

The monthly board meeting of the Board of Commissioners, WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT, was held November 1, 1976, in Sarasota County Administration Building, Sarasota, Florida.

Present were: Dan P. McClure, Chairman, Manatee County  
Larry Rhodes, Treasurer, Sarasota County  
Dorothy R. Flowers, Charlotte County  
L. H. Bob Whan, Lee County

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

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

Guests: Mr. Stanley Rosen, Division of Engineering,  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville.  
Mr. Ralph Davis, Water & Navigation Control,  
Sarasota County.

#### ADMINISTRATION

The meeting convened at 10:30 a.m.

The Chairman welcomed guests.

Minutes of September 10, 1976 regular monthly board meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report for September, 1976 was approved as presented.

WCIND Financial Report - FY ending September 30, 1976 will be submitted following advice to be received from Whitcomb, Harrison & Company, CPA's, employed for the WCIND audit. The WCIND has not accepted the property valued at \$1,200,000 in Pinellas County nor has WCIND taken off its records the 3.2 acres in Sarasota County to this date. The Auditor is contacting the State Comptroller for a decision re the audit to be accomplished. The Financial Report, as agreed, will be submitted following the Auditor's statement and will be distributed to the Board at the December meeting.

Vouchers #662 through #694 for October, 1976 were approved for payment.

Re-location of WCIND Office - The WCIND office has been programmed to be moved to the Sarasota County Medical Office location, Sarasota.

Announcement of Bid Opening - Bids for the Manasota Key lot which was offered for sale via the newspapers were opened by Commr. Rhodes and the Director at 10:00 a.m. October 29, and there were three bids: \$37,777.77; \$24,500; and \$16,050. The lot has an appraised value of \$58,000 including existence of a pipeline easement. The Director reported that inquiry was made for the appraised value but this was not revealed prior to submission of bid. The appraisal cost for all

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the Manasota Key lots to be offered for sale was \$800. Commr. Rhodes moved to reject bids with stated figures being insufficient; that WCIND continue to advertise offerings and that the appraised value be given so that bids can be based on the value. The Director stated that there is no appraisal for the Bay-side of the lot currently offered. Mr. Dye has suggested that an effort be made to sell the Bay-side lot separately, then the first lot next. Also, the Coastal set-back line has been a factor in the bidding. Commr. Rhodes' motion was seconded and motion carried.

#### ACTIVITIES REPORT

Proposed Legislation: Coastal Inlets - Replies received from the six Counties to the Director's letter of September 15, 1976 for recommendations to include inlets or passes in a composite program as part of the IWW were: Lee County - none; Charlotte 1 (Stump Pass) Sarasota 1 (Big Pass); Manatee 1 (Longboat Pass); and Pinellas 3, (Dunedin, Hurricane & Blind). WCIND proposes to seek a C.E. Study for incorporation of these in the IWW. The WCIND is endeavoring to get these passes included as part of the IWW via an amendment to the River And Harbor Act, thus these areas removed from the Government's Section 107 Funds category.

Mr. Rosen, Corps of Engineers representative, addressed the Board and reported plans to date for the areas: Longboat Pass with its highest priority is to be completed; Dunedin Pass must depend on Section 107 Funds Study. The second priority will be to complete studies which have been started and Dunedin Pass will not commence until next fiscal year, October, 1977. Charlotte County Stump Pass Study was completed and given an unfavorable report but this does not preclude a C.E. re-study of Stump Pass. Blind Pass in Pinellas County is on a backlog for a Section 107 Funds Study. There is no authority to include the passes at present in to the IWW and then Congress must determine the feasibility for providing navigation. This can be obtained by your Senator's or Congressman's resolution passed by the Public Works Committee then a funded amount can be allotted for dredging. In answer to the Director's inquiry, Mr. Rosen stated that no such passes are included in the area of the F.I.N.D. as sponsor. Studies are made and the cost paid by Gov't. Commr. Rhodes moved that the WCIND Counsel be instructed to investigate the possibility of having these passes included in the IWW and with WCIND a sponsor; the motion was seconded and was carried.

Longboat Pass in Manatee County - Discussion concerned the local sponsorship, re the legal interpretation. Mr. Dye advised that the Corps of Engineers sent its documents to Manatee County requiring approval of the contract provisions. WCIND will be a funds-contributor but not as a sponsor. Mr. Rosen proceeded to clarify the contract provisions as each item was reviewed by the Board. The WCIND must obtain the Attorney General's opinion if the WCIND may participate as local sponsor. The Board deferred executing a proposed resolution pending required information to be submitted.

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Commr. Rhodes moved that the WCIND Attorney get the Attorney General's opinion re the WCIND being the local sponsor; the motion was seconded and carried.

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Permit - Florida Power & Light Company This is a request to permit a power line across S/A S3-4 edge of property. Commr. Rhodes moved that WCIND authorize the chairman to sign the permit document as prepared by Mr. Dye for Board approval; motion was seconded and carried.

Lawsuit - Dr. Lovell & Mr. Sou Chan - Commr. Rhodes inquired for status of this court case against WCIND. Mr. Dye reported that the suit is still in the Court and there is no action to report today.

Venice Jetty Request - The Corps of Engineers has a maintenance easement and Sarasota County is asking WCIND to recommend to the C.E. that authorization be granted for this area to be used for recreation purposes with no objection from the C.E. Commr. Whan moved that the Director write to the Corps of Engineers that the WCIND has no objection and to request the C.E. to grant a notice of no objection for Sarasota County's stated use of the Jetty area. The motion was seconded and was carried.

New Pass Dredging Project - There will be 300,000 cubic yards to be removed and placed in the designated disposal area. Sarasota County Lido Beach has an erosion problem and needs some of this material. It was noted that Sarasota County did not submit this area in its reply to WCIND's proposed legislation for Coastal Inlets in the IWW. WCIND has \$75,000 projected funds allotted for Midnight Pass area and the question now is whether these funds can be transferred to the New Pass requirement. Mr. Ralph Davis addressed the Board and stated that the C.E. instructed Sarasota County to get an easement necessary for this project, New Pass, by November 15. Bids are to be let by Nov. 30 with work to begin the first of 1977. A two-year period is needed for the easement. Commr. Rhodes moved that WCIND Counsel inquire of the Attorney General if WCIND can use these allotted funds for the New Pass project; motion seconded and carried. The Corps of Engineers is making a final survey and trucking will be for a small amount of material. Mr. Dye requested Mr. Davis to submit a Sarasota County statement for its proposal. This statement will be included with Mr. Dye's inquiry for the Attorney General's opinion.

The ACTIVITIES REPORT was accepted as presented.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Florida Ports And Water Resources Association Annual Convention - This event will be held December 5 - 6, 1976, at the Hilton Hotel in Jacksonville. The agenda includes a legislative forum with

representative from the House and Senate. Members are urged to attend. Commr. Rhodes moved that Commissioners, the Director, and Mr. Dye, Counsel, be authorized to attend at WCIND expense; motion was seconded and carried.

NEXT MEETING DATE - Monday, December 20, 1976 was designated by Board members present to be the next regular meeting date. The Board meeting will be held in Sarasota County Commission Hearing Room, Sarasota.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

  
W.C.I.N.D.  
Chairman

  
Assistant Secretary