

**WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF MARCH 1, 2013 BOARD MEETING
VENICE CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBERS
VENICE, FLORIDA**

Commissioners Present

**Stephen R. Deutsch
John Chappie, Vice Chair
Nora Patterson
Tammy Hall absent**

Staff Present

Charles W. Listowski

Others in Attendance

**Mr. Milan Mora USACOE, Project Manager
Phillip Perrey, Legal Counsel**

Vice Chair John Chappie opened the meeting at 10:30 a.m. in Council Chambers – Venice City Hall, Venice, Florida.

Mr. Listowski read into record; Resolution 1213-1, Resolution of Appreciation to Diane Ballinger for her 13 years of service to WCIND.

Commissioner Patterson motioned to approve.

Commissioner Deutsch seconded the motion.

Motion approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Patrick McCarthy, a member of the Snake Island Republic, provided information on the group’s background and involvement with the waterways around Venice. Mr. McCarthy encouraged the WCIND Board efforts to stabilize Snake Island as it has been deteriorating in size.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION’S COMMENTS – Counsel Perry noted that the Environmental Resource Permit is in the process of being extensively reworked. Also, Florida Sea Grant will be presenting their RWMS at an upcoming Charlotte County Board Meeting. Charlotte County is the only county without a notice of general permit which was derived from the Regional Waterway Management System database.

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS’ COMMENTS –

- 1.)** Mr. Mora reported that the Murden Dredge vessel is here. Dredging has started in the Intracoastal waterway, the Pinellas County cuts are finished and the other dredging locations are on schedule.
- 2.)** The future availability of Corps owned equipment; can only be used for Federal navigation projects and other approved projects
- 3.)** Miserable Mile; the survey determined that the sand cannot be used on the beach because of the silt content. An option would be to use the sand on adjacent islands or an upland disposal site.

Commissioner Patterson noted that she has received several letters from Harbor Lights property owners concerning their inability to sell or convey their properties via estate process, since their homes are built on ACOE's property.

Commissioner Patterson motioned to have WCIND request the ACOE to re-examine this issue and directly answer the upland property owner's questions.

Commissioner Deutsch seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding drafting a resolution for Federal Navigation channels.

Commissioner Patterson motioned to ask ACOE to work with Congress to add dollars for the dredging of New Pass and other Federal Navigational Channels.

Commissioner Deutsch seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Patterson motioned to approve the Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Deutsch seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

1. Slate of Officers

Commissioner Patterson motioned to have Commissioner Chappie as Chairman.

Commissioner Deutsch seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Patterson motioned to postpone the appointment of the remaining Officers until April.

Commissioner Deutsch seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

2. Fisherman's Wharf Lawsuit Update -Counsel Perrey addressed the Board regarding the "airspace agreement" with FDOT. Counsel Perrey is urging DOT to sign the agreement.
3. Venice Airport Runway Dispute - Mr. Listowski noted he received a subpoena to testify with regards to this dispute, claiming he is an expert with the Venice Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Listowski stated he has never read the Plan. The consensus of the Board is to let Mr. Listowski testify that he is unfamiliar with the Venice Comprehensive Plan.
4. Big Carlos Pass – Mr. Listowski advised the Board that the scope of work hasn't been finalized. He has attended a few meetings regarding improvement concepts.

5. Venice and Longboat Key IMP/Snake Island Stabilization – Dr. Mohammed Dabees of Humiston & Moore narrated a PowerPoint presentation.

- Shoaling is occurring

- Regional Model from the 1800's through present is applied to present day projects.

- Strong currents are eroding Snake Island

- Looking to integrate Snake Island into the project to preserve the integrity of the Island

- Dredging of the Sand Trap; the sand may be used for nearshore disposal or on the beach depending on the quality of sand.

- FDEP permit has been issued as of January 9, 2013; ACOE permit review has been completed

6. Project Status Report –

Manatee County – City of Anna Maria waiting on review from the City; Sea Grape Channel is a minor dredge project has been reviewed with County staff.

Sarasota County – Venice Marine Park underwent a stormwater facility inspection, the culverts will need maintenance; Cherokee Park in Englewood, fishing pier and dock structure are going to be rebuilt through the CRA Program; Venice Jetty conditions are good; Venetian Waterway Park a bike and walking path through Venice asked by County and City for assistance with maintenance; Venice Marine Patrol building is being relocated out of harm's way; Sarasota Mooring Field.

Charlotte County – The Charlotte County Regional Waterway Management Plan will be going before the Board for endorsement and that endorsement will be turned into an application for Notice of General Permit.

Lee County – Port Carlos Cove project is completed; New Pass survey work; Punta Rassa completed; Caloosahatchee River there are five projects contracted two have been started.

- 7.) Draft Manual Policy – Web Development will be discussed at the next meeting

COMMISSIONER ITEMS: None

Meeting adjourned at 12:35 PM

Next meeting will be held on April 19, 2013 at 10:30 AM at Council Chambers at the Venice City Hall.