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The regular meeting of the West Coast Inland Navigation District was held in the court house in Bradenton, Florida, Monday, April 8th, 1957 at 2:00 p.m.

Present were

Ellsworth Simmons, Chairman	Hillsborough County
Chas. R. Fischer, Vice Chairman	Pinellas County
H. C. Slaughter, Treasurer	Manatee County
Wilson Pigott, Secretary	Lee County
Edwin F. McCann, Member	Sarasota County
James Miller, Member	Charlotte County

Fred W. Ball, Executive Secretary  
Dewey A. Dye, Jr., Attorney  
Joe K. Merrin, Engineer

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Simmons.

The minutes of the last meeting were read. Chairman Simmons stated that if there were no alterations or corrections the minutes would stand approved as read.

Communications were read from Messrs. Sheppard, Bartholomew, Mann, Haley and Neblett. Upon motion by Mr. Slaughter, seconded by Mr. Pigott, the letters were acknowledged and filed.

Copy of a proposed bill to be submitted to Legislature was read by Attorney Dye and discussed by the Board. Upon motion by Mr. Pigott, seconded by Mr. Slaughter, Mr. Dye was authorized to follow through on introduction of the bill, and expenses of trip to Tallahassee were ordered paid.

Upon motion by Mr. Slaughter, seconded by Mr. Fischer, the letter from Mr. Dye regarding agreement on negotiations, time involved, etc., on rights-of-way was ordered made a part of these minutes.

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Upon motion by Mr. Slaughter, seconded by Mr. Fischer, payments were authorized made for rights-of-way as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Wallace (Sarasota)	\$670.00
Urbanek Fish Company (fish house & dock, Albee bridge, Nokomis)	\$6625.00

(These payments were recommended by Mr. Dye)

Upon question by the chairman as to the rights of the District after acquisition of properties, Mr. Dye advised that there was no guarantee that there would be no improvements on the acquired properties and only assurance was through the courts.

Upon motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Slaughter, the following was made a part of right-of-way instruments that "owner agrees to vacate right of way and surrender right of way to its contractors and assigns at no additional expense to the District, either for improvement (s) or of removal of same from the right of way."

Mr. Merrin, engineer, gave his report and read a copy of a letter from the U. S. Engineers regarding work done by Sarasota County north of Albee Bridge and the letter he had received in reply. Upon motion by Mr. Fischer, seconded by Mr. McCann, stabilization of alignment, submitted by Mr. Merrin and approved by the U. S. Engineers was accepted and approved.

Mr. Merrin reported that there was another obstruction in the canal right of way: a subdivision which included a certain amount of fill, seawalls and two partially constructed houses which encroached into the right of way just north of Stickney Point Bridge.

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Upon motion by Mr. Fischer, seconded by Mr. Pigott, the U. S. Corps of Engineers and the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Commission were requested to investigate and take action in the matter of this encroachment, with copies of the request forwarded to claimants and the Board of County Commissioners of Sarasota County.

The treasurer's report was given by Mr. Slaughter and accepted on motion by Mr. Pigott and seconded by Mr. Miller.

Mr. Slaughter reported that the banks had agreed to increase interest on Time Deposits to 2 per cent, effective as of April 1st, 1957.

Upon motion by Mr. Slaughter, seconded by Mr. Pigott, the purchase of a filing cabinet and rental of a post office box were authorized.

Upon motion by Mr. Fischer, seconded by Mr. Miller, \$75,000.00 was authorized transferred to Time Deposit, to be divided between the First National Bank, the Manatee River National Bank and the Bank of Palmetto.

Upon motion by Mr. Slaughter, seconded by Mr. Pigott, bills supported by vouchers No. 1542 to No. 1576 were approved for payment.

Chairman Simmons appointed Mr. Slaughter and Mr. Fischer to make arrangements for a bookkeeper to take over the duties of Mrs. H. A. Frappier, resigned, and to work out a satisfactory arrangement with the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County and the Clerk.

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Upon motion by Mr. Fischer, seconded by Mr. McCann, the Board adjourned to meet Monday, May 13th, 1957 at 2:00 p.m.