

WEST COAST INLAND



NAVIGATION DISTRICT

BOARD MEETING AGENDA

APRIL 6, 1990 / 10:30 AM

ADMINISTRATION:

- A) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 23, 1990
- B) APPROVAL OF THE BILLS TO BE PAID FOR APRIL, 1990
- C) APPROVAL OF THE TREASURER'S REPORTS OF JANUARY AND FEBRUARY, 1990

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES COMMENTS:

ACTIVITIES REPORT:

SARASOTA COUNTY

- A) PRESENTATION BY MARK ALDERSON, N.E.P. PROGRAM
- B) EXECUTE MARINE MAMMAL STRANDING PROJECT AGREEMENT FY89/90

ALL COUNTIES

- A) FY90/91 BUDGET DISCUSSION TO REVIEW FUNDING REQUESTS
- B) REVIEW INLET MANAGEMENT RESOLUTION

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- A) REPORT ON C.O.E. REPLY REGARDING R.O.W. MAINTENANCE
- B) REPORT ON LEGISLATION, SENATE NATURAL RESOURCE COMMITTEE AND HOUSE COMMITTEE ON REGULATORY REFORM ON THE SUNDOWN REVIEW OF ALL NAVIGATION DISTRICTS

NEXT MEETING DATE:

SUGGESTED: MAY 25, 1990

4/6/90

WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT

BOARD MEETING

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
1. <u>PAUL T. MARRONE</u>	<u>I.T.S.</u>
2. <u>Russ Wolfe</u>	<u>USCGAUX FLOT. 8.6</u>
3. <u>MARK ALDERSON</u>	<u>NEP - SB</u>
4. <u>Geoffrey W. Patton</u>	<u>Mote Marine Lab</u>
5. <u>Belinda Perry</u>	<u>S.C. NRD</u>
6. <u>CARLOS R. CARRERO</u>	<u>S.C. NRD</u>

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT WAS HELD ON FRIDAY, APRIL 6, 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 ARMSTRONG, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
CONNIE MCLENNA, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
PHILIP E. PERREY, DYE & SCOTT

DNR REPRESENTATIVE: JACK WOODARD, NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

GUESTS PRESENT: PAUL T. MARRONE, INTRA-COASTAL TUG & SALVAGE
RUSS WOLFE, USCG AUXILIARY FLOTILLA 8-6
MARK ALDERSON, NEP-SB
GEOFFREY W. PATTON, MOTE MARINE LABORATORY
BELINDA PERREY, SARASOTA COUNTY NATURAL
RESOURCES MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT
JACK MERRIAM, SARASOTA COUNTY NATURAL
RESOURCES MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT
CARLOS R. CARRERO, SARASOTA COUNTY NATURAL
RESOURCES MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

ADMINISTRATION:

WITH COMMISSIONER JUDAH PRESIDING, COMMISSIONER GREENWALD MOTIONED APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 23, 1990, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT, MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT MOTIONED APPROVAL OF THE BILLS TO BE PAID FOR APRIL, 1990, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GREENWALD, MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT MOTIONED APPROVAL OF THE TREASURER'S REPORT OF JANUARY AND FEBRUARY, 1990, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GREENWALD, MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

MR. ARMSTRONG INTRODUCED EACH GUEST AND WELCOMED THEM TO TODAY'S MEETING.

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES COMMENTS:

MR. WOODARD STATED HE HAD NOTHING TO REPORT AT THIS TIME.

ACTIVITIES REPORT:

MR. CHETLAIN ARRIVED AND COMMISSIONER JUDAH TURNED THE MEETING OVER TO THE CHAIRMAN.

ACTIVITIES REPORT CONTINUED:

REPORT ON SNAKE ISLAND:

MR. ARMSTRONG INFORMED HE HAS RECEIVED A REQUEST FROM PAUL MARRONE TO MAKE A PRESENTATION REGARDING THE MANAGEMENT OF SNAKE ISLAND. MR. MARRONE STATED IT SEEMS THAT IT IS A GENERAL CONSENSUS AMONG MANY THAT SNAKE ISLAND PRESENTS NUMEROUS PROBLEMS BASICALLY DUE TO A LACK OF MANAGEMENT, I.E. BOND FIRES, ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION, LAUNCHING BOTTLE ROCKETS AT FUEL DOCKS, TREE SWINGS AND LAWSUITS.

MR. MARRONE IS PROPOSING A PRIVATE OPERATED RESCUE STATION ON THE ISLAND THAT WILL PROVIDE RESCUE SERVICE TO THE GENERAL BOATING PUBLIC.

AS MOST EVERYONE KNOWS THE COAST GUARD RESPONDS TO DISTRESS CALLS ONLY IF LIFE AND LIMB ARE AT DANGER. THAT IF THIS IS NOT THE CASE THEY FORWARD THE EMERGENCY TO A PRIVATE FIRM SUCH AS HIS.

MR. MARRONE SAID HE WORKS CLOSELY WITH C.O.E., D.N.R., COUNTY SHERRIF, MARINE DEPUTIES, COAST GUARD AND COAST GUARD AUXILIARY.

THE MANAGEMENT PROPOSAL MR. MARRONE IS PROPOSING AND REQUESTING THE BOARDS INPUT IS TO PROVIDE A RESCUE STATION PRIVATELY FUNDED ON THE ISLAND, INCLUDING INSTALLATION OF A 100' DOCK TO BE USED EXCLUSIVELY BY HIMSELF AND BY ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, MARINE PATROL, COAST GUARD AND COAST GUARD AUXILIARY AND WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC USE. HE WILL ALSO INCLUDE A RESCUE STATION SUPPLYING THESE OFFICERS WITH PHONES, RADIO COMMUNICATION, A PLACE TO GET OUT OF THE WEATHER, TO DO PAPERWORK AND STILL BE IN TOUCH WITH THE MAINLAND.

IT WOULD PROVIDE A GENERAL, LOCAL ACCESS TO RESPOND TO THE GULF AND NORTH OR SOUTH ON THE INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY.

THERE WOULD BE NO EXPENSE TO THE COUNTY OR ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT ENTITY, TOTAL PRIVATE FUNDING WITH PUBLIC ACCESS REGULATED VERY SIMILAR TO THAT OF THE SARASOTA COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATIONS REGULATIONS GOVERNING COUNTY PARKS.

FURTHER, MR. MARRONE INFORMED HE WILL NOT BE THERE TO ENFORCE THE LAW BUT WILL BE ABLE TO INFORM THE PROPER AUTHORITY OF ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES SUCH AS LITTERING, DESTRUCTION OF MANGROVES, DRUG PARTIES, FIRES, ETC. THEY WILL SUPPLY TRASH CONTAINERS AND PROVIDE 24 HOUR MANAGEMENT OF THE ISLAND.

HE HAS RECEIVED THE SUPPORT FROM THE OWNERS OF THE CROWSNEST AND THEIR DOCK MASTER AND THE MARINE PATROL, COAST GUARD ARE ALL SHOWING INTEREST AND FAVOR TOWARDS A MANAGEMENT PROPOSAL SUCH AS THIS.

HIS PROPOSAL INCLUDES A 100' DOCK RUNNING PARALLEL ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE ISLAND, NOT IN THE INTRACOASTAL AND INSIDE THE MARKER NOT INHIBITING NAVIGATION.

AT PRESENT THERE IS ONE STATION IN NOKOMIS THAT SERVES ITS PURPOSE FOR TWO CUTTERS AND ANOTHER AT CORTEZ WHICH IS A LONG, LONG WAY AWAY.

HE HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH CONTRACTORS WHICH ASSURED HIM WHATEVER FACILITIES ARE NEEDED WILL BE ABLE TO ACQUIRE AND PERMIT, I.E. SUB-AQUEOUS COMMUNICATION LINES WITH EVERYTHING INSTALLED TO CODE.

ACTIVITIES REPORT CONTINUED:

REPORT ON SNAKE ISLAND CONTINUED:

THIS IS A PRELIMINARY PRESENTATION AND WANTED TO GET THIS BOARD'S ASSURANCES BEFORE PURSUING THIS MANAGEMENT PROPOSAL ANY FURTHER. COMMISSIONER GREENWALD STATED WCIND HAS HAD A PROBLEM WITH MANAGING THIS ISLAND AND SARASOTA COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT HAS DECLINED TAKING IT OVER AND THIS MIGHT BE A GOOD CONCEPT OF PRIVATE/PUBLIC COOPERATION AND SUGGESTED ALLOWING MR. MARRONE TO COME BACK WITH A MORE DETAILED PLAN INCLUDING SUPPORT FROM THE COAST GUARD AUXILIARY AND POWER SQUADRON INDICATING THEY WOULD USE THESE FACILITIES.

COMMISSIONER JUDAH SAID IT SOUNDS AS THOUGH YOU HAVE A DEFINITE MAY-BE.

MR. MARRONE SAID THAT IS ALL HE WAS ASKING FOR.

MR. ARMSTRONG SAID HE FEELS THIS IS A GOOD IDEA AND WILL WORK ON COMING UP WITH THE BEST WAY TO GO ABOUT IT, I.E. LEASE, LAND USE AGREEMENT, ETC. AND TO LOOK AT THE LEGAL ASPECT OF IT.

COMMISSIONER JUDAH STATED THIS PROPOSAL LOOKS PROMISING.

MR. WOLFE, FLOTILLA COMMANDER OF USCG AUXILIARY 8-6 SAID HE HAS SPOKEN WITH THE COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE COAST GUARD CUTTER POINT COUNTESS REGARDING THIS PROPOSAL AND HE SAYS THE COAST GUARD CAN NEITHER PROMOTE NOR ENDORSE IN ANYWAY A COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISE HOWEVER HE THINKS THIS IS A GOOD IDEA BUT WHATEVER FACILITY BEING PLACED THERE WOULD IN NO WAY HINDER THE NAVIGATION BY THE COAST GUARD CUTTER BUT AS FAR AS THE COAST GUARD AUXILIARY IS CONCERNED THEY SUPPORT THIS IDEA. FURTHER, MR. WOLFE SAID IF THE FACILITIES WERE THERE HE WAS SURE THEY WOULD USE THEM, WOULD PROVIDE ADDITIONAL O.A. STATION AND ADDITIONAL ACCESS.

NATIONAL ESTUARY PROGRAM PRESENTATION:

MR. ALDERSON STATED WHILE REVIEWING HIS SLIDES HE IS HERE TODAY TO PROVIDE AN OVERVIEW OF THE N.E.P. PROGRAM EXPLAINING WHAT N.E.P. IS DOING AND THEIR PLANS FOR THE FUTURE.

HE INFORMED, OF THE MANY PROGRAMS N.E.P. IS INVOLVED WITH, THE PROGRAM THIS BOARD IS MOST INTERESTED IN IS THE REGIONAL BEACH AND INLET PROGRAM AND THAT IS WHAT HE IS HERE TO TALK ABOUT.

THE CONCEPT IS TO TRY AND COME-UP WITH SOME TYPE OF REGIONAL PROGRAM DEVELOPED WHERE THERE COULD BE CONTINUOUS BEACH RENOURISHMENT PROGRAMS GOING ON, CONTINUOUS BEACH AND INLET MAINTENANCE ON GOING THROUGHOUT THE AREA, CONTINUOUS PERMITS GOING AT ONE TIME AND COLLECT INFORMATION ON LITTORAL DRIFT ON SEDIMENTS.

HIS POLICY BOARD HAS DIRECTED HIM TO APPROACH WCIND FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF \$150,000.00

WITH FURTHER DISCUSSION THE BOARD THANKED MR. ALDERSON FOR HIS VERY INFORMATIVE PRESENTATION.

ACTIVITIES REPORT CONTINUED:

REVIEW FY90/91 FUNDING REQUESTS:

MR. ARMSTRONG INFORMED HE HAS RECEIVED ONLY ONE FUNDING REQUEST FROM LEE COUNTY AND ONE FROM D.N.R. AND HAVE NOT RECEIVED ENOUGH REQUESTS TO HAVE A BUDGET DISCUSSION AND TO FOREGO THIS UNTIL A LATER DATE.

REVIEW INLET MANAGEMENT RESOLUTION:

MR. ARMSTRONG REPORTED WE HAVE RECEIVED ALL RESOLUTIONS BACK FROM THE FOUR COUNTIES DESIGNATING WCIND AS LIAISON WITH DNR ON INLET MANAGEMENT. THIS WILL PROBABLY WORK HAND IN HAND WITH WHAT THE N.E.P. IS TRYING TO DO.

WITH THE BOARDS PERMISSION WE WILL FORWARD THESE RESOLUTIONS TO KIRBY GREEN INDICATING WCIND IS NOW IN A POSITION TO GET THE SPECIFICS ON WHAT EXACTLY DNR WANT US TO DO. AS DIRECTED BY THIS BOARD HE IS ALREADY WORKING ON STUMP PASS AND WILL BE MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS TO EITHER COMPLEMENT DREDGING OR DO AWAY WITH DREDGING.

MR. ARMSTRONG HAS MET WITH CONTRACTORS, COUNTY ENGINEERS AND THE PROJECT DIRECTOR AND CHARLOTTE COUNTY IS IN THE PROCESS OF DECIDING ON WHETHER TO DREDGE THE INLET OR PARTIALLY DREDGE THE INLET. THAT EITHER NO PERMITS WILL BE ISSUED WITHOUT A FIVE YEAR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN IN PLACE OR A PLAN BEING SUBMITTED IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER. HE DOES NOT PERCEIVE THIS AS WCIND DESIGNING A PLAN TO DO ALL PASSES THAT ANYTHING WCIND DOES SHOULD GO BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND THEIR STAFF AND SHOULD REALLY BE THE KIND OF THING THEY REALLY WANT TO SEE HAPPEN.

FURTHER, A BILL BEING PROPOSED IN TALLAHASSEE RIGHT NOW IS SAYING NAVIGATION DISTRICTS WILL STUDY INLET MANAGEMENT, REVIEW WHO IS MANAGING THEM AT PRESENT, HOW THEY ARE BEING MANAGED AND ADVISE THE 1991 LEGISLATURE HOW IT SHOULD BE MANAGED DECIDING WHETHER OR NOT NAVIGATION DISTRICTS SHOULD BE MANAGING INLETS.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

C.O.E.'S REPLY REGARDING R.O.W. MAINTENANCE:

MR. ARMSTRONG STATED HE WROTE COE TRYING TO GET A CLEAR DEFINITION OF WHAT THEIR RESPONSIBILITY IS ON R.O.W. AND EASEMENTS. THEY HAVE RESPONDED SAYING, IN SIMPLE TERMS, THEY HAVE NO RESPONSIBILITY, THAT IF WCIND IS THE FEE SIMPLE OWNER IT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY.

YET, THEY STILL STATE THEY CONTAIN THE RIGHT TO SAY WHAT WE DO WITH THE LAND, I.E. NO STRUCTURES, FENCES, ETC. HOWEVER, THEY AGREE IT IS THEIR RESPONSIBILITY, SHOULD A TREE FALL IN THE R.O.W. THEY WILL REMOVE IT AT THEIR EXPENSE.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT CONTINUED:

REPORT ON LEGISLATION AND SUNDOWN REVIEW OF ALL NAVIGATION DISTRICTS:

THE DIRECTOR REVIEWED PCB 7 STATING AFTER SEVERAL DAYS OF HAGGLING AND WEEKS OF CONCERN THIS IS THE BILL THAT CAME OUT OF THE HOUSE SUB COMMITTEE REGULATORY REFORM. PRIOR TO THIS BILL WAS ANOTHER BILL THAT DID AWAY WITH THE WATERWAY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, WHEREBY, THE ONLY THING WCIND COULD DO WOULD BE TO STUDY INLETS.

WITH THE BOARDS PERMISSION, HE HIRED AN ATTORNEY IN TALLAHASSEE AND HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH THEM EVERYDAY. OUT OF THAT WORK CAME PCB 7. AFTER EXTENSIVE REVIEW OF THIS BILL THE DIRECTOR ASKED FOR THE BOARDS INPUT REGARDING ANY CHANGES THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE.

COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT SAID THIS BILL GOES ALONG WITH THE STEPS WCIND HAS TAKEN IN THE PAST FOR YEARS TO BRING THE FUNDING PROGRAM IN A LITTLE CLOSER TO AID MAINLY NAVIGATION. WITH PAST LEGISLATION, WCIND COULD HAVE FUNDED ALMOST ANYTHING.

MR. PERREY SAID THAT IT WAS A VERY WISE THING TO HIRE LOCAL COUNSEL. THAT THEY SEEM TO BE ABLE TO SCHEDULE MEETINGS WITH KEY LEGISLATORS AND TALK TO THEM FACE TO FACE EXPLAINING THE WAY IT REALLY IS. MOST LEGISLATORS DO NOT KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT WCIND NOR DO THEY CARE.

MR. ARMSTRONG SAID HE WAS NOT CRAZY ABOUT THE IDEA TO HIRE ANYONE TO DO ANYTHING BUT HAD WE NOT IT PROBABLY WOULD HAVE BEEN A DISASTER. THERE IS NO TELLING WHAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED!

RELAYING HIS VIEWS, COMMISSIONER JUDAH STATED HE CERTAINLY DOES NOT WANT TO SEE WCIND BECOME THE MAIN FUNDING SOURCE FOR THE RESPONSIBILITY OF SIGN POSTING AND MAINTAINING REGULATORY MARKERS FOR MANATEE PROTECTION AND SPEED ZONES. THE BILL SHOULD READ "MAY FUND" AND SHOULD ALSO INCLUDE "WITHIN THE DISTRICT."

MR. PERREY INFORMED THERE IS AN INTERNAL INCONSISTENCY REGARDING FBIP FUNDING. IT WOULD SEEM SIGNAGE WOULD FALL UNDER FBIP FUNDING AND ONE SECTION OF THIS BILL SAYS THAT WCIND WILL FUND NOTHING THAT CAN BE FUNDED UNDER THE FBIP.

WITH FURTHER DISCUSSION COMMISSIONER JUDAH THANKED MR. ARMSTRONG AND MR. PERREY FOR SETTING UP THE MEETINGS WITH THE SENATORS JOHNSON AND DUDLEY AND ENLIGHTENING SENATOR BROWN ON WHAT WCIND IS ALL ABOUT.

MR. ARMSTRONG STATED THAT ANOTHER AREA REVIEWED BY THE LEGISLATORS IS ENCUMBERED FUNDS. THAT THEY FELT RULES MUST BE SET-UP TO PROHIBIT THE ENCUMBRANCE OF FUNDS FOR A PROJECT BEYOND THREE YEARS FOLLOWING APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT.

INFORMING, MR. ARMSTRONG SAID THAT THERE IS A LOT OF MONEY ENCUMBERED THAT IS NOT EVEN ACCOUNTED FOR. NO AGREEMENTS, RESOLUTIONS, APPLICATIONS OR HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED FOR AND SUGGESTED A DEADLINE OF JUNE 1, 1990 TO RESOLVE THIS MATTER MAINLY DUE TO PENDING LEGISLATION. THAT IT CERTAINLY DOES NOT LOOK TOO GOOD THAT ALLOCATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE WITH NO PLANS FOR THE ALLOCATIONS.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

MR. ARMSTRONG SUGGESTED A MAY 25, 1990 MEETING DATE TO COORDINATE WITH THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS IWW INSPECTION TRIP AND WILL SEND FURTHER INFORMATION AS SOON AS IT IS AVAILABLE.

MINUTES OF 4/6/90

Kent G. Chetlain

COMMISSIONER KENT G. CHETLAIN, CHAIRMAN

Jim Greenwald

COMMISSIONER JIM GREENWALD, SECRETARY