

**WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT**  
**BOARD MEETING**  
**MINUTES OF FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1996**  
**SOUTH COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER, VENICE, FLORIDA**

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COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:                    Joe McClash, Chairman  
   Adam Cummings, Vice-Chairman  
   Ray Judah, Lee County

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:                    Jack O'Neil, Secretary

STAFF PRESENT:                                Charles W. Listowski, Executive Director  
   Philip E. Perrey, Counsel

**ADMINISTRATION**

Chairman McClash called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m. Mr. Listowski called the roll. Commissioner O'Neil was absent. Commissioner Judah moved and Commissioner Cummings seconded to approve the Minutes of July 26, 1996, the invoices paid for July and August, 1996, and the treasurer's reports for June and July, 1996. Motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Vince Bottino of Nokomis lives on Lyons Bay with direct access to the Intracoastal waterway. Since the Venice beach renourishment he has had difficulty getting his 32 foot boat out into the channel. Mr. McClash asked Mr. Listowski to look into his situation. Mr. Bottino was asked to put his comments in a letter to WCIND.

Mr. Ralph Strubel lives on Curry Creek in Sarasota County. Manatees used to come into the creek to have their babies. No more. There is severe flooding in this area, and you cannot even get a small row boat into the creek. Sarasota County has been promising relief for five years now. Mr. Listowski discussed these issues with Mr. Strubel and his neighbors prior to the Board Meeting and has offered to work with Sarasota County storm water department to help define any problems that might be addressed by WCIND. The county will have to sponsor the work. Commissioner Judah moved and Commissioner Cummings seconded to have staff contact Commissioner O'Neil and state in detail Mr. Strubel's concerns about his area, and the Commissioner can respond back to the board. Motion passed unanimously. Sarasota County's budget starting October 1, 1996 has \$330,000 available for county-wide navigation improvements.

**U. S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS** - Ms. Hanson offered a telephone conference link to the Board Meetings if she could not appear in person.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. New Pass - Review and Approve Correspondence. Mr. Don Vining from the Coast Guard explained that there is no possible way that the Coast Guard can assist in marking New Pass. Mr. Listowski read portions of a letter he has drafted to Mr. Vining about safety concerns, especially asking him to formally report to the Corps of Engineers that conditions at New Pass are dangerous and confusing to the public and that we have asked for assistance in providing relief to the public from a known hazardous condition that could result in serious injury or even loss of life. The Board had no objections to mailing the letter to Chief Warrant Officer Vining.
2. Waterway Guide Map - Review and Approve. We are lacking final comments from Sarasota County. Perhaps individual Board members can meet informally with staff to get final comments prior to the draft map going to print in October.
3. A.C.O.E. Issues - Harbor Trust Fund & Local Applications of Section 1135 Program. Mr. Listowski had drafted a letter to Mr. Salem of the Corps concerning a letter from his office regarding dredging of Midnight Pass and/or Stump Pass. Mr. Salem referenced local newspaper articles as his information source for making a decision that Section 1135 funds were not applicable. WCIND has not formally requested any consideration to date on the 1135 program for Midnight and/or Stump Passes. No objections were made to mailing the letter.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Special Waterway Project Program. Report on Award. We have received an award from that program for a regional derelict vessel removal project that we applied for last year, and next month we will be receiving a contract for that program. The amount is uncertain, but we asked for \$50,000. Other parts of the state have an amnesty program whereby people thinking of dumping their boat can have the county pay to take it to the dump. It's a lot cheaper to do it that way. Commissioner McClash suggested that Mr. Listowski send a letter to the counties explaining that program.
2. Resolution of Support for S.1181 and H.R.3551. Shore Protection Act of 1996. We were asked by the FSBPA to adopt this resolution in support of beach restoration and renourishment projects. Commissioner Judah moved and Commissioner Cummings seconded to adopt Resolution 96-6 and authorized the Chairman to sign it. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Approval of 1996-97 District Work Plan. The annual work plan which is submitted to the state has been folded into the recently approved Comprehensive Waterway Management Plan. Commissioner Judah moved and Commissioner Cummings seconded to approve the plan. Motion approved unanimously.

4. Approval of 1996-97 District Board Meeting Schedule. Commissioner Cummings moved and Commissioner Judah seconded to approve the board meeting schedule for the coming year. This is a required report. Motion approved unanimously.
5. District Land Use Agreements. We have a proposal from the Blue Seas fishing charter boat and the Fisherman's Wharf restaurant complex, both in Venice. The proposal is to consolidate those two leases, and staff recommends that counsel and staff explore the possibilities, fee structures, etc. and report back to the board at the November 1 meeting. Commissioner Judah moved and Commissioner Cummings seconded. Motion approved unanimously. This would be for a short period of time only, until one lease expires in March, 1997.
6. Approval of Project Extension Requests. Commissioner Judah moved and Commissioner Cummings seconded to approve this routine request for project extensions to September 30, 1997. Motion approved unanimously.
7. Approval of Resolution for Legal Services. Commissioner Judah moved and Commissioner Cummings seconded to approve Resolution 96-2 pertaining to the legal services of Philip E. Perrey for a one year period to September 30, 1997. Motion approved unanimously.
8. Stump Pass - Request for District Assistance from Charlotte County. We received a request from Chairman DeBoer that WCIND consider investigating the feasibility of dredging restrictions in the natural channel to clear the pass for safe navigation. Staff recommends that WCIND respond to Charlotte County. There was sentiment at the July workshop to do minimal spot dredging within the existing configuration of the channel. Mr. Listowski would try to gather all available studies on the issue and ask some exploratory permitting questions. No funding would be involved yet. It would be an administrative task. Commissioner Judah moved and Cummings seconded to take these tentative first steps. Motion approved unanimously. Mr. Listowski will be meeting with two legislators next week on this issue.
9. Matanzas Harbor Plan - Lee County. Staff recommends support of a coastal management program grant that Lee County is putting together from the Department of Community Affairs. Commissioner Judah moved and Commissioner Cummings seconded to approve Resolution 96-6 which supports a cooperative effort including all interested entities involved in Matanzas Harbor, supports efforts to seek grant funding to develop a prototype harbor plan, and supports an effort to implement such a plan by applying for funding from the FDEP Special Waterway Project Program. Motion approved unanimously, and Chairman was directed to sign the Resolution.

The Board Meeting was adjourned. Next meeting is November 1, 1996 at 10:30 in Venice, FL.

### **TENTATIVE BUDGET HEARING**

## Minutes of September 6, 1996 Board Meeting

The Chairman convened this hearing at 5:25 p.m. The advertised millage rate is the roll back rate of .0189, which represents a three ten thousandth mill reduction from FY95/96. County funding requests are as follows: Manatee: \$176,796, Sarasota: \$382,500, Charlotte: \$124,930, and Lee: \$389,740. Ad valorem taxes are estimated at: Manatee: \$183,706, Sarasota: \$344,083, Charlotte: \$119,685, and Lee: \$403,441. We have a total of \$86,299 going into the Cooperative Assistance Program for three projects. Since the last meeting Lee County has formed a strategy whereby they will be in a position to replenish \$202,825.71 back into contingency reserves for District use and a promise to repay the additional \$412,564.29 within the agreed three year time span, no later than fiscal year 1999.

The Chairman opened the Budget Hearing to the public.

Mr. Vince Bottino asked for a breakdown of some of the budgeted items which will be mailed to him. He was given a copy of the Work Plan.

Commissioner Judah moved and Commissioner Cummings seconded to approve the tentative millage rate of .0189. Motion approved unanimously.

Commissioner Cummings moved and Commissioner Judah moved to adopt the tentative budget for FY96/97 of \$1,626,300. Motion approved unanimously.

The final budget hearing will be September 13, 1996 at 5:01 p.m. in Venice.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:38 p.m.