

The regular monthly meeting of the WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS was held at the Court House in Bradenton, Florida, August 8, 1960.

Present were:

- Charles R. Fischer, V-Chairman, Pinellas County
- James D. Neville, Secretary, Sarasota County
- H.H. Anger, Charlotte County
- Mack H. Jones, Lee County

- George Kumpe, Executive Director
- J. Hardin Peterson, Sr., Special Counsel
- Joe K. Merrin, Engineer
- Dewey A. Dye, Jr., General Counsel

Absent were:

- Ellsworth G. Simmons, Chairman, Hillsborough County
- Elmer Bustle, Treasurer, Manatee County

Chairman Simmons was absent due to illness in his family.

The vice-chairman called the meeting to order at 2:30 P.M.

Minutes of the 11 July meeting were approved as presented.

Vouchers #2428 through #2552 covering current bills were approved for payment.

Commissioner Neville presented his resignation from the Board and stated that it was the wish of the Sarasota County Board of Commissioners that Mr. James A. Spanos replace him. Mr. Fischer welcomed Mr. Spanos to the Board and he was duly sworn in by Mr. M.T. McInnis, Clerk of Circuit Court of Manatee County. Mr. Spanos was elected Secretary of the Board.

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A resolution/was adopted commending Mr. Neville for his services to the West Coast Inland Navigation District since January, 1958.

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Progress Report

The Director reported that progress on the first contract continued satisfactorily. 205,238 cu. yards were dredged during the month of July with an advance of 8,560 feet in Cut L 1. The contract was 55% complete at the end of July.

The Corps of Engineers concurs generally with procedures approved by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund on 19 July 1960 for composite spoil areas consisting of private uplands and adjacent public submerged lands. Formal comments will be made by the Corps of Engineers.

Mr. Dye reported a potential delay in obtaining composite spoil areas. The grant of temporary spoil easements by the Trustees will depend upon their receipt of application by upland owners for the purchase of adjacent submerged lands to be filled. A group of owners has arranged with a real estate firm to prepare their purchase requests but have directed that no costs be incurred until the filling of their spoil area has been determined. Mr. Dye pointed out the loss in time if relatively inexpensive actions on preparing the purchase requests were delayed. The Board agreed that such delay could not be accepted and authorized Mr. Dye to inform the real estate firm that WCIND would pay up to \$750.00 of such preliminary expenses of purchase requests if it developed that the spoil areas were not to be used and the sales were not made. If sales are made as expected there will be no costs to WCIND for this purchase processing.

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Considerable progress was made on lands during the month. In Charlotte County four spoil areas out of 32 require additional action. In Sarasota County 118 easements have been signed, 35 are outstanding of which 26 owners have agreed to sign; and whose signatures are being obtained. Acquisition of lands in Pinellas County are being handled through the good will of Pinellas County by their competent County Engineer staff; Mr. Dye has prepared easements to the Navigation District from the County and several municipalities. Mr. Merrin is giving continual assistance.

Mr. Peterson stated that there was nothing to report formally on Venice. Papers are being drawn up and cooperation has been promised.

The Commissioners were given copies of the 4th draft of contract between Seaboard Airline Railroad Company and WCIND for the modification of the railroad bridge to Gasparilla Island. The draft proposal has been submitted to the Railroad Company by Mr. Dye, and the Commissioners were asked to notify Mr. Dye of any suggestions or changes they would like to have made. It was pointed out that modification of this bridge is a responsibility of local interests as the railroad is satisfied with the present bridge, and there is no authority for Federal participation in the cost of alterations.

As authorized at the 11 July meeting, Mr. Dye presented a resolution to the State Road Department requesting that they give priority status to the planning on the Englewood

and Manasota bridges and, if necessary, employ outside consulting engineers to expedite the work. Commissioner Anger reported that survey work is underway. The Director stated that Mr. ✓ Church, State Highway Engineer, said that as soon as survey results are available work would start on the design of the bridges.

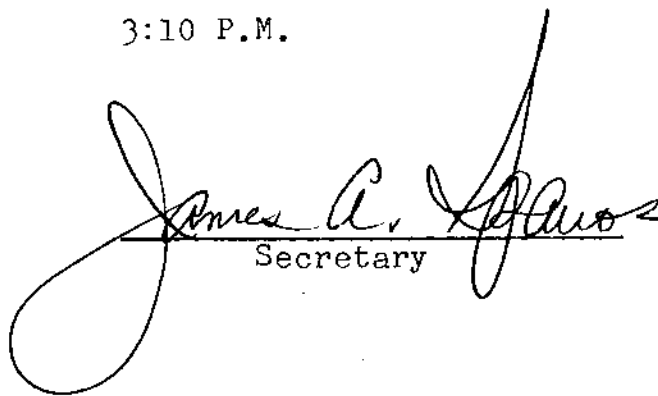
The Progress Report and correspondence referred to in it were accepted.

Other Business

The Board authorized travel to Jacksonville on land or other problems in the near future which might be necessary for Board members and staff in order to conform with the Corps of Engineer requirements.

Special Counsel reported that he had talked with Colonel Sollohub and that a conference may be needed to discuss the budget for next year. The Director will be kept informed as to the time of such a conference.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:10 P.M.

  
Secretary

  
Chairman

## PROGRESS REPORT

11 July 60 - 8 August 60

CONSTRUCTION

1. Advance copies of construction plans for Section 5 (Pinellas County) were received from the Corps of Engineers on 16 July. Subject to meeting local interest requirements for lands, work is expected to be advertised about 30 September and a contract awarded in ~~October~~ November.

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2. General. On 19 July the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund considered procedures for composite spoil areas consisting of private uplands and adjacent public submerged lands. The Trustees agreed that they would sell these submerged lands to the adjacent upland owners and would approve necessary revision to county bulkhead lines if the purchases and revisions were recommended by the Boards of County Commissioners. On 20 July the Board of County Commissioners of Sarasota County agreed to the procedures of the Trustees and resolved that they would amend bulkhead lines as necessary to include spoil areas and would recommend the sale of bottom lands.

3. On 22 July WCIND sent to the Corps of Engineers proposal that these commitments of the Trustees and the County Commissioners be sufficient to permit advertising the second contract, and that after the contract was awarded and the Corps of Engineers had determined from the contractor what spoil areas would be used then WCIND would start acquisition of spoil areas in accordance with the Trustees' procedures. On 26 July Mr. Koperski stated informally that under new dredging specifications it could be assumed that only the designated spoil areas would be used and that accordingly acquisition of spoil areas should be carried on without delay. A draft statement of procedures to be followed was prepared but was not issued pending Corps of Engineers formal answer. On 1 August Corps of Engineers advised that a firm decision upon the 22 July WCIND proposal would be made not later than 5 August.

4. The Trustees employed Mr. S.E. Embry of Embry-Stuart Realtors & Appraisers to appraise submerged lands in proposed spoil areas for use in carrying out their 19 July commitment. This work is underway and Mr. Embry has been offered all possible assistance by the Navigation District to permit completion of the appraisal at the earliest possible time.

5. On 1 August the Fish & Wildlife Service's Atlanta regional office sent copies of its report on spoil areas in Manatee and upper Sarasota counties based upon the 17-18 May survey.

6. Charlotte County. As of 28 July, of the eighteen spoil areas involving private ownership, all necessary easements have been received for 13 spoil areas. Of the remaining, in spoil areas C-11/12 and 29 additional easements are being requested from Messers Bert Cole and Dunwody as owners of uplands adjacent to bottom lands to be filled, as required by the Trustees' 19 July decision. Parcel #3 of spoil area C-19 will be moved to the north as a result of Mr. A.B. Dixon's refusal to grant an easement. In S/A C-29 A easements are being requested from Mr. Dunwody and Mr. Spinosa. The originally selected site for S/A C-30 is unsatisfactory due to local objections and to the problem of the bulkhead line. On 2 August the Board of County Commissioners recommended that the area be sited in open water of Lemon Bay; they also agreed to necessary changes in bulkhead lines for all other spoil areas.

7. A question arose during the month as to the ownership of the island constituting spoil area C-29. It was agreed by the Trustees that the island is privately owned but that as payment had not been completed the consent of the Trustees to the spoil area should be requested and would be granted.

8. Correspondence between the Corps of Engineers and Mr. T.S. Dixon was received. Mr. Dixon, who desires spoil was told by the Corps of Engineers that this matter should be discussed with the Navigation District.

9. Sarasota County. As of 28 July the 14 spoil areas involving other than Trustee ownership consisted of 154 tracts. Owners of 110 of these tracts have signed spoil easements, owners of 29 tracts have indicated they would sign, and 4 had definitely refused. Negotiations are continuing with 10 of the remaining owners and one tract will be eliminated from the spoil areas.

10. The Corps of Engineers approved spoil areas in Section 2 (Boca Grande-Alligator Creek) including the revised bulkhead line in spoil areas 10 A, B, C. This approval involved diking by local owners of the areas excluded from spoil area S-6. Mr. O.W. Dickinson asked about diking of spoil areas by private owners. He was informed that it had not yet been determined how this diking would be performed but that his interest in doing the work would be considered.

11. In view of refusals by Messers Tucker and McLennon to grant easements in S/A S-9 the area will be expanded to the south.

12. Similarly S/A S-7 will be reduced by eliminating the southern most tract (Kemper) and adjacent submerged area. ✓

13. Correspondence relative to spoil was received from Messrs. Wm. Vanderbilt, Hartman & Kanning and Barton and the Trustees. Several letters included statements from the Trustees that the purchase of submerged land would be handled in accordance with the Trustees commitment of 19 July. ✓

14. Pinellas County. Acquisition of Right-of-way and spoil areas continued under supervision of Pinellas County Engineer. Easements were prepared by Mr. Dye for areas controlled by Pinellas County and municipalities.

#### BRIDGES

15. General. On 12 July Mr. Rogero sent to Mr. Church, State Highway Engineer, a request that design of the Englewood and Manasota bridges be undertaken on a crash basis. On 27 July Mr. Church advised the Director that survey parties are at work on these projects and that design would proceed immediately upon receipt of survey data. He would not predict when this work would be under contract until the problem of financing the bridges had been resolved. Chairman Simmons advised that this problem should be settled within the next few weeks. ✓ ✓

16. On 25 July Corps of Engineers stated by telegram to Chairman Simmons that a firm commitment on the Manasota and Englewood bridges was necessary before contract for this work could be advertised. On 29 July Mr. Koperski was advised of the status of the bridges.

17. Charlotte County. Mr. Dye revised the proposed Seaboard Air Line contract for work on the swing span of bridge #1. On 14 July the Corps of Engineers again wrote to the Cape Haze Corp. asking their plans on removal of bridge #3.

#### ADMINISTRATION

18. Mr. Forrest Davies submitted his complete appraisal report to Mr. Dye on 25 July. ✓

19. On 19 July the Hanover Bank was authorized to exchange matured securities for comparable securities covering Navigation District time deposits with Inter City National Bank.

20. On 12 July the Director met with the Staff of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund in preparation of the 19 July meeting. On 19 July Mr. Spanos, Mr. Dye and the Director attended a meeting of the Trustees in Tallahassee.

21. The Director spoke at the Manatee Kiwanis Club on 18 July.

*George Kumpfe*  
Executive Director