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MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT
COMMISSION MEETING HELD THURSDAY, ~~JUNE 24~~, 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 6:45 p.m. There was no quorum present but it was decided to go through the agenda for information purposes.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

William Tanke, Martin Behnke, John De Meo, Clyde Baughard,
Doyle Niemeyer

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dan Gardner, Executive Director; Louis Casale, Attorney;
Trudy Van Prooyen

Others:

Ernie Davis, D. Osmulski

2. Communications:

- a. Letter from Dan Gardner to Mary Moses, office of Senator D. Quayle thanking them for the support and interest concerning the Little Calumet Maintenance project.
- b. Letter to Sen. John Bushemi from Alfred Ahner, Major General of the National Guard stating they would be able to assist in removing blockages existing in the Little Calumet River in Lake County.
- c. Letter to Commissioner Frank Stodola of the Lake County Drainage Board from Eric Anderson, Town Manager of Munster, stating that to date they have been unable to sign the Joint Venture Agreement.
- d. sample letter sent to communities from the Drainage Board requesting them to enumerate problems they have experienced along the waterway and providing a description of "in-kind" services they could render.
- e. letter from Clifford Duggan about the transfer of \$10,000 from the Development Commission for the consulting engineer and a letter to Lester Pruitt, Auditor, about setting up that account.

Mr. Tanke asked when that money would be released and Mr. Casale replied that it couldn't be done until all the parties had signed the agreement. Dan Gardner was instructed to relay this information to the Drainage Board.

- f. Sample of letter sent to 30 residents and 20 businesses about non-structural protection.

- g. Corps of Engineers' notice of filing Section 404 permits
- h. Letter to Corps from State Rep. C. Mosby regarding Gleason Golf Course.

Mr. Gardner reported that he just received a letter from General Smith declaring the Little Calumet navigable from its outlet to the State line.

4. Committee reports

- a. Mr. Niemeyer reported for the Land Acquisition/Management Committee stating the staff was working with the four appraisers on the contracts. He also stated that there are 19 parcels on the contact priority list.

Mr. Casale reported that the Commission has the power to lease or rent properties. Reference was made to the 100 acre parcel that Mr. Evers wishes to rent. Mr. Gardner was asked to solicit bids on this parcel and report to the next meeting.

Mr. Gardner reported on the accident and subsequent death on Lake Etta. The insurance carrier was notified.

- b. Mr. John De Meo reviewed the financial report found in the agenda packet and reported that the balance in the checking account should read \$49,000.00 instead of \$38,827.03. Mr. De Meo made a motion that claims be paid in the amount of \$11,000, subject to ratification at the next meeting. Mr. Behnke seconded the motion, motion passed.

5. Maintenance Project Report

Mr. Gardner reported that the regulated drain petition still has not been signed by Highland and Munster and that the work scope is being put together by Mr. Mamelson.

- 6. Mr. Tanke state that the review of the Corps' plan documents were submitted to the commission and the different communities.

7. New business

Mr. Gardner made some comments on a recent article that appeared in the Post Tribune and stated that he was preparing some comments that would be sent to them.

- 8. Mr. Ernie Davis, a resident from Black Oak and a member of the Basin Commission, made a comment saying he hoped that the prime objective of the work being done on the Little Calumet River would be flood control and not recreation and that he still objects to the obstruction at Hart Ditch.

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Mr. Baughard made a motion that Dan Gardner prepare some testimony that could be presented before the legislature in Washington on July 22 regarding the Little Calumet project status report and the support of the Illinois Soil Conservation project.

9. The next meeting will be held on July 22, 1982 at 6:30 p.m. in the conference room at the NIRPC office.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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