

**WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT
APPROVED MINUTES OF MARCH 24, 2017 BOARD MEETING
VENICE CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBERS
VENICE, FLORIDA**

Commissioners Present

Carol Whitmore, Chair
Charles Hines, Vice Chair
Brian Hamman, Alternate, Treasurer

Commissioners Absent

Stephen R. Deutsch
Larry Kiker

Staff Present

Justin McBride, Executive Director
Jed Schneck, Legal Counsel

Chair, Carol Whitmore opened the meeting at 10:04 A.M. roll call, and the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA CHANGES – None

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

PRESENTATION – Hans Wilson & Associates: Commercial Inventory Study

Mr. Hans Wilson noted that the purpose of this study was to:

- Determine location and potential of commercial waterfront development
- What could potentially be there in the future
- How it relates to the ICW
- Understanding the importance of these sites to our maritime economy

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Hamman motioned to approve the consent agenda.

Commissioner Hines seconded.

Motion approved unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA - None

OLD BUSINESS - None

COMMISSIONER ITEMS

Commissioner Hines noted that with the passenger ferry coming into effect, we need to encourage citizens to use it.

WCIND COUNSEL'S REPORT

Counsel Schneck – Vessel Aggregation Areas – Regional effort to identify any issues, and any new approach's, to local regulation of vessel aggregation areas. We have identified issues with; mooring, anchoring, long term vessels not in use, DV/AV, and navigational safety hazards as well as the environmental impacts. Counsel Schneck added that he is currently going through previous legislation,

previous local ordinances, new legislation, and some recommendations from the Fish & Wildlife, as well as local law enforcement.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Alcalde & Fay – The budget that the President release there is a billion dollar cut to the Army Corps of Engineers budget. We have been working with Congressman Rooney's office and the House Waterway Appropriations Sub-committee.

Manatee County

- Coquina Dredging Project:
 - Mitigation plan transmitted to regulatory agencies (including permit)
 - Seeking prices for mitigation work
 - Exploring additional mitigation area that may benefit Longboat Key
- Awaiting UF Sea Grant Staff proposal on moored vessels study.
- Met with the Town of Longboat Key City Manager and staff – canal dredging and pass issues.
- Jacksonville District is planning dredging operations using the Corps dredge Currituck to remove approximately 10,000 cubic yards of material in the vicinity of USCG Buoys R38 to R44 in the GIWW, Manatee County Cut M-5, stations 2 through 57. The dredge material will be placed into the nearshore placement area off of Egmont Key.

Charlotte County

- Trestle Project – 50% complete. Staff continues construction monitoring.
- Coordinating the county staff on contract monitoring and possible need for additional work.
- Met Charlotte County TV on site for story/filming.
- Working with County staff, WSCG, and FFWCC on ferry crossing signage issues (Palm Island Transit).

Lee County

- Big Carlos/New Pass project pre-construction meeting held February 13, 2017.
- New Pass mechanical has begun.
- Big Carlos Hydraulic scheduled to start April 2017, New Pass after that.

Sarasota County

- Consulting with County staff - removal of ancillary dock at Venice Jetty.
- Remove vegetation at request of HOA near Darby property.
- Sent consent to use letter for Blackburn Point parking.
- Addressing Lyons Bay channel issues with County staff.
- Navigational Dredging working with County staff.

Regional/District Projects

- Attended Corps waterway inspection trip
- Partnered with Tampa Bay MIA and SW Florida MIA to host marine theft workshop for law enforcement and manufactures/boats dealers.
- Working to fulfill law enforcement request for additional coordination on marine law enforcement topics.
- Coordinating with County staff on oversight of three major projects – Trestle, New Pass, Big Carlos Pass.
- Asked to participate in Statewide Ecosystem Assessment of Coastal and Aquatic Resources (SEACAR). Five year process, unsure of time commitment.

- Reviewing latest version of the USACE Contributed Funds Agreement as amended by USACE.
- Working with legal counsel on vessel aggregation issues.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME: Friday June 2, 2017, at 10:00 A.M., Venice City Hall, 401 West Venice Avenue, Venice, FL.

Carol Whitmore, Chair

Stephen R. Deutsch, Secretary