

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
HELD ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1986 AT 6:30 P.M. AT THE
COMMISSION OFFICE LOCATED AT 8149 KENNEDY AVENUE, HIGHLAND,
INDIANA.

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

Development Commissioners:

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

Visitors:

Barry Saunders - Post Tribune
Richard Bundy - Salmon Unlimited
Ola Kennedy - Lake Co. Park
Board President
Ernie Davis - LCRBC
Don & Elinor Ewen
Bill Henderson - Lake Co.
Surveyor's Office
Terry McMloskey - Izaak Walton
League

Staff:

Dan Gardner
Lou Casale, Attorney
Sandy Mordus
Bruce Stouffer

A motion to approve the minutes of the October 16, 1986 meeting was made by Clyde Baughard; seconded by George Carlson; motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer Doyle Niemeyer presented the financial status report for October and made a motion to approve October claims as presented; seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously. Doyle stated that the Finance Policy Committee met on 11/11 and discussed the reviewing/rewriting of NIRPC 1987 contract. Changes in contract include a direct billing system instead of the 105% overhead and salary control over those employees working specifically for the Commission. The contract must be approved by the NIRPC Board of Commissioners. (Contract is made part of these minutes as ATTACH A). He also reported that the NIRPC Accounting staff is currently reviewing the quarterly financial investments.

Dan Gardner added that a projection of anticipated income for 1987 is being put together and a budget for the new year will be forthcoming.

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Legislative Committee - Dan Gardner announced the Presidential signature on November 17th of the Federal bill - thus finally authorizing the project. He presented several maps highlighting the areas affected by the project. The authorized amount of dollars in the bill was \$87,100,000 - \$65,300,000 is the Federal portion and \$21,800,000 (estimated) is non-federal share. It is yet to be determined what credit will be given. Distributed was a Federal Brief to the Commissioners summarizing the conference report of HR6.

Clyde Baughard made a motion to send an appreciation letter to the Senators and Congressman for the fine job they did supporting the Bill; seconded by Charles Agnew; motion passed unanimously.

Dan Gardner reported he met with Tom Brunś, Div. of Water of DNR and presented the project to him. He also informed Ken Kobe and Garland Ferrell of the State Budget Committee of the authorization. He will also inform the Governor's staff, Dept. of Commerce and the Forum. State legislators will also be contacted. Each community directly affected by the construction of the project will also be contacted and an offer made for staff to make a presentation to their City Council of Town Board.

Land Acquisition - Committee Chairman Charles Agnew reported that a request was received from the Lake County Parks Department requesting monies to repair a roof on the manager's home owned by the Commission. In light of the immediate consequences if it was not repaired quickly, he requested approval to release the contractual obligation of \$10,000 for the year 1986 immediately instead of waiting until December 31st. He made a motion to advance the \$10,000 to the Lake County Park Dept.; seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Agnew introduced Robert (Bruce) Stouffer who has been contracted to work for the Development Commission as a Land Acquisition Agent. Mr. Agnew made a motion to retify the contract; seconded by Jerry Pagac; motion passed unanimously.

Interim Glood Control - Committee Chairman George Carlson reported that the committee met earlier and discussed the project of sediment removal at Indpls. Blvd. bridge. Plans and specifications were completed by Ten Ech Engineering, bids were let and a recommendation that the low bidder be considered for the total project price of \$64,765. Breakdown of that amount is:

\$10,000 - State Highway Dept.
 \$19,200 - Lake County Drainage Board
 \$17,740 - Little Calumet River Basin Commission
 \$17,825 - Little Calumet River Basin Development Comm.

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George Carlson made a motion that the Development Commission incur the cost of clearing and sediment removal of the N.E. section at \$17,825; seconded by Charles Agnew; motion passed unanimously. Dan Gardner added that the Corps permit is already in hand and the DNR permit is expecting approval tomorrow. Mr. Gardner stated that the Corps will recommend that the Development Commission get the non federal credit toward the project.

Breakwater/Marina Committee - Bill Tanke reported that the breakwater construction is complete. He referred to letter in packet addressed to Lt. Col. Finch requesting clarification of certain items. Mr. Tanke also reported that the sandmining project is completed. The Commission's contracted surveyor will inspect the site and give final review. He reported that the city of Portage is working on the State Highway transfer.

Attorney Lou Casale reported that the three court-appointed appraisers for the Frum lots have completed their appraisals and submitted an appraised price of \$100,750, which is about \$11,000 over the Commission's offer price. He has filed objections to the appraisal as did Frums. The Frums have filed an appeal of the judgement authorizing the Commission to take the land.

Chairman Mike Doyne reported that the Committee on the State Tax & Financing Policy in Indpls. has drafted two pieces of legislation for a boat excise tax. They are expected to make a decision in December. One draft would allow counties the option to impose a boat excise tax to replace the personal property tax on boats and the other draft would allow counties to establish a boating development area where there will be allowed an assessed value deduction for boats.

Dan Gardner received approval from the Board to solicit comments from interested parties in regard to the anticipated audit involving the Corps, C-Way Construction and the Development Commission on the breakwater completion.

Discussion ensued involving at what point in time the Development Commission as local sponsor would receive easement authority of the river. Presently the Lake County Drainage Board has that authority.

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Statements from the floor - Richard Bundy of Salmon Unlimited questioned the boat tax issue.

Ernie Davis of the Basin Commission questioned the Commission's timetable and ability to now get the Federal money appropriated.

Ola Kennedy, President of the Lake County Park Board, commended the Development Commission for their cooperative work with the Lake County Park Dept. regarding the Joint Venture Agreement at Lake Etta.

Terry McMloskey reported that the Izaak Walton League submitted the Lake Etta project for the State beautification program.

Don Ewen recommended using clean dredging material as a fill to build a sled hill at Lake Etta.

The next meeting was left opened and will be scheduled at a later date.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 by a motion from Clyde Baughard.

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