

The regular monthly board meeting of the Board of Commissioners, WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT, was held May 17, 1976, in Sarasota County Administration Building, Sarasota, Florida.

Present were: Dan P. McClure, Chairman, Manatee County  
Larry Rhodes, Treasurer, Sarasota County  
George A. Goldtrap, Jr., Secretary, Lee County  
Dorothy R. Flowers, Charlotte County

Charles E. Furbee, Executive Director  
Dewey A. Dye, Jr., Counsel

Absent were: Don Jones, Vice Chairman, Pinellas County  
Bob Lester, Hillsborough County

#### ADMINISTRATION

The meeting convened at 10:30 a.m.

Minutes of March 12, 1976 regular monthly board meeting and minutes of March 22, 1976 special board meeting were approved as presented.

The Treasurer's reports for March, 1976 and for April, 1976 were approved as presented. Vouchers for April, 1976, #488 through #525; and vouchers for May #526 through #554, were approved for payment.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Requirements for the IWW were requested by the Director in his letter to the District Engineer, Col. Wisdom. The District Engineer's letter of April 29, 1976, in reply stated that the C.E. will perform a review of the property requirements using information available such as aerial photos, shoaling history, examination surveys and real estate maps. This will take considerable time in evaluating the various factors since the review involves approximately 150 miles of the waterway and it is expected that the results of this review can be furnished to WCIND by late July, 1976.

WCIND Proposed Budget - FY 1976-77 The Director submitted his proposed budget for WCIND board approval to forward same to the State DNR. The millage remains the same, at .005 mill; all schedules were reviewed. Commr. Rhodes requested information on the WCIND position of being self-sustaining. The Director reported that this is possible but it depends on the programs and the Corps of Engineers cooperation. Commissioner Goldtrap moved for board approval of WCIND proposed budget for FY 1976-77 and submitting same to the State Department of Natural Resources; the motion was seconded and carried. (*Resolution # 76-01*)

#### ACTIVITIES REPORT

##### Charlotte County

Property Exchange Request Dr. Norman Berk, Naples, asks for WCIND Lot No. 5 with pipeline easement in exchange for his Lot No 6 so that his properties would be adjoining, Lots No. 3, 4, and 5; he would pay the necessary costs if proposal is approved. The Director stated this would be expensive for exchange of lots located on

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Palm Island for reasons of the necessity of pipeline easement to the Gulf and also to obtain approval from the Corps of Engineers. The Director was instructed by the board to notify the property owner that his request is not in the best interests of WCIND.

Englewood Volunteer Fire Department -Annual Dues Request - Request for \$20.00/year dues was submitted for WCIND properties in this District. The Director reported that three are submerged parcels; the other are on Manasota Key and causeway lots running over to the beach. There are six parcels in Sarasota County as well as the two parcels in Charlotte County; the Director's recommendation was a total donation of \$160.00. Commr. Rhodes moved that the Director have the WCIND's Englewood Fire District membership processed for the lots involved in the amount of \$160.00; motion was seconded and carried.

### Sarasota County

Excess Property Disposal The Director reviewed the six WCIND lots on Manasota Key and recommended that WCIND Counsel prepare public invitation to bid with stipulation that WCIND still maintains all pipeline easements on properties. Commr. Rhodes moved that the Board authorize ads one at a time, for sealed bids for these six excess property lots with a stipulation for the WCIND existing pipeline easements and that the Net Amount be stated on the Sealed Bid; the motion was seconded and carried.

Lawsuit for Damages - Dr. Lovall and Mr. Sou Chan Mr. Dye briefed the board on the current status of this claim against WCIND. Mr. Dye will file a motion for a summary judgment re Dr. Lovall's deposition on his understanding of the matter.

Venice Cut - C.E. Contract for Rip Rap Work The Director stated that Mr. Chester Wofford will be in charge of the work area; the amount now is estimated about one-half of the originally estimated cost of \$2,000,000.

### Manatee County

Longboat Pass Project The Corps of Engineers letter of 20 April 1976 from the District Engineer advised Manatee County Commission on current status of the Section 107 Detailed Project Report on Longboat Pass. The President's Budget Request for FY 1977 contains no funds for continuation of the Small Projects Program. Limited funding for FY 1976 must be concentrated on completion of projects already committed for construction. The Longboat Pass project will be placed on the list for those to come. The Director reported that Mr. Dye, Commissioner McClure, and he had met in Bradenton last week with Col. Wisdom, District Engineer, and with Mr. Canaday of the Tampa C.E. Office re this project. They considered getting the Longboat Pass project to be a part of the IWW, in the River and Harbor Act; and, therefore, not having to wait on funds allotted to Small Projects Program. This method may open the door for C.E. funds available; funds possibly could be available within next year. Mr. Dye reported that this was also done during the IWW construction period for the Venice Inlet by the C.E. for the IWW budget. Commr. Flowers moved that Mr. Dye and the Director work out the method suggested so as to obtain

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from the Corps of Engineers the necessary funds for Longboat Pass project; the motion was seconded and carried.

Pinellas County

St. Joseph Sound Dredging Project - Land purchase for this project was closed and WCIND will attempt to get this property tax-free; all papers and documents re ownership are to be given to WCIND. There are six parcels in Sarasota County rather than that stated in the original proposal. A quitclaim deed is at the Jacksonville C.E. Office for the area MSA S-31. The Director reported that the C.E. proposes to submit its answer to WCIND within 60 days re the Crystal Beach project. The Chairman stated that the C.E. may now be thinking that Ocean Dumping procedure may be the more feasible method after all.

The ACTIVITIES REPORT was accepted as presented.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Corps of Engineers Proposal A General Permit for man-made canals and for rip rap protection and navigation aids establishment is being studied. Mr. Dye recommended that a letter of support to the C.E. should be forwarded by WCIND. Commr. Rhodes moved that the Director write the WCIND letter of support for the C.E. public notices re the General Permits, SAJ-2, 4, and 5.

Joint U.S. Water Resources Council and Interstate Conference on Water Problems, Meeting in Biloxi, Miss., September 7 - 10, 1976.

NEXT MEETING DATE Recommendation, Monday, July 19, 1976. The Chairman suggested the Board hold regular meeting in June and July only for special needs as received. The Board concurred.

Gulf Intracoastal Canal Association will meet in July, 1976. Mr. Dye recommended WCIND membership renewal. Commr. Goldtrap moved that WCIND renew membership; motion was seconded and carried. Commr. Goldtrap moved that members and staff be authorized to attend at the WCIND expense; motion was seconded and carried. Members and staff will be notified when membership is acknowledged.

Charlotte County Stump Pass Project Commr. Flowers inquired as to the C.E. discussion of this proposed project during last week's meeting with District Engineer Colonel Wisdom. The Director reported there was no report. The Chairman suggested that Commr. Flowers inquire by letter re the future plans for Stump Pass.

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

  
Secretary

  
Chairman