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A special meeting of the WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS was held August 30, 1962 at the Manatee County Office Building.

Present were:

Ellsworth G. Simmons, Chairman, Hillsborough County
H.H. Anger, Vice Chairman, Charlotte County
A.L. Anderson, Secretary, Pinellas County
L. Elmer Bustle, Treasurer, Manatee County
Warren S. Henderson, Sarasota County

George Kumpe, Executive Director
Dewey A. Dye Jr., General Counsel
Joe K. Merrin, Engineer

Absent:

Mack H. Jones, Lee County

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 3 P.M. He stated that the purpose of the meeting was to review and ratify, if the Commissioners saw fit, certain documents which have been prepared by the legal department in the desire to answer the requests of the City Council of the City of Venice as set forth in their resolution of July 31, 1962.

Item 1 of the Venice resolution (four laning of U.S. 41) was not discussed as it is a State Road Department matter.
(WCIND annex to Minutes, page 42)

Resolution was read on Item 2/requesting SRD to act as agent for WCIND for the Venice Avenue bridge project at the expense of WCIND. Commissioner Henderson asked if there was anything in writing at the present time as to the bridge location. He was answered that this would be a matter to be decided by the State Road Department and the desires of local interests would be

considered in the design. Chairman Simmons said he thought the Road Department was working on the engineering. The resolution was adopted unanimously.

(WCIND annex to Minutes, page 43)

Resolution on Item 3 was read, asking the Board of County Commissioners of Sarasota County to request that the Venice Avenue bridge be placed on the state secondary road system and that Sarasota County assume costs of operation and maintenance of the bridge. Chairman Simmons pointed out that it was necessary for the bridge to be on the SRD network of roads for them to act as contractual agent for WCIND. The resolution was adopted unanimously.

(WCIND annex to Minutes, page 44)

Resolution was read on Item 4, an agreement by the Navigation District to bear all expenses of lowering existing water and sewer mains where Venice Avenue crosses the Waterway and to reserve \$50,000 for this construction. It was pointed out that the resolution gave several methods by which the work could be accomplished, that the City could do the work if it desired or WCIND could have it done. The resolution was adopted unanimously.

(WCIND annex to Minutes, page 45)

Resolution was read on Item 5, reaffirming previous commitment. The Navigation District will bear the costs of modification of the well field which may be found necessary as a result of the construction of the Waterway; will participate in the cost of installation and operation of a monitor well system and will reserve \$55,000 for the cost of this work. The resolution was adopted unanimously.

Item 6 of the Venice resolution, the route of the Venice By-pass, is a matter for the State Road Department.

(WCIND annex to Minutes, page 46)

Resolution was read on Item 7/wherein the Navigation District agrees to the commitment of the District Engineer, U.S. Army Engineer District, Jacksonville, that no spoil areas will be placed within the City limits except at the airport and in the vicinity of the high school. The resolution was adopted unanimously.

(WCIND annex to Minutes, page 47)

The Board considered a resolution/setting forth specifically what the Navigation District desires in return for the action described in the five resolutions just passed:

- a. Conveyance of tracts C & D in the suit now pending between WCIND and the City of Venice.
- b. The City of Venice will initiate and complete applications to FAA for approval of all conveyances required on airport property.
- c. The City will hold WCIND harmless for claims from Venice Golf Association Inc. but WCIND will pay for actual damages to Association improvements up to \$10,000.
- d. The City shall dedicate public road right of way easement to provide access to the O.W. Caspersen tract west of the Waterway.

Commissioner Anderson moved the adoption of the resolution. The motion carried unanimously.

As required at the August 10, 1962 meeting, action on diking was reported for ratification. After no bids were received on the four diking jobs to be performed in Section 4 on July 31 as a result of advertisement, sealed bids were solicited personally

and three were opened on August 13, one for \$15,000; one for \$14,000 and a low bid of \$7,376 from the Lanus Marine Construction Co. of Nokomis. The Director obtained telephonic approval of four Commissioners and the contract was awarded to Lanus. This action was ratified. The contractor posted 100% performance bond and has started work. On a fourth diking job, S 35-8, the owner (Rasmussen) was given option of diking the area for \$1000; the work to be completed 30 days before the arrival of the dredge. The owner accepted, and will be notified as to when diking must be accomplished. All diking agreements provide that 50% payment will be made when the work is accepted by Mr. J.K. Merrin and the remainder will be paid when the work is accepted by the Corps of Engineers.

The Board of Commissioners voted to reaffirm their position as set forth in a letter of Feb. 16, 1960 as supporting the construction of all waterways in Florida found to be justified economically. This was in answer to a request from the Florida Waterways Association.

The next meeting of the Commissioners will be Friday, September 14, at 11 A.M.

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 P.M.

H. H. Anger
Vice-Chairman

George Kump
137 Secretary