

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
 HELD AT 6:30 P.M. THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 1988
 AT THE COMMISSION OFFICES
 8149 KENNEDY AVENUE, HIGHLAND, INDIANA

Chairman John DeMeo called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. There were ten Commissioners present. Guests were recognized and quorum was declared.

Development Commissioners:

John DeMeo
 William Critser
 George Carlson
 Charles Agnew
 William Tanke
 Arlene Colvin
 Clyde Baughard
 Doyle Niemeyer
 Jerry Pagac
 David Springman

Visitors:

Michael Doyne
 Edward Lukowski - Hammond
 Rob Pleva - Lake County Parks
 Dept.
 Stephen Davis - Indiana DNR
 Richard Bundy - Salmon
 Unlimited
 Rickey Austin Black Oak
 Citizens for Better Gov't
 Tom Houlihan - The Times
 Keith Eller
 Deborah Schubert - Black Oak
 Citizens for Better Gov't

Staff:

Dan Gardner
 Bruce Stouffer
 Lou Casale
 Sandy Mordus

A motion was made by Jerry Pagac to approve the minutes of the March 3rd meeting; seconded by Chuck Agnew; motion passed unanimously.

Finance/Policy Committee - Treasurer Arlene Colvin presented the financial report for February as well as the claims. Arlene Colvin made a motion to approve the claims as presented; seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously.

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Discussion was held on Addendum "A" to the existing NIRPC contract. Attorney Casale described the addendum providing for the Executive Director of LCRBDC to split his time between the Development Commission and NIRPC and charge accordingly. The addendum, as well as the original contract, shall be effective through December 31, 1988. Ratification of the addendum was made by Arlene Colvin; seconded by George Carlson; passed unanimously.

Ms. Colvin also reported that the Audit Report for 1985-86 was received and all was in order.

The Director & Officers insurance was renewed for the year 1988.

Legislative Committee - Although the final Local Cooperation Agreement with the Corps of Engineers will not be signed until the first construction contract is to be implemented, Committee Chairman George Carlson reported that staff has been involved in several meetings with the Corps to finalize an acceptable draft to forward to their Headquarters in Washington for their review and approval. The draft presented reflects the revisions that were made as a result of these meetings; those portions underlined in the draft were changes staff instigated. Dan Gardner talked about the word "concurrence" which the Corps was having problems with and stated that Col. Franco must review the draft yet and will make a determination of the language used. A meeting is scheduled in Indianapolis (the Corps will be present) with the state agencies (the Governor's Office, State Budget Agency, DNR, State Highway Dept.) on Thursday, April 28th to discuss the implications of the Commission's signing of the Agreement and to discuss the future non-Federal financial requirements required of them.

Land Acquisition/Management Committee - Committee Chairman Chuck Agnew reported property closings of DC50, 51, 105, 106, 113, 118 and 130. Signed options were also received on DC86 and DC208.

Mr. Agnew stated that an insurance quote of \$468 was received on the Erie Bridge property. A motion was made by Mr. Agnew for attorney to proceed with acquisition of the bridge property; seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously. When the liability policy is renewed, this piece of property would be covered under the blanket policy.

Mr. Carlson will check with the city of Hammond on the \$20,000 from Community Block Grant Fund money that was earmarked for removal of this bridge.

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A motion was made by Chuck Agnew to re-assign the existing Ensweiler lease to Keith Eller; seconded by Arlene Colvin; motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Chuck Agnew to authorize small pump repair on DC83 up to a maximum amount of \$8,000; motion seconded by Jerry Pagac; motion passed unanimously. Staff will explore the idea of renting a pump in the interim if necessary. It was reported that Don Ewen had, without authorization, pulled the pump and took it in for repair. Attorney Casale will talk with Mr. Ewen's attorney about his illegal actions.

A motion was made by Chuck Agnew to advertise for bids to chip and seal the roadway around Lake Etta fishing lake; motion seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously. The cost should be approximately \$11,000.

Interim Flood Control Committee - Committee Chairman Clyde Baughard reported that a letter had been received from Conrail R.R. addressed to Ten Ech Engineering stating that they had no objections regarding construction of larger culverts at Penn Central as long as certain factors were addressed. Ten Ech Engineering has performed the study for the larger Penn Central culverts and is under contract with the Basin Commission.

Mr. Gardner reported that the Basin Commission met recently. The Lake County Drainage Board has earmarked funds for the dredging work from Indianapolis Blvd. to Kennedy Ave. Mr. Baughard stated that the clearing and snagging that was done in that area has helped the water to flow faster.

Breakwaters/Marina Committee - Committee Chairman Bill Tanke referred to a letter received from the Coast Guard committing them to increase the intensity of Burns Waterway jetty and pier lights.

Discussion ensued in regard to a proposal to the Portage Planning Commission regarding vacation of rights-of-way near the marina site. A motion was made by Bill Tanke directing Lou Casale and Dan Gardner to attend the Portage Planning Commission meeting and obtain clearer information in regard to vacating these rights-of-way; motion seconded by Chuck Agnew; motion passed unanimously.

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Mr. Gardner stated he is attempting to schedule a meeting with Mayor Maletta of Portage to discuss marina development.

Mr. Gardner also announced that NIRPC will have a new entrance to the offices for the next meeting.

Chairman John DeMeo commended past member Michael Doyne for his dedicated service to the Commission and recognized his receiving of the highest award from the Governor's Office, the Sagamore of the Wabash award. Mr. Richard Bundy, Salmon Unlimited, joined the Commission in honoring Mr. Doyne.

Rickey Austin, representing Black Oak Citizens for Better Government, asked the Commission to investigate the J-Pit - its quality of water, where exactly the water comes from and where it is going to. He is concerned that the water is contaminated. If it is contaminated, that contamination would be flowing into the Little Calumet River. Staff will investigate. Mr. Gardner stated that a local office has been established for the EPA. That staff person is Ron Mustard and a local hot line will be established for citizens' input.

Mike Doyne, past member, inquired whether the Commission has looked at other sample Local Cooperation Agreements. He also thanked the other Commissioners for their cooperation and service to the Commission.

The next meeting was scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 5, 1988. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned 8:00 p.m.

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