

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
HELD ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1986 AT 6:30 P.M. AT THE
COMMISSION OFFICE LOCATED AT 8149 KENNEDY AVENUE, HIGHLAND,
INDIANA.

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Chairman Michael Doyne. Nine 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

Visitors:

Bob Kostanczyk - Post Tribune
Richard Bundy - Salmon Unlimited
Pete Zak - South Shore Marina
Mary Jane Zak - " "
Phil Jaynes - Valparaiso
Don Ewen
Mylinda Perry - The Times
John Swanson - Congressman
Visclosky's Office

Staff:

Dan Gardner
Lou Casale, Attorney
Sandy Mordus

Chairman Doyne presented outgoing Commission member Philip Jaynes with a plaque for dedicated service to the Commission for the years 1980 through 1986.

A motion to approve the minutes of the September 4th meeting was made by Clyde Baughard; seconded by John DeMeo; motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer Doyle Niemeyer presented the financial status report for September and made a motion to approve September claims as presented; seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously. Doyle stated that NIRPC accounting staff will research investment percentage rates again.

Dan Gardner reported that the differences in the Federal Bill have been resolved. It is expected to pass out of conference committee but has not done so at this time. He has been in constant communication with Washington staff and no problems are expected.

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Dan Gardner stated that he, Mike Doyne, and Doyle Niemeyer appeared before the State Budget Committee on October 1 in Indianapolis. Copies of the budget request for the biennium 87/88 for \$3 million was distributed to members. Lane Ralph, representing Senators Lugar & Quayle and Dave Hunter, representing the Corps were also present. Mr. Gardner announced that he has spoken to Richard Griebel on behalf of the Commission to solicit the Northwest Indiana Forum's support. He suggested that the Commission meet with local legislators to bring them up to date after the election.

Dan Gardner referred to a letter from Lt. Col. Finch of the Corps requesting \$89,172 for the completion of the Burns Waterway breakwater project. This amount will cover costs for additional plates and stiffeners and underwater obstructions removal. This additional cost will deplete the remaining monies available for breakwater construction. It was pointed out, however, that even though additional costs were incurred, the total amount has not exceeded the State's budgetary allocation. Chairman Mike Doyne spoke on his and Dan Gardner's meeting with Lakeshore Contractors and their inspection of the breakwaters. Bill Tanke suggested that in any future contracts with the Corps, the Commission should take a more active role in monitoring. A Federal audit will be performed upon final completion of the project in which the Commission can participate in and voice any concern or questions at that time.

Land Acquisition - Committee Chairman Charles Agnew made a motion to obtain legal descriptions and authorize the appraisals on the 13 NIPSCO lots located on the marina site; seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Agnew made a motion to prepare the option for purchase for the Clark Johnson property (DC200) for the appraised value of \$840; seconded by Arlene Colvin; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Agnew made a motion to authorize payment of \$4,400 (1/2 of total \$8,800) to the U.S.G.S. for the operation and maintenance cost of the gaging station of Hart Ditch. Offer contingent upon IDNR paying the other half - \$4,400. Motion seconded by Doyle Niemeyer; motion passed unanimously.

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Breakwater/Marina Committee - Bill Tanke reported that Ten Ech's report of the Lake Michigan Marina Development Commission's Marina Development Plans have now been completed and approved by the LMMDC and ready for distribution. The report on the Portage Marina is available to Commissioners.

Dan Gardner announced that a meeting will be held on October 30 in regard to the boat excise tax issue. At that time, the State Tax and Financing Policy Committee will discuss support or non support on two bills to be drafted - one will be for a local option excise tax and the second allowing for an abatement district.

Attorney Lou Casale reported that the Court issued a judgement and overruled the objections filed by the defendents in the pending condemnation suit. This allows the Development Commission to proceed with condemnation. The Court appointed three appraisers and their appraisals of the lots involved have to be completed by October 23.

Bill Tanke reported that a meeting was held with NIPSCO in regard to use of NIPSCO right of way/relocation of lines on the marina site. Meeting was very encouraging and it is hoped that a cooperative relationship between NIPSCO and the Commission will continue.

Interium Flood Control Planning Committee - Committee Chairman George Carlson reported on the Erie bridge removal situation. He stated that Ed Krusa, Director of Planning for city of Hammond, is investigating the possibility of the City of Hammond funding the bridge removal out of general taxation and then CDBG replace that money by doing a project for the city of Hammond.

Dan Gardner reported that the Little Calumet River Basin Commission at its last meeting voted to supply a \$50 permit fee to the DNR for 1) the sediment removal underneath that area and 2) a second \$50 for the bridge removal approval. When funding is available, at least the permits will be in place. Corps of Engineers approval has already been granted. The Lake County Drainage Board received no responsive bids at their first bidding. The project will be rebid.

Mr. Gardner also reported that the Lake County Highway Engineer has acknowledged that Chase Street culverts are a county responsibility and they will begin engineering studies. He also reported that the LCRBC is funding a study by Ten Ech on meeting the permitting conditions for improvements on the Penn Central culverts. A letter has also been received from Murray Contrall,

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State Highway Dept., confirming the bridge replacement projects of bridge replacement on U.S. 41 over the river and Grant St. culvert replacement has been placed on the 1986-88 Indiana Department of Highways Biennial Highway Improvement Program. The anticipated cost to the State Highway Dept. is \$2,875,000.

Richard Bundy of Salmon Unlimited addressed the Board with several issues concerning deep well injection, the green belt, channel width of Burns Waterway and the flooding situation.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, November 20th at 6:30 p.m.

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

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