

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
 HELD AT 6:30 P.M. THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 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 ten Commissioners present. Guests were recognized and quorum was declared.

Development Commissioners:

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

Staff:

Dan Gardner
 Bruce Stouffer
 Lou Casale
 Sandy Mordus

Visitors:

Robin Biesen - Post Tribune
 Lorrie Gay - The Times
 Edward Lukowski - Hammond
 Jeff Gunning - Merrillville
 Cutty Turnbull - Marquette
 Yacht Club
 Richard Bundy - Salmon Unltd.
 Harold Mauger - Gary
 Stephen Davis - IN. DNR
 Pete Zak - South Shore Marina
 Mary Jane Zak - " "
 Terry & Liz McCloskey - Izaak
 Walton League
 Herb Read - Izaak Walton

A motion was made by Clyde Baughard to approve the minutes of the September 1st meeting; seconded by Jack Swike; motion passed unanimously.

Finance/Policy Committee - Treasurer Arlene Colvin presented the financial report for August 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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Legislative Committee - Dan Gardner talked about the State Budget Hearing that was held on September 29th. He, Doyle Niemeyer and Arlene Colvin attended the hearing to present their request for \$3 million. Lane Ralph from Senators Lugar & Quayle's office was also in attendance along with Dave Hunter and Jan Miller of the Chicago Corps office. Mr. Gardner referred to the testimony of Congressman Visclosky in support of the capital budget request (copy included in packet). The Budget staff people will make a recommendation to the Budget Committee in the near future. Mr. Niemeyer and Ms. Colvin both commended Dan on his quality preparation for the meeting.

Mr. Gardner stated that Senator Lugar and Congressman Visclosky met with John Doyle, Deputy Secretary of Army for Public Works, recently voicing their support of full levee protection in Gary. A decision will be coming in the near future; hopefully, the first week of November. Mr. Gardner will be meeting with the economist and chief policy staff person from Washington on October 13 and 17.

Mr. Gardner brought up the idea of a legislative briefing for the legislators after the November 8 election.

Mr. Gardner referred to a letter in the packet from the Corps detailing Mr. Jan Miller to act as the Independent Project Manager for the Little Calumet River project. Staff has offered to go to Chicago to brief/update Mr. Miller on the project.

Land Acquisition/Management Committee - Committee Chairman Chuck Agnew made a motion to approve and accept an updated appraisal made on DC88 (George Michow property) updating the value from \$36,500 to \$45,000 and make an offer to Mr. Michow for the updated appraisal price; motion seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Agnew made a motion that the farm leases be extended for another one year period at the current contract amount; motion seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Agnew made a motion that the issue of Warren Greer still outstanding on his 1987 farm lease (he owes \$4,200 on a \$6,200 lease agreement) be turned over to the attorney for whatever legal action is necessary to collect the owed amount; motion seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously.

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Bruce Stouffer stated that the house on DC71-76 (Foster property) has been broken into continually and there virtually is nothing left in the house to save. It appears that it is hardly structurally safe anymore. Mr. Agnew made a motion for staff to make arrangements to have the house demolished and property cleaned up; motion seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Agnew stated that staff from the Lake County Parks Dept. presented a proposal at the Land Acquisition committee meeting in which they are requesting a maintenance building at Lake Etta be built. Mr. Agnew made a motion that staff put out bids for the maintenance building (estimated cost by Park staff was \$42,400); motion seconded by Doyle Niemeyer; motion passed unanimously. The building would be a pole barn type building on a slab. It will contain public restrooms.

Interim Flood Control Planning Committee - Committee Chairman Clyde Baughard reported that the contract for the sediment removal project from Indianapolis to Kennedy has been awarded by the Lake County Drainage Board to Wolff Construction for \$50,000. Work is authorized to begin at once.

Mr. Baughard also reported that the Northcote Bridge replacement bid has been awarded to LaPorte Construction Company. This contract will be let by the Lake County Highway Dept.

Mr. Baughard also stated that the application for permit approval on the Penn Central RR culvert replacement should be forthcoming in the immediate future.

Mr. Baughard stated that the next Little Calumet River Basin Commission will be meeting on October 18th.

Mr. Gardner stated that a legislative analyst from Indianapolis was here reviewing the sunset legislation of the Basin Commission. The analyst stated he would be reviewing the Development Commission relationship to the Basin Commission.

Mr. Carlson talked on the \$20,000 in Community Block Grant funds that will be available from the city of Hammond for removal of the Erie R.R. bridge piers. Attorney Casale stated that the only means left to the Commission to acquire ownership of the bridge is by eminent domain. Mr. Carlson made a motion that if the \$20,000 is approved in the Council budget, the attorney be allowed to proceed with condemnation; motion seconded by Jack Swike; motion passed unanimously.

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Breakwaters/Marina Committee - Committee Chairman Bill Tanke reported that a committee meeting was held. He stated that the settlement judgement amount awarded by court (\$159,500) must be paid into court in the near future. Interest was computed at 8% (\$34.95 daily) from the day of court award to November 1, which is the date the attorney has set for paying into court. The total interest that must be paid is \$11,603.40. Mr. Tanke made a motion that the settlement price and interest due at 8%, but not to exceed \$15,000, be paid into Porter County circuit court; motion seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Tanke stated that twelve (12) interested parties have picked up the Prospectus for marina development. Bid opening is November 1.

The final payment to the Corps on the breakwaters has been forwarded. The breakwaters contract is now closed. The Commission is maintaining communications with Midwest Steel.

Mr. Tanke referred to a letter in the packet from GTE North in which they are agreeing to a 1/3 share of the estimated \$222,897 telephone relocation cost.

Mr. Tanke spoke on the city of Portage's grant fund projects through the Lake Michigan Marina Development Commission. They are requesting a total of \$463,000 for the following items:
(1) \$350,000 for removal of the sanitary treatment plant from Midwest, removal of the sewer pipeline and pipeline bridge, elimination of the pipeline bridge abutments which protrude into the waterway at entrance, and removal of a rail bridge crossing,
(2) \$70,000 for 1/3 share of telephone relocation cost and (3) \$43,000 for waterway shore stabilization and improvement.

Mr. Gardner reported that staff of the LMMDC has been in meetings regarding the boat excise tax issue. The latest positive step is that the Bureau of Motor Vehicles has requested to become involved in the collection process of the tax. The proposed bill will be available soon that will be introduced in this legislative session.

Mr. Gardner reported that he had met with Mayor Miller of Lake Station and Dewey Lemley, Park Supt. of Lake Station, regarding potential recreation development through their city that could be developed by the Development Commission. The Commission will have ongoing discussions with the city.

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Statements from the floor - Richard Bundy from Salmon Unlimited questioned whether Lake Station was in the green belt and was told that it was.

Terry McCloskey from Izaak Walton League voiced his opinion on what role DNR should play in marina development and the availability of public access at the marinas. He spoke in favor of free launch lanes funded through DNR.

Herb Read from Izaak Walton League questioned how to salvage the sand that would be removed from the marina site for beach nourishment.

Harold Mauger from Gary stated he has been in contact with the Lake County Drainage Board and debris in the river at Grant Street has been cleaned out through his efforts. He is still trying to get Chase St. obstructions cleaned up.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, November 3, 1988.

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

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