

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

Chairman John DeMeo called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. There were nine Commissioners present. Guests were recognized and quorum was declared.

Development Commissioners:

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

Staff:

Dan Gardner
 Bruce Stouffer
 Lou Casale
 Sandy Mordus

Visitors:

Mitchell Montgomery - Forum
 Rob Pleva - Lake County Parks
 Planning Dept.
 George Gossard - The Times
 Jim Stankiewicz - Attorney for
 Keith Eller
 Ed Lukowski - Hammond
 Robin Bieser - Post Tribune
 Stephen Davis - IN. DNR
 Pete & Mary Ann Zak - South
 Shore Marina
 Harold Mauger - Gary
 Howard Marion - Gary
 L. Hutchinson - Griffith
 Keith Eller - Bob's Fishing
 Lake
 Roland Elvambuena - Gary City
 Engineer
 Clemmons Allen - Gary City
 Council

A motion was made by Clyde Baughard to approve the minutes of the June 2nd meeting; seconded by Chuck Agnew; motion passed unanimously.

Finance/Policy Committee - Treasurer Arlene Colvin presented the financial report for May 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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Legislative Committee - Committee Chairman George Carlson referred to a Senate Congressional record where the Senator from Idaho is proposing an amendment to be placed in the bill mandating the Director of the Office of Management and Budget and the head of each Federal agency for which funds are appropriated under this Act to comply with the instructions and the specific allocations and earmarking of funds contained in the joint statement of managers accompanying the conference report of this Act. What this amendment does is to point out that these joint statements and conference reports are in fact binding. Mr. Carlson also referred to an article stating that the \$240,000 for the final study on the Little Calumet River flood control project was intact in a bill approved by the House.

Mr. Gardner stated that we have written to area legislators providing them with a brief status report of progress of the Little Calumet River flood control project. Mr. Gardner also stated he has met with the N.W. Indiana Forum to seek their support.

Mr. Gardner informed the Commission that Col. Franco will address Senator Page in Washington at the end of July or early August to give an analysis of 3A vs. 3B plans. The Chicago Corps is in support of full levee protection for Gary. Mr. Gardner felt confident that he and representation from the Commission would be able to accompany Col. Franco in Washington in order to testify in behalf of the 3A plan.

Land Acquisition/Management Committee - Committee Chairman Chuck Agnew reported a letter had been received from the town of Schererville supporting the proposed purchase of the borrow site property.

The attorney stated that L. B. Foster does not want to quit claim the Erie R.R. bridge to the Commission. He stated that, other than condemning the property or encouraging the Lake County Drainage Board to purchase it, he felt the easiest and fastest method to acquire now would be obtaining a quit claim deed from DNR. He will pursue. Mr. Carlson repeated that there is money available in the Hammond budget for the removal of three piers from that bridge.

Mr. Agnew stated that July 14th was set for an eviction hearing for Charles Rose personal property left on DC57.

It was reported that the seal coat on the roadway at Lake Etta has been completed.

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Charles Agnew made a motion that the existing lease the LCRBDC has with Ensweller (Keith Eller now sub-leasing) which expires October 31st, 1988 be renewed for an additional year (through October, 1989) with Keith Eller with the provision that no further extensions of this lease will be available; motion seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously. The attorney will draw up the necessary contract stating such.

Interim Flood Control Planning Committee - Committee Chairman Clyde Baughard referred to a letter from Lake County Highway Dept. to the Chicago Corps office addressing the replacement of the existing three culverts at Chase Street. Mr. Gardner added that the Little Calumet River Basin Commission is considering the possibility of adding an additional three culverts and just leaving the present three, thus gaining maximum benefit. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Baughard announced the approval of construction for the new bridge replacement at Northcote Avenue.

Mr. Gardner briefed the Commission on a recent meeting he had with Gary city engineer & staff, Lake County Highway Dept. & Lake County Surveyor's Office to discuss the issue of improving drainage in Black Oak.

Breakwaters/Marina Committee - In Committee Chairman Bill Tanke's absence, Dan Gardner reported that the Request for Proposals for marina development has been revised and updated; the attorney is doing a final review and then it will be ready for advertisement.

Mr. Gardner stated that Cole Engineering is doing a profile for the Commission which will determine how the existing road access will affect NIPSCO lines on right-of-way.

Mr. Gardner referred to a letter received from GTE (telephone company) discussing the relocation of the telephone line on the marina property. It was being considered that the relocation cost could be equally shared between GTE, city of Portage and the LCRBDC.

The matter of boat excise tax replacing the existing personal property tax on boats is still being pursued. A bill introduced in the 1988 General Assembly by Rep. Dobis will hopefully pass this session.

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Mr. Gardner stated that NIRPC is in the process of signing a contract with the National Park Service and DNR which would assist in the development of a Northern Indiana Regional Trail and Greenway Master Plan linking Lake, Porter and LaPorte County.

Statements from the floor - Pete Zak stated that there has been unauthorized swimming at the mouth of Burns Waterway off the breakwaters. Mr. Gardner will investigate and see what entity would be responsible for posting "No Swimming" signs.

Harold Mauger of Black Oak spoke on the culverts at Chase Street and Grant Street, urging the Commission to clean them. He was told that the State Highway Dept. has Grant St. culvert replacement listed in their 1991 construction program and that Chase St. culvert replacement is in the process of being pursued by the Little Calumet River Basin Commission.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, August 4.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned 7:45 p.m.

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