

The March meeting of the Commissioners, of the WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT, was held March 17, 1969, in the Commissioners Meeting Room, Manatee County Court House, Bradenton, Florida.

Present:

A. L. Anderson, Vice Chairman, Pinellas County
 Dan P. McClure, Treasurer, Manatee County
 Kenneth W. Daniels, Secretary, Lee County
 Kenneth D. Brumbaugh, Sarasota County
 Howard V. Barr, Charlotte County

Charles E. Furbee, Executive Director
 Kenneth W. Cleary, Associate Counsel

Absent: Ellsworth G. Simmons, Chairman, Hillsborough County
 Dewey A. Dye, Jr., Counsel

The meeting convened at 10:30 a.m.

Minutes of the February 17 meeting were approved as presented.

The Treasurer's Report was read and approved. Vouchers #5784 through #5835 were approved for payment.

The Director reported that three insurance firms, recommended by Commissioner Brumbaugh for Sarasota County, had been requested to present proposals for public liability insurance for (2) spoil areas located in Sarasota County. Motion was duly made and carried that the Director be authorized to accept the lowest and best proposal for public liability insurance.

The Director informed the Board that the Legislative Auditor has recently commenced the audit for WCIND and he will be in the WCIND office for the next two - three weeks.

ACTIVITIES REPORT

The Director presented the following information:

CHARLOTTE COUNTY

WCIND received TIIF instrument covering additional right-of-way requested by the Corps of Engineers at SCL bridge.

Title insurance for MPL C-14, C-15A and C-16 (Cape Haze) was received and the matter is now resolved.

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Pipeline Easement MPL C-19 is to include State Road Crossing which right was not obtained when adjoining property easements were acquired. The easement has now been amended and sent to the County Attorney who sees no objection; WCIND anticipates no problem.

C-29A, Dunwody Property: In accordance with instructions by the Board at the last meeting, the Director and Commissioner Barr viewed this additional spoil area required by the Corps of Engineers; following this inspection, no objection was reported; the appraisal value has been received and negotiations will proceed.

C-21, an island, had been selected by WCIND but the Conservation people objected. As a result, the Corps of Engineers suggested an island to the west of the original choice for the spoil area.

Civic Group Meeting, March 6, 1969 - The Director reported that he had attended a meeting with Mr. J. W. Kimball, Mr. Waters and Mr. Plietz at their request. These three gentlemen represent thirteen civic groups and were delegated by Charlotte County Commissioners to evaluate the proposed legislation to "do away with, abolish, or reconfigure WCIND." He received on March 12 via telephone from Mr. Kimball their findings and recommendation which in effect states that they do not recommend the abolishment of WCIND at this time to the Board of County Commissioners, Charlotte County.

Stump Pass Proposal was programmed at one time by Charlotte County - to cut a channel through Stump Pass. Because of involvement of WCIND, plus matching funds, the proposal went to the Corps of Engineers. They, in turn, wrote to the County Commissioners in January, 1969, and inquired if the County wished to keep the proposal for Stump Pass alive. No reply to this inquiry is on record with WCIND, nor with the Corps of Engineers. Commissioner Barr was requested to refer this back to the Charlotte County Commission. No present status report has been received. The Stump Pass project proposal had been previously approved for contribution by the WCIND at the same time the Pinellas County Project was approved. The WCIND is waiting on Charlotte County's decision for the Stump Pass proposal.

SARASOTA COUNTY

The H. L. Tomlinson boat ramp proposal in Venice was discussed at the last Board meeting at which time the Director was instructed to accompany the appraiser, Mr. Sam Caldwell, to view the property and present the proposal at this meeting. The area owned by WCIND and that portion desired by Mr. Tomlinson was shown on the map. Mr. Caldwell asked for a new survey to show the exact acreage involved.

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No objection was made to giving Mr. Tomlinson a lease on the right-of-way--rather than an outright purchase-- and in return Mr. Tomlinson will give WCIND ingress rights at all times.

Casey Key Beach Clean-up work was previously reported as being complete. In accordance with the Board's direction, Mr. Dye prepared release forms and the Director sent out release forms to property owners concerned in the area of TSA-27. Only one has been signed and returned to WCIND. The Director stated his opinion that at least 5 should be anticipated for a representative response, for the property owners' final acceptance.

The Robert W. Hoffman Property proposal was presented to the Board at the last meeting; the Director and Commissioner Brumbaugh viewed this property and also called for the WCIND appraiser to appraise the value for re-sale back to Mr. Hoffman. Mr. Caldwell has agreed to the Lopshire appraisal. Mr. Caldwell's letter to the Board confirming this agreement is anticipated shortly and the Director will follow through with instructions and the authorization to proceed.

S-25 and S-26 proposals for additional right-of-way, which were to have been presented by Mr. Dye, was deferred until next meeting.

The Director presented the following for action:

PINELLAS COUNTY

P-29 and P-29A - The Director stated that these are two maintenance spoil areas at the mouth of the Narrows, and he presented the Resolution 69-8 which was read. This resolution authorizes the Attorney to proceed for acquisition in the name of WCIND. Upon acquisition of P-29 and P-29A in fee simple, these areas will be conveyed to the Corps of Engineers. Motion was duly made and carried to adopt Resolution 69-8.

SARASOTA COUNTY

MPL S-36 - This proposal is deferred until the April meeting for its presentation by Mr. Dye, Jr., Attorney.

The Activities Report was accepted as presented.

NEW BUSINESS

Florida House Committee on Transportation - Tallahassee - The Director reported on the anticipated visit to Tallahassee. Mr. Henry, Committee Chairman, will cancel WCIND's appearance since there is no proposed legislative matter to be presented by WCIND. The Director stated that fifteen (15) copies of the Briefing Material were to be sent on to the Chairman of the Committee. A copy is also being furnished each WCIND Commissioner.

Rivers and Harbors Congress - May 13, 16, 1969, Washington, D.C.
The Fifty-Sixth National Convention -
 The Director announced that copies of all correspondence relating to this annual meeting will be forwarded to each WCIND Commissioner. Commissioner Anderson stated that in accordance with District policy, as many members who can go, the Director and the Attorney should plan to attend at District expense. Motion was duly made and carried that members and staff who attend will be authorized to attend this Convention at District expense.

Time Deposits - The Director referred back to the agenda item and recommended that WCIND establish another \$50,000 deposit. Motion was duly made and carried that the Treasurer be authorized to establish a new time deposit of \$50,000 from the Checking Account.

Next meeting date will be Monday, April 14, 1969, in the Manatee County Commissioners Meeting Room, Manatee County Court House, in Bradenton, Florida.

Commissioner Daniels proposed that the Board authorize the Director to prepare a resolution in tribute to the late Mr. Dewey A. Dye, Senior, father of Mr. Dye, Jr., WCIND Attorney. The motion was duly made and unanimously approved that the Director prepare the resolution for the Board.

ANNEX 134

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.


 Chairman


 Secretary

I.

A. CHARLOTTE COUNTY

The Additional Right-of-Way at Placida Harbor: - WCIND has received TIF instrument covering additional right-of-way requested by Corps of Engineers at SCL bridge; this was recorded in Charlotte County, with conveyance to United States.

Pipeline Easement C-19 - Pipeline easement for C-19 was amended and sent to Charlotte County attorney with letter of explanation.

Title Insurance; Title insurance for MPL C-14, C-15A & C-16, (Cape Haze), has been received.

B. SARASOTA COUNTY

MPL S-36 - Survey was ordered for MPL S-36 across the Gregg property on Siesta Key.

Hoffman Property - The Hoffman proposal has been reviewed for right-of-way release.

Retty Claim - An O & E report was ordered for the Retty property for submission to the Corps of Engineers.

C. PINELLAS COUNTY

Permanent Spoil Areas - Recorded TIF conveyance for: P-25R, P-26R, and P-27R. A revised P-33 survey has been ordered from George F. Young, Inc., Surveyors.

II. GENERAL

On February 26, a staff conference was held to review all pending real estate, title insurance and survey problems.

III. LEGAL MATTERS

Mr. Dye reported on the following: Prepared a statement for House Committee on Transportation for presentation before committee hearing; prepared Okeechobee Waterway resolution; prepared statement concerning inland waterway transportation for Manatee County Committee of 100; reviewed the Tomlinson and Hoffman right-of-way release proposals with Director; and has prepared the land acquisition report for the Florida Board of Conservation.