

**WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT
APPROVED MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2017 BOARD MEETING
VENICE CITY HALL
VENICE, FLORIDA**

Commissioners Present

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

Staff Present

Justin D. McBride
Jed Schneck, Legal Counsel

Roll Call

Vice Chair, Charles Hines opened the meeting at 4:00 P.M., with the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA CHANGES – Mr. McBride noted that under the Administrative Agenda he would like to reverse the order of Items (a) and (b).

PUBLIC COMMENT – Mr. Hans Wilson, President of the Southwest Florida Marine Industry Association, thanked WCIND for their support in Southwest Florida. Mr. Wilson noted that the SWFMIA does not object to the millage increase, because of the funding provided for the integrity of our waterways and marine industry.

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 noted that Charlotte County's request to exceed the 30% cap on Marine Law Enforcement is a onetime allocation, too acquire the needed vessel for the Sheriff's Marine Patrol.

Commissioner Kiker motioned to approve Charlotte County's request to exceed the 30% cap on Marine Law Enforcement for FY17/18.

Commissioner Deutsch seconded the motion.

Motion approved unanimously.

Mr. McBride asked if there are any more comments or questions on the FY17/18 Budget.

Commissioner Deutsch noted that he would like to support the proposed millage rate of 0.0394.

OLD BUSINESS – None

COMMISSIONER ITEMS – Commissioner Deutsch asked if there could be a cooperative mechanism that can be adopted to have volunteers to survey the canals, seawalls etc. after a storm event.

WCIND COUNSEL’S REPORT –

Counsel Schneck noted that the draft policies updates are to bring in-line the investment policy in accordance of Section 218.415 Fla. Stat. and current investment strategies. Counsel Schneck stated that the major changes involve section 7 and section 9, which list the authorized investment. Mr. McBride added that a three year review of the investment policy be adopted.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT –

Manatee County

- Moving forward with work at Warner’s Bayou and Highland shores in cooperation with County Staff.
- Lake La Vista work under contract (surveying)

Charlotte County

- Continuing to work on Palm Island property issues
- Inspecting Trestle for Storm Damage – removed storm debris – no physical damage.
- Stump Pass – Survey was done post Irma by Coastal Engineering, pass is still opened did not fill-in.

Lee County

- Big Carlos – storm has affected channel
- New Pass project – about to commence. Daily monitoring required.

Sarasota County

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

Regional/District Projects

- IRMA
 - Staff Cleaning up properties as needed
 - Coordinating with Counties on WCIND assistance
 - Assisting Miami-Dade County with information on debris removal
 - Working with USACE on necessary surveys of inlets/etc.
 - Evaluating our internal storm response procedures
- Continuing DV exploratory work
- Responding to FOIA requests (South Jetty)

Asked by FFWCC to present AV/DV issue to their statewide boating council in October 18, 2017.

Budget – CAP 92 Project Anita’s Sandcastle \$50,000.00 - USACOE said that the relocation doesn’t need to be done, therefore, we will reallocate these funds to Regional Projects.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME: October 2, 2017 Final TRIM Hearing at 5:01 P.M.
Regular Meeting November 17, 2017 at 10:00 A.M., Venice City Hall, Venice FL.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 P.M.



Carol Whitmore, Chair



Stephen R. Deutsch, Secretary