

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
 MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 1985 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 6:35 p.m. by Chairman William Tanke. Nine Commissioners were present. Quorum was declared. Visitors were recognized.

Development Commissioners:

William Tanke
 Michael Doyne
 Doyle Niemeyer
 Philip Jaynes
 George Carlson
 Charles Agnew
 Clyde Baughard
 Martin Behnke
 Jerry Pagac

Visitors:

Robin Fornoff - Post Tribune
 Silvia Ascarelli - The Times
 Elaine Chandler - Lake County
 Parks Department
 Bob Kimberly

Staff:

Dan Gardner
 Lou Casale
 Sandy Mordus

A motion to approve the minutes of the July 18th meeting was made by Clyde Baughard; seconded by Jerry Pagac; motion passed unanimously.

Finance Committee - Doyle Niemeyer presented the financial status report. He announced an agreement has been worked out with NIRPC. He asked that the agreement be ratified and the Chairman sign it. Chairman Tanke read the agreement which is retroactive 90 days. Motion to sign agreement with NIRPC was made by Doyle Niemeyer; seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously. Since agreement has now been approved, NIRPC claims for the months of April, May, June and July will be paid bringing the Development Commission up to date. A motion to approve the claims for the month of July was made by Doyle Niemeyer; seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously.

Land Acquisition - Chuck Agnew made a motion to accept appraisals of DC197, 198 and 199 and to make offer based on those appraisal prices not to exceed \$88,770; motion seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously.

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Mr. Agnew announced that two bids were received for the preparation of water and electrical line specifications for Lake Etta. The two bids were from Torrenga Engineering and General Design Systems, Inc. Motion to accept General Design Systems for \$12,000 to do the engineering specifications was made by Chuck Agnew; seconded by Jerry Pagac; motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Chuck Agnew to send out options to purchase on properties of DC171 - DC196 as per appraisal prices; seconded by Jerry Pagac; motion passed unanimously.

Chuck Agnew reported that Bethlehem Steel property will close on August 28.

Mr. Agnew made a motion authorizing that 20 acres of the Combs property to be appraised; Clyde Baughard seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Agnew discussed the tour of the properties and commended staff on putting it together. He and George Carlson spoke on how it was very informative and beneficial.

Legislative Committee - Chairman Phil Jaynes reported on the current status of the Federal Authorizing Bill HR6. He reported that the Little Calumet River project was contained in the report and that the 3A plan was included in the report language for construction. He indicated that a few provisions of the bill could cause problems if passed as presently worded. These provisions are a five year time limit extending back from the time of the bill passage for credit being given for improvements by the local sponsor; and a provision that required a signed agreement by the sponsor written one year of bill passage committing payment. Staff was directed to seek clarification and contact in writing Senators Lugar and Quayle and Representative Visclosky to seek language revisions giving credit for land acquired and river improvements to the non-federal interests relative to our project.

Breakwater/Marina - Chairman Tanke read a letter of withdrawal from Portage East Marina, Inc. (PEM). He then read an analysis of PEM's proposal with respect to Development Commission prospectus for marina development (attached hereto as Attachment A). By a motion from Phil Jaynes attorney was instructed to draft letter to PEM stating the LCRBDC appreciated their interest but accepted their termination of negotiations; seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously. It was announced that the Development Commission was open to any and all proposals for marina development. The Commission still felt a private development was desirable and feasible. An invitation was extended by Chairman Tanke for new offers. He stated that any proposal should generally meet the prospectus guidelines.

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Dan Gardner reported he has continued to meet with Mayor Goin of Portage. Jerry Pagac, representative to the Lake Michigan Marina Development Commission, stated that the funds needed for the marina water line will be provided by the city of Portage.

River Maintenance - Dan Gardner reported he has viewed Grant Street culverts where dredging has been completed. He announced that \$25,000 from unspent accumulated funds from the County Council will be used for additional dredging and also \$50,000 from the Lake County Drainage Advisory Committee has been recommended for further dredging in their 1986 budget.

Dan Gardner announced the Grand Opening of the Wells Fargo Fitness Trail and the "sneak preview" of the Lake Etta Development will take place on Sunday, September 22, 1985. All are welcome to attend.

Elaine Chandler of the Lake Co. Parks Dept. announced that the Phase III grant application for Lake Etta has been completed and submitted. It was suggested that Gordon Phillips, Lake Etta park manager, be invited to a future Development Commission meeting.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, September 19th.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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