

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
 HELD AT 6:30 P.M. THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1987  
 AT THE COMMISSION OFFICES  
 8149 KENNEDY AVENUE, HIGHLAND, INDIANA

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

Development Commissioners:

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

Staff:

Dan Gardner  
 Bruce Stouffer  
 Lou Casale  
 Sandy Mordus

Visitors:

Bob Kasarda - The Times  
 Dorothy Swike  
 Richard Bundy - Salmon  
 Unlimited  
 Col. Jess Franco - Corps  
 John D'Aniello - Corps  
 Richard Carlson - Corps  
 Don Ewen  
 Steve Walsh - Post Tribune  
 Dave Hunter - Corps  
 Pete Zak - So. Shore Marina  
 Mary Jane Zak - " "  
 Rickey Austin - Black Oak  
 Citizens for Better Govern-  
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 John Laue - Congressman Vis-  
 closky's Office

Chuck Agnew made a correction to the minutes. On page 2 under Land Acquisition/Management Committee report, the third line should read "appraisals on DC214 and DC215". Mr. Agnew made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 29th meeting as corrected; Clyde Baughard seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Mike Doyne appointed a Nominating Committee consisting of Charles Agnew, William Tanke and Arlene Colvin. Mr. Agnew shall serve as Chairman. They will meet and present a slate of 1988 officers at the January meeting.

Finance/Policy Committee - Treasurer Doyle Niemeyer presented the claims for October. He added two additional claims - Appraisal Associates for \$125 and Tigor Title Insurance for \$100. Mr. Niemeyer made a motion to approve the claims as presented; seconded by John DeMeo; motion passed unanimously.



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Mr. Niemeyer made a motion for approval on a budget transfer of \$15,000 from Line 416 (Structures Capital Improvements) to Line 411 (Legal Services); motion seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously.

It was announced that a short Finance committee meeting would be held following the regular meeting.

Legislative Committee - Committee Chairman George Carlson and Jerry Pagac both commended Mr. Gardner on the terrific job he did on the presentation to the State Budget Committee staff in Indianapolis.

Mr. Gardner stated he would be sending a mailing update to the legislators. This is not a budget session so capital request for additional funding would not be made this session but the legislators still need to know the project schedule and status at this time.

Chairman Mike Doyne stated that the Northwest Indiana Forum has stated its support for the boat excise tax bill. A draft bill has been prepared for submission this legislative session.

Land Acquisition/Management Committee - Committee Chairman Chuck Agnew gave the land acquisition report. He reported that signed options have been received on John Nimetz property (DC215), Monarch Oil property (DC125) and James & Otis Lewis (DC50 & DC51). Charles Daugherty (DC108) property has closed. Foster property (DC71-75) closing is scheduled for December 14th.

Mr. Agnew stated that Mr. Ensweiler does not wish to renew his lease for 1988.

Mr. Agnew made a motion to allow Attorney Casale to hire counsel as needed (within budgetary amount) to assist in condemnation proceedings in order to allow all properties needed to be procured so construction will be able to start on schedule; motion seconded by George Carlson; motion passed unanimously.

Interim Flood Control Planning Committee - Committee Chairman Arlene Colvin reported that the Lake County Drainage Board contractor, Wolfe Construction Co., has completed clearing and snagging project from Indianapolis Blvd. bridge eastward to Kennedy Ave. bridge. The Lake County Drainage Board has also committed its earmarked \$50,000 for the Little Calumet River for a sediment excavation project from Indianapolis Blvd. bridge area eastward to Kennedy Ave. bridge. Taft Street culverts will be removed this week or early next week by contractor Don Ewen.

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Ms. Colvin also reported that clearing of debris under the Erie R.R. bridge has been accomplished. Removing 2 or 3 piers under that bridge should be considered.

A letter was sent to Steve Manich, Lake County Surveyor by the Little Calumet River Basin Comm/staff requesting his support for local responsibility river maintenance projects.

George Carlson made a motion to thank the Hammond Street Department for their efforts in clearing the Erie R.R. bridge. They removed old telephone poles, large trees, etc. from the river under the bridge. Motion was seconded by Bill Tanke; motion passed unanimously. Staff will send letter.

Mr. Carlson stated that \$15,000 in Community Development Block Grant money was earmarked for the removal of the piers under Erie R.R. bridge. Ed Krusa, Director of the Dept. of Planning, asked two concerns be addressed before monies can be released. They are (1) ownership of bridge should be established and (2) the Commission, through its attorney, write a letter to him indicating it would assume responsibility for this work. He then believes he could cut a check to the Commission for \$15,000.

Discussion was held on ownership of bridge. A motion was made by George Carlson to allow attorney to work out details to obtain title to Erie R.R. bridge; motion seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Colvin also reported that the Penn Central R.R. permit application process by the Lake County Drainage Board is ongoing. The Detroit Corps has indicated they need concurrence by the railroad before permit application process can begin. Contact is ongoing between Ten Ech Engineering and the Detroit Corps to work out details.

Breakwaters/Marina Committee - Committee Chairman Bill Tanke announced that a price of \$159,500 was awarded by the jury to Lefty's Coho Landing after a 3 day trial regarding the condemnation lawsuit. Pending an appeal period of 3 months and the other lawsuit regarding the Commission's right to take that is in the appellate court, the marina project should be able to move forward.

The Coast Guard has acknowledged that they have received the Commission's request for brighter lights on the breakwaters and a determination will be made.

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An inquiry was made as to the status of Midwest Steel's request for more information from the Corps. Col. Franco replied that a memorandum has been sent to Midwest and they are satisfied with information received.

Chairman Doyme introduced Col. Jess Franco who addressed the Commission. He distributed an Information Sheet which is attached hereto as ATTACH. A and made part of these minutes. Col. Franco explained the information sheet covering the funding apportionment, problem areas, issues to be dealt with, current status of project and concluding with the projected initiation of construction in July of 1990.

Col. Franco suggested the Development Commission and the Corps plan on having quarterly meetings all through construction phase so that the Commission will be well informed and any concerns addressed.

A brief question and answer period followed the Colonel's remarks.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, January 7, 1987. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned 8:10 p.m.

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