

SEPTEMBER 15, 1948

A meeting of the West Coast Inland Navigation District was held in the Court House in Bradenton, Florida, September 15th, 1948 at 2:00 p.m. Present were

CHARLOTTE COUNTY	Matt Weeks, Member
HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY	Fred W. Ball, Vice Chairman
LEE COUNTY	H. M. Stringfellow, Member
MANATEE COUNTY	J. E. McLeod, Treasurer
PINELLAS COUNTY	None
SARASOTA COUNTY	W. L. Woodard, Secretary

W. A. Reid, U. S. Engineer, Tampa, and Mr. Merrin, Engineer for the West Coast Inland Navigation District.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Ball, acting in the absence of Mr. Beckett, Chairman.

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

On motion by Mr. McLeod, seconded by Mr. Weeks, bills presented and audited by the Board were approved for payment.

Motion was made by Mr. McLeod that the Board use the voucher system in the payment of bills. Motion was seconded by Mr. Weeks and carried. The Secretary was instructed to have vouchers printed.

The report of Engineer Merrin was then received. Substance: That the U. S. Engineers required certificates of ownership of areas affected; that, according to a search made by his firm of the spoil areas in Pinellas County, affected areas were shown to be in the name of the Internal Improvement Board, however, abstract search might disclose other individual owners.

Mr. Merrin was instructed to contact Mr. Fred Elliott, Secretary of the Internal Improvement Board, and secure information regarding

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acquiring spoil areas, also the feasibility of a legislative act for acquiring certain areas.

On motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. McLeod, it was unanimously resolved that the West Coast Inland Navigation District is in agreement with the route approved by Congress as the most appropriate route of the inter-coastal waterways through Venice and proposes to request no appreciable changes in said route.

Motion was made by Mr. McLeod that the U. S. Engineers office in Jacksonville be authorized to handle all condemnation proceedings which might be necessary in acquiring right-of-ways, etc., through federal courts. Motion was seconded by Mr. Stringfellow and carried unanimously.

The Treasurer informed the Board that the State Auditing Department had authorized an audit of the books of this Board. It was agreed that after the audit copies of the financial status of the West Coast Inland Navigation District would be advertised in newspapers in each county comprising the District: Hillsborough County, The Tampa Tribune, Lee County, The Punta Gorda Herald, Sarasota County, The Sarasota Herald, Charlotte County, the Fort Myers Press, Manatee County, The Bradenton Herald. (Pinellas County not named)

On motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Stringfellow, a petty cash fund of \$25.00 was authorized, as requested by Mr. McLeod, for incidental expenses of the Board.

On motion by Mr. McLeod, seconded by Mr. Stringfellow, the Board went into Executive Session

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After Executive Session, the Board reconvened to dispose of other matters necessary at this time.

On motion by Mr. Stringfellow, seconded by Mr. Woodard, the meeting was adjourned until Wednesday, October, 1948 at 2:00 p.m.
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ATTEST:

APPROVED:

W. L. Woodard
Secretary

E. H. Beckett
Chairman