

The April meeting of the Commissioners, of the WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT, was held April 13, 1970, in the Commissioners Meeting Room, Manatee County Court House, Bradenton, Fla.

Present: Ellsworth G. Simmons, Chairman, Hillsborough County
 Kenneth W. Daniels, Vice Chairman, Lee County
 Dan P. McClure, Treasurer, Manatee County
 Larry Rhodes, Secretary, Sarasota County
 A. L. Anderson, Pinellas County
 Haywood W. Conover, Charlotte County

Charles E. Furbee, Executive Director
 Dewey A. Dye, Jr., Counsel

The meeting convened at 10:30 a.m.

Minutes of the March 9, 1970 meeting were approved as presented.

The Treasurer's Report was read and approved. Vouchers #6253 through #6291 were approved for payment.

The Director reported that consolidation of files, records, and equipment for the Right-of-Way office is complete and that the WCIND records stored in Mr. Peterson's office in Lakeland have now been secured in the Right-of-Way office, Room 252, Court House, Bradenton, Florida.

The Director submitted the Florida Audubon Society's letter of request for certain spoil areas to be designated as wildlife sanctuaries located in Charlotte County. The Director stated that there are also other areas more suitable for this use and these are relatively close by to those the Society identified in its request. Motion was duly made and carried that the request be granted for the islands designated by the Director.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District, advised by letter SAJBP 30 March 1970 a reversal of policy (placed in effect by letter SAJBP 17 March 1969) which provided for the coordination of spoil plans to be performed by the local sponsor. The reversed policy, by higher authority, now confirms a return to the former procedure of performing the necessary coordination by the Corps of Engineers, not the local sponsor.

ACTIVITIES REPORT

Charlotte County

SCL Railroad Company - The Director reported that the request was made March 26, 1970 to the SCL Railroad Company to reaffirm their plans for the continued use of the Port Boca Grande facility. He has been advised that the SCL Railroad Company's comments, re engineering plans submitted by the J. E. Greiner Company, Inc., will be sent to

the J. E. Greiner Company, Inc. The Director was advised also that the SCL Railroad Company would confirm by letter their telephone conversation of April 10, 1970 whereby the SCL states its intention to continue the use of Port Boca Grande facility. The reason given was that they have a specific grade of phosphate that must be handled from the Port Boca Grande facility.

The Chairman stated that the Board is committed only to receive this information for the Board's decision on the project. Commr. Conover reported that phosphate companies have now increased their land purchases for phosphate as far as Arcadia.

Commr. Anderson stated that, in view of the Board being committed to this bridge and the costs increasing day by day, the Board should authorize the Director to follow, day by day, the progress of these plans for the SCL bridge at Placida. Motion was duly made and carried that the Director follow, day by day, the SCL Railroad Company's action on the progress of this bridge project.

Grove City Realty (Delaney and Treloar's Subdivision) -

They have made a request to dredge and now need WCIND clearance to do so. Mr. Dye has prepared an agreement whereby property, located in the right-of-way and through which the WCIND has an easement, may receive excavated spoil material on the upland out of the right-of-way. Motion was duly made and carried to authorize statement that WCIND has no objections.

Cape Haze Acceptance of Appraisal Value, Lot No. 2, Block B-

The Director reported that Cape Haze has accepted the appraised value of \$4,500 for the 35' strip of area desired, and has agreed to purchase subject to Corps of Engineers approval. Motion was duly made and carried that the Cape Haze offer to purchase the 35' strip of land at the appraised value of \$4,500 be authorized.

Sarasota County

Fisherman's Wharf Restaurant - Commr. Rhodes stated that

Mr. Dunn, owner, does not wish to lease the adjoining strip of land which is now an encroachment on WCIND property. The Director reported on three invitations to bid for erection of a fence to protect the District from liability. Only one of the three submitted a bid: Sears & Roebuck Company offered to construct the chain-link fence (approx. 211' by 5' high) for \$230; and with a gate, \$270. Motion was duly made and carried that the bid be accepted and the fence erected.

Maintenance Spoil Area S3-4 Rezoning Status - The Director reported that WCIND had requested a rezoning from M-1 to G-2. The Sarasota Planning Commission, following an open hearing, approved a rezoning from M-1 to G-1. The WCIND request was resubmitted April 3, 1970. Commr. Rhodes stated that the Commission has not approved the requested change from M-1 to G-2. The Chairman suggested that the change not be pursued.

Contract for Spoil, S3-4 - The Director reported that the contract has been approved by Sarasota County Commission and is now awaiting

the WCIND's authorization which will give Sarasota County permission to purchase spoil material from S3-4 at 25 cents per cubic yard. Motion was duly made and carried that this contract be approved.

Fort Myers Shell & Dredging Company Proposal - Mr. Dye reviewed Mr. O'Mahoney's request made some months ago and he also noted on a map the location required for a barging facility. It was stated that in addition to this request there was the Venice Boat & Motor, Inc.; also, there are currently the Martin Concrete Company and the City of Venice proposals, all of which may mean that the waterway will be faced with tremendous traffic in this area. The Chairman stated that the use of the waterway should be encouraged so long as it is safe. The channel is 125 feet wide.

Mr. O'Mahoney, Fort Myers Shell & Dredging Company, stated his proposal for plans to operate in the 60' from the bank to the edge of the channel - not in the channel itself. Barges will be drawn from the waterway; the barges are 30' in width. Commr. Rhodes expressed the opinion that some excavation would have to be done so that barges can be docked parallel to the waterway. Commissioner Daniels agreed. The Chairman stated that the waterway use of the channel should not be interfered with, but users should be encouraged. Commr. Rhodes, Mr. Dye, and the Director are to confer with the Corps of Engineers to reach an understanding of the pattern proposed and its effect on the waterway. Mr. Dye advised that the Board can concur with this request; but, if it becomes a hazard, then a relocation is necessary. The Chairman requested that Mr. O'Mahoney discuss his proposal with Board members and staff following this meeting and then submit his proposal at the next meeting.

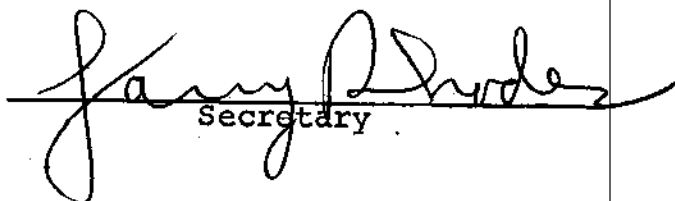
Venice Boat & Motor, Inc. - Mr. Dye reported on a provision in the lease granted, re franchise to a party. It should be advertised for bid; but, this is only a permit for a party to cross WCIND property in order to use the waterway. Mr. Dye recommended that the lease be rewritten to clarify that this is a permit only, or license, to cross the WCIND property in order that the party can get to his own property. The Board concurred.

Manatee County

Manatee County Mosquito Control Request - This request is for spoil material to be placed in an area of Longboat Pass. Motion was duly made and carried that the staff is to keep this request on record and also transmit this request to the Corps of Engineers.

NEXT MEETING DATE - It was agreed that the next Board meeting will be held Monday, May 18, 1970, Manatee County Court House in Bradenton, Fla.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.


Secretary


Chairman

ACTIVITIES REPORT

March 9, 1970 - April 13, 1970

I.

A. CHARLOTTE COUNTY

1. SCL Railroad Company - In accordance with instructions of Board, a letter to Mr. Hutcheson of SCL Railroad Company requested that the SCL reaffirm plans for continued use of the rail span.

2. Florida Audubon Society - Director acknowledged letter of request, from Mr. C. Russell Mason, Executive Director of the Florida Audubon Society, for designation of spoil islands as wildlife sanctuaries; suggested areas are in Charlotte County.

B. Sarasota County

1. Fence Bids - Fisherman's Wharf - Director received bid from Sears, Roebuck & Co., for erection of security fence adjacent to Fisherman's Wharf Restaurant: without gate and with gate.

2. Planning Commission Hearing - Director attended open hearing of Sarasota County Planning Commission for re-zoning request of Spoil Area S3-4. Commission approved request to re-zone from M-1 to G-1. WCIND request was for a G-2 designation. The WCIND original request was resubmitted April 3, 1970.

3. Contract for Spoil, S3-4 - Director prepared contract for Sarasota County to remove spoil material from area S3-4. Conference with Commissioner Rhodes and Commissioner Brumbaugh was held concerning objections. The contract was rewritten and resubmitted April 8, 1970.

4. Fort Myers Shell and Dredging Company - Conference with Mr. Dye was in reference to this company's proposal.

5. Venice Boat & Motor, Inc. - Conference with Mr. Dye was in reference to this company's permit.

II. GENERAL:

A. Director attended NR&H Congress Convention, Washington, D.C., March 17, 18, 19, 20, 1970.

B. Director prepared and processed Resolution #70-02 which restated the Board's general policy in support of authorized waterways projects.

C. Answered letters from upland owners and realtors concerning their requests for spoil material in case of maintenance dredging.

D. J. E. Greiner Company, Inc., Contract - Conference with Mr. L. Stahl of the Greiner Company in reference to plans and specifications of the SCL Railroad bridge.