

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT
 COMMISSION MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 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 6:45 p.m. by Chairman William Tanke. All 10 Commission members were present. Visitors were recognized.

Development Commissioners:

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

Visitors:

Dan Rodriguez - Congressman
 Visclosky's Staff
 Lane Ralph - Senators Lugar &
 Quayle's Office
 John Krupa - Mayor Pastrick's
 Office
 Taghi Arshami - City of Gary
 Sylvia Ascarelli - The Times

Staff:

Dan Gardner
 Lou Casale
 Sandy Mordus

The minutes of the December 20, 1984 meeting were approved by a motion from Clyde Baughard; seconded by John DeMeo; motion passed unanimously.

Election of officers followed. Martin Behnke, as Chairman of the Nominating Committee, made a motion to retain William Tanke as Chairman for 1985; George Carlson seconded; motion passed unanimously. Martin Behnke nominated Mike Doyne for Vice Chairman; Jerry Pagac seconded; motion passed unanimously. Martin Behnke nominated Doyle Niemeyer for Treasurer; Mike Doyne seconded; motion passed unanimously. Martin Behnke nominated John DeMeo for Secretary; Jerry Pagac seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Doyle Niemeyer gave treasurer's report. Claims were approved as presented by a motion from Doyle Niemeyer; seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously.

Doyle Niemeyer made a motion to accept the 1985 budget which was presented and explained by staff; Clyde Baughard seconded; motion passed unanimously.

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Land Acquisition - Charles Agnew gave update status of land acquisition:

- (1) Property adjacent to Lake Etta (DC201) which was purchased from Citizens Federal closed on Jan. 24.
- (2) All leases are paid to date.
- (3) WIND Bldg. at Lake Etta was demolished on Jan. 11.
- (4) IXL property - negotiations are pending.
- (5) Dan Gerdner announced that Phase II for Lake Etta (\$100,000 grant) has been federally approved. State drawdown will take place upon receiving the approval letter from Federal Government.
- (6) 26 lots owned by Lake County Commissioners were found to be in our take area; they will be plotted out on map to see where their locations are.
- (7) Some owners who previously refused offer price for their property have been contacted again; second appraisals have been made where requested; follow-up being done.
- (8) The liability insurance has been extended until the Commission locates another insurance company. Since insurance expired on Jan. 14, a 30-day extension was granted. Companies are being contacted.
- (9) Letter was sent to Marquette Boat Club stating a discussion price of \$175/slip. Reply has not been received yet.
- (10) A motion allowing Tom Bochnowski be added to our appraisal list was made by Charles Agnew; seconded by John DeMeo; motion passed unanimously.

Legislative Committee - Phil Jaynes reported on meeting held with Congressman Visclosky. He reported that he and Dan Gardner testified before the Ways & Means Committee in Indianapolis. He announced that the Development Commission has been put into the State budget by the State Budget Commission for an allocation of \$3 million. A meeting is being scheduled with Senator Lugar and Congressman Visclosky in Washington during the first week of February. Phil Jaynes also announced that Congressman Visclosky has been appointed to 2 committees which will deal directly with the Little Calumet project; that is, the Public Works Committee and the Interior Committee.

Lane Ralph (representing Senator Lugar & Quayle) spoke on the bill HR6 entitled "A Bill to Provide for the Conservation and Development of Water and Related Resources in the Improvement and Rehabilitation of the Nation's Water Resources Infrastructure". This is same bill that was previously introduced in House. Cost sharing issue may be of concern in re. to inland waterways and the user fees and local cost sharing.

Discussion was held in re. to unauthorized dredging that has taken place. A meeting between Lake County Drainage Board, Lake County Attorney, U.S Army Corps, the Development Commission, etc. is trying to be set up; possibly in Detroit.

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Dan Gardner reported that advertisements for marina proposal bids have been sent. 500 flyers to interested parties have been mailed. Bids will be opened on May 1, 1985.

Itemized breakdown letter of breakwater project cost from U.S. Corps has been received. All questions were not answered; a second letter is forthcoming. The \$1,095,000 check is in our possession. A February 14 insurance date is anticipated.

Written status report on the progress of the breakwater project has been received from the Corps. Pictures of the breakwater were shown. Completion date is scheduled for end of 1985 construction season.

Sediment removal - The co-ordinating meeting with the U.S. Army Corps, the Lake County Drainage Board, Surveyor's Office, Lake County Attorney's Office and the Development Commission has not taken place yet. The meeting place is being requested in N.W. Ind. instead of Detroit.

Culvert replacement - Dan Gardner presented letter from State Highway Department to Senator Bushemi in re. to interchanges on Borman. They would include culvert replacements in IDOH funding programs. He also presented letter from Lake County Drainage Board to IDOH ordering obstruction removal. A lengthy discussion followed.

Jerry Pagac asked if a similar letter of obstruction removal was sent by the Drainage Board to Conrail (Penn Central culverts). It was reported that this was not known, but an answer would be sought for the next meeting.

A motion was made by Phil Jaynes to write a letter to the Corps asking them to investigate the possibility of putting in a one-way control structure to increase flow at the Penn Central R.R. crossing; Jerry Pagac seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Clyde Baughard made a motion to use the same banks for Development Commission accounts as was used in 1984. They are the Northern Indiana and Mercantile; Doyle Niemeyer seconded; motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, February 21. There being no further business, a motion was made by Clyde Baughard to adjourn; seconded by Martin Behnke; motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:00.

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