

The monthly board meeting of the Board of Commissioners, WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT, was held June 26, 1981, at the South County Annex, Sarasota County, Venice, Florida.

Present were:

Commissioner Joseph A. Tringali, Chairman, Charlotte County
 Commissioner Jerry L. Hente, Vice Chairman, Sarasota County
 Commissioner Ernest Averill, Secretary, Lee County
 Commissioner Franz H. Ross, Alternate, Charlotte County

Charles E. Furbee, Executive Director
 Philip E. Perrey, Associate Counsel

Absent was: Westwood H. Fletcher, Treasurer, Manatee County

Guests: Mr. F. S. Patterson, Acquisition Branch, R.E. Div.,
 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville Dist.

Mrs. Susie Coleman, Administrative Assistant,
 Div. of Resource Management, DNR, Tallahassee.

ADMINISTRATION

The meeting convened at 10:35 a.m. with Chairman Tringali presiding.

Minutes of April 24, 1981 regular board meeting were approved as was presented. There was no board meeting for the month of May.

Treasurer's Report: April 30, 1981 and May 31, 1981 reports were approved as presented. Interest earned on both deposits and the checking account was reported to average \$1,500 a month. Vouchers for current bills for May 22, #2320 through #2343, and for June 26, #2344 through #2367, were approved for payment.

APPROVAL OF BUDGET FY 1981-82 WCIND received notice June 9 from DNR that the FY 1981-82 budget had been approved on June 2, 1981, and copy of certification of approval was enclosed. Commr. Averill inquired about consideration of future projects' cost, such as the \$25,000 maintenance cost for Stump Pass project as is budgeted. The Director reported that this fund \$25,000 will be reflected as of October 1, 1981 in accordance with approved budget FY 1981-82.

1981 Session-State Legislature The WCIND proposed legislation for the change in Florida Law, Chapter 374, was not brought up in the House this session.

WCIND Membership - NWC, Inc. Continued membership was discussed for the National Waterways Conference, Inc., dues required. Commr. Averill moved that WCIND continue its membership; motion was seconded and carried.

WCIND Property Report The Director reported on status re Property. Pinellas County is still incomplete. The WCIND is required by law to report to Land Management in Tallahassee and this work will be

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continued to bring these reports up to date:

		<u>Assessed Value as of 12/31/80</u>	
Manatee County	(02) Islands.....	\$	6,000
Sarasota County	(14) 136.1 acres....	\$1,713,510	
Charlotte County	(09) Lot parcels....	\$	281,807
Hillsborough County			NONE
Lee County			NONE

The easements and right-of-ways were noted for reference.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: Mrs. Coleman was welcomed for attendance at this meeting today to represent DNR. Mr. Patterson was introduced to Board members and welcomed for representation of C.E. Jacksonville.

ACTIVITIES REPORT

Charlotte County

Stump Pass Project - Finances The January 24, 1980 agreement was again reviewed, WCIND/Charlotte County as the co-sponsors of project. Charlotte County had received contract bids but could not award it until funds (DNR AND WCIND) were received per the Charlotte County Finance chairman. The State was to send funds as pledged and the WCIND was to release its pledged funds. As of February 1, 1980, the latest date for contractor to hold the contract, the funds which were to be received from State was \$301,208.00. Actual cost of project was \$385,014.25. The WCIND paid \$107,025.11. The WCIND share of costs was \$131,298.59 (34.1% of cost, \$385,014.25). The Director recommended, in order for final settlement with the DNR Bureau of Beaches and Shores, that WCIND issue its check for \$25,000 to Charlotte County as reimbursement for expenses made from its County funds, with stipulation to cover this transaction, because of the misunderstanding of interest funds' use plus non-authorized certain funds owed the contractor for work performed; then Charlotte County to reimburse the WCIND \$88,607.00 plus interest for settlement. Commr. Averill moved that WCIND authorize the \$25,000 funds check be sent to Charlotte County who will in turn forward Charlotte County check to WCIND for \$88,607 plus interest since March 26, 1981; this amount will then be forwarded to DNR Bureau Beaches and Shores as final settlement on project. Motion was seconded and carried.

Commr. Hente noted that this experience (WCIND/Charlotte County as co-sponsors) should be noted and valued in reference and in any anticipation re future projects.

Commr. Ross addressed the Board re Charlotte County plans for a State Park and to meet with DNR for input; also, for plans now to have a marine biologist report to DNR re silting and fishing reefs.

Stump Pass - Maintenance A report was given on the requests for aid to the U.S. Coast Guard who has stated that "they can not do so." The question is to be, how best to approach maintenance of these Stump Pass Aids. There is no Federal monies now to complete the Study of Passes project; in the meantime, the C.G. Aux. is reporting trouble in the area. The Director suggested that the WCIND Board could consider a joint effort.

Commr. Ross stated that Norfolk Dredging replaced one post, and

an ultimate report from Washington D.C. is positive for the C.E.; within a year, this problem should be settled. Charlotte County with Norfolk Dredging should be able to resolve this problem for the current time. He stated that the trouble is both a shift of Markers and the siltation.

The Director reported that Sam Harris' aerial photos of area show up the shoaling in a bad condition; another photo soon will prove the latest condition of shoaling in the Stump Pass.

State Lands Nourishment Project - A period of ten years is now required of the local sponsor for monitoring State-owned property.

Sarasota County

Spoil Area: Maintenance Spoil Area S-3, S-4 This property was acquired by WCIND when the Venice Cut was dug; dredged material was placed on a 78-acre parcel. Some of this spoil material has been sold by WCIND. Ten acres was conveyed to the C.E. for a perpetual easement. A quitclaim to WCIND for 5 acres is held in Jacksonville C.E. Office until the bottom half of the area is required for future needs. A net of approximately 38-40 acres of top 500' held by WCIND, a value of \$20,000-\$25,000 per acre, is now held by WCIND; neither WCIND nor the C.E. needs this property.

The Director proposed, before the Corps of Engineers will accept this deed, that with WCIND perpetual easement, WCIND property line does not include ditch here. He reported that Sarasota County says "no one owns the ditch." Before any future decision can be made for a sale, the question is drainage; this ditch is maintained by Sarasota County. The question must be for title search, then the purchase of the ditch so that WCIND can provide Corps of Engineers with a perpetual easement.

Mrs. Coleman, DNR, stated that first, this property must be offered to the County or the State before any private sale.

The Corps of Engineers states that it only requires one-half of this over-all land parcel and that WCIND denote ownership of ditch.

Commr. Hente moved that the Board authorize the Director proceed to determine the ownership in order to later initiate action to acquire this ditch; the motion was seconded and carried.

Venice Cut - Maintenance (C.E.) The Corps of Engineers has been cooperating with the WCIND's needs by fertilizing, mowing and maintaining channel banks of the Cut through the residential area.

Manatee County

Longboat Pass Dredging Project - Attorney Perrey addressed the Board to present the evidence of 33 documents needed originally. Now, only 32 are needed, 20 of which are now received and 12 others being worked on. These easements are needed to pump material from dredging over to the beach for a period of three years. The problem is with owners.

Mr. Patterson reported that the beach here has been accreted and the C.E. is in process of studying by going seaward of Control Line. It is preferred to have pipeline and equipment on upland; and settle rather than condemn. Attorney Perrey stated date now is July 15 for acquisition of easements; if it is to sue, delay will be encountered.

Pinellas County

Crystal Beach Property - Contract - Latest information received advises that the plans for multi-family area sale is no longer active. WCIND has received a request for the latter 3 of the first five releases - as per contract. Commr. Hente moved that WCIND release these three now; motion was seconded and carried.

The ACTIVITIES REPORT was accepted as presented.

NEW BUSINESS

Corps of Engineers' Statement of Policy - Mr. Patterson stated that C.E. policy for easements required should be considered as to future experience. Work should be done while the C.E. has the funds. He will make his report to the WCIND next week.

WCIND Proposed Legislation - Commr. Averill reported that both he and the Director learned that there was no need to go up to Tallahassee; no money was spent. Next year, more planning will be made for action as required.

LEE COUNTY Request for Agenda Item, Next Meeting - Commr. Averill stated Lee County Commission requested to be placed on agenda - re the possible project for Lee County. Commr. Roeder will attend.


WCIND Policy for Board Meetings Attendance - Members' attendance, or their Alternates' attendance as substitutes, was discussed for future meetings. This should be with members' cooperation to secure the quorums in future with the Director's notice for WCIND board meetings to members and their Alternates; also, for the consideration of members' scheduled County Commission & Hearings meetings, another date for meetings could be scheduled.


Commr. Hente suggested that Commr. Anderson should be considered as Sarasota County Alternate for attendance.

NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE

Recommendation was made that the Board schedule its next regular meeting for Friday, August 28, 1981.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.


Secretary


Chairman