

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
 HELD AT 6:30 P.M. WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1989
 AT THE COMMISSION OFFICES
 8149 KENNEDY AVENUE, HIGHLAND, INDIANA

Chairman John DeMeo called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Ten (10) Commissioners were present. Quorum was declared and guests were recognized.

Development Commissioners:

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

Visitors:

Richard Bundy - Salmon Unltd.
 Don Ewen - Volunteer
 Jean Critser
 Virginia Baughard
 Phyllis Springman
 Shirley DeMeo
 Dorothy Swike

Staff:

Dan Gardner
 Lou Casale, Attorney
 Sandy Mordus
 Bruce Stouffer

A motion was made by Clyde Baughard to approve the minutes of the December 13th meeting; seconded by Arlene Colvin; motion passed unanimously. *now*

Chairman John DeMeo appointed a Nominating Committee to make a recommendation for 1990 officers at the next meeting. Those appointed were Charles Agnew, William Critser and Mr. DeMeo.

Mr. Gardner informed the Commissioners on what appointments were up at the end of this year. He indicated there were four (4) Governor appointments and two (2) city appointments which would terminate on 12/31/89. Mr. Gardner will write a letter to the appointing authority advising them of the term's end.

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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 pending claims; motion seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously. Ms. Colvin stated there would be no budget transfers for the end of 1989.

Mr. Gardner referred to the 1990 agreement for services with the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission. He pointed out minor changes from the 1989 contract. They included an increase to \$3,900 per month (from \$3,600) for services provided by Dan Gardner and Sandy Mordus to be compensated to NIRPC; an increase to \$17.50 (from \$16.00) per hour for printing and graphic support; no per copy charge for printing services; and cost space for non-NIRPC personnel will be \$215 per month. A motion was made by Clyde Baughard to approve the 1990 contract with NIRPC; seconded by Arlene Colvin; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gardner stated a finance committee meeting will be held in January. Members will be notified.

Legislative Committee - Committee Chairman George Carlson referred to the letter contained in packet from Col. Franco, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, relative to the Local Cooperation Agreement. Mr. Carlson stated that a committee meeting was held earlier and it is the consensus of the committee to approve the agreement as revised. The Corps letter indicated we are not being asked to sign the agreement at this point but to send a letter of commitment to the LCA. Mr. Carlson made a motion authorizing staff to send a letter of commitment, approving the LCA, November version; motion seconded by Jack Swike; motion passed unanimously. The commitment letter will be sent along with the LCA to Washington. If any changes were to be made in Washington, it would have to come back to us for re-approval. A letter of financial capability of the Commission must also be sent.

Mr. Carlson referred to the letter to Mark Moore, State Budget Agency, transmitting materials for their use in understanding the request of the Corps of Engineers the State's and the Development Commission's financial capabilities.

Mr. Carlson referred to the letter to IDEM contained in packet regarding water quality certification. Mr. Gardner sent the letter of commitment, as directed at the last Board meeting, to IDEM which commits the LCRBDC to identifying, planning and creating at least 69.2 acres of wetlands to offset projected losses of a like number of wetlands due to the project construction.

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Mr. Gardner stated he met with the Dept. of Highways and DNR in Indianapolis, along with U. S. Army Corps of Engineers officials, to discuss the role that the IDOH must play in regard to bridge replacement commitment in conjunction with the flood control project. With the change of administration, new people are involved and a clear understanding of the issue must be developed.

Mr. Gardner and Doyle Niemeyer attended the Dec. 6-8 workshop seminar in Phoenix with NAFSMA hosting it. Its intent was to develop a clear understanding of how a local sponsor/U.S. Army Corps of Engineers project proceeds. The seminar was well attended and they felt they gained valuable information and had a better understanding and appreciation of the partnership.

Land Acquisition/Management Committee - Committee Chairman Chuck Agnew reported there were no closings this month. Offers of purchase are still being sent out. Mr. Agnew stated that a letter has been received from Chicago Title stating title insurance cost where the seller is conveying for 2 or less unimproved lots will be \$190. In excess of two lots, an additional \$25 per lot will be charged.

Mr. Agnew informed Commissioners that a bid opening was held yesterday on the multi-purpose building. No recommendation will be made at this time. Attorney will see if low bidder is financially able to do the project. It was deferred until January meeting (bids are held at cost for 45 days).

Interim Flood Control Committee - Committee Chairman Clyde Baughard stated there was nothing to report at this time.

Breakwaters/Marina Committee - Committee Chairman William Tanke referred to letter staff wrote to Bart Peterson, Executive Asst. to the Governor, relative to the sand issue. Mr. Gardner has met with Major Barilich of the U. S. Marine Corps, who is willing to remove the sand from the marina site as a public service project. Certain criteria must be met but staff is hopeful that all can be worked out. After the first of the year, staff will pursue assembling an application to be submitted to the Marine Corps. Mr. Gardner has talked to pertinent people concerned and involved in the project.

Mr. Gardner stated he has forwarded the Johnson, Johnson & Roy marina study to NIPSCO for their review. He will follow up.

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Statements to the Board - Richard Bundy, Salmon Unlimited, stated he met with the Mayor of Gary and others (including Dan Gardner) concerning the potential development of a rifle/archery range in Gary. He stated there was some Pittman money available and felt the city should pursue obtaining some of that money for such a recreation project. He indicated there was a lot of interest by private individuals and groups for such a development.

Mr. Bundy also informed Commission there is alot of concrete in the river near I94 where contractors have done refurbishing of the bridges and then dumped excess concrete in the river. Mr. Gardner will look into the matter.

Mr. Gardner informed Commissioners and visitors that the GTE relocation of the telephone line at the Portage marina site is ongoing at present.

Mr. Don Ewen informed the Commission he has written a letter to the President and has received a reply from Washington, in regard to his opposition of the 3A plan.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

The next meeting date was scheduled for January 4, 1990.

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