

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
 HELD AT 6:30 P.M. TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 1987
 AT THE COMMISSION OFFICES
 8149 KENNEDY AVENUE, HIGHLAND, INDIANA

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Chairman Michael Doyne. Eight Commissioners were present. Guests were recognized and quorum was declared.

Development Commissioners:

Don Duran
 Michael Doyne
 George Carlson
 Clyde Baughard
 John DeMeo
 Doyle Niemeyer
 Charles Agnew
 William Tanke

Visitors:

Mrs. Ellie Duran
 Pete Zak - South Shore Marina
 Jeff Ewen
 Sherylin Freeland - Congress-
 man Visclosky's Office

Staff:

Dan Gardner
 Bruce Stouffer
 Sandy Mordus
 Lou Casale, attorney

Clyde Baughard made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 30th meeting as presented; George Carlson seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Finance/Policy Committee - Treasurer Doyle Niemeyer presented the current financial status report for August. Mr. Niemeyer made a motion to approve the August claims as presented; Clyde Baughard seconded; motion passed unanimously. He reported that the policy has been received on land liability insurance.

Legislative Committee - Dan Gardner stated he has been in contact with the staff of Congressman Visclosky's office. They have reported that nothing has yet been received from Washington Chief's Office of the Corps officially stating their position. He has talked to Richard Carlson, Chief of Planning for the Chicago Corps, who is also concerned that Washington has not yet officially directed them to work on the 3A plan. Mr. Gardner will be contacting the Senators' office and request assistance from their office in pushing the Corps to make a statement. Clyde Baughard made a motion directing staff to contact the Senators' Office and enlist their aid; seconded by Charles Agnew; motion passed unanimously.

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Eleven response letters have been received from property owners in the Small Farms area in regard to possible relocation. Dave Hunter of the Corps and Dan Gardner re-visited the homeowners in an attempt to contact those people who were not at home the first time they visited. As of now, no negative responses have been received.

Land Acquisition/Management Committee - Committee Chairman Chuck Agnew gave the land acquisition report. He reported that a letter from the County Commissioners' Office was received declaring the transferral of 25 tax sale lots to the Development Commission that were requested. He proceeded to report that the north line property at Lake Etta has all been cleared and fencing is ready to be started.

Mr. Agnew made a motion to accept Tom Bochnowski's appraisal of the slips on Burns Waterway that are on Commission property; seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously. Mr. Agnew also made a motion that staff be authorized to secure a lease at the appraised value or initiate litigation to remove the docks from Commission property for the 1987 boating season; seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Agnew announced that the bids for the farm land advertised is scheduled for 3:00 p.m. September 8, 1987.

Interium Flood Control Planning Committee - In Committee Chairman Arlene Colvin's absence, Dan Gardner gave the committee report. He reported that bridge replacement over the river at U.S. 41 and culvert replacement at I-80 on Grant Street have been added to the 1986-1988 Indiana Department of Highways Biennial Highway Improvement Program. Tentative construction of these two items is slated for 1988 for Grant St. and 1993 for U.S. 41 bridge.

Frank DeRisi, Lake County Highway Dept., informed staff that Boyd Construction will remove the culverts at Taft Street. A field inspection of those culverts is taking place now to determine cost.

The city of Gary contracted with a private contractor to clean out the culverts at Chase Street. The culverts are now all clean and water is flowing at full capacity.

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Mr. Gardner reported that the study done by Ten Ech for the Basin Commission on the Penn Central culvert replacement is complete. It contends that benefits would be obtained by replacing those culverts. Lake County Drainage Board is now in process of seeking a permit from the Corps. Estimate of cost for replacement is approximately \$120,000.

Ten Ech Engineering has provided rough cost estimates for modification at Erie R.R. bridge regarding removal of 2 or 3 piers. There is debris accumulated under that bridge; George Carlson offered to notify the Hammond Public Works Dept. about their commitment to clean under bridge.

Breakwaters/Marina Committee - Committee Chairman Bill Tanke referred to a letter contained in the packet to Lt. Col. Jess Franco once again emphasizing the urgent need for breakwater contract closure.

The attorney will review the contract with the Corps to see where the Commission's obligation lies in case of any accident at the breakwaters. Mr. Tanke would like something in writing from the Coast Guard stating their responsibility for the lighting.

The inspection of the breakwaters with the Corps has been cancelled due to inclement weather - it has been rescheduled for 10:30 on August 26th.

Mr. Tanke made a motion for staff to write a letter to the Corps after the field inspection giving them 10 days to answer what the status is regarding the breakwater contract closure - if we do not hear from them within the 10 day period, the Commission will refer the matter to the Congressional people for action; motion seconded by John DeMeo; motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting was scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Thursday, October 1, 1987. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned 7:15 p.m.

/s/jm

