

August 12, 1953

The regular meeting of the West Coast Inland Navigation District was held Wednesday, August 12th, 1953 at 2:00 p.m., in the court house in Bradenton, Florida.

The majority of the Board was present, also J. Ben Fuqua, attorney, and J. K. Merrin, engineer.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ball.

The treasurer's report was given by Mr. McLeod and accepted.

Motion was made by Mr. McLeod that the word "and" be corrected to "or" in the minutes of February 15, 1950, with relationship to salary of J. Ben Fuqua. Motion was seconded by Mr. Leach and carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Leach that the following resolution be adopted, subject to the approval of Mr. Shoecraft. Motion was seconded by Mr. McLeod and carried.

Other business scheduled to be transacted at this time was tabled until the next regular meeting.

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners of the West Coast Inland Navigation District, a corporate governmental entity under authority of Chapter 23770, Acts of 1947, Legislature of Florida, is authorized and empowered to acquire suitable and/or necessary Rights-of-way in connection with the work of constructing Waterways and their subsequent maintenance; in accordance with the requirements and conditions imposed by the Congress of the United States of America in its Rivers and Harbors Act approved March 2nd, 1945, authorizing the improvement and/or construction under the direction of the Secretary of War and the supervision of the Chief of Engineers of an Inland Waterway following the coastal route from the Caloosahatchee River, Florida, to the Anclote River, Florida, in accordance with reports submitted June 14, 1939, in House Document numbered 371, Seventy-sixth Congress, first session, entitled "Intracoastal Waterway from Caloosahatchee River to Withlacoochee River, Florida, and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the West Coast Inland Navigation District has been furnished with maps showing location and widths of said required Rights-of-Way, prepared Sept. 1938 and revised April 15, 1940, by the Corps of Engineers, U.S. Army, and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the West Coast Inland Navigation District has had surveys made, searched the records and obtained Abstract Information to determine the ownership of lands lying and being within the boundaries of the rights-of-way as shown on said maps, and,

WHEREAS, it has been determined that Title to and jurisdiction over a large portion of this required right-of-way is held by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, and,

WHEREAS, due to the rapid growth and development of waterfront property in Pinellas County, a continuous demand for, and applications to purchase needed rights-of-way are being made for development purposes, and,

WHEREAS, if such needed lands should be procured and development made by other parties the cost of ultimate acquirement by the Board of Commissioners of the West Coast Inland Navigation District would be greatly increased, to the detriment of the public comprising the West Coast Inland Navigation District,

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the West Coast Inland Navigation District that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund be and they are hereby requested to

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deed that portion of rights-of-way heretofore outlined and as shown on accompanying maps and descriptions prepared by the Merrin Engineering Co., Joe K. Merrin, Tampa, Fla., to the West Coast Inland Navigation District to be held in its name until such time that conveyance can be made to the United States of America, all in accordance with the authority of Legislative Acts creating the West Coast Inland Navigation District.

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The Board adjourned to meet Wednesday, September 16th, 1953
at 2:00 p.m.

Secretary

Chairman