

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT
COMMISSION MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1984
AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE NORTHWESTERN
INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION, 8149 KENNEDY AVENUE,
HIGHLAND, INDIANA.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman William Tanke. Nine Commission members were present and a quorum was declared.

Development Commissioners:

William Tanke
Philip Jaynes
Mike Doyne
John DeMeo
Charles Agnew
Clyde Baughard
Martin Behnke
George Carlson
Doyle Niemeyer

Visitors:

Herb Read - Izaak Walton
Silvia Ascarelli - The Times

Staff:

Dan Gardner
George Schiller
Lou Casale

The minutes of the November 29, 1984 meeting were approved by Charles Agnew; seconded by Mike Doyne; motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer John DeMeo gave financial report. He announced 2 budget transfers to cover 1984 expenses. John DeMeo made a motion to transfer \$1,000 from Line 312 (NIRPC Services) to Line 119 (Per Diem Expenses) and transfer \$3,500 from Line 312 (NIRPC Services) to Line 311 (Legal Services); Charles Agnew seconded; motion passed unanimously. Motion was made by John DeMeo to approve claim sheet after the Land Acquisition total was changed from \$1,350 to \$1,300; Phil Jaynes seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Dan Gardner announced that the 1985 budget is in the process of being prepared. One item that is holding it up is the Insurance. In the past, the Development Commission's land was covered by an umbrella policy held by the State. After Jan. 12th, we are no longer covered; Therefore, the LCRBDC must have its own insurance. Another budget line that has to be increased is Advertising. Advertising cost will increase because of the Marina Prospectus advertising. 1985 budget will be submitted at the January meeting for approval.

Legislative - Phil Jaynes asked that his committee meet after the Development meeting. Dan Gardner distributed the budget request that was sent to Garland Ferrell of the State Budget Agency. He and Martin Behnke met with Legislators Bushemi and Dobis; meeting is being planned with the remaining legislators. Congressman Visclosky will meet with the Development Commission in early January.

A lengthy discussion was held as to whether the Development Commission will still get the State money if the project is not authorized. Emphasis will be put on the river cleaning; not the authorized project.

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Breakwater/Marina - Dan Gardner presented final prospectus. Detailed topographic mapping will be included yet before it is mailed out. Clyde Baughard made a motion to accept the Prospectus; Martin Behnke seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Corps of Engineers payment for Phase II of the Breakwater project has not been released yet. A letter from the Corps will be forthcoming which will itemize breakdown of money.

Meeting has been held with NIPSCO and State Highway Dept. in regards to a 4-acre piece of property owned by Bethel Steel. Dan Gardner recommended the property be appraised for possible acquisition. Clyde Baughard made a motion to have the Land Acq. Committee proceed with obtaining appraisal; Charles Agnew seconded; motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Clyde Baughard to rent out the nine slips transferred to us by the Porter County Commissioners to Marquette Boat Club at a cost of \$175 per slip; John DeMeo seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Land Acquisition - Charles Agnew announced that Yoko property closed on Dec. 4. He made a motion to offer the appraised price to Norma Ellen Clark for her property; Doyle Niemeyer seconded; motion passed unanimously. He reported that the owner's title policy has been received on Porter County Commissioners lots. Lake County Commissioners lots will be studied to see which ones are in our take area.

Lake Etta - Elaine Chandler of the Lake County Parks Dept. showed a slide presentation on Lake Etta. She announced that Phase II has been approved for Lake Etta. After meeting with the Parks Dept. it was determined that the Development Commission will have to pick up some expenses such as plumbing, furnace repair/replacement, storage facility, etc. Charles Agnew recommended to Finance that a budget line be created for Lake Etta repairs/Capital Improvement Fund for 1985.

Lake County Parks Dept. is willing to transfer ownership of the Tolleston Club properties owned by them to the Development Commission. Discussion was held as to whether ownership is necessary at this time. Attorney Lou Casale was instructed to draft up an agreement between the ICRBDC and the Lake County Parks Dept. regarding the disposition of these lots. Concensus was that although the Development Commission does not want ownership at this precise time, ownership title will transfer at no charge when we need it for the Corps project.

Maintenance Project - Dan Gardner announced letter has been received from the State Board of Health stating that the dredged materials taken between Broadway & Chase Street are not considered hazardous material and therefore, pose no environmental problem and does not need a confined disposal site.

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In reference to the illegal dredging that has taken place on the Little Calumet River, the Corps has written a letter to the Lake County Drainage Board stating they want the permit to be brought back into compliance and remedial activities corrected. Meeting will be set up between County officials and staff and the Corps officials.

Dan Gardner announced that NIRPC is sponsoring a meeting in which various entities are invited that are interested in procuring a marina. It is a meeting in which possible sites are being discussed for a proposed marina.

Herb Read of the Izaak Walton League offered his assistance to the Development Commission as they will have a lobbyist at the State legislature.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned. The next LCRBDC meeting was scheduled for January 24.

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