

JULY 24, 1961

BULKHEAD LINE ESTABLISHED
PUBLIC HEARING

At 2:00 P. M. o'clock on the 24th day of July, 1961, the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, held a PUBLIC HEARING on the establishment of a BULKHEAD LINE in accordance with advertised Notice of said hearing.

Present were Commissioners Earl Bibey
H. C. Slaughter
Irwin Klemmer
Elmer Bustle
W. E. Crist, Chairman
Deputy Clerk Bruce M. Cox
County Attorney James Adams

County Planner, William Vines
County Engineer, John B. Benson

The Hearing was opened by Chairman Crist, who advised that consideration would be given to establishing a bulkhead line as indicated on the map and recommended by a technical team composed of the County Engineer, the County Planner, and representatives of the Florida State Department of Conservation and the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

Mr. William Vines, county planner, explained that recommendation for establishment of a bulkhead line from the east city limits of Palmetto and Bradenton, running as far east as the Manatee River goes before it begins to break up into small grassy and mangrove islands (up to the Manatee Avenue Bridge, but not into Braden River) is the result of investigation by the bulkhead technical committee composed of Mr. Benson, county engineer, himself, as county planner, and Mr. Kenneth Woodburn, marine biologist with the Florida State Department of Conservation. (The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund declined to assign a representative to this investigation because they did not have sufficient personnel for this purpose, but offered to assist in any possible if it became necessary.)

He stated that the basic consideration here is the maintenance of the existing river configuration and the avoidance of any undue projections into the river. The line that is proposed is very conservative, just offshore in many instances, and the line is rather smooth flowing, one which does not contain any sharp angles or projections and generally following the natural shoreline. It is sufficiently far offshore to permit stabilization and seawalling of the shoreline where such has not occurred, and where there is a seawall the line is very close, but far enough offshore to permit replacement and reshaping of that shoreline when necessary and proper. The establishment of the line, or whatever amendments are made, does not indicate any future shoreline shapes; any dredging or filling which occurs inside of the line (and all dredging and filling must be within the line) will require the prior issuance of a dredge and fill permit. Any proposals to do any work will be closely reviewed to determine that it not only will comply with the limitations set by the bulkhead line but also to insure that no work is done which will jeopardize or in any way depreciate the natural shoreline conditions of the adjoining property owners.

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For the purposes of the record, Notice of Public Hearing, as advertised, was submitted and read by the County Attorney:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Florida Statute 253.122. That the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County will conduct a public hearing at the office of said Board, in the Courthouse, Bradenton, Florida, at 2:00 P. M., Monday, July 24, 1961, to consider, act upon, adopt or reject a bulkhead line described as:

Beginning at a point where the eastern limits of the City of Bradenton intersect the south shore of the Manatee River, thence following the south shore of the Manatee River in an easterly direction to a point approximately 1000 feet east of the western boundary of U. S. Government Lot 1, Section 23, Township 34 South, Range 18 East; and Begin at the western boundary of U. S. Government Lot 1, Section 14, Township 34 South, Range 18 East, thence following the north shore of the Manatee River in a westerly direction to a point where the eastern limits of the City of Palmetto intersects the Manatee River; and Begin at a point approximately 789 feet east and 540 feet north of the SE corner of Section 13, Township 33 South, Range 17 East, thence north 67.2 feet, thence northwesterly following the south shore of Bishop's Harbor 220 feet; thence westerly along a line lying generally along the south shore of Bishop's Harbor for approximately 1650 feet.

Said hearing may be continued from time to time pending adjournment.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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MANATEE COUNTY CONSERVATION ALLIANCE

APPROVE LINE

Col. Bert N. Bryan, one of the directors of the Manatee County Conservation Alliance, and properly authorized to represent that organization at this hearing, stated that they had examined the bulkhead line and that the organization thoroughly approved the procedure adopted in fixing this line, particularly the fact that Mr. Kenneth Woodburn, of the Department of Conservation, was a member of the investigating and recommending committee. For the record, he stated the Alliance approves the line as recommended.

MANATEE COUNTY FEDERATION OF COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS

APPROVE LINE

Col. Randolph Norman, representing the Manatee County Federation of Community Associations, stated he had been directed to go on record for that organization as approving the line as set forth.

NO OBJECTIONS BY PROPERTY OWNERS

A number of property owners in the Manatee area appeared in the interest of the bulkhead line but voiced no objection to the line as proposed, but rather to what protection, if any, they would have from someone purchasing the submerged land in front of their property

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and filling in. The county attorney referred to the statute providing that the upland owners are the only ones who can purchase the submerged land out to the bulkhead line.

Some of the property owners expressed objections, not to the bulkhead line, but to creation of projection or "finger" said to be contemplated by one individual. This was discounted as a rumor or misunderstanding and had no bearing on the establishment of the line under discussion.

Individuals appearing before the Board were

Mr. Jack Fordyce (Manalee Subdivision)
Mr. and Mrs. Percy Stout
Wayne Mead (endorsing line as recommended)
Miss Nelda Smoak (formerly Mrs. C.I. Needham)

Communications were read from

Mr. & Mrs. H. Gramann, of Manalee Subdivision
(Against filling in on Needham property)
Mr. Rodger J. Clark
(Extending Power of Attorney to Dr. Charles Leasum
to act for him in the matter of the bulkhead line)

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

Mr. Bustle moved that the Public Hearing be closed. Motion was seconded by Mr. Klemmer and carried.

BULKHEAD LINE ESTABLISHED AS RECOMMENDED

RESOLUTION

Motion was made that resolution be adopted setting the bulkhead line as recommended by the committee. Motion was seconded by Mr. Bibey and carried.

RECORDED

B17-31

MEETING ADJOURNED


There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

M. T. McInnis, Clerk

APPROVED: 7 August 1961


Deputy Clerk


Chairman