

July 16, 1952

The regular meeting of the West Coast Inland Navigation District was held in the courthouse in Bradenton, Florida, Wednesday, July 16th, 1952 at 2:00 p.m.

Present were

Matt Weeks, Member	Charlotte County
Fred W. Ball, Chairman	Hillsborough County
H. M. Stringfellow, Vice Chairman	Lee County
J. E. McLeod, Treasurer	Manatee County
James R. Shoecraft, Member	Pinellas County
W. L. Woodard, Secretary	Sarasota County
J. K. Merrin, Engineer	

J. Ben Fuqua was present at the beginning of the meeting but was excused for a hearing before Judge Harrison.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ball.

Minutes of previous meeting were read by the secretary and approved on motion by Mr. Stringfellow, seconded by Mr. McLeod and carried.

The treasurer's report, given by Mr. McLeod, was accepted on motion by Mr. Stringfellow, seconded by Mr. Shoecraft and carried.

Mr. Woodard brought up the subject of lots reserved for Route No. 1 through Venice and was advised that inasmuch as the U.S. Engineers had not as yet approved the Seaboard Route it would be unwise to release the lots until it was approved.

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Mr. Woodard advised that the Sarasota County Board of County Commissioners had adopted a resolution regarding property on the east side of Manasota Key and that he would furnish a copy of same to this commission at the next meeting.

The engineer's report was given by Mr. Merrin, and ^{he} read a letter from Evans and Glenn, attorneys for O. W. Caspersen, in which Mr. Caspersen made known that he desired to buy back property sold to the government for airport purposes at the same price paid to him. In exchange he was willing to give property necessary for the right-of-way for the waterways if the airport property was not to be used for the canal, same being subject to the approval of the U. S. Engineers.

On motion by Mr. Stringfellow, seconded by Mr. Weeks, Mr. Woodard and Mr. Merrin were authorized to negotiate with Mr. Caspersen.

Mr. Merrin reported that he had been notified by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Commission that certain lands in Manatee County, Florida, were being offered for objection to sale.

On motion by Mr. Shoecraft, seconded by Mr. Stringfellow, resolution requesting the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Board to deed submerged lands in Pinellas County to the West Coast Inland Navigation District, same to accompany map of route of the canal through Pinellas County, was unanimously adopted.

Time Deposit in the amount of \$100,000.00 in the First National Bank was extended for six months.

Upon motion by Mr. Stringfellow, seconded by Mr. Woodard,
the Board adjourned to meet Wednesday, August 13, 1952 at 2:00
p.m.

W.L. Woodard
Secretary

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Chairman

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