

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT
COMMISSION MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, JUNE 28, 1984 IN
THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE NORTHWESTERN INDIANA
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION, 8149 KENNEDY AVENUE,
HIGHLAND, INDIANA 46322

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tanke at 6:40 p.m. Nine Commissioners were present and a quorum was declared.

Development Commissioners:

William Tanke
Phillip Jaynes
John DeMeo
Martin Behnke
Charles Agnew
: Doyle Niemeyer
Clyde Baughard
Jerry Pagac
George Carlson

Guests:

Ernest Davis - LCRBC
John Canright - Portage Press
Herb Read - Izaak Walton League
Chuck Siar - Izaak Walton League-Miller
Marcia Siar - Izaak Walton League-Marquette
Jerry Ryan - Izaak Walton League-Portage Port
Authority
Mary Bryant - Black Oak Citizens for Better
Government
Marilyn Fouts - " "

Staff:

Dan Gardner
Sandy Mordus
Louis Casale

Guests were welcomed. A motion to approve the minutes of May 24, 1984 was made by Phillip Jaynes; seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously.

Dan Gardner presented the claims. Motion made by Charles Agnew for approval of line transfer from 312 Administrative to 311 Legal Services in the amount of \$2,500 bringing legal services from \$7,500 to \$10,000; seconded by Martin Behnke; motion passed unanimously. Transfer of money was necessary because of incurred expense due to the lawsuit legal fees. Motion to approve the claims was made by Clyde Baughard; seconded by Martin Behnke; motion passed unanimously.

Land Acquisition/management Committee - Charles Agnew gave report on land acquisition. Commissioners received a project acquisition status report showing what properties we own between Cline & Grant and properties we do not own between Cline & Grant.

He reported that Vern Lee is the appraiser for the 20 lots owned by Rev. Long of the Whole Truth True Holiness Church. Appraisal is proceeding. Nine other lots in that 2nd Oak Park Addition which are not in public ownership will be given to an appraiser. Yoko property (DC84) should be closing in 3-4 weeks; Sikora closing should be 3-4 weeks. Advertisement for rental on Ensweller-Foltz property will be started shortly. Del Rose property - new contract will be signed; burning will take place by Griffith Fire Dept. soon afterwards.

Lake Etta - Dan Gardner reported he has had various meetings with the Lake County Park Dept. in regard to part development. Bill Mamelson and an architect from Lake County Parks has drawn up specifications and plans for

initial Lake Etta improvements. Anticipating \$50,000 award from city of Gary also. Fall construction is expected.

Legislative Committee - Water Resources bill on agenda for June 28. Action will take place within 2-3 days, reported Phillip Jaynes. Modification that was promised in the House bill which would cause it to incorporate revisions for 3A as already incorporated in the Senate bill.

Burns Waterway Breakwater Project - William Tanke and Dan Gardner met with Colonel Dovas on signing of contract. Construction should begin shortly. Contract was awarded to C-Way Construction for approx. \$2,340,000. Chairman Tanke announced change of command from Col. Christos Dovas to Col. Frank Finch.

Groundbreaking Ceremony will take place August 4. July 29-Aug. 4 has been declared "Celebrate the Lakes" week. Since Governor Orr's office & DNR is participating in the weeks' celebration, the groundbreaking ceremony will be tied in with the theme since construction will begin the end of July.

Chairman Tanke announced he and Dan Gardner had a very constructive meeting with Mayor of Portage on June 26 regarding proposed 250-slip marina.

Brock property has been selected as the marina site. Appraisal has been made; offer has been made. Since the property has to be acquired, the next step would be to send a statutory form "Uniform Land Acquisition Offer to Purchase". It once again restates the price and gives the seller 30 days to respond. If response is not given, the Commission has the choice of condemning the land. \$191,500 is the offered price. Clyde Baughard made a motion for Lou Casale to send the form to Barbara Brock; Martin Behnke seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Sediment Removal Project - Sampling of sediments will be taken by Canonie Construction. Dan Gardner is meeting with representative from Canonie, Bill Mamelson, Lake County Health Dept. in regards to data necessary so State Health Board can make a determination of the sediment removals. Details will be worked out.

Letter was written to Col. Dovas in regards to hydrologic data needed. Indiana Dept. of Highways cannot begin any design work until they are assured the hydrologic implications upstream are OK and know what the data is.

Meeting was held to discuss telemeter gauge with warning device that would be installed near Conrail Penn Central tracks in Gary. Installing the telemeter gauge was a condition of the permit for the sediment removal project. 80% of construction cost can be carried by the Corps of Engineers; 20% could be split between the Drainage Board, the Surveyor's Office, the Basin & Development Commissions.

Herb Read brought to the Development Commission's attention the deplorable situation at Lefty's. He was informed that the City of Portage has jurisdiction over that property - not the Development Commission.

The Commission was also informed of the dumping of raw sewage into the river by different trailer parks. The citizens of Black Oak are requesting help from the Development Commission in regards to this problem. They were informed that the Commission's authority lies within the corridor only. The question was whether the Development Commission owned the land that the sewer pipes run onto to get to the river to dump this sewage. Staff will look into which properties the Commission owns; the city has jurisdiction otherwise.

The next meeting date was set for Thursday, August 2.

The Commission was asked if it could contribute any funds toward buying fuel for mosquito spraying truck since Lake Etta property is being sprayed. Land Acquisition Committee will consider what help can be given.

Motion for adjournment was made by Charles Agnew; George Carlson seconded; motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned 8:00.

After the meeting adjourned, a tape on "Choice or Chance" was shown.

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