

**WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT
APPROVED MINUTES OF JANUARY 27, 2017 BOARD MEETING
VENICE CITY HALL
VENICE, FLORIDA**

Commissioners Present

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

Staff Present

Justin D. McBride
Jed Schneck, Legal Counsel

Chair, Stephen R. Deutsch opened the meeting at 10:00 A.M., with the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA CHANGES – None

PUBLIC COMMENT – Jeanne Ezcurra with Siesta Key, Save our Sand noted that Big Pass is a natural maintained pass. Ms. Ezcurra asked the Board to approve the coordinated framework to implement an inlet monitoring plan for Big Pass/New Pass in Sarasota County.

U. S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS COMMENTS – None

CONSENT AGENDA –

**Commissioner Kiker motioned to approve the consent agenda.
Commissioner Hines seconded the motion.
Motion approved unanimously.**

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA –

a. Slate of Officers

**Commissioner Kiker motion to keep the current rotation, Carol Whitmore, Chair, Charles Hines, Vice Chair, Larry Kiker, Treasurer, Stephen R. Deutsch, Secretary.
Commissioner Hines seconded the motion.
Motion approved unanimously.**

Commissioner Whitmore took over as Chair.

OLD BUSINESS – None

COMMISSIONER ITEMS – Commissioner Hines commented on the boats in Englewood that are anchoring, and staying long-term. Mr. McBride noted that it is a dual education attack; educating the boater's, and law enforcement to make sure they fully understand the laws and regulations that are at their disposal. This is a West Coast problem, and we are monitoring in all the communities.

WCIND COUNSEL'S REPORT – Mr. Schneck discussed the draft resolution for the Executive Director's authorizations and expenditures limits. Commissioner Whitmore asked that it be brought back at the next meeting for action.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT –

Peacock and French, CPA's – letter of engagement 2017 – services remain the same, no increase in fees.

DV/AV removal protocol – regionalizing, and outlining the steps that the cities and municipalities will take to request WCIND to handle the removal of those vessels.

Manatee County

- a. Coquina Dredging Project
 - Starting the bid specs
 - Have come to an accord with the regulatory agencies on mitigation measurers
 - Pricing out mitigation measurers
 - Deadlines in place
- b. Palma Sola Channel
 - Survey work completed
 - Coordination with county staff
- c. UF Sea Grant
 - Working on a study of moored vessels that are not in the aquatic preserves and the impact that they are having.
- d. Warner's Bayou issues
 - Working with county staff

Charlotte County

- a. Trestle Project
 - Awarded to Marine Contracting Group \$240,000.00
 - Work began January 12, 2017

Lee County

- a. Big Carlos/New Pass
 - Bids came in, within budget
 - Regulatory agency pre-construction meeting scheduled for February 13, 2017
- b. Working with Lee County Law Enforcement Task Force, Lee County Sheriff's Office, and the Marine Industry Association on a pilot project regarding marine theft.

Sarasota County

- a. Blackburn Point – working with staff on parking and access points.
- b. Attended meeting at Indian Mound Park – DV/AV removal
- c. Met with Taylor Engineering and the City of Venice – City of Venice Shoreline Stabilization

Regional

- a. DV initiative has begun
- b. USACOE waterway inspection trip
- c. Working with the University of Florida on the GIS platform
- d. District wide commercial landing study nearing completion – presentation at the next meeting
- e. Received the draft Investment Policy Statement (IPS)
- f. The law enforcement community has requested additional coordination with the mooring vessels.

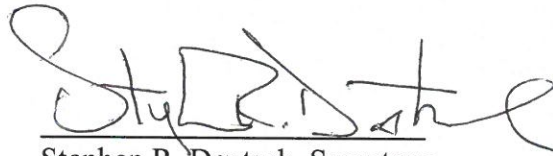
PUBLIC COMMENT: None

NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME: March 24, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned 10:59 a.m.



Carol Whitmore, Chair



Stephen R. Deutsch, Secretary