

The April meeting of the Board of Commissioners, WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT, was held April 21, 1975 in the meeting room, Sarasota County Administration Building, Sarasota, Florida.

Present were: Dan P. McClure, Chairman, Manatee County
Dorothy R. Flowers, Vice Chairman, Charlotte County
Larry Rhodes, Treasurer, Sarasota County
Elizabeth B. Castor, Secretary, Hillsborough County
Don Jones, Pinellas County

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

Absent was: George A. Goldtrap, Jr., Lee County

ADMINISTRATION

The meeting convened at 10:40 a.m.

Minutes of March 21, 1975 regular monthly board meeting were approved as presented.

The Treasurer's Report for March, 1975 was approved as was presented. Vouchers #88 through #116 were approved for payment.

Proposed Budget FY 1975-1976: The Director submitted a budget for FY 1975-76 and reported this proposed budget allows a reduction in millage rate for the District, from 00.02 (two hundredths) mill FY 1974-75 current year to 00.005 (five thousandths) mill FY 1975-76. The requirements, as compared to FY 1974-75, reflect an increase in projects cost for the capital acquisition program. Commr. Castor moved that this proposed budget be forwarded to Tallahassee for State approval and reported back to the board; the motion was seconded and was carried.

WCIND Report on Tallahassee Visit with Governor, April 4, 1975: Reorganization - State Agencies; - The Director reported on representation at the scheduled appointment with Governor Askew and the Florida Ports & Water Resources Association. The need for support at State level was recognized; and the Governor recommended that part of the reorganization plan for various State agencies should place the WCIND under the Department of Transportation. This was accepted by the Florida Ports & Water Resources Association and was included in the proposed Senate Bill No. 123. The Director and WCIND Counsel attended the Committee meeting for this bill. Commissioner Rhodes reported regret that Senator Henderson participated in the Committee preparation of the proposed bill before discussing it with Sarasota County and with West Coast Inland Navigation District. The Director stated that the bill will be re-introduced today, April 21, on the Senate floor and then go back to the Committee. WCIND interest is in the type transfer and recommends a type No. 4, without any loss of status, title, or assets. Mr. Dye stated the Type No. 4 is the bill worked out in the Governor's Office with the Florida Ports & Water Resources Association at which time the amendment was offered.

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Senator Henderson's proposal was to change the Type No. 4 to a Type No. 3 plan with WCIND being absorbed by the State. After discussing the provisions of these two plans with Senator Henderson, Mr. Dye stated that Senator Henderson is now willing to leave the amendment as it was stated, for Type No. 4; this is a waterway activity and should have a leadership as such. The Chairman thanked both Mr. Dye, Counsel and the Director and requested that the board be kept advised as to action.

Administration Procedure Law: Mr. Dye reported on the sample copy of rules. Rules will have to be adopted by WCIND as to governing the board's business.

WCIND Resolution of Appreciation: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, for Jacksonville District, The District Engineer: The Director submitted for adoption a resolution, No. 75-02, expressing WCIND appreciation for the assistance and cooperation given by Colonel Emmett C. Lee, Jr., District Engineer, who will be given another assignment in July. Commr. Castor moved for the resolution be adopted; the motion was seconded and was carried.

ACTIVITIES REPORT

Sarasota County

Casey Key Property Owner's Request: Mr. Whittaker Lonsdale was present to submit again his sketches of property condition which adjoins the Lovell-Sou Chan properties on Casey Key to demonstrate the siltation problem. These will be reviewed and further inspection made prior to the next meeting.

Venice Cut - Bank Restoration: The Corps of Engineers contract is to be awarded April 30 in Jacksonville for \$2,000,000 and about six to nine months period for bank restoration and rip rap work.

Regulatory Signs Project: The Director reported on attendance at the Sarasota County Marine Council meeting re waterway regulatory signs. The Corps of Engineers has disapproved the earlier plans as reported at the recent meeting. The purpose of this project is the "Slow Wake" signs to go on the bridge fenders; the signs are reported as \$100 each. The Chairman requested Commr. Rhodes to handle this responsibility.

Manatee County

Longboat Pass: The project plans will be re-submitted to the Atlanta Corps of Engineers Office. The Director will meet with C.E. personnel in Jacksonville on April 30 at the Venice Cut bid opening and will request information for WCIND board.

Pinellas County

St. Joseph Sound Dredging Project: The Director and Mr. Dye reported no news to date, since the last board meeting, on the Crystal Beach Court Case held in Tampa. Mr. Dye reported that the project was interjected during debate on the State Senate Floor by Senator Saylor during the Environmental re-organization bill proposal with the question being on spoil dredging and payment due the State

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for the material removed. The bill then in question would exempt payment to the State by ports and navigation districts.

Inquiry on Waterway Obstructions: Commr. Jones inquired as to any action being taken and by whom for exclusion from the waterway of two sunken barges which have been there for a number of years. The Director will make inquiry to the C.E. Tampa Area Engineer, Mr. W. V. Canaday, for a report on removal plans.

The ACTIVITIES REPORT was accepted as presented.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT MEETING DATE - The aboard agreed that the next regular monthly board meeting will be held Monday, May 19, 1975, Sarasota County Commission Meeting Room.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.


Chairman


Secretary