

REQUIRED REPORTING OF INFORMATION

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Section 189.069(2)(a), Florida Statutes, requires the reporting of certain information on [West Coast Inland Navigation District's website](http://wcind.net) (wcind.net). The following itemization tracks the fifteen (15) sub-paragraphs listed in Section 189.069(2)(a), Florida Statutes:

1. The full legal name of the special district:

West Coast Inland Navigation District.

2. The public purpose of the special district:

To do and perform all things requisite, necessary or desirable within district boundaries to comply with the requirements and conditions imposed on "local interests," by the Congress of the United States of America, in its Rivers and Harbors Act approved March 2, 1945, as said act has been and may be from time to time amended, authorizing the improvement and construction, under the direction of the Secretary of the Army and supervision of the Chief of Engineers, of an inland waterway in accordance with report submitted by letter of Secretary of War, dated June 22, 1939, Document No. 371, House of Representatives, 76th Congress, 1st Session, entitled "Intracoastal Waterway from Caloosahatchee River to Withlacoochee River, Florida," and all reports subsequent thereto relating to any change, modification, or expansion of said initial report. (Excerpt from Section 5 of WCIND's codified special act - Chapter 98-526, Laws of Florida (1998).

3. The name, address, email address, and, if applicable, the term and appointing authority for each member of the governing body of the special district.

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Current Term – current calendar year or until a successor is appointed

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Appointed by Manatee County Board of County Commissioners

Current Term - current calendar year or until a successor is appointed

4. The fiscal year of the special district.

October 1 of each year through September 30 of the following year.

5. The full text of the special district's charter, date of establishment, the establishing entity, and the statute or statutes under which the special district operates.

WCIND's charter or creation document is its codified special act – Chapter 98-526, Laws of Florida (1998). Full text of the Act on separate page under "Required Information" tab.

West Coast Inland Navigation District (WCIND) was created by a special act of The Florida Legislature, Chapter 23770, Laws of Florida (1947). The date that WCIND was established or created is May 26, 1947, the effective date of that special act.

Other statutes (when applicable) under which WCIND operates include the following list:

Chapter 112, Florida Statutes – Public Officers and Employees

Chapter 119, Florida Statutes – Public Records

Chapter 189, Florida Statutes – Uniform Special District Accountability Act

Chapter 200, Florida Statutes – Determination of Millage

Chapter 253, Florida Statutes – State Lands

Chapter 286, Florida Statutes – Public Meetings and Records

Chapter 287, Florida Statutes – Procurement of Personal Property and Services

Chapter 374, Florida Statutes – Navigation Districts and Waterways Development

6. The mailing address, email address, telephone number, and internet website uniform resource locator of the special district.

West Coast Inland Navigation District

200 E. Miami Avenue

Venice, FL 34285

Email: justin@wcind.net

Telephone: (941) 485-9402

Internet website uniform resource locator of the special district – www.wcind.net

7. A description of the boundaries or service area of, and the services provided by, the special district.

The District boundaries are the Counties of Lee, Charlotte, Sarasota and Manatee.

The services provided by WCIND include the following:

The District is empowered and authorized to operate and maintain that portion of the intracoastal waterway running through the District, and any other public navigation channels authorized by the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund; the District may undertake programs intended to alleviate the problems associated with its waterways; the District may sponsor or furnish assistance and support member counties and local governments within the district in planning and carrying out public navigation, local and regional anchorage management, beach renourishment, public recreation, inlet management, environmental education and boating safety projects directly related to its waterways; the District is authorized to participate in research, study or test programs as to the impact, both physical and biological, of waterway construction, maintenance and operation, including but not limited to erosion, accretion, and marine and shoreline vegetation; the District is authorized to sponsor or participate in environmental restoration and enhancement projects; the District is authorized to create advisory bodies and to assist local governments in the development of county and multi-county anchorage management programs.

8. A listing of all taxes, fees, assessments, or charges imposed and collected by the special district, including the rates or amounts for the fiscal year and the statutory authority for the levy of the tax, fee, assessment or charge.

The District may annually assess and levy against the taxable property in the District a tax not to exceed 0.2 mill on the dollar of assessed valuation for each year, and the proceeds from such tax are used by the WCIND Board for all expenses of the District.

The statutory authority for the levy of this tax is Section 12 of WCIND's codified special act – Chapter 98-526, Laws of Florida (1998). Full text of the Act on separate page under "Required Information" tab.

The 2026-2027 final millage rate is 0.0394 mill.

9. The primary contact information for the special district for purposes of communication from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

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10. A code of ethics adopted by the special district, if applicable, and a hyperlink to generally applicable ethics provisions.

The District has not adopted a code of ethics.

Generally applicable ethics provisions – See www.ethics.state.fl.us

11. The budget of each special district, in addition to amendments in accordance with s. 189.016.

The current budget is available on separate page under “Required Information” tab.

12. The final complete audit report for the most recent completed fiscal year, and audit reports required by law or authorized by the governing body of the special district is available on the Florida Auditor General website at: <https://flauditor.gov/>

13. A listing of regularly scheduled public meetings as required by s. 189.015(1).

The public meeting schedule is on separate page under “Meetings” tab.

14. The link to the Department of Financial Services’ Website as set forth in S. 218.32(1)(g).

<https://www.myfloridacfo.com/>

15. At least 7 days before each meeting or workshop, the agenda of the event is available in an electronic format. The information must remain on the website for at least 1 year after the event.

All meeting agendas are available on separate page under “Meetings” tab.