

**WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT
APPROVED MINUTES OF AUGUST 18, 2017 BOARD MEETING
VENICE CITY HALL
VENICE, FLORIDA**

Commissioners Present

Carol Whitmore, Chair
Charles Hines, Vice Chair
Larry Kiker, Treasurer
Stephen R. Deutsch, Secretary

Staff Present

Justin D. McBride
Jed Schneck, Legal Counsel

Roll Call

Chair, Carol Whitmore opened the meeting at 10:00 A.M., with the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA CHANGES – Administrative Agenda 4 (b) Resolution 2017-03 for Counsel Jed Schneck Attorney Services for FY17/18. Executive Director's Report 8 (d) Tentative Meeting Schedule FY17/18.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

U. S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS COMMENTS – None

CONSENT AGENDA –

**Commissioner Kiker motioned to approve the consent agenda.
Commissioner Deutsch seconded the motion.
Motion approved unanimously.**

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA – Mr. McBride gave an overview of budget, roll-back vs. proposed millage rate and discussed the potential of an increase in the homestead exemption.

**Commissioner Kiker motioned to approved resolution 2017-03 to retain Jed Schneck as legal counsel for FY17/18.
Commissioner Hines seconded the motion.
Motion approved unanimously.**

OLD BUSINESS – None

COMMISSIONER ITEMS – None

WCIND COUNSEL'S REPORT – Counsel Schneck followed up to the June 2017 discussion regarding derelict vessels and issues related to long-term storage.
Proposed legislative priorities;

- Local regulatory power to limit the time period upon which unattended vessels may be anchored/moored. We are proposing a 60 day length of stay restriction on unattended vessels.

- Delegate the authority to the Counties and Municipalities to draft their ordinance and enforce it.

Commissioner Whitmore opened up Public Comment on DV/long-term storage.

Mr. Donald Schilke from Englewood, spoke about anchorage, sanitation rules and DV's around Indian Mound Park.

Sargent Sam Lutz, Sarasota County Marine Patrol, noted that more clarification is needed to identify DV's and live-aboards.

Deputy John Fandozzi, Sarasota County Marine Patrol – The Marine Patrol is continuously monitoring at risk vessels and reaching out to the owners, via letter, which has netted good results in getting some of the vessels either moved or cleaned up.

The Commissioners requested that this letter and policy be sent to them, to share with their marine law enforcement and appropriate departments.

Counsel Schneck gave an update on Chapter 66A-2, FAC Rulemaking WCIND Waterway Development Program; we are intending to create a draft for the November meeting, this will allow us the opportunity to have our county liaison's review the draft in October and bring the draft rule for publication and notification in November.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT –

District Maritime Officer Concept – Mr. McBride noted that he is still exploring this concept.

Manatee County

- Coquina Dredging Project- responded to additional RAI, coordinating with County staff to move toward issuance of permit by USACE.
- Working with Engineer for Holmes Beach, Anna Maria, and Bradenton Beach Engineer RE: canal survey previously approved.
- Working with Engineer for City of Bradenton Beach RE: Engineering for entrance canal – previously approved.
- Moving forward with work at Warner's Bayou and Highland shores in cooperation with County Staff.

Charlotte County

- Working with County Staff, US Coast Guard, and FFWCC on Ferry Crossing signage issues
- Continuing to work on Palm Island property issues

Lee County

- Big Carlos/New Pass project – contractor dredging. Daily monitoring required.
- Working to assist City of Bonita Springs with dredge project (Oct)

Sarasota County

- Met with County Media Relations Staff to generate collaborative ideas
- Working with TraPonti group on land-swap to benefit both District and developer.

- Beginning preliminary surveys for work at Venice Inlet/Snake Island
- Working with County Staff and USACE on North Jetty Issue

Regional/District Projects

- Attended and presented at SW Florida Coastal Information Day
- Working with USACE to create a GEOPORTAL- this is a tool that will allow the USACE and WCIND to share data in ways never done before. This is a 50-year tool.
- Attended Florida Association of Special Districts Annual Conference.
- Working with USACE on regional permit ideas.
- Preparing DEP funding match requests for three projects.
- Serving on selection committee for Town of Longboat Key at request of Town Manager.

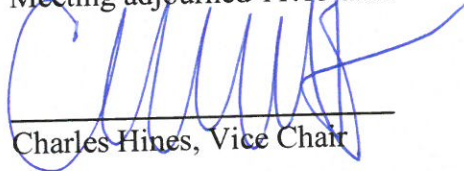
Federal Report – Mr. McBride gave an overview on Alcalde & Fay Federal Legislative Report.

Tentative Meeting Schedule FY17/18 – Keep the regular meetings on Friday, and move the September meetings to Thursdays.

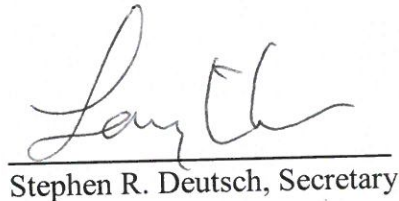
PUBLIC COMMENT: None

NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME: September 8, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. Budget Hearing 5:01 p.m.

Meeting adjourned 11:15 a.m.



 Charles Hines, Vice Chair



 Stephen R. Deutsch, Secretary