

December 15, 1948

The regular meeting of the West Coast Inland Navigation District was held in the Court House in Bradenton, Florida, December 15th, 1948 at 2:00 p.m. Present were:

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| CHARLOTTE COUNTY: | Matt Weeks, Member |
| HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY: | Fred W. Ball, Vice Chairman |
| LEE COUNTY: | H. M. Stringfellow, Member |
| MANATEE COUNTY: | J. E. McLeod, Treasurer |
| PINELLAS COUNTY: | E. H. Beckett, Chairman |
| SARASOTA COUNTY: | W. L. Woodard, Secretary |

Also- Mr. Merrin, Engineer for the West Coast Inland Navigation District, Andrew E. Potter, Vernon G. Beattie, Jim Powell, Robert S. Baynard, Finn Casperson, G. B. Knowles, L. T. Fenne, Millard Davidson, Colonel Mayo, Brigadier General H. L. Miller, and A. Siegrist.

The meeting was called order by Chairman Beckett.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by Secretary Woodard and approved on motion by Mr. Ball and seconded by Mr. McLeod. Vote unanimous.

The Treasurer presented his report and it was approved on motion by Mr. Ball, seconded by Mr. Stringfellow. Motion carried.

A report was given by Mr. Woodard of the meeting that was held at Venice to acquaint the property owners with the right-of-way of the canal.

A petition from the property owners was presented by Mr. Robert S. Baynard and G. B. Knowles, Attorney for the petitioners, It was moved that the Board receive this petition by Mr. Baynard and Mr. Knowles and after lengthy discussion by the Commission Board of the West Coast Inland Navigation District and the petitioners, the following Resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION
BY WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION COMMISSION

WHEREAS, at a meeting of this Commission held at Bradenton, Florida, this 15th day of December, 1948, a petition was presented over the signatures of 75 residents and property owners in the vicinity of Venice, Florida, praying this Commission to defer action on right-of-way acquisition through the city of Venice and to request the

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Corps of Army Engineers to investigate rock formation along the original Route 1 and compare estimated cost with a possible alternate route which would avoid the expensive right-of-way costs of Route 1, and to request said Corps of Engineers to carry out the provisions of paragraph 7, Section 103, of H. R. Bill No. 6419, second session, Eightieth Congress, to the end that money may be saved to the taxing units and the Federal Government.

And the same having been considered and discussed,
IT IS, UNANIMOUSLY, RESOLVED by West Coast Inland Navigation Commission (1) that we grant said petition; (2) that we request the Corps of Engineers to carry out and perform the prayers thereof, as above recited.

The foregoing Resolution was moved by Mr. Ball, a member of the Commission, seconded by Mr. Stringfellow, another member, and adopted by the unanimous vote thereof.

Engineer Merrin reported that he would proceed with his work as soon as the new maps came.

On motion by Mr. McLeod, seconded by Mr. Stringfellow, that Miss Lobelia Douglas and Mr. Moring Smith be paid \$75 each for services rendered to the West Coast Inland Navigation District. Motion carried.

On motion by Mr. McLeod, seconded by Mr. Ball, all bills rendered at this meeting were approved for payment.

Chairman Beckett's resignation was read by Mr. Woodard and accepted on motion by Mr. Stringfellow and seconded by Mr. Ball. And also, that the Board offer a vote of appreciation to Mr. Beckett for his services.

On nomination by Mr. McLeod, seconded by Mr. Stringfellow, and the unanimous vote of the Board, Mr. Ball was elected Chairman.

On nomination by Mr. McLeod, seconded by Mr. Weeks, and the unanimous vote of the Board, Mr. Stringfellow was elected Vice Chairman.

On motion by Mr. Ball, seconded by Mr. McLeod, the meeting was adjourned until Wednesday, January 12th, 1949 at 2:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

W. L. Woodard
Secretary

APPROVED:

A. H. Ball
Chairman