

The January meeting of the Commissioners of the WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT was held January 11, 1965 at the Manatee County Office Building.

Present were:

Ellsworth G. Simmons, Chairman, Hillsborough County
 A. L. Anderson, Secretary, Pinellas County
 Ralph S. Clark, Treasurer, Manatee County
 Kenneth W. Daniels, Lee County
 Mrs. Dorothy R. Flowers, Charlotte County
 Robert M. Wright, Sarasota County

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

ADMINISTRATION

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m. Minutes of the December 14 meeting were approved as presented. The Treasurer's Report was read by the Director and accepted. Vouchers #3930 through #3954 were approved for payment.

Introduction of New Members and Reorganization

Mr. J. Hardin Peterson, Sr. administered the oath of office to new Board members, Honorable Dorothy R. Flowers of Charlotte County and Honorable Robert M. Wright of Sarasota County. Mr. Simmons welcomed them to the Board of Commissioners.

The Director presided during the election of a Chairman for the coming year, Mr. E. G. Simmons, Hillsborough County, being unanimously re-elected. Mr. A. L. Anderson, Pinellas County, was elected Vice Chairman; Mrs. Dorothy R. Flowers, Charlotte County, was elected Secretary; and Mr. Ralph S. Clark, Manatee County, was re-elected Treasurer. A resolution was passed authorizing the newly elected officers to sign or co-sign warrants of the Navigation District in accordance with the statutes governing the District.

Motion made and passed re-employing the staff, to serve at the pleasure of the Board.

Honorable Frank Neff of Hillsborough County was introduced by Mr. Simmons. Mr. Neff expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to attend the meeting, and to learn of the growth of the project. The Chairman requested that a map showing the entire project be sent to Mr. Neff and also to each of the new members. He suggested that they feel free to call on the Director for any information necessary in representing their counties, familiarizing them with the entire magnitude of the project.

PROGRESS REPORT

The Director gave the construction progress in Section 2 during December, reporting that at the end of the month the section was 35% complete.

The Director reported order of taking was signed on December 18 for all spoil areas still required for Sec. 3 (except S/A S3-8 & 9) upon depositing of \$143,796. Mr. Simmons asked the present status in this matter. Mr. Dye reported that action on the two spoil areas S3-8 & 9 is to be taken by Trustees on January 12.

The Director reported on changes desired by the City of Venice in utilities at the Venice Avenue bridge. As authorized at the December 14, 1964 meeting, a conference was held with the bridge contractor and the State Road Department Project Engineer. Agreement was reached on the prices quoted by the contractor for the work requested by the City of Venice, totaling \$14,534. In addition, arrangements were made for the providing by the contractor of not to exceed two tons of miscellaneous cast iron

fittings required by unpredictable changes in working conditions. Such fittings will be billed at the rate of \$650 per ton for the weight of fittings actually used. The contractor had requested that he be reimbursed \$3,052.80 for pipe on hand at the job, but not required due to the changes. This matter was discussed. The contractor agreed to use the pipe elsewhere on the job without additional reimbursement. The net contract change agreed to was \$14,534.20 for the definite changes requested by the City plus \$1,300 authorization for two tons of additional cast iron fittings as required, making a total change of \$15,834.20. The State Road Department had been advised that these changes were satisfactory and is preparing the necessary documents.

The question of sleeves under north end of Venice Bypass had been discussed at the December 14 meeting, as to whether work to be done by the Bypass contractor should be done under SRD contract or by separate contract with the District. SRD is adding this work to their Bypass contract.

Upon motion duly made and unanimously carried the Progress Report was approved and accepted.

NEW BUSINESS

Director commented on the Governor's Conference on Water Resources Developments in Tallahassee set for February 2, at which time data will be presented to help in preparing appropriation testimony. Motion was made and passed unanimously authorizing any member of the Board and Director to attend meeting.

The February meeting of the Board was discussed, changing meeting date to February 15, because of conflict of Gasparilla celebration, State Fair, and Mississippi Valley Association meeting which members of the Board and the Director have been authorized to attend. Date of regular meetings was discussed and motion made and passed that all regular meetings be held at 11:00 a.m. on the second Monday of each month unless otherwise notified.

Mr. Dye reported on settlement of damages to docks, seawalls, etc. in Section 2 spoil areas along Manasota Key. Previous Board action is not clear as to specific authority of attorney to make settlements where consideration does not exceed appraised value. He suggested the Board authorize settlements at not to exceed the appraised values, with each settlement in greater amount to be approved in advance by the Board. Mr. Van Norman stated \$15,000 should cover all improvements on spoil areas in the 31 parcels involved. The Chairman questioned the legal liability. Mr. Dye reported several years ago the Board agreed to pay property owners for use of land, and that appraisal is being done by qualified appraiser. Mr. Anderson asked Mr. Dye if he felt the appraisals are fair and reasonable, to which Mr. Dye responded that in his estimation they are very conservative. Motion was made and passed unanimously authorizing the attorney to make settlements where considerations do not exceed appraised values, and requiring other proposed settlements to be approved by the Board.

Mr. Dye noted that Mr. Van Norman may be employed in field work under Mr. Merrin's direction, and requested authorization of the Board for Mr. Van Norman to work out of his office, rather than out of both Mr. Merrin's office and Dye's office. Mr. Merrin agreed with Mr. Dye. Motion authorizing this employment was made

and passed unanimously.

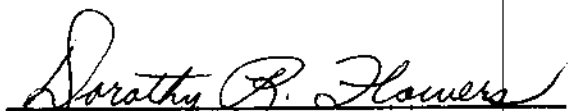
Mr. Peterson discussed public works appropriations, advising that the Federal budget has not been made public. The Corps of Engineers has given assurance that budget item for this project would be adequate and ample. Mr. Peterson will follow up on this matter.

Mr. Simmons asked the Director regarding construction in Venice area. Director replied the three bridges and the Bypass are under construction. Mr. Wright asked whether the County or WCIND will do the diking. The Director advised that formal resolution has never been passed on this matter. District has a letter from Sarasota County four or five years ago that they were going to perform a certain portion of it. The Director cannot speak for the District unless Board has acted. The designated spoil areas are essential and require some diking. He had assumed the District would have to do the diking. Mr. Dye noted that owners involved in granting spoil areas and submerged lands expected District to do diking. Mr. Dye thought so too.

The Chairman asked reporters to identify themselves. They were Walter Powers, Sarasota Herald-Tribune; Don Moore, Tampa Tribune; Bob Bender, St. Petersburg Times.

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.


Chairman


Secretary

PROGRESS REPORT

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CONSTRUCTION

Construction Progress - During December the contractor in Section 2 dredged 228,518 cu. yds. of material and advanced 5,026 linear ft. At the end of the month progress was 35 % complete.

Diking Section 2 Spoil Areas - At the request of the Navigation District the Corps of Engineers requested Parkhill Goodloe to give as much advance notice as is possible as to the spoil areas the contractor will use. The importance of this matter was repeated by a letter from the Navigation District to the contractor.

Mr. George Goodloe visited the Director on December 17 and Mr. James Goodloe met with the Sarasota Board of County Commissioners and the Staff on December 30.

CONSTRUCTION PLANNING

Visit to CE - Staff visited Jacksonville on December 15, discussed construction progress in Section 2 and details of local cooperation in Section 3. CE agreed that the waterway construction contract will include all bank stabilization at the three bridges required for the protection of the waterway. The CE was also furnished information on construction project for the three Venice bridges and the bypass for use in appropriations testimony.

Section 2 Sarasota County - On December 30 Mr. Van Norman and the Director attended a meeting of the Sarasota County Commissioners and Mr. James Goodloe. Mr. Goodloe was asked by the County to estimate the consideration required if S/A S1 were eliminated and dredge material placed on S/A S2 (Paulsen) instead. The contractor will also furnish the County information on consideration required, including diking, so that spoil near S/A S4 would be placed on that spoil area in addition to the S/A S3 spoil for which the County had made a contribution. (The Sarasota Water and Navigation Control Authority denied the application by proponents of an alternate to S/A S1 on and adjacent to Manasota Key).

Section 3 Sleeves - SRD was furnished a formal request that the contract for the construction of the Venice Bypass be amended to include placement of sleeves under the highway to provide pipeline access to S/A S3-8.

LANDS

Sarasota Section 3 - Spoil area and pipeline easements were received from Mr. O. W. Caspersen and from the Board of Public Instruction. On Dec. 18 an order of taking was issued for all other spoil areas required (except S/A S3-8 & 9) upon the depositing of \$143,796 with the Clerk of the Court. Attorneys for owners of two of the tracts have indicated a desire to negotiate settlements.

S/A S3-8 & 9 - Hearings on the sale of submerged land and bulkhead line changes/scheduled by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund on January 12.

UTILITIES

Venice Avenue - Staff met with the contractor at the SRD Sarasota office on December 21 to discuss modifications desired by the City of Venice. Contractor agreed to utilize pipe already on the job at no extra cost, without requiring it to be purchased. SRD was requested to issue a change order for this work.

ADMINISTRATION

Venice Yacht Club - Information was obtained from the State Board of Conservation and the CE on procedures to be followed in eliminating an oyster bar near the Yacht Club dock area.

Aids to Navigation Section 2 - Five complaints were received as to inadequate marking of the completed portion of Section 2. This matter was presented to the CE and an answer obtained from the Coast Guard. Coast Guard has planned to mark the entire project starting in June 1965. About mid-January 1965, however, the Coast Guard will provide temporary aids to navigation from Charlotte Harbor to the SAL bridge at Placida.

Venice Access Road - December 22 the Island Bank released to the City of Venice the first 50% of the escrow account established for construction of the access road.

Appropriation Testimony - The State Board of Conservation has set Tuesday, February 2, for the Governor's Conference on Water Resources Developments in Tallahassee. Data are being prepared.