

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
 HELD ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 1987 AT THE COMMISSION OFFICES
 8149 KENNEDY AVENUE, HIGHLAND, INDIANA.

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
 Doyle Niemeyer
 Charles Agnew
 Clyde Baughard
 Donald Duran
 William Tanke
 Arlene Colvin
 John DeMeo
 George Carlson
 Martin Behnke

Visitors:

Don Ewen
 Jeff Ewen
 Bob Kasarda - The Times
 Bill Sheahan - WJOB
 Bob Behnke - Hobart
 Richard Bundy - Salmon
 Unlimited
 Terry McCloskey - Izaak Walton
 Liz McCloskey - Izaak Walton

Staff:

Dan Gardner
 Lou Casale, Attorney
 Sandy Mordus
 Bruce Stouffer

A motion to approve the minutes of the December 16, 1986 meeting was made by Clyde Baughard; seconded by John DeMeo; passed unanimously.

Nominating Committee Chairman Martin Behnke gave committee's recommendation for 1987 officers. Slate presented:

Chairman	-	Michael Doyne
V-Chairman	-	John DeMeo
Treasurer	-	Doyle Niemeyer
Secretary	-	Arlene Colvin

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No nominations were made from the floor. George Carlson made a motion to close nominations for Chairman; seconded by Don Duran; motion passed unanimously. Chuck Agnew made a motion to close nominations for V-Chairman; seconded by Bill Tanke; motion passed unanimously. Don Duran made a motion to close nominations for Treasurer; seconded by Bill Tanke; motion passed unanimously. Don Duran made a motion to close nominations for Secretary; seconded by George Carlson; motion passed unanimously.

George Carlson made a motion that the proposed slate of officers become the elected slate of officers for 1987; motion seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Mike Doyne appointed 1987 Committee Chairmen. They are:

George Carlson	-	Legislative Committee
Doyle Niemeyer	-	Finance/Policy Committee
Charles Agnew	-	Land Acquisition/Management Committee
Arlene Colvin	-	Interium Flood Control Committee
William Tanke	-	Breakwater/Marina Committee

George Carlson made a motion to approve Committee Chairmen as appointed by Chairmen; motion seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously.

Finance Committee - Treasurer Doyle Niemeyer presented the 1987 budget for adoption and gave explanation of changes. 1987 Operating Budget is herein made part of the minutes as ATTACH A. Mr. Niemeyer made a motion to approve the financial status report and claims for January; motion seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Niemeyer made a motion to adopt a "Chain of Command" procedure and make it part of the procedure manual; seconded by Chuck Agnew; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Niemeyer made a motion that the Finance/Policy Committee be authorized by this Commission to establish and recommend salaries for NIRPC staff working primarily for and assigned to the Little Calumet River Development Commission. These salaries are to be based on job descriptions, classification systems, salary ranges, and performance evaluations used by NIRPC or based on classifications and personnel evaluations systems and salary ranges adopted by the Little Calumet River Development Commission. Motion was seconded by John DeMeo; motion passed unanimously. It was pointed out after this motion was passed that salaries would be set by NIRPC according to our new contract.

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Mr. Niemeyer stated that the Commission's investments are earning the maximum interest rate they can at present conditions. Investment rates will be checked into quarterly.

Legislative Committee - Dan Gardner referred to pages 10-15 in the agenda packet. He cited a letter from Patrick Kiely, Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee and Jack Mullendore, Budget Member stating that only hearings would be scheduled for those agencies requesting them. Mr. Gardner stated he did not feel a budget presentation was necessary since he has previously made a presentation to the State budget Committee and followed up with a informational letter.

It was reported that staff sent a letter to all legislators encouraging their support of the Commission's \$3 million request. Phone contact was also made with local legislators who have been active supporters in the past.

Land Acquisition/Management Committee - Committee Chairman Chuck Agnew made a motion to send an option on DC206 (Cain Property) for a partial taking of property for the appraisal price of \$2000; motion seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously.

Interium Flood Control Planning Committee - George Carlson commended Mr. Gardner for a job well done in setting up the ceremony with pertinent public officials highlighting the start up of the Indianapolis Blvd. bridge cleaning project.

Mr. Gardner reported on a presentation he had made to Mayor Hatcher and his cabinet members emphasizing how the project will benefit the city of Gary and the needed joint cooperation between the city and the Development Commission to acquire needed lands.

Mr. Gardner stated he has invited Col. Finch of the Corps to make a presentation at a Commission meeting to give an explanation of Corps project implementation schedules and timetables.

Breakwater/Marina Committee - Attorney Lou Casale stated that the litigation is still on-going. February 5th is the deadline on the defendents filing a brief in the appellate court. Committee Chairman Bill Tanke announced he and Dan Gardner met with Col. Finch in regard to Breakwater status and emphasized to him that they felt the line of communication between all parties needs to be better in the future.

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Chairman Mike Doyme announced he and Dan Gardner attended a legislative briefing in Indianapolis on January 14th at the invitation of the Lake Michigan Marina Development Commission. The intent of the meeting was to promote marina development interest and support; he felt the message was very well received and the turnout was large.

Dan Gardner referred to a letter (included in packet) addressed to Jeff Jackson, Dept. of Commerce that he and Jerry Gies, City Planner for Portage, had written in regard to the LMMDC request for 1987 funding. These would provide the remaining public infrastructure facilities needed and the project preliminary design and engineering funding to meet the needs of private developers.

Terry McCloskey of the Izaak Walton League questioned the leasing of the agriculture property and was informed that the item was deferred. Mr. McCloskey questioned the proposed sale of land by the Gary Public Works to Steel City Truck plaza. He was informed it is not a sale - only an option contingent upon many things, one being permits which have not been applied for yet. Mr. McCloskey stated that the Izaak Walton League supports the budget request of the Development Commission.

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, February 24.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 by a motion from Clyde Baughard; seconded by George Carlson.

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