

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT
COMMISSION MEETING HELD THURSDAY, AUGUST 26, 1982 IN
THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION,
8149 KENNEDY AVENUE, HIGHLAND, INDIANA

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

William Tanke, Chairman; Martin Behnke, Charles Agnew, Phil Jaynes; John DeMeo; Earline Rogers, Maria Rudzinski for Jack Costello, Doyle Niemeyer.

STAFF PRESENT:

Dan Gardner, Executive Director and Louis Casale, attorney.

2. Staff reported on the current status of the Corps' improvement plan for the mouth of Burn's Waterway. It was reported that cost and environmental concerns might cause the project to be scaled down. All parties did agree that the basic good of a protected mouth entry would be retained, but less costly methods to achieve this would be looked at. It was reported that several meetings were held with the National Park Service, boating groups, environmental interests and citizens of Ogden Dunes. Staff suggested that comments reflecting these concerns be incorporated into our letter to the Corps of Engineers. It was reported that the Corps could not proceed without a response from the sponsor.
3. Maintenance Project Report

Staff reported on the status of the maintenance project. Staff director Dan Gardner reported:

- 1) All the communities along the Little Calumet River had approved the petition for regulated drain status, and were now forwarding the resolutions and any amendments to us through their attorneys.
- 2) Communication has continued with Bill Mamelson, project engineer, in his researching permits and work scope. He hopes to submit for permits for the work by Sept. 1.
- 3) The Commission has again been contacted by the Lake County Surveyor's office for release of the \$10,000 for the project engineer's fee. After discussion of this item and assurance of review and work performance, Commissioner Behnke made a motion for the release of the funds, contingent upon the approval of the Chairman of the Commission and review and agreement by the Commission Attorney. He explained this action would enable the release of the money prior to next month's meeting, yet allow for meeting progress assurances by the consultant. The motion was seconded by Commissioner DeMeo and was passed unanimously. Staff was directed to remain in close contact with the surveyor's office and forward any pertinent contract materials to Chairman Tanke for his approval.

4. Committee Reports

A. Finance/Policy Committee:

Finance Chairman John DeMeo gave the current financial status of the Commission and reported on the request for release of the remaining \$2 million owed to the Commission. Mr. DeMeo also presented claims for July, 1982 and moved for their approval. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Agnew and passed unanimously.

B. Land Acquisition/Management Committee

Committee chairman Agnew report that all appraisals were due Sept. 16. He reported that the land acquisition committee would meet to review these appraisals prior to recommendation for sending options to the land owners. Mr. Agnew also reported on a meeting with the current lessors for four properties. He stated that the staff was pursuing income-yield estimates and capital improvement estimates for the existing leased lands and the 100 acre parcel south of 35th Avenue.

Mr. Agnew also reported that tax sale properties were being checked to eliminate inclusion of Commission properties on the list. Additionally, a meeting concerning Lake Etta was being arranged.

After the report, Mr. Agnew asked for permission to add William Haskel and Willie Steiner to the names of approved appraisers. Commissioner Jaynes so moved, was seconded by Commissioner Doyne and motion passed.

Also, Mr. Agnew asked for Commission permission to approach property owners with options to purchase once the appraisals had been reviewed by the committee. Commissioner DeMeo so moved, seconded by Commissioner Behnke and motion passed.

C. Legislative Committee

Staff reported that the State Budget Committee was meeting in Muncie, August 23 and would possibly consider our request for release of the remaining \$2 million. After discussion, staff was directed to prepare a letter requesting inclusion on the agenda.

In other business, Commissioner Jaynes reported on the initial meeting of the ad-hoc committee for financing the breakwater/marina improvements. He summarized the various funding sources discussed and reported a follow-up meeting with the Congressional office had been arranged.

In other business, Chairman Tanke reported that the State Budget Committee had approved the release of \$1 million to the Development Commission at the August 24 hearing. He reported that John DeMeo, Dan Gardner and he had attended the hearing in Muncie and summarized the presentation to the committee. He reported the money would be available to the com-

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mission on a charge basis by submitting proper claim forms for the land purchases and associated administrative items.

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

