

The regular meeting of the WEST COAST INLAND
 NAVIGATION DISTRICT was held in the Court House in
 Bradenton, Florida, Tuesday, September 8, 1959, at 2 p.m.

Present were:

Ellsworth Simmons, Chairman	Hillsborough County
James D. Neville	Sarasota County
H. C. Slaughter	Manatee County
James E. Miller	Charlotte County
J. Hardin Peterson	Special Attorney
George Kumpe	Executive Director
J. K. Merrin	Engineer
Dewey Dye, Jr.	Attorney
Bruce M. Cox	Accountant

Absent were:

Wilson Pigott	Lee County
Charles Fischer	Pinellas County

Mr. Simmons, Chairman, brought the meeting to order.

Mr. Slaughter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Neville that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as presented. APPROVED.

Mr. Simmons welcomed Col. George Kumpe, Executive Director for the District, and advised that office accommodations have been made for Col. Kumpe in the Courthouse in Bradenton. Mr. Simmons requested Mr. Slaughter to express the appreciation of the District to Manatee County Commissioners for providing office space for Col. Kumpe.

Mr. Miller made a motion, seconded by Mr. Neville authorizing Mr. Slaughter and Col. Kumpe to purchase furniture for the new office. Furniture to be in keeping with other offices in the building, and the property of the District. APPROVED.

After discussion by the Board, it was decided that Manatee County would furnish the office space and utilities; that the District would furnish the office, and have a telephone installed. Col. Kumpe was instructed to order stationery with necessary changes noted.

Mr. Neville made a motion directing Col. Kumpe to charge his travel expense and mileage to the District when traveling for the District, mileage set at 10¢ per mile. Col. Kumpe is also authorized to make whatever trips within Florida he deems necessary in his capacity as Executive Director of WCIND. Motion seconded by Mr. Slaughter. APPROVED.

Mr. Miller made a motion, seconded by Mr. Neville directing Col. Kumpe to employ a secretary, and appointing Mr. Neville and Mr. Slaughter to serve as committee to work out a suitable wage which would be in keeping with the wage scale in this area. APPROVED.

Mr. Simmons requested Col. Kumpe check with his automobile insurance agent to determine need for rider to protect District during travel for the District.

Upon question, Mr. Peterson advised that all the members of the District contact their Congressmen requesting them to vote for the Public Works appropriation Act, over the recent Presidential veto. Mr. Peterson suggested that in the event appropriated funds are not

allocated to the West Coast Intracoastal Canal, work should begin immediately to have them in next budget.

Mr. Merrin reported that he received a complete alignment and spoil area map from the Corps of Engineers for the whole project. One change has been received since that time affecting Lee County, and this information had been furnished Mr. Pigott, representative from Lee County. Mr. Merrin also reported that R/W easement for Pinellas County was received from the Trustees of the I. I. Fund and was transmitted to Mr. Dewey Dye, for handling.

There was general discussion among the members regarding the disposal of spoil. It was agreed that the District would acquire title to the spoil areas whenever possible.

WCIND is responsible for cooperating with the Corps of Engineers in accomplishing the canal project at minimum expense. Additional costs resulting from utilization of spoil for beneficial purposes, such as fill or beach nourishment, will not be borne by WCIND but are for direct negotiation and financial arrangement between local interests and the contractor.

Letter from Col. Paul D. Troxler, CE., District Engineer, Jacksonville, read, dated Aug. 7, 1959.

Mr. Simmons suggested that Col. Kumpe reply direct and requested Mr. Merrin and Col. Kumpe to prepare comments and send them to Col. Troxler at a later date.

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Letter from George F. Snodgrass, Corps of Engineers read, dated August 28, 1959, advising that a meeting be scheduled between representatives of the Army Engineers office and the District members on Sept. 9, 1959, to discuss problems relating to the acquisition of lands for the Caloosahatchee to Alligator Creek reach of the project. This meeting was cancelled by telegram on August 31st, and Mr. Simmons advised that a meeting would be arranged at a later date.

Copy telegram read from Mr. Simmons to Wm. C. Cramer urging his support in over-riding veto for Public Works appropriation.

General discussion regarding rebuilding three bridges, Seaboard Air Line Railroad Bridge at North Gasparilla Sound, an auto bridge at Punta Gorda Beach and the Manasota Bridge, in the first phase of construction. Mr. Simmons stated that the Board was not informed on who to see and what to do, and directed Col. Kumpe to look into the problem and contact the proper state authorities and private companies.

Mr. Slaughter read the Treasurer's Report.

Mr. Neville made a motion, seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the Treasurer's Report. APPROVED.

Mr. Slaughter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Neville approving the current bills for payment. APPROVED.

Mr. Simmons suggested that all correspondence should be in copy to Col. Kumpe, for his office records and to keep him informed as to what has been accomplished and what has to be done.

Mr. Simmons also suggested that Col. Kumpe be furnished with copies of R/W maps and they can be kept up-to-date in the new WCIND office at all times.

There being no further business, Mr. Neville made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Slaughter. ADJOURNED.


Secretary


Chairman

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