

JANUARY 11, 1973

PORT AUTHORITY

The Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, convened as the MANATEE COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY in REGULAR SESSION in the Court House in Bradenton, Florida, Thursday, January 11, 1973 at 9:25 A. M.

Present were members Dan P. McClure, Chairman
Lawrence H. Fortson, Jr., Vice Chairman
Kenneth D. Dierks
Robert C. Hutches

Also present were Henry Bourne, Deputy Clerk
Richard A. Hampton, County Attorney
Joel Wilcox, Port Director
Herb Hayes, Consulting Engineer

Commissioner Ken Burton entered during the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman McClure.

POLLUTION PROBLEMS: PORT

O. E. (Bud) Randle, Pollution Control Director, was present to discuss problems at the Port insofar as exceeding state requirements for ambulant air standards on particulates; need to make every effort with all parties concerned - Manatee Terminals, Belcher, VanPly, Florida Power and Light, cold storage area and Port Authority itself to lower particulate levels at the Port - not only companies involved but "Housekeeping" at the Port.

Mr. Wilcox enumerated some of the sources of the dust problem, such as traffic and plowed agricultural area, and the need of a sweeper and covering the exposed areas; funds needed to bring in top soil and find some type of cover to grow; paving has combated some of the problem, and dust will be lessened when the crops begin to grow.

There was lengthy discussion on this subject. Mr. McClure said he would contact the Agricultural Agent on working with the Port Director in taking soil samples to find out what cover growth that can be used effectively.

DREDGING

Mr. Wilcox referred to a Land Management hearing in Tallahassee Monday next, which involves all waterfront; also, dredging hearing in February and Port Authority should be represented; rules being promulgated that will allow no dredging in Class I and Class II waters, which means maintenance dredging as well as new construction.

PORT CONSULTANTS

Mr. McClure introduced Col. Newton, associated with the newly re-organized consulting firm of James C. Buckley Associates, who outlined the services offered by the firm in master planning, traffic forecast studies, transportation, etc.

Mr. Wilcox referred to some of the problems with Frederick R. Harris, because they are primarily design engineers, and recommended that the Port Authority seriously consider reviewing past experiences with Buckley now that they have experts in the consulting fields.

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DREDGING - HARDERS CONSTRUCTION (SOUTH SIDE FACILITY)

Mr. Wilcox read a letter from Harders Construction Company relating to award of bid (dredging portion of contract) without any restrictions as to turbidity, but due to Pollution Control instituted turbidity control in the form of discharge water not to exceed 50 Jackson units, this control prohibits use of a large dredge without excessive amount of standby time, which would be extremely costly to the owner. Proposals were outlined for the

- =use of 14-inch dredge, for total cost of \$109,725 which included turbidity curtain and overhead (3 months)
- =Alternate, cut work by 14-inch dredge, and completion by 20-inch dredge, total cost \$186,025 (includes turbidity curtain and 3-months overhead)

The Chairman stated that if there were no objections this would be discussed further with the Consulting Engineers and if informal action is necessary, in the essence of time, it can be ratified the next Thursday. There were no objections.

NATIONAL WATERWAYS CONGRESS

It was brought to the attention of the Port Authority by the Director that the National Waterways Congress would be held in New Orleans on February 3, 4, 5, 1973, and at the same time there would be a hearing on the report of the National Water Commission; that this report would bring almost to a complete halt all barge hauling on the Intercoastal Waterway, and someone should be present to voice objections.

The Chairman recommended that Col. Furbee, director of the West Coast Inland Navigation District, be contacted and the matter discussed with him.

DREDGE & FILL REGULATIONS (HEARING)

The attorney outlined the stringent regulations on dredge and fill that would be the subject of a hearing in Tallahassee, February 6-7, 1973, and advised that it would be necessary to give notice fifteen (15) days in advance if the Authority is to be on the Agenda. He recommended that specific objections and specific proposals be developed, with alternate suggestions from this Authority and other interested or affected groups.

Motion was made by Mr. Dierks that request be made for representatives of Manatee County Port Authority to appear on the Agenda and that the Attorney, the Port Director and the Consulting Engineers develop plans and strategy to be presented at the hearing in Tallahassee on February 6th, 7th. Motion was seconded by Mr. Burton and carried unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

M. T. McInnis, Clerk


 Deputy Clerk

APPROVED: 12 July 1973


 Chairman