

The monthly board meeting of the Board of Commissioners, WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT, was held January 24, 1977, in Manatee County Commission Hearing Room, Bradenton, Florida.

Present were: Dan P. McClure, Chairman, Manatee County
 Don Jones, Vice Chairman, Pinellas County
 Larry Rhodes, Treasurer, Sarasota County
 R. Douglas Taylor, Secretary, Lee County
 Jerry M. Bowmer, Hillsborough County
 Arnold F. Schade, Charlotte County

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

Guests: Mr. Jack Woodard, Assistant Director,
 Div. Resources Management, Florida D.N.R.

ADMINISTRATION

The meeting convened at 10:30 a.m. with all members present. The Chairman welcomed Mr. Woodard's attendance at this meeting.

Minutes of December 20, 1976 regular monthly board meeting were approved as presented.

The Treasurer's Report for December 31, 1976 was approved as presented. Vouchers #759 through #800 were approved for payment.

A WCIND resolution was submitted to request the State of Florida to grant beach nourishment funds for the Longboat Pass dredging project. Chapter 161.091, Florida Statutes, dealing with the Erosion Control Trust Account, authorizes the State D.N.R. to contribute up to seventy-five percent of the local cost of erosion control projects. The WCIND Director and Counsel have a scheduled appointment with the D.N.R. Director in Tallahassee on February 8 to seek state funds. Commr. Jones moved for adoption of Resolution No. 77-01 for the request of a contribution of seventy-five percent of the local cost of the Longboat Pass dredging project: 75% of \$218,324 = \$163,743; WCIND, the local sponsor. The resolution was unanimously adopted and will be presented to D.N.R. February 8, in Tallahassee. Mr. Woodard addressed the Board to report that negotiation efforts are being made and Resources Management Division is supporting this request. The Chairman questioned what will be requested of the WCIND. Director Furbee stated that Mr. Carlton, Bureau of Beaches and Shores, D.N.R., reported on efforts being made to obtain funds if available and uncommitted. The WCIND will have a commitment from the State.

Membership Dues - Florida Shore & Beach Association - Commr. Rhodes moved for WCIND membership approval; motion seconded and was carried.
 - Gulf Intracoastal Canal Association - Commr. Rhodes moved for WCIND membership approval; motion seconded and was carried.

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES - The annual conference for Water Resources Development Projects is scheduled for February 23, Tallahassee, at which time designated projects proposed will be submitted for the

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request of Federal funds. The Director noted these proposed projects for a feasibility study to become an integral part of the National Intracoastal Waterway system: Charlotte County, Stump Pass; Sarasota County, Big Pass and New Pass; Manatee County, Longboat Pass; Pinellas County, Dunedin, Clearwater, and John's Pass. Commr. Taylor requested that WCIND consider the Pass in Lee County which is badly silted as was reported the last three-four months. Commr. Jones moved that WCIND representatives with Counsel attend the DNR Conference on February 23, in Tallahassee at WCIND expense; the motion was seconded and carried.

ACTIVITIES REPORT

Sarasota County

Florida Power & Light Company Request for depth criteria of IWW was referred to the C.E. The new criteria for laying power lines underneath the IWW is 16 - 18'; Florida Power & Light will be notified.

Spoil Removal - Sarasota County Contract - MSA S-31 - The original contract, WCIND - SARASOTA COUNTY, specified 25 cents per cubic yard sales price for this spoil material. It is time for a renewal. Commr. Jones moved that WCIND renew at the same price 25 cents per cubic yard; the motion was seconded and carried.

Pier Construction: Location, Lot 3, Four Bays - The request is for a private pier in Nokomis, to be about 13 feet out in the channel right-of-way. The Corps of Engineers has approved the application. Commr. Jones moved for WCIND to have no objection and concur with C.E. approved permit; the motion was seconded and carried.

Manasota Key Lot and Acreage - These lots will be sold one at a time (six lots). The Director stated that it may be time for the Board to either sell by placing back on the market via sealed bids; or, the Board could designate the Attorney to be responsible for the sales. Mr. Dye advised that WCIND should consider to advertise one of the other lots via sealed bids, rather than the same lot with a bid rejected.

Commr. Jones stated that any fair price per appraisal included in the offering lot as a multiple sale basis would be his recommendation.

Commr. Rhodes stated that public lands sale should be via sealed bid or by public auction; otherwise the Board may be open to criticism.

Commr. Jones reported that Units of Government do operate in addition to the sealed bid process through definite procedures free of criticism.

Commr. Schade stated that if the WCIND requests sealed bids for the lots with a minimum pricing, then the highest bidder is awarded the lot.

The Chairman noted that the WCIND Board does have current appraisals available for all the six lots.

The Director reviewed the record of the first lot offered for sale by sealed bids. It was appraised at \$58,000 and highest bid was \$37,000. After bid opening date, an offer of \$40,000 was received, returned and

the party advised that he would be notified of future lot offerings.

Mr. Dye recommended that the Board try for a bid on another lot in the acreage that is a better value with a minimum price per appraisal.

Commr. Schade moved that the Board authorize the sealed bid advertising for sale of a different lot with minimum price per appraisal; motion was seconded and carried.

Property Exchange - Sarasota, Pinellas Counties - Mr. Dye submitted his memorandum of January 24, 1977 re the Board-authorized renegotiation with the owners (Island In The Sun Ltd.) of the agreement for the Sarasota County parcel of 10.3 acres appraised at \$310,000. The best price and terms: the owners will accept \$164,800 payable \$14,800 February 1; \$50,000 on August 1, 1977; \$50,000 on August 1, 1978; and \$50,000 on August 1, 1979. Deferred payments to bear interest at five percent payable with principal payments. Mr. Dye advised it was his opinion that this WCIND property will be saleable at or near the original appraised value if held for a reasonable time. Mr. Dye recommended Board approval for this revision to the property-exchange agreement, (WCIND - ISLAND IN THE SUN LTD.), for 10.3 acres parcel in Sarasota County. Commr. Jones moved that the Board approve the stated renegotiated agreement for Sarasota-Pinellas County Property Exchange; the motion was seconded and carried.

Manatee County

Longboat Pass Project Status, re Local Sponsor Commitment - Mr. Dye's associate counsel, Mr. Perry, visited the Tallahassee Office of Erosion Control, D.N.R. for the planning of construction permits. A Coastal Permit will be granted by March 1 and necessary follow-up is scheduled for a meeting in March with the Cabinet. A local meeting at Longboat Key will be held February 23. The C.E. approved contract was received at Mr. Dye's office last Friday, for WCIND the local sponsor. WCIND will need assistance from the Manatee County R/W agent, Mr. Moon, for contacting local land owners. Commr. Jones moved for Board approval to the changed contract: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - WCIND, the local sponsor, as presented by Counsel today; motion seconded and carried.

USE OF SOVEREIGN LANDS: A Proposal for Submerged Land Leasing Classification and Fee Schedule Charges - This is a second draft dated November 24, 1976, to charge annual fees to both commercial and non-commercial users such as marine operators, etc., where sovereign lands are used to produce direct income. The WCIND voiced its objection to the previous proposal.

Mr. Woodard addressed the Board: "Workshop findings will be submitted to the Cabinet. These hearings now are for a proposed two-cent tax per sq. ft. for use of these lands. Each site subject to lease shall be allowed 500 sq. ft. of area without fee. Excess of 500-square mile area is a four-cent tax for commercial users paying a fixed return for the lease. Sites in existence prior to March 10, 1970 and still existing March 10, 1990 shall be subject to lease according to provisions of proposed rule." Mr. Woodard stated that an input by WCIND will be very acceptable. The purpose of this proposal being, "highest and most beneficial use for the State lands."

Mr. Dye recommended that the Board should evaluate the report when it is received from the Department of Natural Resources.

Mr. Woodard offered to attend the next Board meeting following the proposal presented to the State Cabinet.

The Chairman expressed appreciation on behalf of the Board for Mr. Jack Woodard's attendance at this regular Board meeting.

The ACTIVITIES REPORT was accepted as presented.

NEW BUSINESS

The Director reported on receipt of a letter from U.S. Congressman, Andy Ireland, re his staff member to visit the WCIND. Commr. Bowmer moved that the WCIND Board acknowledge the request for a visit here and to follow up on the plan; motion was seconded and carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS


Water Resources Congress, St. Louis, Mo., February 5 - 7, 1977. The Board members are authorized to attend at WCIND expense.

NEXT MEETING DATE - The members concurred that Monday, February 28, 1977, is the designated date for the February regular monthly meeting which is to be held in the Sarasota County Commission Hearing Room.

INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY (IWW) Inspection Trip - The Director reported that the tentative date for the annual inspection trip with the Corps of Engineers is planned for March 22, 1977, and he is awaiting advice from Mr. Gail G. Gren, Chief of Operations, C.E. Jacksonville District.

Sarasota County Shoaling Reports - Mr. Dye reported on current information received about this shoaling in the IWW, at Sarasota Pass.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.


Secretary


Chairman