

The monthly board meeting of the Board of Commissioners, WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT, was held April 18, 1977, in the Sarasota County Administration Building, Sarasota, Florida.

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

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

Absent were: Don Jones, Vice Chairman, Pinellas County
 Jerry M. Bowmer, Hillsborough County

ADMINISTRATION

The meeting convened at 10:35 a.m.

Minutes of March regular board meeting held April 1, 1977 enroute the annual IWW inspection trip were approved as presented.

The Treasurer's Report for March, 1977 was approved as presented. Vouchers #877 through #903 were approved for payment. Included were two payments to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville, for the Longboat Pass project: \$172,324 Dredging; \$46,000 Diking.

WCIND Proposed Budget - FY 1977-1978 The Director submitted the proposed budget for WCIND board approval to submit to the State Department of Natural Resources. The DNR has requested all budgets be forwarded to that Department by May 15, 1977. It was noted that the proposed millage for the District is .010 mill for 1977-1978. The Director reported that two projects under Local Sponsorship have been deleted from this year's proposed budget: Longboat Pass, now in process and committed by WCIND; Midnight Pass, because the Sarasota County has submitted Big Pass as its County priority in the WCIND report to the State and Federal Government for proposal to have coastal inlets become an integral part of the IWW. Atty. Dye noted that interest expenditure should be included in the Spoil Area acquisition, Schedule C. The Chairman recommended that the proposed budget be revised to include the interest expenditure for six-seven month period for this year only. Commr. Rhodes moved for the Board approval of 1977-78 proposed budget with the revised Schedule C, Capital Acquisitions Program, and submitting same to the State DNR; the motion was seconded and carried.

ACTIVITIES REPORT

Sarasota County

Sale of Manasota Key Lots - The Director reported only two bids were received; one each for Parcel 8 and Parcel 11, submitted by the same party, and declared outlandishly low: Parcel 8, \$41,000 (appraised at \$67,500); and Parcel 11, \$34,000 (appraised at \$54,800) for WCIND. Along with these bids, WCIND received two offers to purchase the

Parcel 7 (one realtor and the adjoining property owner); both of these offers met the appraised value. Commr. Rhodes requested Attorney Dye's statement whether or not WCIND must require sealed bids for State property. Counsel Dye stated that it is not a legal requirement, as it is for Counties, for sealed bids for the District. Commr. Rhodes, noting no bid is being accepted for Parcels 8 and 11 because bids were less than the appraised value, stated that Parcel 7 could be offered for sale. This 100-foot lot is south of the Carpenter property on the Gulf with a 25-foot easement going with lot. Commr. Rhodes moved that WCIND reject the offers for Parcels 8 and 11 and that Parcel 7 be sold for at least the highest offer, which is \$57,500 (appraised value being \$54,000); as was recommended by the Director and with Counsel's approval. Mr. Dye stated his approval and asked that Mr. Carpenter meet with him after this meeting today. The motion was seconded and carried. The Director then submitted the purchase offer of Mr. and Mrs. Miles Carpenter: \$57,500 to WCIND, with a check for ten percent binder received today. The binder is being held by Counsel.

Lease Proposal - Sarasota Marina Inc. Property - The map sketch was submitted for this parcel #235, 20-37-18, Map 109, which Mr. N. G. Reeves requests a lease (2 to 4 years) for his use as dock to house his 46-foot houseboat, with plan for improvement in appearance of the land and its maintenance, with no plan to dredge nor build any permanent or temporary structure on property, nor to use the grounds for any commercial endeavor. The Director recommended that WCIND negotiate with this party for a lease agreement. Mr. Dye stated there may be legal problems and he requested an investigation be made re the possibility to sell the parcel of land since the channel was relocated and WCIND does not require this parcel of land. The Chairman requested the Board review this proposal after Attorney Dye has investigated and makes his recommendation at the next meeting.

Manatee County

Longboat Pass Project - The Director reported on receipt of letter this morning from DNR Bureau of State Lands approving WCIND requests for access easements for recording in Manatee County public records; also, confirmation that the Board of Trustees established the erosion control line as proposed by the Town of Longboat Key. Copy of this letter will be forwarded to the C.E. along with the two WCIND checks, \$172,323 Dredging and \$46,000 Diking Cost for the project which were approved for payment today so that the C.E. can go ahead with their project plans. Attorney Dye reported that the required information from the DER is still to be received for WCIND. It will be 5 - 6 weeks after advertising for bids for action to be resolved by C.E. Commr. Schade moved that these two WCIND checks for the Manatee County Longboat Pass project be submitted to the Corps of Engineers; the motion was seconded and carried.

Pinellas County

Pinellas County Proposed Salt Marsh Project - The Director attended the County April 6 conference for proposed construction of a salt water marsh to be adjacent a sandbar north of Honeymoon Island; this plan is for placing material dredged from St. Joseph Sound. WCIND received copy of the C.E. letter to Mr. Herman Prine, Pinellas County

Engineering, in which the C.E. delineated the required surveys and investigations. The C.E. requested the survey plot and logs to be available by mid-June 1977 for proceeding with plans.

Hillsborough County - Hillsborough County Commission scheduled meeting with WCIND members and staff will be held Wednesday, April 20, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, Tampa. Commrs. Rhodes and McClure with Attorney Dye and the Director plan to attend.

The ACTIVITIES REPORT was accepted as presented.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

National Conference on Water, sponsored by the U.S. Water Resources Council, May 23-25, Chase Park-Plaza Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri. Commr. Rhodes moved that members be authorized to attend at WCIND expense; the motion was seconded and carried.


IWW Inspection Trip - Color photos, by Sam Harris, were submitted by the Director for the waterway sights enroute, March 31, April 1. Director Furbee reported that he plans to propose to the C.E. to plan a three-day scheduled trip for this inspection in the future.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next regular monthly board meeting is now being scheduled for Monday, June 20, with no meeting in May unless deemed necessary. Members concurred for the next meeting on June 20.

NEW BUSINESS

Longboat Pass - Coastal Construction Permit - Mr. Dye presented the Permit document to be signed by WCIND with all fees being waived. Commr. Rhodes moved that the Chairman sign for the WCIND and to forward same to the Corps of Engineers; the motion was seconded and carried. Mr. Dye reported that the DER reported Friday to have the request for diking clearance and this will now go forward to Tallahassee.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.


Secretary


Chairman