

**WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT  
APPROVED MINUTES OF APRIL 6, 2018 BOARD MEETING  
VENICE CITY HALL  
VENICE, FLORIDA**

Commissioners Present

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

Staff Present

Justin D. McBride  
Jed Schneck, Legal Counsel

Roll Call

Chair, Charles Hines opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m., with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AGENDA CHANGES – NONE**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Linda Cotherman, Vice President at the Bocilla Islands Conservancy, noted that there are 6 WCIND parcels on Don Pedro / Knight Island in Charlotte County. The Conservancy is asking WCIND for a use agreement for the purpose of: a) teach about the sensitive ecology and habitat on the islands; b) promote an awareness of the environment; c) demonstrate how low impact use and respect for nature at our doorstep is important; d) install an obligation and responsibility to future generations.

Ms. Barbara DeYulio, President at the Bocilla Islands Conservancy, noted that the mission of the Conservancy is conserve green space, natural habitat, and promote environmental opportunities on the island.

**1. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Commissioner Hamman motioned to approve the consent agenda.**

**Commissioner Whitmore seconded the motion.**

**Motion approved unanimously.**

**2. AGENCY COMMENTS/PRESENTATIONS - NONE**

**3. ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA – NONE**

**Commissioner Deutsch joined the meeting at 10:05 a.m.**

**4. OLD BUSINESS**

- a.) Mr. McBride stated that staff and county liaisons are working on the changes to 66A-2 and are very close to having a full draft.
- b.) Mr. McBride noted that we are still working with the USACOE on Venice Inlet dredging.

- c.) Mr. McBride noted the DV process is working well, and stable contractors that are reacting very well.
- d.) Mr. McBride noted the regional DV position, Sheriff Scott with Lee County has agreed to keep a position part-time and they will drive all annual training. Mr. McBride added that there is a 5 party Memorandum of Understanding that has been drafted, and will be presented to all the Sheriff's in the 4 counties of the District. Commissioner Whitmore asked for a copy of the MOU. Commissioner Hines commented on the approaching hurricane season and educating boaters to prepare their boats in the event of a hurricane.

## 5. NEW BUSINESS

- a.) Draft Property Use Policy: Mr. McBride noted that the FDEP in conjunction with some of the counties, were doing spoil island restoration on some of our islands. However, this may cause issues when we need to use those islands if those species of plants will cause to mitigate for them. Mr. McBride added that the Property Use Agreement will allow temporary public use that does not interfere with our long/short term goals. Counsel Schneck added there is a provision for encroachments; to either have them removed or provide a temporary use agreement with a 10 year term. Commissioner Deutsch recommended a shorter term to remove encroachment(s), or provide a easement to reduce WCIND liability. Mr. McBride asked that the Commissioners submit their comments prior to the next meeting, we will make amendments and present for further discussion.
- b.) Opening talks with DEP on spoil island management protocol for WCIND spoil areas: Mr. McBride noted that a draft policy has been developed, for long-term plan for restoration.

## 6. WCIND COUNSEL'S REPORT –

- a.) Executive Director Contract expires May 4, 2018: Counsel Schneck noted that there are provisions for automatic renewal, and time extension. Counsel Schneck added he would like to have the contract renewed at the beginning of the fiscal year. Commissioner Hines would like consensus on the contract to automatically renew, and he will meet with Counsel Schneck and negotiate the changes.

**Commissioner Hamman motioned to extend Mr. McBride's contract to the end of the fiscal year, and have the Chair negotiate a new contract on behalf of the Board. Commissioner Deutsch seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

## 7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT –

Mr. McBride noted that we are changing the firm that represents us in Washington DC it will be the same individual, new firm, same prices, and better service.

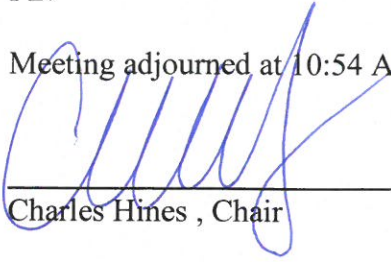
Mr. McBride noted that he will present two preliminary budgets options at the next meeting.

## 8. COMMISSIONER ITEMS - None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME:** June 25, 2018 at 10:00 a.m., Venice City Hall, Venice FL.

Meeting adjourned at 10:54 A.M.



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Charles Hines , Chair



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Carol Whitmore, Secretary