

The monthly meeting of the COMMISSIONERS OF THE WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT was held at the Manatee County Office Building in Bradenton, Florida, August 7, 1961.

Present were:

Ellsworth G. Simmons, Chairman, Hillsborough County  
 H.H. Anger, Vice-chairman, Charlotte County  
 Boyd R. Gernhard, Secretary, Sarasota County  
 Elmer Bustle, Treasurer, Manatee County  
 A.L. Anderson, Pinellas County

George Kumpe, Executive Director  
 J. Hardin Peterson Sr., Special Counsel  
 Joe K. Merrin, Engineer  
 Dewey A. Dye, Jr., General Counsel

Absent:

Mack H. Jones, Lee County

#### ADMINISTRATION

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 2:05 P.M. Minutes of the 17 July 1961 meeting were approved as presented. The Director read the Treasurer's report and it was approved as read. Vouchers #2788 through #2810 covering current bills were approved for payment.

#### PROGRESS REPORT

The Director reported that the dredge had progressed 10,657 linear feet and dredged 119,909 cu. yds of material and that as of 31 July 1961 the contract was 9% complete.

#### Sarasota County

The Director reported that Mr. Van Ferguson had stated the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund would proceed with appraisals of three composite spoil areas in Sarasota County since the City and the County have indicated that they are agreeable that the areas be used.

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Bridges

Commissioner Gernhard read excerpt from Minutes of special meeting of Sarasota County Commissioners on August 7th to the effect that the State Board of Administration through the State Road Board be asked to finance a \$325,000 bond issue for 14 years to finance up to 50% of the total cost of the construction of the Albee Road Bridge, and that the Board action of June 22, 1961 earmarking \$75,000 per year for ten years to construct the Manasota Bridge be rescinded. This latter action was taken because Sarasota Commissioners felt there is some question as to whether the Manasota Bridge will be used by the Waterway due to rumors of a change in route. Chairman Simmons stated as far as WCIND is concerned there is only one authorized route for the Waterway.

Chairman Simmons, on behalf of the Board, expressed appreciation for Mr. Gernhard's diligence and stated that he was most appreciative of Mr. Gernhard's and Sarasota County's efforts and their interest as expressed; however, he felt that before WCIND made a commitment on the matter a meeting should be sought between the State Administration, the State Road Department, Sarasota County and WCIND on the bridge problems. The Albee bridge has highest priority as it affects the pending appropriation. Mr. Peterson stated that work is being done at this time on the following year's appropriation.

A check of Commissioners' schedules for the next few weeks showed that August 25th would be an acceptable date for the meeting. Chairman Simmons was authorized to try to arrange the meeting for that time.

The Progress Report was accepted.

NEW BUSINESS

The Executive Director was authorized to dispose of for \$12.00 a 2-drawer file cabinet purchased in 1949 which has been used in Dewey Dye's office.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:30 P.M.

Boyd R. Glendon  
Secretary

[Signature]  
Chairman

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## PROGRESS REPORT

17 July 1961 - 7 August 1961

### CONSTRUCTION

1. The Corps of Engineers informed the Navigation District that core borings for Section 4 would not be made until the end of August due to higher priority of defense projects.

### LANDS

2. Sarasota County - Revisions in bulkhead line for Section 2 were advertised by Board of County Commissioners. Copies of the legal advertisement were sent by the Navigation District to property owners within 1000'. On July 31 the Navigation District received notice of a permit application by property owners for the construction of a bulkhead along a portion of Spoil Area S-6.

3. Mr. Lombard of Eagle Point, Inc. was given information about beach spoil areas to be used in determining whether or not a pipeline easement across Eagle Point Inc. property would be granted. It is understood that this easement will be signed.

4. The Corps of Engineers advised the Navigation District that at Blackburn Point bridge the 300' right-of-way was adequate on a permanent basis and that if Sarasota County so desired they could construct a bulkhead up to the right-of-way line in connection with spoil area S-26.

5. Board of County Commissioners considered the Navigation District request for a statement approving proposed composite spoil areas S-34 and 35 and the City Council of Sarasota did the same for spoil area S-42, all to persuade the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to appraise the submerged portions. On July 27 the City Commission passed the desired statement.

6. The City of Sarasota formally requested the District Engineer to accept funds to place S/A S-45 on S-46 and keep spoil in open bay spoil areas below low water.

7. Manatee County - Mr. Yerkes, member of the Town Council of Longboat Key, visited the Director to discuss obtaining spoil on a town owned island on the Sarasota-Manatee County line.

8. Pinellas County - Copy of a letter from the Corps of Engineers to Representative Cramer was received explaining why it had not been feasible to utilize an alternate spoil area for spoil area P-18.

9. The Corps of Engineers informed the Navigation District that the use of an upland alternate area had been authorized in place of spoil area P-19.

10. Conveyance of two alternate spoil areas was furnished the Corps of Engineers to permit the elimination of spoil area P-25 R. On 2 August the Director notified Mayor Gibbs that the contractor would require additional payment if alternate spoil area P-24 B had to be filled from the landward side and suggested means whereby the matter might be solved.

11. Venice - Myakka Route Newspaper articles continued a discussion of a possible re-routing of the Waterway on the Myakka route. No official correspondence on this matter was received.

#### BRIDGES

12. The Director discussed with Mr. Snodgrass the strengthening of the Siesta Key, Stickney Point and Blackburn Point bridge piers. Before work is advertised a survey will be made of the depth in the vicinity of each bridge. Local assurances with respect to the accomplishment of bridge strengthening will be required by the Corps of Engineers only if existing depths must be deepened to permit the passage of construction equipment. In this case, before the contract is advertised assurance will be required that necessary strengthening of the piers will be accomplished in accordance with the construction schedule of the Waterway. In other cases, if required strengthening has not been accomplished when the dredge reaches the bridge, the Corps of Engineers will delete from the contract dredging in the vicinity of the bridge and this work will have to be performed later at no expense to the federal government.

#### ADMINISTRATION

13. Mr. Marshall of the Federal Fish and Wildlife Service, Vero Beach, advised the Director that he had discussed with State Road Department officials in Bartow the possible use of the Sunshine Skyway Causeway as a spoil area for dredging in the borrow channel if it becomes an authorized alternate route. Road officials indicated that while they could make no official commitment there should be no difficulty in obtaining these spoil areas.

14. The Director spoke before the Sarasota Kiwanis Club on 27 July.