

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
 MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 1986 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 Michael Doyne. Ten Commissioners were present. Guests were recognized and quorum was declared.

Development Commissioners:

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

Visitors:

Richard J. Bundy - Salmon
 Unlimited
 Bob Kasarda - The Times
 Pete Zak - South Shore Marina
 Mary Jane Zak - " "
 Don Ewen
 Chuck Dickard - Ten Ech Engineering
 Robert Kimberly

Staff:

Dan Gardner
 Lou Casale
 Sandy Mordus

1. Approval of minutes
 Commissioner Clyde Baughard made a motion that the February 20th minutes be approved as presented, seconded by Charles Agnew. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Communications
 Staff director Dan Gardner distributed a news release from Senator Lugar's office announcing that \$90,382,000 is included in the Senate version of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 for Northwest Indiana Water projects. The Little Calumet River Project is the largest amount included for \$83,000,000.
3. Committee reports
 Finance Committee: Treasurer Doyle Niemeyer presented the current financial status report and claims for February.

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He then moved for their approval. Clyde Baughard seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Staff then distributed copies of the State Board of Accounts Audit report of the Development Commission for 1984. Commissioner William Tanke requested Staff to further investigate the Commission's return on investment funds. Institutions in Lake and Porter Counties will be investigated.

Land Acquisition/Management Committee: Charles Agnew reported an agreement has been reached with Harold Evers regarding purchase of 18 acres of property adjoining currently held Commission land. Also, the remainder of Mr. Evers lease will be secured for payment to the Commission.

Mr. Agnew also reported the Kirk Construction was beginning work at Lake Etta for water and electrical line improvements.

Legislative Committee: Commissioner Phil Jaynes reported that a vote on the Senate version of the Water Resources Authorizing Bill was scheduled for next week. Two northwest Indiana projects are in the Senate version - the Little Calumet River Project being one. The Little Calumet River Project was also in the earlier passed House bill and President Reagan's budget so the outlook is positive. After Senate passage a conference committee will need to resolve differences between the House and Senate versions of the bill before sending it to the President for signature.

Discussion was held regarding the Indiana boat excise tax bill, which failed passage. A meeting is planned by boating interests with Lt. Governor Mutz to plan strategy for bill re-introduction.

Interim Flood Control Committee: Commissioner George Carlson made a presentation of activities in the formation of a flood control committee. He mentioned attending the Little Calumet Basin Committee meeting and discussing continuation and the Basin Commissions maintenance/interim flood relief projects. He suggested a role of funding of some of these projects as appropriate in the development Commission. Mr. Carlson then made a motion to appoint the following as committee members. Carlson, Baughard, Tanke, Colvin. The motion was seconded by Doyle Niemeyer and was passed unanimously.

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He stated he would report at the next meeting of future activities/progress.

Breakwater/Marina Development Committee: Committee Chairman Bill Tanke announced that it was necessary to retain a new project engineer for the Portage sand removal project. Bill Mamelson had relocated from the area. Motion was then made by Mr. Tanke, seconded by Charles Agnew and passed unanimously.

Also regarding the sand removal contract, J. M. Foster Inc. has requested a "mutal consent" clause be added to the proposed contract related to any expansion of the contract. Also contract is valid only if sand is acceptable to State of Indiana. These conditions were discussed and it was moved by Bill Tanke for approval of addition to our contract, with the provision that if the sand does not meet State standards, the site must be returned to its original state. George Carlson seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously.

Dan Gardner introduced Chuck Dickard of Ten Ech engineering who presented a preliminary concept plan for a marina. Staff will meet with Ten Ech personnel on Tuesday, March 25 to study design alternatives.

4. New Business

Staff discussed Little Calumet River Basin Commission efforts to have the State Highway Department clear Indianapolis Blvs., bridge crossing and the river. Continued efforts to initiate action will be taken.

In items for the floor, Richard Bundy and Pete Zak expressed opinions regarding the boat excise tax and area support for marina development. They cited groups that must be made aware of legislation if it is to be successful.

The next meeting date was set for April 17 at 6:30 p.m. Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

