

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, FEBURARY 20, 1986 AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE  
CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE NORTHWESTERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING  
COMMISSION, 8149 KENNEDY AVENUE, HIGHLAND, INDIANA.

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The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Michael Doyne. Eight Commissioners were present. Guests were recognized and quorum was declared.

Development Commissioners:

Michael Doyne  
John DeMeo  
Doyle Niemeyer  
Charles Agnew  
Clyde Baughard  
George Carlson  
Arlene Colvin  
Jerry Pagac

Staff:

Dan Gardner  
Lou Casale  
Sandy Mordus

Visitors:

Richard J. Bundy - Salmon  
Unlimited  
Terry McCloskey - Izaak Walton  
League  
Elizabeth McCloskey - Izaak  
Walton League  
Tom Sliwa - Lake County Parks  
James Winiecki - Calumet Day  
Pete Zak - South Shore Marina  
Mr. & Mrs. Don Ewen

Clyde Baughard made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 30th meeting; seconded by John DeMeop motion passed unanimously.

Doyle Niemeyer presented and explained the new computerized monthly budget report. Doyle Niemeyer made a motion to approve the claims as presented; Clyde Baughard seconded; motion passed unanimously. Doyle Niemeyer reported that staff is pursuing an interest bearing checking account.

Chuck Agnew gave land acquisition report. He announced that Kirk Construction has been authorized to do the work at Lake Etta but has not started yet. He also reported that the Phase III award (LWCF) has received State approval but there is no indication at this time from Washington as how deficit cutting measures would affect the grant. Options to purchase on Harrison Street plat have been mailed out. All subdivision plats that have not responded, staff is in the process of mailing inquiries into interest of those parites.

Chuck Agnew also reported that he, staff and attorney met with Harold Evers (Chase St. Produce). After meeting, it was determined that Mr. Evers would be offered an appraisal price



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excluding the corner of land with storage building. Original appraisal price included that corner. Chuck Agnew made a motion to offer the appraisal price of \$93,500 with payment secured with a lien against the crop which would be insured; motion seconded by Arlene Colvin; motion passed unanimously.

Dan Gardner reported that \$15,000 had been appropriated by the Lake County Council for study of the Oxbow area in the Hammond--Highland area. Consulting firm has been procured and they have met with staff and obtained existing information to begin their study/plan. Lake County Parkd Dept. is holding that contract.

Mr. Gardner also reported that attorney is continuing to certify boundaries for fencing for Lake Etta property.

Staff reported that they have been in contact with Senator Lugar's Office as well as Congressman Visclosky's Office in regard to the Water Resources bill. Reference was made to the President's Statement of Administration Policy stating support for the bill. Bill has not reached the floor of the Senate yet but is anticipated to do so within the next week or two. Bill will have to go to a conference committee because differences exist between the House version and the Senate version. Discussion was held as to the differences in the bills and their ind effect.

Jerry Pagac reported that the Lake Michigan shoreline bill authorizing DNR to do a shoreline study was defeated.

Dan Gardner reported that he and Mike Doyne met with staff of Ten Ech/PLANTEC to establish design assumptions and criteria for the marina development site. By mid-March, conceptual designs should be completed.

Staff reported they have met with Congressional sraff and will be talking to Dale Engquist (IN. Dunes National Lakeshore) in regards to options for future public access to the breakwater.

Little Calumet River Basin Commission Report - Dan Gardner reported a Plan of Action has been prepared for needed projects. It has been developed for Basin members to be assigned to specific priority committees relative to flood control. The State Highway Department has made a commitment to clear the Indianapolis Ave. bridge debris & sandbar.

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George Carlson voiced his opinion that he feels there is not enough Commission emphases on flood control. Chairman Doyne appointed Mr. Carlson as Chairman of a newly formed committee "Interim Flood Control Planning Committee". He will work with the committee to develop plans for specific flood control projects.

Richard Bundy, representing Salmon Unlimited, comminded Don Ewen on his volunteer efforts. A lengthy discussion was held on the cleanup of the river in the Hammond area.

Terry McCloskey spoke regarding the continued need to purchase floodplain areas by the Commission and of the role of wetlands in flood retention.

Don Ewen summarized his contract status with the Lake County Drainage Board. He has completed work on restoration east of Broadway and and been approved to begin clearing and snagging activities in the Burns Ditch. Mr. Ewen has also been awarded a 1986 contract by the Drainage Board to dredge the area west of Broadway near the Gary-Hobart water line crossing of the river. Some \$31,000 has been awarded for the work by the Lake County Drainage Board. Mr. Ewen also mentioned "60 Minutes" is planning a story on volunteer efforts along the Little Calumet River.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:55.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thrusday, March 20, 1986 at 6:30 p.m.

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