

The June meeting of the Commissioners of the WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT was held June 10, 1967, at the Bradenton-Sarasota Holiday Inn.

Present were:

Ellsworth G. Simmons, Chairman, Hillsborough County
A. L. Anderson, Vice Chairman, Pinellas County
Mrs. Dorothy R. Flowers, Secretary, Charlotte County
Robert C. Hutches, Treasurer, Manatee County
Kenneth W. Daniels, Lee County
Robert M. Wright, Sarasota County

Harlan T. Johnson, Executive Director
Dewey A. Dye, Jr., General Counsel
Joe K. Merrin, Engineer

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Minutes of the May meeting were approved as presented. The Treasurer's Report was read and approved. Vouchers #4916 through #4947 were approved for payment..

The Chair recognized Mr. A. L. McKnight of the Corps of Engineers, and Colonel Roger M. Bachman of the State Board of Conservation.

PROGRESS REPORT

The Director announced that Conrad Weihnacht Construction, Inc. had been moving equipment into the Venice area preparatory to work on the rip rap contract. Their base of operations will be the Sutton slip. The contractor has proposed a contract permitting use of WCIND property south of Kumpe Bridge, adjoining the Sutton slip, for storage of equipment, without compensation. The WCIND

had introduced provisions requiring public liability insurance and site clean up. Mr. McKnight stated that the Corps of Engineers requires all contractors under contract to them to clean up their work sites and that the CE would cooperate with WCIND in assuring that this was done. On motion duly carried the staff was authorized to contract for use of WCIND property under discussion above.

In regards to the City of Venice v. Norfolk Dredging Co. suit, Mr. Dye stated that the case had been removed to Federal Court in Tampa. The City of Venice was opposing this move and intended to file a motion to have the case remanded to Sarasota County.

The Director announced receipt of letters from Mr. Paul A. Youngberg and Mr. Horace Sutcliffe pertaining to increased salinity in the City of Venice well field. This may be attributable to the recent drought. If this is not the cause the District will be faced with the responsibility for providing new wells.

The Director announced the expiration of the Steve Deans Trucking Co. contract to purchase material from District owned property in Venice. Mr. Deans had been notified that his contract will be continued until all such contracts have expired and the District was ready to renegotiate. Mr. Deans has agreed to forward his check in the amount of \$1,000 for deposit in his escrow account for the additional spoil.

Mr. Dye stated that he had checked with several earth moving

contractors and the price currently being charged by WCIND for the sale of spoil should be increased. All contracts will terminate in June. The Director reported that the quality of spoil and the price that should be paid varied between areas. The Board approved a recommendation that separate bids be solicited for each area.

Negotiations are continuing on spoil area procurement. It was announced that appraisals have been received on MSA's C-10A, C-11 and C-12 with Cape Haze Corp., with no outstanding issues involved. Agreement has been reached in the purchase of MPL C-16A from Mr. Walter Gault. Appraisal has been ordered on MPL C-17A. A defect in the title of MPL S-16, the Hackney property, is being corrected by the owner's attorney.

A study has been initiated of spoil area requirements in Section 5 (Pinellas County). Mr. Sam Caldwell, who has been doing the preliminary work in that area, will join our inspection party to discuss this matter.

The Director announced that the appropriation for rip rapping the waterway in the Venice area has the backing of the entire Florida delegation. He advised that the members and staff follow the Appropriations Bill closely to assure approval of these funds.

Upon motion duly made and carried the Progress Report was accepted.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board approved recommendation by Mr. Dye that the WCIND pay legal expenses on the official tour of the waterway.

Mr. Simmons requested that Mr. Dye and the Director furnish the Board with a complete analysis of unmet requirements including all pending projects and their status of completion. This will enable the members to more accurately reply to questions pertaining to the waterway.

The Director announced receipt of a claim from the South Venice Civic Association, Inc. regarding bank caving at their ferry landing resulting from the wake of boats traveling the waterway. They were notified that this is not a legal obligation of the District unless lateral support has been removed during dredging of the waterway.

The Director announced that Mr. Howard Banta, Editor and Publisher of CRUISE TIPS, has contacted the District in regard to placing an advertisement in the forthcoming edition of his publication. The cost of such an advertisement would amount to from \$200 to \$210. The Board decided against this proposal. The Director was instructed to contact Chambers of Commerce along the waterway familiarizing them with the West Coast Intracoastal Waterway and suggesting that they participate in this and other advertising promoting waterway use.

The Director reported that the State Board of Conservation had no objection to the WCIND budget submitted to them in April.

(Annex #103)

Upon motion duly made and carried a resolution setting the millage rate for the 1967-1968 tax year at .1 mill was officially adopted by the Board.

The Director announced that the \$110,000.00 in state matching funds is being temporarily withheld by the State Board of Conservation for administrative reasons.

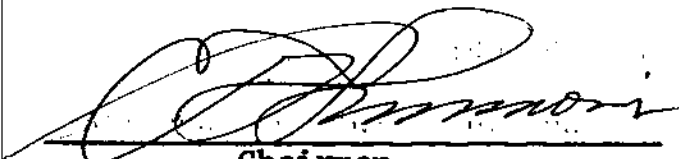
Mr. Dye announced that HB 1895, introduced by Representative Crabtree of Sarasota, had been defeated in the Judiciary C Committee. There was a 10-5 vote against the bill. Mr. Crabtree has introduced HB 2657, which is scheduled to be presented on June 12. This new bill provides that navigation districts publish their proposed budget and that the Board of Conservation hold hearings on this budget when requested by the Board of Commissioners of any county. It was pointed out that WCIND is required by law to publish a complete financial statement at the end of each fiscal year and that all WCIND meetings are open meetings. Anyone interested in WCIND has recourse to his Board of County Commissioners as well as the WCIND Board. A motion was made and approved that any member of the Board, the Director, and the Attorney be authorized travel with all necessary expenses to Tallahassee when HB 2657 is being considered.

Mr. Dye reported that his office has received several telephone calls regarding the alleged purchase of spoil areas on Casey Key. Mr. Dye stated that he wished to announce publicly

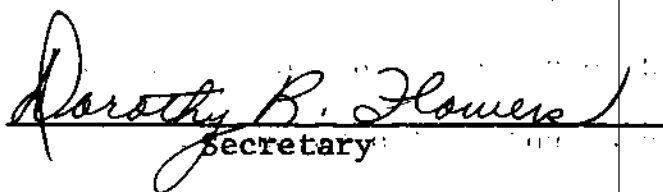
that the WCIND has not purchased property on Casey Key and has no intention of doing so in the immediate future. Charts outlining requirements in that area have been provided to Sarasota County and to the President of the Casey Key Protective Association. The association has been invited to name a committee or representative to work with WCIND in site selections at the proper time.

The next meeting will be held on July 10, 1967, at 10:30 a.m. in the Manatee County Court House.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.



Chairman



Secretary

PROGRESS REPORT

May 7 - June 6, 1967

CONSTRUCTION

Conrad Weihnacht Co. started moving in equipment on June 2 for rip rap contract. They will operate from Sutton's slip near Venice and Florida Avenues. Permission was requested to use adjoining WCIND property for storage of equipment and material. The Director stated that he had no objection to such use of the property but that an agreement to this effect could not be executed until June 10. The use of WCIND property was made contingent on clean up satisfactory to City of Venice and WCIND. Contract is to be completed in 120 days.

BRIDGES

SAL Bridge - Executed contract received from Seaboard Air Line Railroad Co. The J. H. Greiner Co. continued with design work.

George Kumpe Bridge - Mr. Anderson delivered the principal address at the dedication of the George Kumpe Bridge in Venice on May 9. The Board of Commissioners and staff attended the ceremony.

UTILITIES

Turin Street Waterline - A stipulation was received for an extension of time for filing response to complaint from the attorney for defendants.

Venice Well Field - A letter was received from Paul Youngberg, City of Venice Planning Director, reporting on an increase of salinity in three wells near the canal. This may be attributable to the recent drought, if not we will be faced with a claim.

ADMINISTRATION

Inspection of Waterway - Arrangements were completed for an inspection of the waterway on June 9 and 10.

Legislation - The major activity of the Attorney and Director continued to be directed towards refuting baseless allegations concerning the WCIND and in providing sufficient factual information to legislators to enable defeat of anti-WCIND legislation. House Bill

No. 1895 was defeated in the Judiciary C Committee on June 6, 1967.

Budget - Information received from the Board of Conservation indicates that WCIND budget has been tacitly accepted.

Sale of Spoil - On May 29 Mr. Steve Deans of Deans Trucking Co. called the Director concerning his contract. He was informed that his contract was extended under the present terms until time permits renegotiation of all spoil contracts in the Venice area. Mr. Deans is forwarding a check for \$1,000.00 to cover cost of additional spoil.

Spoil Area Procurement - Negotiations are continuing for MSA's C-10A, C-11, and C-12 with Cape Haze Corp. Appraisals have been received.

Agreement has been reached in purchase of MPL C-16A from Mrs. Walter Gault.

Appraisals have been ordered for MPL C-17A.

There is a defect in the title to MPA S-16, Hackney property. Attorneys have initiated corrective action.

A study of spoil area requirements in Pinellas County has been started.

CE, Jacksonville - The Director visited the CE, Jacksonville on May 16 to review spoil area requirements.

National Rivers & Harbors Congress - Commissioners Anderson, Flowers, Wright and Daniels plus the Director attended the National Rivers and Harbors Congress during the period May 31 through June 2. The proposed appropriation for the West Coast Intracoastal Waterway has the support of the entire Florida Congressional Delegation.