

**WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF MAY 11, 2012 BOARD MEETING
VENICE CITY HALL – COMMUNITY HALL
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 10:30 a.m. in Community Hall – Venice City Hall, Venice, Florida. Mr. Listowski reported to the Board additions to the agenda under tabs #2, # 3, #4, and #8. Tab #8 was described as noteworthy due to the association with a Board direction involving a policy workshop. Motion by Commissioner Judah to add these items to the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Patterson, and motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Mr. Peter Van Roekens addressed the Board as a representative of the Boaters Coalition, Sarasota County. Mr. Van Roekens expressed the opinion of the Boaters Coalition regarding the value of pass and inlet dredging. The Coalition feels that the past dredging of passes in the area have had negative results for navigation and, if any dredging is advocated at Longboat Pass or any other local pass or inlet, it should be presented in a public hearing for comments from the public before action is taken. Commissioner Patterson requested clarification of Mr. Van Roekens’ position and lauded his efforts as a representative of the Boaters Coalition.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION’S COMMENTS – Mr. Listowski reported on the results of an April 27, 2012 meeting in Tallahassee with the FDEP regarding issues surrounding Longboat Pass, the Town of Longboat Key, and Anna Maria area. He reported that the meeting was productive and that the FDEP was receptive to comments made, and would be developing a report with recommendations in the future regarding the discussions. Mr. Listowski introduced Mr. Dave Bullock, Town Manager of the Town of Longboat Key, and Mr. Juan Florensa, Public Works Director, Town of Longboat Key, and recognized the consultants for the Town and County as being present in the room. It was acknowledged by Mr. Bullock that the meeting was substantive, and he appreciated the participation from Mr. Listowski and WCIND consultant, Humiston & Moore. Commissioner Patterson requested input regarding information she had heard with respect to the need for a formal EIS process for the Longboat Pass projects. Mr. Bullock clarified that his understanding is that this would be an initiative undertaken by the federal government if it happens. Mr. Listowski reiterated that the group that attended the Tallahassee meeting is now awaiting a final synopsis report from the FDEP that was promised.

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS’ COMMENTS – Mr. Listowski reported on an email correspondence from Ms. Sirisha Rayaprolu, ACOE Project Manager. Ms. Rayaprolu reported that she was uncomfortable spending travel money to attend the WCIND Board meeting. After some discussion, Commissioner Skidmore suggested that we relay to Ms. Rayaprolu the importance of her attendance at our meetings. Her email did report that the dredging of Cut M-5 by the ACOE workboat, MURDEN, was again delayed until July 2012. She also reported that the recently acquired congressional add funding in the amount of \$297,000 would be used for design, engineering, and permitting of improvements to the “Miserable Mile” channel connection in Lee County, between the terminus end of the GIWW and the entrance to the OWW at the mouth of the Caloosahatchee River. Commissioner

Chappie suggested a Skype or other electronic connection that could allow Ms. Rayaprolu to virtually attend the meeting.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA –

1. Project Status Report – Mr. Listowski introduced Mr. Mark Kincaid, of Coastal Engineering Consultants, with a video status report. Mr. Kincaid reported on projects underway and nearing completion in Manatee, Lee, and Charlotte Counties.

The Bimini Bay/Key Royale entrance channel dredging and disposal on City of Anna Maria beach/fishing pier area was depicted in an aerial slide. Mr. Listowski explained the scope of the project and the increased volume of material that was transported from the choked entrance channel to the beach area. The entrance channel serves the residents of Anna Maria Island and the traveling yacht community that uses Galati Marina. Galati Marina is one of the region's only yachting centers that can facilitate larger vessels for service and repair.

Mr. Kincaid exhibited photos of the Boca Grande railroad trestle debris removal project that is nearing completion. This was a very successful project from a performance and cost perspective. The original contract for 100 feet of debris removal was expanded to more than 300 linear feet at a decreasing cost.

Mr. Listowski also reported on the Caloosa Isles project, Punta Rassa boat ramp channel dredge project, and Broadway/Hogue channels in Bonita Springs. All of these projects are in Lee County.

Mr. Listowski reported on the current status of the initiative to stabilize Snake Island and make improvements to conditions in and around Venice Inlet via the collaborative project with the FDEP. He explained the current permitting initiative and natural resource concerns involving shore birds. He then explained the initiative involving Anna Maria Island and discussions that are ongoing with the FDEP regarding a regional approach to waterway infrastructure management.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Mr. Listowski reported on the retirement of Robert Kupiec, Staff Assistant. Mr. Kupiec has provided over 9 years of commendable service to the District and was instrumental in managing multiple projects done by the District on behalf of the counties including dredging and property management.

COUNSEL'S REPORT – Mr. Perrey apologized for his absence at the last Board meeting due to a family emergency. He also reported that he will be filing paperwork with the Court in Sarasota regarding the Quiet Title lawsuit and the potential for a summary judgment involving the Fisherman's Wharf Restaurant in Venice. He offered any support documentation for the Board's review in light of the fact that this lawsuit has been pending for six years.

Meeting adjourned at 11:11 a.m.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 18, 2012 at 2:30 p.m. in the Community Hall at the Venice City Hall.

**WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF MAY 11, 2012 POLICY WORKSHOP
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Mr. Listowski introduced a document formulated by Mr. Perrey and himself recognizing a sampling of Board policies derived from Board minutes from the last 25 years. Using 1988 as a starting point for discussion, Mr. Listowski recognized the origin of the District to be 1947. After much discussion, the Board mentioned the need to develop a policy and procedures manual as the ultimate goal. In the interim, the Board chose to focus on four policy areas: use of funding reserves with a focus on emergencies such as hurricanes; personnel policies; regional projects with an emphasis on passes and inlets; and engineering and permitting costs associated with county projects.

The Board will attempt to begin discussions at the July 18 meeting date with hopes of addressing these four items, contingent upon scheduling availability of Board members.