

W.C.I.N.D. convened a Board Meeting on Friday, September 23, 1983, at WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT headquarters, 200 East Miami Avenue, Venice, Florida, for the purpose of holding a Final Public Hearing on the proposed millage rate and the tentative budget for FY 1983-84.

Commissioners Present: Joseph A. Tringali, Chairman Charlotte County
Porter J. Goss, Secretary Lee County
Westwood H. Fletcher, Treasurer Manatee County
R. L. Anderson, Alternate Sarasota County

Commissioners Absent: Jerry L. Hente, Vice-Chairman Sarasota County

Staff Present: James M. Armstrong, Executive Director
Beverly J. Bonds, Secretary
Philip E. Perrey, WCIND Counsel

Guests and Public Present: Mark Hansen, News Reporter, Sarasota Herald-Tribune

ADMINISTRATION

The meeting convened at 5:08 p.m. and was called to order by Chairman Tringali.

The minutes of the regular Board Meetings of September 8, 1983, and September 9, 1983, were tentatively approved with the following corrections:

The Minutes of September 8, 1983, under the heading of ADMINISTRATION; the second line - the word "began" should be changed to "opened".

The Minutes of September 9, 1983, under the heading of OPEN TO PUBLIC: the third paragraph from the bottom of the page - the percentage of increase over the roll-back rate should be included for each member county of WCIND.

The Treasurer's Report of August 31, 1983, and the current bills were approved as presented.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

Chairman Tringali introduced the only guest present at the meeting, Mark Hansen, news reporter for the Sarasota Herald-Tribune.

OPEN TO PUBLIC:

There were no members of the general public present. Chairman Tringali opened the Public Hearing stating that this was the Final Public Hearing to consider the proposed millage rate, to amend the tentative budget and adopt the final budget, to recompute the millage rate and announce the percent, if any, by which the proposed millage rate exceeds the rolled-back rate. Chairman Tringali then asked the Executive Director to read the rolled-back rate of each member county of WCIND and the percentage of increase for each one.

The Director reported that the proposed millage rate is the same as for 1982-83 or 00.005 mill and then read from the Certification of Taxable Values sent to each county; the rolled-back rate as follows:

LEE COUNTY rolled-back rate of .0048 mill or 4.17% increase over rolled-back rate.
CHARLOTTE COUNTY rolled-back rate of .005 mill or 0.00% increase over rolled-back rate.
MANATEE COUNTY rolled-back rate of .0049 mill or 2.04% increase over rolled-back rate.
SARASOTA COUNTY rolled-back rate of .005 mill or 0.00% increase over rolled-back rate.

-2-

During discussion of the proposed millage and budget, WCIND Counsel Perrey asked the Executive Director to explain why the millage of .005 was being proposed. The Director then reported that based on the Certification of Taxable Values from each member county and the budget of WCIND as proposed, the .005 millage satisfied the financial requirements of ad valorem taxes to WCIND from each county. See attached copy of 83-84 budget.

The Chairman then noted there was no further discussion or comment from the public and then asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing. Commissioner Fletcher made the motion; seconded by Commissioner Goss. Motion then carried.

Then the Chairman asked for a motion to approve the millage by accepting the Resolution No. 83-02. Commissioner Fletcher motioned to accept Resolution 83-02. Discussion of the motion resulted in the Chairman reading Resolution 83-02 in its entirety for the records. Commissioner Goss seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

Commissioner Fletcher then motioned to approve the final budget with Commissioner Anderson seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES REPRESENTATIVE:

The Director reported that there would be a new Director of Resources Management who will be replacing Mrs. Casey Gluckman. He also conveyed the regrets of Mr. Dale Adams for not being able to attend the Board Meeting.

ACTIVITIES REPORT:

A. Sarasota County

Director reported that the City of Venice was not able to relinquish any of the airport land as requested by Commissioner Hente of Mayor Proctor of the City of Venice. Then Director Armstrong recommended that WCIND now proceed with the original plan with the Corps of Engineers as proposed during Counsel Perrey's and Director's meeting with the Corps of Engineers in Jacksonville, FL., in early 1983. The Chairman asked the Director to proceed with the original proposal to the COE.

B. Charlotte County

Chairman Tringali reviewed the proposed operation of the Island Transit Ferry from Gulf Boulevard in Grove City to Palm Island, stating his concerns for the safety of the IWW with a ferry docking and operating in the most narrow portion in the IWW. He further stated his concern that the proposed ferry could encroach on WCIND easement. He then asked the Director to report of his recent visit to the site. The Director reported he had no way of knowing what the actual plans for the operation of the ferry are; however, upon inspection of the site, he observed that there are 2 ferrys - one for transportation of people and one for heavy equipment. He further observed the area for docking would not be large enough to facilitate the docking of both ferrys. After a lengthy discussion among the Board members, a motion was made by Commissioner Fletcher for the Director to attend the Public Hearing on the rezoning of the affected area and convey WCIND's position which, based on present knowledge, we feel is a safety hazard and could possibly be encroaching on our easement. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Goss and carried unanimously with Commissioner Tringali abstaining.

-3-

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

The Director reported on a recent meeting in Tampa with the Corps of Engineers regarding the rebuilding of the South Venice Jetties.

The Director also reported on the Coast Guard cutter site selection, stating a meeting will be held next Tuesday to discuss this further.

At this point, Commissioner Anderson introduced the subject of the recent situation of Midnight Pass migrating to the North and, as a result, 2 homes on the southern end of Siesta Key are literally falling into the water. The Sarasota County Board of Commissioners is seriously considering closing the pass as it is cutting deeply into the shoreline, but they are concerned the closing could cause silting in the IWW and could result in tremendous maintenance costs for the IWW. Chairman Tringali advised Director Armstrong to attend a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Sarasota County on October 4, 1983, to listen to the consulting firm that county has hired to report on the possible closing of Midnight Pass.

Commissioner Goss reviewed the Lee County Port Authority's stand on the deep sea port proposed at Cape Coral. He stated they rejected the proposal completely and further indicated there would be a lot of future activity regarding any proposed sea port in Lee County as well as the present port of Boca Grande and that he might well, at some time in the future, propose a resolution from Lee County regarding dredging activity at Port Boca Grande.

Director Armstrong reported there will be a meeting on September 28, 1983, about the Florida Power & Light Groin Project. The meeting will consist of representatives from DER, COE, Beaches & Shores and contractors. He stated there is supposed to be a Lee County representative there and Commissioner Goss asked if the Director would be able to attend. After giving an affirmative reply, the Chairman then directed Director Armstrong to attend the meeting.

The final item on the Executive Director's Report was the presentation of the 1984 WCIND Meeting Schedule by Director Armstrong as per state law. A copy of same was given to each Board member present.


NEXT MEETING DATE:


The next recommended date for a regular Board Meeting is October 21, 1983. The WCIND staff will determine if a quorum will be present.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Board Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

JMA:bb



Secretary

Chairman