

The March meeting of the Board of Commissioners, WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT, was held in the meeting room of the Holiday Inn, Venice, while enroute the annual IWW inspection trip, March 31 and April 1, 1977.

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

Charles E. Furbee, Executive Director
 Philip E. Perrey, Associate Counsel

Absent were: Don Jones, Vice Chairman, Pinellas County
 Dewey A. Dye, Jr., WCIND Counsel

Guests: LtCol Richard W. Stevens, Deputy Dist. Engineer;
 and Gail G. Gren, Chief, Operations Division;
 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville Dist.
 W. V. Canaday, Area Engineer, C.E., Tampa Office
 Jack Woodard, Ass't Dir. Water Resources Management;
 and Al Fenne, Beaches & Shores, Florida D.N.R.
 Sam Harris, Aerial Photographer, Venice.

ADMINISTRATION

The meeting convened at 8:00 a.m. with a quorum present. Chairman McClure welcomed the guests who were able to schedule attendance at this regular board meeting during the C.E. inspection of the IWW.

Minutes of the previous board meeting, January 24, 1977 were approved as presented. The February regular board meeting scheduled for February 28 did not convene for lack of a quorum.

The Treasurer's Reports for January, 1977 and February, 1977 were approved as presented. Vouchers #803 through #841, February; and Vouchers #842 through #876, March, 1977 were approved for payment.

HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS

C.E. Deputy Engineer, Col. Stevens, addressed the members to express his pleasure and interest in his first inspection of the IWW with WCIND board members. He reviewed the current contracts with New Pass, Sarasota County, and for Clearwater Pass, Pinellas County; he noted the Longboat Pass project advertised in April with the contract to be awarded in June.

Mr. Perrey, Associate Counsel, reported on progress being made for the Longboat Pass project. He stated that the County easements required are virtually complete; also, that Counsel Dye has worked out with the D.O.T. a "No Objection" notice requirement. Ten acquisition forms are still to be obtained and be resolved in mid-April.

Director Furbee, noting that Longboat Pass project is a co-sponsored project, submitted the Manatee County Commission check to Chairman McClure in the amount of \$83,000 with Matching funds for Diking Costs, \$23,000 and Matching funds for project costs, \$60,000. This leaves cost estimate at \$135,324; and with the Florida Beaches & Shores, DNR

contribution of \$45,000 to the project, a balance of \$90,324.

ACTIVITIES REPORT

Sarasota County

Manasota Key Lots - Lots #8 and #11 have been advertised and WCIND is receiving inquiries for submission of sealed bids for April 14. The Director reported that in the meantime WCIND has received two offers of contracts for Lot #7, (among the six lots on Manasota Key) which has not yet been advertised for public sealed bids; and he requested the Board's help and recommendation for procedure. Commr. Rhodes recommended that WCIND wait until the Lots #8 and #11 bids are received and reviewed. Commr. Rhodes moved that the Board place the Lot #7 bids in committee; motion was seconded and carried.

The ACTIVITIES REPORT was accepted as presented.

Chairman McClure expressed the WCIND Board's appreciation and thanks to the Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District, for providing the C.E. Boat with its staff for the two-day inspection trip for the corrective maintenance of the IWW.

NEW BUSINESS

Hillsborough County

Commr. Bowmer announced that Hillsborough County has presented to the Florida State Legislature (5) Local Bills and (1) General Bill, for Hillsborough County to withdraw from the WCIND. He noted that Hillsborough County has contributed \$2,033,000 for the past thirty years - output, with basically no input for Hillsborough County. He requested a letter from WCIND for support of Hillsborough County's presentation to the State Legislature. Commr. Rhodes noted there had been an earlier meeting with the Hillsborough County Commission Board with WCIND presenting its statement describing the support and the benefit to Hillsborough County. Director Furbee referred to the land acquisition program with WCIND responsibility to provide all required lands to the U.S. The newspaper announcement last week referred to the Hillsborough County Commission action. Commr. Rhodes requested Commr. Bowmer to arrange time for the WCIND Board to be scheduled to appear before Hillsborough County Commission. Commr. Taylor, Lee County, stated: "I feel that the IWW is a definite benefit to Lee County." Director Furbee referred to the millage levied by the WCIND and noted that Lee County is contributing about a pro rata share equal to Hillsborough County. Commr. Rhodes suggested a committee for the purpose to meet on scheduled date with the Hillsborough County Board, Wednesday, April 13, at 9:00 a.m. All Board members concurred.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regular monthly board meeting is scheduled to be held on Monday, April 18, 1977 in Sarasota County Commission's Hearing Room,

Administration Building, 2001 Adams Lane, Sarasota, Florida.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m., to continue the C.E./WCIND annual inspection trip for the IWW, beginning at Fort Myers and terminating at Tarpon Springs.


Secretary


Chairman