

February 11, 1953

The regular meeting of the West Coast Inland Navigation District was held in the courthouse in Bradenton, Florida, Wednesday, February 11th, 1953 at 2:00 p.m.,

Present were:

Fred W. Ball, Chairman	Hillsborough County
J. E. McLeod, Treasurer	Manatee County
Matt Weeks, Vice Chairman	Charlotte County
James R. Shoecraft, Secretary	Pinellas County
Glenn R. Leach, Member	Sarasota County
H. E. Keen, Member	Lee 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 and approved on motion by Mr. McLeod, seconded by Mr. Weeks and carried.

Bills shown on vouchers dated February 11th, 1953 were approved for payment on motion by Mr. Shoecraft, seconded by Mr. Weeks and carried.

The treasurer's report was given by Mr. McLeod. It was accepted on motion by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Shoecraft.

Motion was made by Mr. McLeod that Mr. Merrin by authorized to write a letter to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund protesting the sale of lands if same interfered with the right-of-way required by the West Coast Inland Navigation District. Motion was seconded by Mr. Shoecraft and carried.

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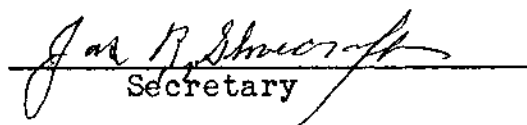
Col. A. G. Matthews, Chief Engineer, Div. of Water Survey and /
 Research
 met with the Board and discussed with the members a recent survey
 involving the protection of the beaches from erosion and matters
 pertaining to water transportation.

The Board discussed ways and means of controlling the filling
 in of waterfront properties and submerged lands in Florida. Mr.
 Shoecraft suggested that this Board investigate the manner in which
 the counties or this Board could control same.

Mr. Merrin was instructed to contact the Attorney General and/
 or other officials, if necessary, with reference to special legis-
 lation empowering the counties, through the Boards of County
 Commissioners, to control the fills, on motion by Mr. Shoecraft
 and seconded by Mr. Weeks. (Report at next meeting.)

Mr. Merrin submitted the deed from Clarence M. Jones, and
 gave the engineer's report. He stated that he had no appraisals
 from the counties of Charlotte and Sarasota.

Following a general discussion with Col. Matthews on the
 importance of an intra-coastal waterways for the transportation
 of gas and oil, as well as farm commodities, and the possibility
 of securing federal appropriations to aid in such a project this
 year, the Board adjourned to meet Wednesday, March 11, 1953 at
 2:00 a.m.


 Secretary


 Chairman

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