

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
 HELD AT 6:30 P.M. THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1988  
 AT THE COMMISSION OFFICES  
 8149 KENNEDY AVENUE, HIGHLAND, INDIANA

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In Chairman John DeMeo's absence, Vice Chairman Doyle Niemeyer 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  
 Jerry Pagac  
 William Tanke  
 David Springman

Staff:

Dan Gardner  
 Bruce Stouffer  
 Lou Casale  
 Sandy Mordus

Visitors:

Robin Biesen - Post Tribune  
 Bob Hechlinski - Forum  
 Edward Lukowski - Hammond  
 Jack D. Smith - Hobart  
 Cutty Turnbull - Marquette  
 Yacht Club  
 Richard Bundy - Salmon Unltd.  
 Harold Mauger - Gary  
 Stephen Davis - IN. DNR  
 Pete Zak - South Shore Marina  
 Mary Jane Zak - " "  
 Larry Illingworth - Town of  
 Munster

A motion was made by Bill Tanke to approve the minutes of the October 6th meeting; seconded by Chuck Agnew; motion passed unanimously.

Finance/Policy Committee - In Treasurer Arlene Colvin's absence, Dan Gardner presented the financial report for September as well as the claims. Clyde Baughard made a motion to approve the claims as presented; seconded by George Carlson. Bill Tanke then made an amendment to the motion to delete Cole Associates from the claim sheet for this month; motion seconded by George Carlson; motion passed unanimously.

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Legislative Committee - Dan Gardner reported that several followup meetings have been held since the Commission met with the Corps in Washington. These meetings, held on October 13th, 17th and 28th, have been to discuss the economics of implementing the 3A plan. Field investigations have been made by the Corps as well as meeting with I.U. campus staff to reiterate I.U.'s firm commitment to the project. Transportation figures have been used to substantiate the critical need for the Borman Expressway to stay open at all times and not be closed because of flood conditions. Interstate travel and transportation is an important factor to consider. A Corps decision should be forthcoming in the near future.

Mr. Gardner referred to a NAUFMA Monthly News handout stating there are 16 projects in the 1988 Water Resource Bill. These projects will be backlogged behind the 1986 authorized projects (which contain the Little Calumet River Flood Control Project).

Mr. Gardner informed the Commission that he appeared before the Legislative Committee meeting of the Northwest Indiana Forum to gain support of the Commission's \$3 million budget request. A letter has been sent to the Secretary of the Army in Washington from the Forum stating their support for the 3A plan.

Land Acquisition/Management Committee - Committee Chairman Chuck Agnew reported two closings took place this month - DC136 (Anna Mae Carter) and DC183 (William Jacobs). Mr. Agnew made a motion to add an additional four appraisers to the Commission's list of qualified and approved appraisers. Those four new appraisers are Charles Hughes and Eugene Hutchen, both from Gary; Art Handley from Crown Point and Stan Hess from Hammond. Mr. Baughard seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Agnew made a motion to approve the updated appraisal of DC67 (Sonnie & Mary Edwards). The updated appraisal price was \$29,500 from the previous 1983 appraisal price of \$31,000. The lower appraisal price was based on the house value deterioration. Motion was seconded by Jack Swike; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Agnew made a motion to approve the updated appraisal of DC124 (Hutchinson). The updated appraisal price was \$4,900 from the previous 1984 appraisal price of \$1,860. Motion was seconded by Jack Swike; motion passed unanimously. New offers will be made to both parties.

Mr. Agnew reported that the preliminary hearing was held on the eviction of Maurice Curran from Commission property and was ruled favorable in our behalf. Mr. Curran must be off the property tomorrow. Next hearing date is November 29th.

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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.

Mr. Baughard also reported that the Northcote Bridge replacement is to begin on Monday. It will take approximately four months to complete the bridge construction.

Mr. Carlson stated that the latest information he had on the Community Block Grant Funds in Hammond's city council budget slated for Erie R.R. bridge has been reduced to around \$8,000. Mr. Carlson appeared before the Council and has requested the full amount of \$18,500 be reinstated. Discussion ensued on condemnation of this property to establish ownership claim.

Mr. Baughard also stated that the permit on the Penn Central RR culvert replacement has been approved and received by the Lake County Drainage Board. The consultant, Ten Ech Engineering, will do an engineering analysis for the Basin Commission. This will allow the project to be ready for soliciting funding. Funding sources need to be identified. Total project cost is estimated at \$120,000 - \$150,000.

Mr. Baughard stated that a staff study of Chase Street culverts by the Lake County Highway Dept. is ongoing. The Lake County Highway Dept. has stated that if funding sources could be found from other sources, the Highway Dept. will do the work.

Breakwaters/Marina Committee - Committee Chairman Bill Tanke reported that two proposals for the development of the marina in Portage was received on November 1. They will be thoroughly reviewed and separate meetings will be held with both proposers. The two development teams submitting proposals were (1) Simonton Lake Marina, Abonmarche Inc. and Morren Construction and (2) Portage Marina, Inc.

Mr. Tanke stated that the court payment of \$159,500 plus interest on the Frum property has been paid into Porter County Court.

Mr. Gardner stated that he attended the first General Advisory Committee meeting of the Lake Michigan Marina Development Commission. Elaine Chandler has been selected as Chairman for the first year.

Mr. Tanke stated that by the next meeting, a decision will be made on whether to re-lease the boat slips currently being leased to Marquette Yacht Club.

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Statements from the floor - Harold Mauger from Gary stated he has been in contact with the Lake County Drainage Board and Mr. Ernie Niemeyer in regard to blockage at Chase Street culverts. He has also talked to Frank DeRisi, Lake County Highway Dept., who stated he will personally inspect the situation at Chase Street and see what can be done about cleaning them out. The problem with Chase Street culverts is that they are the city responsibility and not the Highway Department's responsibility.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, December 1, 1988.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned 7:40 p.m.

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