

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT
COMMISSION MEETING HELD THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 1983 IN
THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION,
8149 KENNEDY AVENUE, HIGHLAND, INDIANA

1. The meeting was called to order by chairman Tanke at 6:40 p.m. Eight Commission were present and a quorum was declared.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

William Tanke, Chairman; Charles Agnew; Mike Doyne; John DeMeo; Doyle Niemeyer; Martin Behnke; Philip Jaynes; and Jack Costello.

STAFF PRESENT:

Dan Gardner, Executive Director; Mary Jane Lewis; Louis Casale, attorney

VISITOR PRESENT:

Earl E. Robertson; Helen Huddleston and Don Huddleston, interested citizens from Lake Station; Don Ewen; M. Vander Heyden; Dale Nimetz; Hugh Rhein, NIRPC; Paulette Haddix, Post Tribune; and John Hippel, Hammond Emergency Flood Action Committee

2. Staff distributed a packet of communications and they were discussed by the Commission.
3. Nominating Committee Report

Nominating Committee Chairman John DeMeo reported the following nominations for officers in 1983:

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| Chairman | - William Tanke |
| Vice Chairman | - Martin Behnke |
| Secretary | - Mike Doyne |
| Treasurer | - John DeMeo |

Mr. DeMeo also reported that it was ruled that Earline Rogers cannot jointly hold office as State Representative and serve on the Development Commission.

Mr. DeMeo moved for approval of the committee report. Commissioner Doyne seconded the motion. There was no further discussion or motions and Mr. Behnke moved that nominations be closed. This passed as did the nominations made unanimously.

4. Committee Reports

a. Finance/Policy Committee:

Chairman DeMeo reported on the services agreement adjustment finalized with NIRPC. He reported that after several meetings with Mr. N. Tufford it was agreed that:

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- 1) The applied overhead rate would be 105%,
- 2) a \$96,000 administrative cost cap would be set, with staff monitoring to insure meeting the amount, and
- 3) that this rate would be retroactive to January 1, 1983.

After discussion, clarification and comment it was moved for approval that this services amendment be added to our existing agreement for services. This was done by Mr. DeMeo, seconded by Commissioner Jaynes and passed unanimously.

With the agreement on the services arrangement, Mr. DeMeo asked staff to present and explain the 1983 proposed operating budget for the Commission. Mr. Gardner outlined the budget, which included \$96,000 for salaries, administrative charges and mileage. An additional \$35,000 of direct service charges was included, as well as \$25,000 for drainage maintenance work and \$1,500,000 of state monies for acquisition. Mr. DeMeo moved for approval and adoption of the budget. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Doyne and passed unanimously.

Mr. DeMeo also presented claims for January and February. He moved for their approval, it was seconded by Mr. Jaynes and was passed.

b. Land Acquisition/Management Committee:

Mr. Agnew requested and received Commission approval of the following appraised valuations:

| <u>Parcel</u> | <u>Appraised Value</u> |
|---------------|------------------------|
| DC98 | \$ 64,340.00 |
| DC70 | 1,100.00 |
| DC67 | 31,000.00 |
| DC94 | 700.00 |
| DC95 | 9,500.00 |

The Commission directed staff to pursue and exercise options on all of the above parcels except parcel number DC94, which they determined to be unnecessary to the project.

Mr. Agnew presented a proposal from Don Powers Agency, Inc. to insure occupied dwellings owned by the Commission. After discussing the coverage, the Commission accepted the proposal and directed staff to notify the insurance agency.

Mr. Agnew recommended approval of a one year lease (Evers-Scheeringa) for 199 acres. The Commission gave its approval.

c. Legislative Committee

Acting chairman of the committee, Phil Jaynes reported on the House hearings and the current status of the budget. He indicated that currently no monies were earmarked for the Little Calumet Project or Burns Waterway. Several budget amendments had failed,

but he reported that some funding was still hoped for, although it would not be included probably until the conference committee report.

Mr. Jaynes also reported of meetings with the area legislators in Indianapolis and of Federal testimony that had been submitted to various House committees.

He also commented on a meeting planned for March 29 with representatives of the Hammond Flood Action Committee at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission offices.

5. Maintenance Project Report

Staff reported on the status of the maintenance activities planned for the Little Calumet River. He reported:

- a) Legal Drain Declaration - final hearing was held on March 21 and at that time the river was declared a regulated drain.
- b) Sediment Removal Project - work plan submitted to Detroit District Corps of Engineers by Lake County Surveyors office.
- c) Culverts Replacement Project - Two meetings held with State Highway Director, Gene Halloch. Now awaiting final determination from Mr. Halloch as to responsibility and timetable.
- d) CETA Cleanup Project - A total of 350 youth positions were being discussed as the number available for cleanup activities this summer. The program would start June 15.

6. Other business/statements from floor:

Several people in attendance addressed the Board relative to flooding problems along the river in Hammond, Black Oak and Gary. The speakers also described the current lack of budgeted monies by the Indiana General assembly.

7. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

