

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Chairman William Tanke. Nine Commissioners were present. Guests were recognized and quorum was declared.

Development Commissioners:

William Tanke
 Michael Doyne
 John DeMeo
 Doyle Niemeyer
 Charles Agnew
 Clyde Baughard
 George Carlson
 Arlene Colvin
 Martin Behnke

Visitors:

Richard J. Bundy - Salmon
 Unlimited
 Robin Fornoff - Post Tribune
 Bob Kimberly - Indiana Harbor
 Boat Club
 Don Thompson - Lake County
 Tourism Bureau
 Herb Read - Izaak Walton
 Pete Zak - South Shore Marina
 Mary Jane Zak - " "

Staff:

Dan Gardner
 Lou Casale
 Sandy Mordus

Clyde Baughard made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 19th meeting; seconded by Doyle Niemeyer; motion passed unanimously.

Martin Behnke, Chairman of the Nominating Committee presented proposed slate of officers for 1986. They are:

Mike Doyne - Chairman
 John DeMeo - Vice Chairman
 Doyle Niemeyer - Treasurer
 Charles Agnew - Secretary

Martin Behnke made a motion that Mike Doyne be elected as Chairman; seconded by John DeMeo; motion passed unanimously. Martin Behnke made a motion that John DeMeo be elected as Vice Chairman; seconded by Charles Agnew; motion passed unanimously. Martin Behnke made a motion that Doyle Niemeyer be elected as Treasurer; seconded by Bill Tanke; motion passed unanimously. Martin Behnke made a motion that Charles Agnew be elected as Secretary; seconded by Bill Tanke; motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Mike Doyne asked that Commissioners let staff know if they wish to remain on the same committees or change committees.

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Chairman Doyne presented a plaque to Bill Tanke for his dedicated service serving as Chairman of the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission for the years 1982-85. Mr. Tanke expressed his appreciation for the dedication and cooperation that the Commissioners have given him. He commented that our primary objective is flood control and if authorization does not come this year, the Commission needs to look at other options as far as addressing flood control measures.

Chairman Dbyne also presented a plaque to Charles Agnew for his past leadership as Chairman for years 1980-81.

Doyle Niemeyer presented financial statement. He explained the 1986 operating budget that was adopted at the last meeting. Bill Tanke questioned the Development Commissions's investments in regard to interest rate earnings. Staff will check with Accounting Dept. to determine of the invested monies are yielding the maximum interest. An interest bearing checking account will also be considered.

Doyle Niemeyer made a motion to approve the January claims; seconded by John DeMeo; motion passed unanimously.

Charles Agnew gave land acquisition report. He announced that closings took place on parcels DC54-55 and DC57. Title search has been ordered on NIPSCO property (DC68). Ensweller property (DC77) closing will be set; state monies have been received.

Charles Agnew made a motion to offer the appraisal price of \$120,700 subject to securing the last two years of the lease on the Chase St. Produce property; seconded by Doyle Niemeyer; motion passed unanimously.

Charles Agnew reported that the U.S.G.S. has asked the Development Commission to pay for incurred 1986 cost to operate a river gaging station. This was previously agreed to. Expected costs are to be \$8,600 (state drawn money). A joint agreement to that effect just be signed by the Development Commission, IDNR and USGS. Charles Agnew made a motion to execute contract, subject to attorney's rewording of agreement; seconded by Doyle Niemeyer; motion passed unanimously. USGS will inspect gaging station approximately every 6 months; Lake County Drainage Board will maintain low flow control structure at gaging site.

Charles Agnew reported that the Development Commission has received a change order from Edward A. Kirk Construction Company in regard to electrical work they have been contracted to perform at Lake Etta. Change order is adding \$4,850 making the total contract price \$104,390. Mr. Agnew made a motion to approve the

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change order; seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously.

Two quotes were received for demolition and clean up work on parcel DC 100. Quotes were:

Hobart-Lake Station Septic Service - \$2,680
Nimetz Trucking - \$2,050

Charles Agnew made a motion to award the contract to Dale Nimetz; seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously.

Dan Gardner reported that a meeting was held by the Corps in regard to levee alignment. Commissioner Arlene Colvin attended and expressed concern about golf course. Task Force was suggested from that meeting.

Dan Gardner announced that he has been in contact with Jeff Burnham of Senator Lugar's staff. Mr. Burnham informs us that the President supports the Senate version of the bill. He will send a letter to that effect.

Staff has sent a status report to the northwest Indiana delegation keeping them informed of the Development Commission's progress.

Dan Gardner also reported that S.B. 33 & 50 never received a hearing and are considered dead. Chairman Doyne reported that although HR 1275 (boat excise tax bill) passed out of committee, it died on third reading. At this time, there is no real consensus why it did not pass other than it was very complex bill that many legislators did not fully understand. Staff will work with appropriate entities to obtain passage next session. Staff will obtain roll call votes from Legislative Services.

Breakwater construction is 95% complete. Repair around the Midwest Steel water intake pipe will be made in the spring. Staff reported that they have been attending the marina meetings with Ten Ech, the firm doing the Phase II study of the proposed marinas.

Dan Gardner announced that Richard Galambos was again appointed as Chairman of the Little Calumet River Basin Commission. It was stated that it was important that coordination continue between the two Commissions. Several important maintenance projects are planned for implementation this year.

Reappointment letter for Martin Behnke has been received from the Lake County Commissioners.

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Mr. Don Ewen reported to the Board on his progress with river maintenance activities as volunteer contractor with the Lake County Drainage Board.

Mr. Richard Bundy expressed his concern over lack of public access to the breakwater and the eastern sections of the Little Calumet River and Salt Creek in Porter County.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, February 20, 1986.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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