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The regular meeting of the West Coast Inland Navigation District was held in the courthouse in Bradenton, Florida, Wednesday, August 13th, 1952 at 2:00 p.m.

Present were

Matt Weeks, Member
 Fred W. Ball, Chairman
 H. M. Stringfellow, Vice Chairman
 James R. Shoecraft, Member
 W. L. Woodard, Secretary

Charlotte County
 Hillsborough County
 Lee County
 Pinellas County
 Sarasota County

J. K. Merrin, Engineer
 J. Ben Fuqua, Attorney

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ball.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read by Mr. Woodard, Secretary, and approved on motion by Mr. Stringfellow, seconded by Mr. Weeks and carried.

In the absence of J. E. McLeod, Treasurer, his report was submitted by the Chairman, and approved on motion by Mr. Shoecraft, seconded by Mr. Stringfellow and carried. This report included resuméⁿ of receipts from the various counties comprising the West Coast Inland District from June 23, 1947 to June 1, 1952.

Resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Sarasota County was presented and read by Mr. Woodard. Resolution was as follows:

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, this Board has seen the need of a suitable road from one end of Manasota Key to the other, and

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WHEREAS, the width of the island will not permit a suitable road and leave room for construction of residences; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of this Board that if the spoil fill from the construction of the West Coast Inland Waterway Canal were made available, a suitable road bed could be realized;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board go on record in requesting that the East Side of Manasota Key be designated as the spoil area in the event the West Coast Inland Waterway Project goes through.

ADOPTED this the 19th day of June, 1952, A.D.

CLERKS CERTIFICATE

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF SARASOTA

I, W. A. Wynne, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners of Sarasota County, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of the resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Sarasota County at its meeting held at Sarasota, Florida, on the 19th day of June A.D. 1952, and that the same has been duly incorporated in Minute Book 13 of said meeting.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 1st day of August A.D. 1952, at Sarasota, Florida.

W. A. WYNNE, Clerk Circuit Court
Ex-Officio Clerk to Board of County
Commissioners
Sarasota County, Florida
By Oscar S. Ellis
Oscar S. Ellis, Deputy Clerk

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On motion by Mr. Woodard, seconded by Mr. Weeks, the Board of
of Sarasota County
County Commissioners/was notified that this Board had designated the
East side of Manasota Key as the spoil area if and when the canal
is constructed.

J. Hardin Peterson and Jim Haley met with the Board, Mr. Haley
as Congress Representative and visitor, Mr. Peterson to discuss
legislative acts on the financing of waterway projects, etc. He
gave a brief history of the creation of the Intra-Coastal Canal
and its various connecting links and stressed local benefits.

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He recommended that Mr. Merrin secure necessary data (figures, maps, etc. for additional appropriations from Congress), confer with the U. S. Engineers in Jacksonville; that congressional and senatorial representatives transmit request to Washington, and that he would continue his efforts in securing funds for waterway improvements.

On motion by Mr. Shoecraft, seconded by Mr. Stringfellow, Mr. Peterson was authorized to act on behalf of this Board in appearing before the various counties as to projects now existing, and in event of alterations it would be to no expense to the Boards of County Commissioners and the West Coast Inland Navigation District. Mr. Peterson was advised that he should not hesitate to call on any or all members of members of this Board, the attorney and the engineer for any assistance they might be in a position to render.

At the request of the Board of County Commissioners of Sarasota County, expressed by Mr. Woodard, lots being held in abeyance in Venice for the West Coast Inland Navigation District (withheld from county land sale - see Minutes of January 12, 1949, page 25) were released. On motion by Mr. Stringfellow, seconded by Mr. Weeks, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, heretofore the Board of County Commissioners of Sarasota County, Florida, agreed to donate certain lots hereafter described to the West Coast Inland Navigation District for right-of-way purposes and accordingly withheld said lots from its tax sale, and

WHEREAS, a different route has been chosen for the construction of the Inland Canal, this Board deems it advisable to release said lots back to Sarasota County.

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NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing premises, the Board of Commissioners of the West Coast Inland Navigation District does hereby release said lots and delivers them back to the County of Sarasota, State of Florida, which lots are described as follows, to wit:

- Lot 3, Block 1,
- Lot 4, Block 1,
- Lots 1, 2, 3, Block 30
- Lots 1 to 9, inclusive, and 11 to 19, inclusive, Block 13,
- Lots 9 and 10, Block 30,
- Lots 4 to 11, inclusive, Block 14,
- Lots 1, 2, and 12, Block 15,
- Lots 1 to 7, inclusive, and 10 to 15, inclusive, Block 26,
- Lots 6, 7 & 8, Block 30,
- Lot 18, Block 30,
- Lots 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Block 31,
- All being in Gulfview Section of Venice, Sarasota County, Florida.

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Motion was made by Mr. Stringfellow that this Board request the U. S. Engineers to consider proposition of O. W. Caspersen relative along the waterfront to the release of certain properties/back to him in exchange for other right-of-way for the canal. Motion was seconded by Mr. Woodard and carried. (Request to be submitted in form of resolution)

The engineer's report was given by Mr. Merrin, He stated that he was in doubt as to how far to proceed on the Seaboard Route without approval of the U. S. Engineers. He reported that the field work should be completed by October 1st, 1952.

Bills shown on vouchers No. 616 to 625, inclusive, were approved for payment on motion by Mr. Shoecraft, seconded by Mr. Stringfellow and carried.

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The Board adjourned to meet Wednesday, September 10th, 1952
at 2:00 p.m.

W. L. Woodard
Secretary

J. H. Baw
Chairman