

**WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT
APPROVED MINUTES OF AUGUST 23, 2019 BOARD MEETING
VENICE CITY HALL
VENICE, FLORIDA**

Commissioners Present

Brian Hamman, Chair
Stephen R. Deutsch, Alternate Vice Chair
Charles Hines, Secretary
Carol Whitmore, Treasurer

Staff Present

Justin D. McBride, Executive Director
Jed Schneck, Legal Counsel

Chair, Brian Hamman opened the meeting at 10:01 a.m., with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call.

AGENDA CHANGES – None

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

1. CONSENT AGENDA -

**Commissioner Deutsch motioned to approve the Consent Agenda.
Commissioner Hines seconded the motion.
Motion approved unanimously.**

2. AGENCY COMMENTS/PRESENTATIONS – None

3. ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA –

a. Resolution 2019-05 Schneck Legal as the District's legal counsel.

**Commissioner Deutsch motioned to approve Resolution 2019-05.
Commissioner Whitmore seconded the motion.
Motion approved unanimously.**

b. FY19/20 Budget and Millage Rate – Mr. McBride presented the budgets prepared at 0.0378 rollback rate and 0.0394 proposed millage rate.

**Commissioner Whitmore motioned to use the proposed millage rate 0.0394.
Commissioner Deutsch seconded the motion.
Motion approved unanimously.**

4. OLD BUSINESS –

- a. Derelict and Abandoned Vessels – Mr. McBride noted that most counties and municipalities are in the process, if not completing new procedures to rapidly speed up removals. WCIND has received approximately \$100,000.00 reimbursement from the State through grant program. Additionally, some owners have started paying restitution.
- b. Unauthorized Use of Property – Mr. McBride noted that everything is going well, there are fences being installed on seven properties. The other two properties are being brought into compliance.

5. NEW BUSINESS – None

6. WCIND COUNSEL’S REPORT –

- a. Executive Director Evaluation – Cycle Alteration Implications – Counsel Schneck noted the package you received contains the Resolution and policy change, changing the Executive Director’s evaluation from July 1st to September 1st. Commissioner Whitmore and Commissioner Deutsch do not support this revision to the policy.

Commissioner Whitmore motioned to maintain the current evaluation process and policy.

Commissioner Hines seconded the motion.

Motion approved unanimously.

7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT -

Manatee County

- Reviewing La Vista Draft Report

Charlotte County

- Continuing engagement with encroachment issues on Palm Island.
 - Fences being installed
- Staff attending CHNEP meetings
- Continuing technical assistance on Manchester Waterway

Lee County

- Broadway Hogue/Intrepid Waters Dredge Project – Construction Ongoing
- Moving forward Punta Rasa Dredge plans

Sarasota County

- Lyons Bay dredging – DEP permits received, working with USACE/NMFS on Fed permits
- Preparing for Venice Inlet sand-trap dredging (SOW- DEP Agreement).
- VPD/SCSO dock construction scheduled
- Working with County Staff RE: Matheny Creek Dredging

Regional/District

- ADA Website Update – Contract, etc.
- Savings from investments – highlight \$51,055.00 in saving over 12 months.
- Derelict Vessel grants- three grants totaling \$102,558.00 thus far.
- Harmful Algal Bloom Study – partnership with SWFMIA – reduction in cost to district.
- Incorporating Florida League of Cities Safety and Risk Improvement Assessment into Policy Manual
- Preparing for review of operations/maintenance of North and South jetty walkways.
- Preparing for review of all agreements for parks/boat ramps/etc.

Legislative Priority

Impact of Long Term Vessel Storage

HB 1221 and SB 1666 were introduced this session. A provision of these bills was a study of the impacts of long-term stored vessels on local communities and the state. The study was to investigate whether, and to what extent, long-term stored vessels and vessels anchored or moored outside of public mooring fields for more than 30 days contribute to the number of derelict and abandoned vessels on the waters of the state and provide recommendations for action. The bill was passed and was signed by the Governor. Unfortunately the study was not funded by the legislature this year. It is a legislative priority to get this study funded – please pass info on to your representatives in Tallahassee for inclusion in your County legislative priorities.

Final language (<http://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2019/1666/BillText/er/PDF>).

Introducers:

SB 1666 Co-Introducers- Sen. Anitere Flores (Miami-Dade/Monroe) & Sen. Jason Pizzo (Miami-Dade)

HB 1221 Co-Introducers : Rep. Tina Polsky (Palm Beach) and Rep. Holly Raschein (Monroe & Part of Miami-Dade) (CO-SPONSORS) Rep. Vance Aloupis (part of Miami-Dade); Rep. Mike Caruso (part of Palm Beach); Rep. Jope Casello (Part of Palm Beach); Rep. Chip LaMarca (part of Broward).

- 8. COMMISSIONER ITEMS** – Commissioner Hamman recommended doing a summary/background of the agenda items. Under Administrative agenda similar to Lee County’s “Blue Sheet” system to provide Commissioners with more background information.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME: September 12, 2019 at 4:00 p.m., Venice City Hall, Council Chambers.

Meeting adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

Brian Hamman, Chair

Charles Hines, Secretary