

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
 MEETING HELD THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1982 at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference
 room of the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission.

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman William Tanke at 6:30 p.m.

Commissioners present: Martin Behnke
 William Tanke
 Phillip Jaynes
 Jerry Pajac (proxy for Jack Costello)
 Doyle Niemeyer
 John De Meo
 Michael Doyne
 Charles Agnew

Staff present: Dan Gardner,
 Louis Casale, Attorney
 Trudy Van Prooyen

Others present: Ken Kanson - WJOB Radio
 Rosemary Osmulski - Post Tribune
 Richard Kitchell - Office of Adam
 Benjamin, Jr.
 Mr. and Mrs. Frank Spolnick-Hammond citizens
 Emeal Blackman - Miller & Sons Builders
 MCD Contractor, Gary

2. The visitors were recognized by Mr. Tanke.

3. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the Meeting of January 28, 1982 were approved on motion of John De Meo, seconded by Michael Doyne. Motion carried.

4. Communications

Five letters were presented to the Commission for informational purposes.

- a. Letter from Col. Dovas to County Commissioner Frank Stodola concerning the meeting with D. Ewen & S. Truchan where they submitted a L.C.R. Improvement Proposal.
- b. & c. Letter written by Dan Gardner from the Development Commission to Mr. Stodola and Wayne Cuppett that the Development Commission unanimously endorsed the pursuit of a drainage maintenance project by the L.C.R.B.
- d. & e. Letters to W. Cuppett and F. Stodola from Dan Gardner for the L.C.R.B. Commission stating the Basin Commission had voted to pursue a maintenance project on the main stem as its top priority for 1982.

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5. Committee Reports

- a. Finance/Policy Committee - John De Meo of the Finance/Policy Committee reported they had a meeting last week and that they recommend that \$350,000 be made available for the purchase of land parcels as the Land & Acquisition Committee so designates. Phillip Jaynes made a motion to accept that recommendation. C. Agnew seconded. Motion passed.

The claims for the October, November and December charges were presented in the agenda packet. C. Agnew made a motion that the claims be approved. Michael Doyne seconded. Motion passed.

- b. Land Acquisition/Management Committee - Committee chairman Agnew presented recommendations of the committee to re-initiate the land acquisition program. He made a motion that Ernie Paullus be authorized to update the appraisals he had made along the project area. Doyle Niemeyer seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Agnew also moved that staff be authorized to pursue contact with willing sellers in the project take area. Four such owners have been currently identified. He also recommended that the area of acquisition concentration be between Cline Avenue on the west and Grant Street on the east. Discussion followed after which Commissioner Jaynes seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

7. Executive Directors Report

Staff director Dan Gardner gave an overview of the current status of several items:

- a. Breakwall at the mouth of the Burns Waterway - A Friday February, 19 meeting scheduled to discuss concerns by the National Park Service and environmental groups. The meeting will be at the Park Service headquarters.
- b. Corps of Engineers presentation to the Development Commission will be made at the March meeting concerning project planning status and non-federal commitments schedule.
- c. A Review of the Corps' Selected plan will be available to the Development Commission, effected communities and interested groups in April. Development Commission will hold work-review sessions to make final inputs to the plan prior to its being sent for federal agency review.

Mr. Gardner also reported on the status of the proposed maintenance project on the Little Calumet River, as proposed by the Little Calumet River Basin Commission. The proposal is to allocate up to \$25,000 from the Basin Commission, along with \$50,000 from the Lake County Drainage Board for needed maintenance work to reduce

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the potential for flooding this year. Only clearing and snagging of blockages was envisioned. After discussion it was presented by Chairman Tanke, to allocate up to \$35,000 of Development Commission funds to perform this maintenance work upon:

- 1) the approval of the project work scope by the Development Commission.
- 2) Receipt of necessary federal, State and local permits for the approved work and
- 3) letting of contracts for the work proposal.

After discussion it was moved by Charles Agnew and seconded by John De Meo for approval. The motion passed unanimously with amended wording suggested by Attorney Casale.

Resolution 82-1 was presented which requested that the Lake County Drainage Board pursue placing the Little Calumet River in the regulated drain system for Lake County. After discussion, it was moved by Martin Behnke to table the motion and to direct the attorney to research this issue with the Drainage Board attorney for recommendation at the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Philip Jaynes and was passed.

8. Under new business, Richard Kitchell of Congressman Benjamin's staff reported on other potential river maintenance projects. Among those discussed were a Section 208 Clearing project with the Army Corps of Engineers for up to \$250,000 and possible involvement of CETA Summer Youth participants in a clearing and clean-up project.
9. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

