

Minutes of the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission
 Meeting held Thursday January 28, 1982 at 6:30 p.m.
 Conference Room of the NIRPC

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Charles Agnew at 6:35 p.m.

2. Commissioners present: Clyde Baughard
 John De Meo
 Earline Rogers
 Martin Behnke
 Doyle Niemeyer
 Jack Costello
 Michael Doyne

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

Others present: Rosemary Osmulski, Post Tribune
 William N. Henderson, Lake County Drainage Board
 and Lake County Surveyor's office
 Jan We We, The TIMES
 Craig Palak, WJOB Radio
 Maria Rudzinski, DNR
 Richard Kitchell, Office of A. Benjamin, Jr.
 Jerry Pagac, DNR
 Mr. Lyles, Lyles & Sons
 Edward A. Lukowski, Jr.
 Mrs. William Henderson

3. Approval of Minutes

Clyde Baughard made the motion to approve the November 19, 1981 meeting minutes of the Development Commission. Seconded by John De Meo.
 Motion carried.

4. Communications

Six letters/clippings were presented to the Commission for informational purposes.

- a. Proposed Levy Construction in Hammond - a letter from Barbara Waxman to Mayor Raskosky was discussed. No correspondence has been received from the Army Corps of Engineers to date.
- b. Little Calumet River, Illinois Plan - The Office of Management and Budget has approved the plan. The merits of the plan are:
 1. It will aid the Little Calumet Indiana plan. The plan would reduce flood states in both states.
 2. The plan reduces the chance for back-up into Indiana from Illinois retention areas.
 3. The plan reduces the need for a state-line flood wall.

The technical and congressional representatives of both states will meet to discuss the relationships of the Indiana and Illinois plans.

- c. Correspondence from several property owners along the Little Calumet - All but one owner is willing to negotiate the sale of property. The recommended location of the marina does not impact the property of the individual not willing to sell.
- d. Letter to the Attorney General's Office from Louis M. Casale - attorney. The letter pertained to the use of money obtained from the lease of farm properties. No response yet, since the Attorney General's Office is backlogged. The money will be held in escrow until a decision is made.
- e. Land Acquisition and Transfers - A letter from C. Erlanson, Director, Division of Land Acquisition, DNR to Louis Casale, attorney. Governor Orr has signed the departmental transfer of state owned acreage. The acreage is now recorded in the name of the Little Calumet Development Commission.
- f. Reappointment of Martin Behnke - A letter stating the re-appointment has been received from the Lake County Board of Commissioners.

5. Nominating Committee Report

A motion was made by Jack Costello and seconded by C. Agnew to act upon the report of the Nominating Committee. Motion carried.

1982 officers are as follows:

Chairman	William Tanke
Vice-Chairman	Earline Rogers
Treasurer	John De Meo
Secretary	Michael Doyne

6. Finance Report

- a. Expenditure Report - The report indicated the amount expended by the Commission, December - October 1981.
- b. Claims Approval for November 1981 - A motion was made by John De Meo and seconded by C. Agnew to approve the claims for November 1981. Motion carried.
- c. Adoption of the Operating Budget - 1982 - C. Agnew motioned to accept the 1982 budget. Jack Costello seconded. Some discussion on revenue sources such as capital interest, lease monies and revenue producing projects. Question called. Motion carried.

7. Project Status Report

- a. Land Transfer - The transfers have been approved. The deeds are being recorded and documents forwarded.

- b. Insurance - The Development Commission is covered for liability, property damage and personal injury for 1 year, without any charge, through the Department of Natural Resources. The Commission is pursuing quotes on the cost of officer and director liability insurance coverage.
- c. Acquisition Mapping Priorities - All tract maps of the property transfers are available. An Acquisition Committee meeting will be held to make recommendations for the February Commission meeting, pertaining to available property.

Committee Structure - A consensus was reached that Bill Tanke will be an ex-officer to all committees. Also, Chuck Agnew will replace Mr. Tanke on the Acquisition Committee.

- d. Legislative Up-date - The key priority is the accessing of the \$2 million appropriation which has not been allotted. The need to pursue the allotment of these funds was stressed.
- e. Corps Plan Selection, Status - The Corps is preparing a detailed planning document of inputs and responses, to be completed by March for final comment. After distribution of this document, a series of community meetings will be arranged for further input.

Breakwall Improvements - A meeting was held with the Corps of Engineers, Adam Benjamin's office, the Port of Indiana, the National Park Service and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources to discuss the technical situation and legal responsibilities of the breakwall alignment.

There are four entities responsible for mitigating-Midwest Steel, the Development Commission, the Port of Indiana and Bethlehem Steel. These four will need to access the situation. A plan is necessary for the sharing of any legal responsibilities and mitigations resulting from the construction of the breakwall.

- f. Report on the Basin Commission Meeting - The Little Calumet River Basin Commission's priority for 1982 is a maintenance project on the Calumet River. Mr. Henderson of the Lake County Surveyor's office stressed the importance of joint ventures into this project for funding purposes. He also stated that it is crucial for the LCRBC to act upon this priority immediately. He asked for cooperation between the two commissions along with the Drainage Board and participating towns and cities.

Discussion continued regarding funding and the designation of a legal drain classification for funding purposes.

A motion was made to endorse the Little Calumet River Basin Commission's maintenance program. It was seconded. The motion carried. Vice Chairman, Earline Rogers directed the officers of the Development Commission to meet with the officers of the LCRBC to discuss the issue further.

8. New Business

A motion was made to re-appoint, for a one year term
Dan Gardner Executive Director
Louis Casales Attorney
The motion was seconded and carried.

9. Public Statements

Ernie Davis expressed appreciation of the Development Commission's efforts in supporting a maintenance project for the Little Calumet River.

10. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Development Commission will be held on Thursday, February 18, at 6:30 p.m.

11. Adjournment

There being no further discussion the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.