

Minutes

Simmons Bay Drainage Committee Meeting
February 7, 1962

"The Simmons Bay Drainage Committee met Thursday morning, February 7, 1962 at 11:00 a.m. at the Nakina Post Office. Members present were M. M. Ray, Chairman; M. K. Long; P.O. Gore; L. C. Ward; L. L. Smith; and Bill Grimsley, representing Erbie Evans. Also, about 20 landowners in the Simmons Bay area were in attendance."

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"It was explained to the Committee at this point, that it was up to them to see that the drainage canal once completed was maintained. The maintenance on this project would mean that the committee (some of the Bay Creek Committee) would sometime in the near future appoint a superintendent who in turn would submit a semi-annual report to the committee who would forward the report to the District Engineer and the Board of Commissioners.

"The Superintendent would be expected to make periodic inspections and in his report ascertain:

- 1) the canal was clear of debris, weeds and wild growth;
- 2) the canal was not being restricted by the depositing of waste; materials, building of unauthorized structures, or other encroachments;
- 3) the capacity of the canal is not being reduced by the formation of shoals;
- 4) the banks are not being ruined by rain or wave wash, and that no sloughing of banks has occurred;
- 5) approach and egress canals adjacent to the improved canal and land sufficiently clear of obstacles and debris to permit proper functioning of the project works.

"Such inspections by the Superintendent shall be made prior to the beginning of the flood season and at intervals not to exceed 90 days. Immediate steps must be taken to remedy any adverse conditions disclosed by such inspections. Measures should be taken by the committee to promote the growth of grass on the banks and slopes, and they shall provide their periodic repair of cleaning of debris and other obstructions that occur."

SIMMONS BAY
COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
ANNUAL MAINTENANCE INSPECTION

Project Completed: March 1963

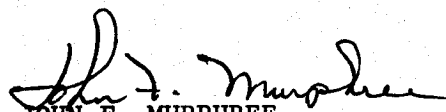
Inspection Made: 4 May 1972

Comments:

No action has been taken to enlarge opening at roadway crossing just above Gore Lake. The four 48" culverts are still in place and additional fill has been placed over them. The road construction along the left bank has been extended since last year. Road construction has resulted ⁱⁿ clearing of the left berm, but some trees and brush still exist on the channel side slope. No maintenance has been performed on the right bank in the area of the road construction. No maintenance work is evident on either bank upstream of the road work. Brush, trees, and other vegetation are growing on the side slopes, berm and disposal areas and water weeds are growing in the channel bottom in the upper reach. In some areas, trees and brush are over hanging the channel so much that it is almost invisible from the air.

Recommendation:

The opening under the road crossing above Gore Lake should be enlarged. Trees, brush and water weeds should be removed from the channel bottom, side slopes, and berm.


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SIMMONS BAY
COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
MAINTENANCE

Project Completed: March 1963
Inspection Made: 20 December 1972

Comments: Inspection by car completed this date. Conditions unchanged from 4 May 1972 inspection. Trees and brush are growing on the channel side slopes and berms. This vegetation consists of water tolerant species and extends into the edge of the water catching debris. Water weeds are present in the channel bottom in the upper reaches. The growth is reducing the effectiveness of the project.

Recommendations: The opening under the Gore Lake road crossing should be enlarged. Vegetation in the channel and on the berms should be removed.



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