

A special meeting of the WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS was held March 18, 1964 at the Manatee County Office Building, Bradenton, Florida.

Present were:

Ellsworth G. Simmons, Chairman, Hillsborough County  
H.H. Anger, Vice Chairman, Charlotte County  
Irwin Klemmer, Treasurer, Manatee County  
Masel C. Huston, Sarasota County

Absent: A.L. Anderson, Secretary, Pinellas County  
Mack H. Jones, Lee County

J. Hardin Peterson, Sr., Special Counsel  
Joe K. Merrin, Engineer

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 2 P.M. and expressed appreciation for the attendance upon short notice.

Mr. Dye presented a resolution authorizing immediate proceedings in Court to acquire the small parcel of right-of-way at Cats Point which is necessary for the project and for which the staff had been unable to reach an agreement with the owners (Ratner interests). The resolution authorizing condemnation was adopted. Motion was made and carried instructing Counsel to proceed with immediate order of taking.

As directed at the March 13, 1964 meeting, the two properties proposed to be exchanged at Venice (Section 3 R/W, Caspersen) were appraised March 16. Mr. Dye gave the report that WCIND's 1.37 acres was appraised at \$548 and the Caspersen .52 acres at \$520. He recommended an even exchange which was the recommendation of the appraiser. The .52 acre tract is urgently needed now for transfer to the Corps of Engineers, and condemnation proceedings would cause too much of a time

lapse as far as being able to advise Congress that all Section 3 right-of-way has been acquired. This parcel would complete Section 3 lands except for two highway crossings which SRD will not convey to WCIND until plans for the US 41 By-Pass have been completed.

Commissioner Huston said he did not wish to hold up the project but felt that Caspersen was getting a tremendous benefit. Mr. Dye mentioned that three spoil areas were needed from Mr. Caspersen. The concensus was that if Mr. Caspersen would grant the spoil areas the proposed exchange of right-of-way would be justified. Motion was made and carried authorizing transaction as recommended by the appraisers and the attorney with the understanding that all spoil area and right-of-way needs would be satisfied.

Execution of a quit claim deed to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Couch was authorized for temporary spoil area easement they had given the Navigation District in 1961, which has expired and is no longer needed as Section 5 is completed.

Voucher #3685, the first of title insurance bills in Sec. 2, was approved for payment.

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 P.M.

*W. H. Anger*

VICE - Chairman

*A. L. Anderson*

Secretary