

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT
COMMISSION MEETING HELD THURSDAY, MAY 11, 1983, 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. by Chairman Bill Tanke.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

William Tanke, Chairman; Martin Behnke, John DeMeo; Doyle Niemeyer, Michael Doyne, Charles Agnew, Philip Jaynes, Clyde Baughard.

STAFF PRESENT:

Dan Gardner, Executive Director; Louis Casale, Attorney; and Mary Jane Lewis, Land Acquisition Director.

VISITORS PRESENT:

John Zimmerman, The TIMES; Irene Sauagean, Black Oak Citizens for Better Government; Herbert Read, Izaak Walton League; Kevin Orze and Ed Langel, Salmon Unlimited; Nancy and John Hippel, Hammond Flood Action Committee; Frank Howard, Hammond; and Bob Upchurch, Black Oak.

Eight members were present for roll call and a quorum was declared present.

2. Award of Leases

Mr. Agnew recommended that the lease proposals received from Mr. H. Evers and Mr. J. Scheeringa on two parcels of land (199 acres and 43 acres) be accepted. After some discussion the Commission approved the lease awards subject to a clause being added to the lease on the 43 acre parcel, providing for a re-evaluation of the lease amount at the end of the third year growing season.

Mr. Casale, Commission attorney, reported that he was sending out Uniform Land or Easement Acquisition Offers to owners who had originally rejected options. He explained that the offer gives the owner 25 days to accept or reject, and asked that the Commission consider this in establishing the next meeting date.

Mr. Casale announced that a meeting had been scheduled for Tuesday, May 17, 1983 at 5:00 p.m. with members of the Lake County Parks and Recreation Board to discuss the transfer of ownership of their land to discuss Lake Etta improvements.

3. Public Announcement of Accelerated Construction Schedule for Burns Waterway Breakwaters

Chairman Tanke announced that as the result of: 1) the General Assembly appropriation of \$1.768 million as non-federal match monies this past

legislative session and 2) the passage of the recent Federal Jobs Bill legislation, the Army Corps of Engineers are moving their projected construction bid letting on the project up to September 30, 1983 from a previous date of May, 1984. This announcement is seen as a very positive sign that the Washington level Corps of Engineers are favorable to this as a priority project.

Staff Director Dan Gardner commented that this information has been passed on to local legislators and the State Budget Committee so as to insure the availability of the released State funds when needed.

Discussion by the Commissioners followed.

4. Marina Committee

Chairman Tanke asked for volunteers to serve on an ad-hoc marina committee to explore options in fulfilling the 250 slip marina assurances as required in the Corps plan.

Commissioners Doyne, Niemeyer, Baughard, DeMeo, Jaynes volunteered and were appointed, as well as Chairman Tanke.

5. Charles Agnew brought to the attention of the Commission a re-zoning request before the Lake Station City Council to permit an area close to Burns Waterway to be sandmined and later used as a solid waste landfill.

Staff was directed to research the details and the Commission attorney was directed to file a remonstrance if it was warranted, after consultation with the Chairman.

This directive was moved for approval by Commissioner Jaynes, seconded by Commissioner Baughard and was passed unanimously.

6. The next meeting date was set for June 16 at 6:30 p.m. in the Commission offices.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

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