

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
 MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1985 AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE
 CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE NORTHWESTERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING
 COMMISSION, 8149 KENNEDY, HIGHLAND, INDIANA.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman William Tanke. Six Commissioners were present. Quorum was declared. Visitors were recognized.

Development Commissioners:

William Tanke
 Michael Doyne
 George Carlson
 Charles Agnew
 Clyde Baughard
 Martin Behnke

Staff:

Dan Gardner
 Lou Casale
 George Schiller
 Sandy Mordus

Visitors:

Robin Fornoff - Post Tribune
 Debra Gruszecki - The Times
 Tom Sliwa - Lake County Parks
 Pete Zak - South Shore Marina
 Mary Jane Zak - South Shore Marina
 Dan Rodriguez - Cong. Visclosky's
 Office
 Bob Kimberly - USPS & IHBC
 Richard Bundy - Salmon Unlimited
 Taghi Arshami - City of Gary
 Paul Behnke - Purdue Cal student

After some discussion concerning the previous minutes of September 19, Clyde Baughard made a motion to approve the minutes with the following amendment re. Ewen property "The Commission finds that the purchase price offered in the amount of \$715,450.00 represented a fair market value of the Ewen property, that the offer was denied by reason of property owner's non-acceptance thereof, that the Ewen property described in the Attachment A hereto is necessary for the Commission's flood control and recreation project and must be acquired and that the Attorney for the Commission be authorized to commence eminent domain proceedings under the laws of the State of Indiana to acquire fee simple title". Motion seconded by Chuck Agnew; motion passed unanimously.

Chuck Agnew reported that Gary Redevelopment Commission went to the rental property at 6119 West 31st Avenue in Gary. The tenants have already vacated - whereabouts unknown.

Mr. Agnew also reported that Metz appraisal has been received. Bethlehem Steel property (DC 202) closed on October 21st and Whole Truth True Holiness Church (DC 100) closed on October 22nd.

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Bu. Agnew reported that one bid was received for electrical/water/gas line at Lake Etta park site from Edward A. Kirk. Mr. Agnew made a motion to accept Item #1 (water main and distribution system) at a cost of \$108,100 and Item #2 (electrical work on manager's residence) at a cost of \$5,400. Item #3 (electrical work & gas line to maintenance building) will not be let at this time. Motion was seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Agnew reported that the Lake County Parks Department is currently running a deficit for Lake Etta park site. The Land Acquisition Committee recommends that the LCRBDC share in this deficit to the extent of 50%. Total deficit amount is \$36,595.29. 50% our cost would be \$18,297.50. The recommendation was approved but amount is not to be actually set until an amendment can be made to existing Joint Venture agreement with the Park Board. Meeting will be scheduled with the Lake County Park Board.

Mr. Agnew made a motion to send Option to Purchase as per appraisal prices on parcels DC181, DC188, DC189, DC137; seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Agnew reported that one bid was received for excavation and removal of sand at Burns Waterway marina site. Bid was reviewed by engineer, attorney and staff. Motion to accept the bid of J.M. Foster for \$3,500.00; seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously. Engineer will monitor project.

Attorney read resolution 85-2 in regard to Enswiler property DC77-78. Mr. Agnew made a motion to adopt the resolution (herein included as Attachment B). Motion seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously.

Attorney read resolution 85-1 in regard to Frum property DC197-198-199. Chuck Agnew made a motion to adopt the resolution (herein included as Attachment C). Motion seconded by Clyde Baughard; roll call vote was taken. Motion passed with 5 ayes and 1 nay vote, with Mike Doyme abstaining.

Chuck Agnew made a motion ratifying agreement that the attorney had made with Reverend Long on Whole Truth True Holiness Church property in regards to removal of tires on the property. Motion seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously.

In treasurer Doyle Niemeyer's absence, Dan Gardner explained financial status sheet and presented claims for September. Motion made by Chuck Agnew to approve claims as presented; seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously.

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Breakwater/ Marina Committee - Dan Gardner reported that the construction firm is experiencing higher costs on the completion of the breakwater. In order to complete this fall, additional funding may be necessary. When breakwater is completed, it was suggested that the Corps be present at a future meeting.

Dan Gardner reported that the Phase I market feasibility study of the Lake Michigan Marina Development Commission is completed. That Commission will soon begin a Phase II study for the purpose of formulating feasible marina developments and marina development strategy options in the five cities, Portage being one of those cities. This Phase II study will be helpful in our marina development. A motion was made by Clyde Baughard for staff to follow up on Phase II study and costs involved to see if this study can meet our needs; seconded by Mike Doyne; motion passed unanimously.

Dan Gardner reported that an RFP was mailed to ten architectural/ engineering firms that have expressed interest in providing services. The RFP is also available to any other interested firms at Dodge Reports in Munster and Midwest Projects Unlimited in Merrillville.

Questions arose from the audience concernign the heighth of the bridge at Burns Waterway. Restricted water craft only will be able to utilize this marina. There was also concern because the breakwaters do not have handrails thus making public access unavailable. It was stated that shuttle boat service would provide access and that handrails are part of the west breakwater.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, November 21, 1985.

