

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
 HELD AT 6:30 P.M. THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1988  
 AT THE COMMISSION OFFICES  
 8149 KENNEDY AVENUE, HIGHLAND, INDIANA

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Chairman John DeMeo called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. There were ten Commissioners present. Guests were recognized and quorum was declared.

Development Commissioners:

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

Visitors:

Robin Biesen - Post Tribune  
 Michael Doyne - Gary  
 Stephen Davis - IN DNR  
 Bob Nelson - Portage  
 Cutty Turnbull - Marquette  
 Yacht Club  
 Richard Bundy - Salmon Unltd.  
 Jim Kopp - Portage  
 Don & Elinor Ewen - Gary  
 Pete Zak - South Shore Marina  
 Mary Jane Zak - " "

Staff:

Dan Gardner  
 Bruce Stouffer  
 Lou Casale  
 Sandy Mordus

A correction was made to the November 3rd minutes as follows: In the second paragraph under Land Acquisition/Management Committee, the name Homiday replaces the name Hutchinson. A motion was made by Clyde Baughard to approve the corrected minutes of the November 3rd meeting; seconded by Jerry Pagac; motion passed unanimously.

Chairman John DeMeo appointed a nominating committee for 1989 officers. He appointed George Carlson, Dave Springman and William Tanke (Tanke to serve as Chairman). A report will be given at the next meeting.

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

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Arlene presented the general services contract that the Development Commission has with the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission. One change made within the newly proposed 1989 contract is the increase of graphics/printing time from \$15.00 to \$16.00. Ms. Colvin also pointed out that compensation time of staff would increase as salary increases. Ms. Colvin made a motion to approve the NIRPC contract for 1989; seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously.

Arlene announced she would have a Finance/Policy committee meeting at 11:30 on Friday, December 9th.

Legislative Committee - Dan Gardner referred to a letter in the packet from Congressman Visclosky to the mayor of Gary documenting important issues the mayor may want to pass along to the Secretary of the Army. Also referred to is the letter that Mayor Barnes then wrote to the Army Secretary, John Marsh. That letter is attached hereto as Attach A. and made part of these minutes.

Mr. Gardner also acknowledged a letter written to John Doyle, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works in Washington, from the Northwest Indiana Forum indicating strong support for the full levee protection plan for the Little Calumet River Flood Control and Recreation Project; and then acknowledged the reply letter from Robert W. Page, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works.

George Carlson reported that the \$18,000 earmarked for the removal of three piers from the Erie R.R. bridge was reinstated in the Community Block Grant Funds budget in the city of Hammond. Mr. Carlson made a motion directing the attorney to institute condemnation proceedings to gain ownership of the Erie R.R. bridge; motion seconded by Jerry Pagac; motion passed unanimously.

Land Acquisition/Management Committee - Committee Chairman Chuck Agnew Made a motion to extend the existing lease with Marquette Boat Club for another year; motion seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously.

Interim Flood Control Planning Committee - Committee Chairman Clyde Baughard reported that bridge reconstruction is still ongoing at Harrison Street in Gary. It should be completed shortly. The old bridge at Northcote has been removed and work is underway on driving support pilings for the new bridge. He also reported that the LCRBC has authorized Ten Ech to proceed with design/construction drawings for the reconstruction of Penn Central culverts. The Chase Street culverts should be cleaned

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this fall by the Lake County Highway Dept. Staff is still pursuing additional relief culverts at Chase St. At the Lake County Drainage Board meeting, it was reported that the dredging project from Indianapolis Blvd. to Kennedy Ave. would be commenced after the first of the year as weather permits.

Breakwaters/Marina Committee - In Committee Chairman Bill Tanke's absence, Mr. Gardner reported that the LMMDC hosted a legislative reception/briefing on November 14th. He stated that the Marina Development Commission's request for state money in this biennium was \$20 million, that amount being divided equally between the five cities.

Mr. Gardner commended Arlene Colvin on her investigation into the issue of illegal filling in Tolleston Club Property area.

Mr. Gardner also stated he is in the process of scheduling a meeting between the Corps and Schererville town officials regarding the piece of property in Schererville that is slated as a potential borrow site area.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, January 5, 1988.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned 7:10 p.m.

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