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The regular meeting of the West Coast Inland Navigation District was held in the court house in Bradenton, Florida, Monday, February 11th, 1957 at 2:00 p.m.

Present were

Charles R. Fischer, Vice Chairman	Pinellas County
H. C. Slaughter, Treasurer	Manatee County
Wilson Pigott, Secretary	Lee County
James E. Miller	Charlotte County
Edwin McCann	Sarasota, County

Fred W. Ball, Executive Secretary
 Joe K. Merrin, Engineer
 J. Hardin Peterson, Special Attorney (entered during the meeting.)

Ellsworth Simmons, Chairman, (Hillsborough County) was absent due to pressing business in Tallahassee, Florida.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Fischer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read. The vice chairman stated that if there were no alterations or corrections the minutes would stand approved as read.

The treasurer's report, given by Mr. Slaughter, was approved on motion by Mr. Pigott, seconded by Mr. Miller and carried.

Mr. Fisher advised that Chairman Simmons had written letters to the Senators and Congressman of the districts embraced by the Intracoastal Waterway regarding appropriation in the 1958 budget for construction funds for this project and had received answers from William C. Cramer, M.C., George Smathers, USS, Spessard L. Holland, USS, James A. Haley, M.C., Bob Sikes, M.C., and Paul G. Rogers, M.C.

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Upon motion by Mr. Slaughter, seconded by Mr. McCann, the correspondence was acknowledged.

The Board was advised by letter from J. Hardin Peterson that he had been in contact with Washington and Miami and was assured that the CAA would cooperate in working out the problems concerning the right-of-way over the Venice airport properties (in conjunction with agreement with the City of Venice) and that he was planning to go to Washington to confer with the committee on revised local contributions when the report was ready from the Director of the Budget.

The Special Report on Local Contribution Toward Alternate Route C-1, Navigation Improvement at Venice, Florida, was received from E. C. Itschner, Major General, USA, Chief of Engineers. (Dated 12/20/56)

Mr. Peterson came in during the discussion following the reading of the U. S. Engineers report. He explained that local contributions could be described as obtaining rights-of-way and building the necessary bridges and the furnishing of spoil disposal areas as outlined in the report; that as soon as appropriations were made in Congress this would be considered a "live project" and future appropriations would continue without the difficulty on the initial appropriations. (The federal government will not build any bridges, but there was a possibility that the State Road Department would aid in building the necessary bridges; that if the project had been underway three years ago that Department was willing to construct the bridge on the Tamiami Trail in Venice.

In discussing the necessary legislation to continue levy for the West Coast Inland Navigation District, motion was made by Mr. Slaughter that Attorneys Dye and Peterson review the Acts and write

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in their recommendations and send copies to the members of the District. Motion was seconded by Mr. McCann and carried.

Upon motion by Mr. Slaughter, seconded by Mr. McCann, Mr. Dye was authorized to make payment of \$11,825.00 to Eagle Point, Inc. for approximately eight acres in the vicinity of Albee Bridge (this amount was recommended by the appraisers) for right of way and also pay attorneys, Burkett and Smith, fees in connection with the negotiations for the property. (5 per cent of appraised figure).

Motion was made by Mr. Pigott that the Vice Chairman be authorized to execute agreement with Frank L. Guinan as set forth and recommended by Attorney Dye. Copy of the agreement is recorded as follows: (See page *Record when submitted by Dye*)

The engineer's report was received from Joe K. Merrin.

Motion was made by Mr. Pigott that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund be notified that it was the desire of this Board that application of Sarasota County for Nokomis Beach (north of Albee Bridge) (desired for recreational purposes) be held up pending further investigation and future communication from this Board. Motion was seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried.

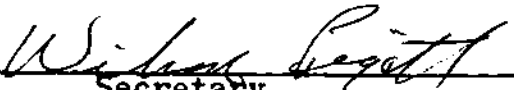
Upon being assured by Engineer Merrin that the sale of submerged lands near La Costa Island, Lee County, would not adversely affect the West Coast Inland Navigation right of way, motion was made by Mr. Pigott that the Board waive any objections to the sale. Motion was seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried.

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Upon motion by Mr. Slaughter, seconded by Mr. Pigott, bills attached to vouchers dated February 11, 1957 were approved for payment.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned to meet Monday, March 11, 1957 at 2:00 p.m.


Secretary


Chairman