlement in Sarasota County was near completion.

Mr. Neville made a motion, seconded by Mr. Slaughter to invite Mr. W. T. Edwards to participate in the District in an advisory capacity. There would be no salary involved, but all expenses in connection with this work will be reimbursed.

APPROVED.

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Mr. Slaughter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Miller that Mr. Dye be authorized to go to Tallahassee when the Bill was to go before Legislature. APPROVED.

Mr. Slaughter read the Treasurers report.

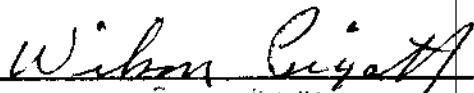
Mr. Miller made a motion, seconded by Mr. Neville that the Treasurers Report be accepted as read. APPROVED.


Mr. Slaughter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Miller that \$25,000.00 be transferred from the checking account into a time deposit account. APPROVED.

Mr. Neville made a motion, seconded by Mr. Slaughter authorizing Mr. Peterson to write a letter to the Corps of Engineers, urging a review and favorable consideration of the proposed link of the canal from the Anclote River to St. Marks. APPROVED.

Mr. Neville made a motion, seconded by Mr. Miller that the current bills be approved for payment. APPROVED.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.





Chairman