

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
 HELD AT 12:00 NOON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1987
 AT THE COMMISSION OFFICES
 8149 KENNEDY AVENUE, HIGHLAND, INDIANA

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Chairman Michael Doyne. Seven 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

Staff:

Dan Gardner
 Bruce Stouffer
 Lou Casale
 Sandy Mordus

Visitors:

Barbara Waxman - NIRPC &
 LMMDC
 Ricky Austin - Black Oak
 Citizens for Better Governmt
 John Blee - " "
 Dorothy Swike
 Tim Swike
 Matt Swike
 Dave Hunter - Corps of
 Engineers
 Charlotte Read - Save the
 Dunes Council
 Rev. Harry Boer
 Don Ewen
 John Laue - Cong. Visclosky's
 Office
 Tom Knightly - Post Tribune

Clyde Baughard made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 1st meeting as presented; Arlene Colvin seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Finance/Policy Committee - In Treasurer Doyle Niemeyer's absence, Clyde Baughard presented the current financial status report for October. Mr. Baughard made a motion to approve the October claims as presented; Charles Agnew seconded. There were two additional claims for approval that were submitted by Lou Casale; they are retainer services for October for \$283.33 and land acquisition legal services for October for \$2,016.00; motion passed unanimously.

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Legislative Committee - Committee Chairman George Carlson deferred to Dan Gardner for legislative update information. Mr. Gardner referred to letter in packet addressed to Col. Franco in which certain areas of interest to the Commission needed to be addressed. Mr. Dave Hunter from the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers was introduced and Mr. Hunter proceeded with reading a letter from the Col. addressed to the Commission in which he spoke to those concerns. Letter is attached to these minutes as ATTACH. A.

Mr. Hunter stated that Col. Jess Franco would be present at the next Development Commission meeting on December 3.

Mr. Gardner stated that the Commission would be making a presentation to the State Budget Agency on October 30 to the State Budget Agency staff. Staff has been working with the Corps on projected construction schedule, which holds construction start at 1990.

Dave Hunter, Corps of Engineers, talked on the construction plan for the levees. Commissioner Carlson expressed concern that the dredging of the channel between Indianapolis and Kennedy is not being considered in the plan and would receive no Corps credit if work was done there. Mr. Hunter stated that recreation plans will be re-evaluated. Plans may be altered from a recreation standpoint and not a flood control standpoint. He stated that the Chicago Corps has not yet received their final guidelines from Washington. Their position is that credit only be given to the local sponsor for local items specifically in the authorized plan.

Land Acquisition/Management Committee - Committee Chairman Chuck Agnew gave the land acquisition report. He reported that appraisals on DC124 and DC125 have been received. Mr. Agnew made a motion that the Commission accept the appraisals and staff proceed to send options; Jack Swike seconded motion; motion passed unanimously. He also reported that a signed option has been received on DC71-75.

Three quotes have been received for roofing repair on the Garcia house. They are (1) Gusco Roofing \$573; (2) DeCero Roofing \$880 (rolled) and \$1050 (shingles); and (3) R&R Roofing \$575. Mr. Agnew made a motion to employ R&R Roofing to perform the needed repair; motion seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously. Although Gusco Roofing's quote was slightly lower, Mr. Curran (operator of Gusco) is in arrears in his rent to the Commission and has proven he may not be reliable. Attorney Casale added it was not a responsible or responsive bid.

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Interim Flood Control Planning Committee - Committee Chairman Arlene Colvin referred to a response letter in packet to Bill Henderson, Deputy Lake Co. Surveyor in reply to the suggestion of a joint venture with the Lake County Drainage Board, the Little Calumet River Basin Commission and the Development Commission for an amount of approximately \$50,000 each. This \$150,000 is the preliminary cost estimates for the sediment excavation of the Little Calumet River between Indianapolis Blvd. and Kennedy Avenue. The response letter stated the Commission's non-participation in this project. Although the Commission was in agreement that it is a very worthy project and supported the Drainage Board's efforts in continuing this project, the Commission does not receive any Corps credit toward the project.

An engineering study and permit application completed by Ten Ech on Penn Central R.R. culverts has been submitted to the Corps of Engineers in Detroit for approval.

Commissioner Colvin referred to a Public Notice Process No. 8716-93G stating an after-the-fact permit application has been submitted to the Corps for approval. Staff's comments regarding this notice is included in packet. Mr. Gardner stated that the Corps has notified him that his response has been sent on to the property owner.

Commissioner Carlson announced that the Hammond Park Board committed to the removal of debris under the Erie R.R. bridge.

Rip-rap work has been completed at Indianapolis Blvd. bridge.

Breakwaters/Marina Committee - Committee Chairman Bill Tanke referred to letter in packet addressed to Midwest Steel concurring with the minutes of the September 23rd meeting held with them and the Corps. Mr. Tanke also referred to letter in packet from the Save the Dunes Council.

A letter was sent to the Coast Guard requesting navigation aid lights be replaced with brighter lights. Complaints have been received because aid lights are not bright enough and the Commission realizes lighting is essential to ensure proper safety.

Mr. Tanke questioned Dave Hunter on the statement he read from the Colonel's letter stating he declared the breakwater project physically complete as of July 8, 1987. Mr. Hunter stated that this letter was the Commission's notice that the Corps has assumed responsibility.

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Mr. Tanke asked Dave Hunter to relay the Commission's concerns to the Colonel and requested a meeting be scheduled in Chicago with the Colonel, the legal staff and engineering staff to resolve some of the pending questions regarding claims submitted by the contractor. He requested the meeting be held before December 3.

Charlotte Read, Save the Dunes Council, inquired when the five year monitoring program of the impact on the beach because of the breakwaters construction would begin. Mr. Hunter stated that the Engineering Project Manager is now putting the scope of work together and will try to start the survey as soon as possible.

Discussion was held on the retention of water at flood stages.

John Laue, representative of Congressman Visclosky's office, asked what the next step was after submitting permit application for Penn Central R.R. to the Corps. Mr. Gardner replied that a funding source to perform the culvert work at Penn Central is not identified at this time. \$120,000 was the estimated cost to perform this work.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, October 29, 1987. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned 1:00 p.m.

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