

**WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF JUNE 10, 2011 BOARD MEETING
VENICE CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBERS
VENICE, FLORIDA**

Commissioners Present:

Robert Skidmore, Chair
John Chappie, Vice Chair
Nora Patterson, Treasurer
Ray Judah, Secretary

Staff Present:

Charles W. Listowski, Executive Director
Philip E. Perrey, Counsel

Chair Robert Skidmore opened the meeting at 2:00 p.m. in Council Chambers – Venice City Hall, Venice, Florida requesting additions/deletions to the agenda. Mr. Listowski requested that Administrative Agenda items #2 and #3 be moved up in the agenda to the USACOE comments. Motion was made by Commissioner Chappie, seconded by Commissioner Patterson, to have Administrative Agenda items #2 and #3 discussed during USACOE comments, and motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Mr. and Mrs. Ed Campbell addressed the Board regarding Snake Island. The Campbells reside directly across from Snake Island, and commented on the positive use of the Island and the very limited problems they have personally experienced with users of the Island. In addition, Mr. Campbell suggested that, due to the decreased size of the Island in recent years, management of the Island and its use may become more important in the future.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION’S COMMENTS – Mr. Listowski reported on a tentatively scheduled meeting with Secretary Vineyard in late July or August of 2011. Commissioner Skidmore suggested that Charlotte County has a need for inlet management planning of Stump Pass. Mr. Listowski suggested that the Stump Pass issue could be discussed as an agenda item for the upcoming meeting with Secretary Vineyard.

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS’ COMMENTS – Mr. Milan Mora, USACOE Project Manager, addressed the Board on various issues. He gave an update on the scheduled dredging for Cut M-5, Cut M-8 (tip of Anna Maria Island), and the Sunshine Skyway area of the IWW which should begin in late September of 2011. He reported that the Currituck will be supported by a newly constructed “Marker” dredge that is being built after the Currituck design. This may enable the construction cost to decrease since the new vessel will require sea testing at a much reduced cost from normal mobilization. Mr. Listowski suggested that prior to the relocation of the dredge subsequent to the planned schedule of locations in Manatee County and southern Pinellas County, that a formal request be made to have the dredge address WCIND channel deficiencies in Lee and Sarasota counties as per previously submitted congressional add for assistance. Motion by Commissioner Patterson, seconded by Commissioner Judah, and motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Mora then explained that discussions regarding the consent of use easement for tree plantings along the IWW through Venice will be accomplished with an agreement with the District representing the City of Venice. This consent to use easement should be received within two weeks from the Jacksonville Office. Motion by Commissioner Patterson to approve the consent of use easement between the District and the USCOE, seconded by Commissioner Chappie, and motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Brett Moore, of Humiston & Moore, made a presentation relative to a structural remedy to stabilize Snake Island shoreline and the existing cultural resources present. After much discussion and comments by Commissioner Patterson regarding funding; Commissioner Judah regarding liability; Counsel Perrey regarding liability; and Mr. Pat McCarthy regarding recreational user support, motion was made by Commissioner Patterson to move forward on an application for JCP regarding the construction of a sediment reservoir facility west of Snake Island including, but not limited to funding, and further discussions regarding sediment budget to the City of Venice and ownership issues involving Snake Island. Motion seconded by Commissioner Judah, and motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA – Motion by Commissioner Chappie to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Judah, and motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA –

1. Discussion of 2012 Millage – Mr. Listowski presented the conceptual millage rate for budget preparation to be .0394. This millage rate has been the same for the past 4 years and will allow budget preparation for the September 9th first public hearing, and allow us to advertise per the TRIM requirements. Motion by Commissioner Chappie to allow budget preparation with the millage rate of .0394, seconded by Commissioner Patterson, and motion passed unanimously.
2. Snake Island Presentation – Previously discussed.
3. Update on Tree Planting along Venice ROW – Previously discussed.
4. WCIND Projects - Mr. Listowski reported on the following projects:
 - Manatee County - Surveys in and around Anna Maria Island and Bimini basin entrance channel.
 - Sarasota County - Tightening of the North Venice Jetty
 - Charlotte County – The Regional Waterway Management System and other legal research regarding Charlotte County’s requests for assistance.
 - Lee County - Eight projects along the lower Caloosahatchee River, and three projects in the Bonita Springs area.

WCIND COUNSEL REPORT – Counsel Perrey updated the Board on the current status of the Fisherman’s Wharf lawsuit/bankruptcy proceedings. There are various issues regarding property ownership and a settlement offer was reviewed by the Board, and rejected via a motion by Commissioner Chappie, seconded by Commissioner Patterson, and approved unanimously. Counsel Perrey then explained the current progress and his effort to intercede between a property owner with a business adjacent to spoil area C-29A in Charlotte County. He explained to the Board the various issues involved in this kind of arrangement, and a process is underway to sort out the feasibility of such an arrangement.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT – Mr. Listowski reported on the Consent Agenda item C involving a Charlotte County request to assist in developing a strategy for dealing with debris from an abandoned railroad trestle crossing Gasparilla Sound. Consensus of the Board was to allow him to proceed with a strategy, and report back to the Board. He also requested Board approval to apply for beach erosion control assistance funding for regional sand analysis along with the update of other beach erosion control program funding already approved for Venice and Longboat Pass inlet management plans. Consensus of the Board was to continue pursuit of beach erosion control funding for the ongoing management plans for Venice Inlet and Longboat Pass.

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Next meeting will be held on Friday, July 22, 2011 at 10:30 a.m. in Council Chambers at Venice City Hall.