

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
 HELD AT 6:30 P.M. THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1989
 AT THE COMMISSION OFFICES
 8149 KENNEDY AVENUE, HIGHLAND, INDIANA

Chairman John DeMeo called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. There were eight (8) Commissioners present. Guests were recognized and quorum was declared.

Development Commissioners:

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

Visitors:

Richard Bundy-Salmon Unltd.
 Don Ewen
 Elinor Ewen
 Harold Mauger - Gary
 Ricky Austin - Gary
 Steve Davis - IN. DNR
 Pete Zak - South Shore Marina
 Mary Jane Zak
 Robin Biesen - Post Tribune
 Terry McCloskey - Izaak Walton

Staff:

Dan Gardner
 Lou Casale
 Sandy Mordus

A motion was made by Clyde Baughard to approve the minutes of the 5th meeting; seconded by Arlene Colvin; motion passed unanimously.

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

Legislative Committee - Committee Chairman George Carlson spoke about NIRPC's briefing held on January 11th to inform the new Senator Dan Coats on northwest Indiana projects. He and Mr. Gardner both found the Senator very receptive and eager to support the Little Calumet River project.

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Mr. Gardner reported that he, Doyle Niemeyer and Arlene Colvin appeared before the Ways & Means Committee in Indianapolis on January 31 to document support for the Commission's \$3 million budget request for this biennium. Lane Ralph from Senators Lugar & Coats' offices and Mayor Thomas Barnes of Gary both spoke in support of the request. They were able to meet with Governor Bayh and also with Lt. Gov. Frank O'Bannon and gave them an update of project status. Mr. Niemeyer stated that, although he was disappointed with the Ways & Means Committee attendance, he felt they were well received. They also were able to meet the new Director of DNR and updated issues with him. Mr. Gardner further explained that the Ways & Means Committee will mark up the budget and send it to the House. They may possibly have to appear again before the Senate Finance Committee. Clyde Baughard publicly thanked the group for representing the Commission.

Mr. Gardner stated that we have not received an official decision from Washington yet. It is expected any day now. February 17th was the date given to us as a deadline for their response. The Senators are planning to contact John Doyle, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works. Dan has been in contact with Col. Franco. He will be meeting with the Senators in Washington also.

Land Acquisition/Management Committee - Committee Chairman Chuck Agnew reported that the Directors & Officers liability insurance policy has been renewed. Property closings this month were DC188 and 189. He also reported that \$2,000 has been received from Warren Greer for past farm lease money due to the Commission; a balance of \$2,200 still outstanding.

Mr. Agnew made a motion to refund money to Harold Evers (\$200.36) and Don Ewen (\$106.97) for overpayment on pump expense. They were charged \$16 per acre for the 1988 farming season; actual expense was only \$15.06. Refund due is 94 cents per acre. Motion seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Agnew made a motion for the attorney to proceed with having Tract 12 (adjacent to marina property) appraised. Although other tracts have been acquired, Tract 12 has not been and is needed by the Corps for survey purposes. Mr. Casale stated that it probably will be necessary to enter into a friendly condemnation suit to acquire Tract 12. After appraisal, an option to purchase will be sent. If the option is refused, then he will proceed with condemnation. Motion seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously.

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Mr. Agnew stated that bid specifications are being prepared for the maintenance building at Lake Etta.

Interim Flood Control/Planning Committee - Committee Chairman Clyde Baughard reported that Harrison Street bridge construction is complete; Northcote Bridge reconstruction is underway. He also stated that the Lake County Highway Dept. has cleaned out culverts at Chase Street. The river sediment removal project from Indianapolis to Kennedy will begin in the spring. Mr. Baughard stated that the project to construct additional flow culverts at Penn Central R.R. is proceeding. Ten Ech Engineering is on contract with the Little Calumet River Basin Commission to do the preliminary design and apply for permits for the approval of the construction.

Breakwaters/Marina Committee - Mr. Gardner reported on the meeting in Indianapolis with Ice, Miller, Donadio & Ryan and the Indiana State Bond Bank. The meeting was held to gather information in regard to the Commission's revenue bonding options.

Lou Casale, Commission attorney, reported that the Marina Committee had met to discuss proposals submitted for development of the marina. He stated that after review of the two proposals received, it was the committee's recommendation to reject both proposals. He went on to report that the Marina Committee furthermore recommends the Commission remain receptive to such additional proposals which might be made for a joint-venture marina development either by the original firms submitting proposals or by any new firm. As a result of this information, a motion was made by Doyle Niemeyer and seconded by Arlene Colvin and the following resolution was adopted: Be it resolved that the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission hereby rejects the proposals made for the development of a Burns Waterway Small Boat Harbor marina, said proposals being received and opened on the 1st day of November, 1988, from Portage Marina, Inc. and the Simonton-Abonmarche-Morren joint venture. Furthermore, the Commission shall remain receptive to such additional proposals that might be made for a joint venture marina development either by the original firms or by any new firm. Motion was unanimously adopted.

Doyle Niemeyer made a motion for staff to solicit for proposals for a firm to do a marketing feasibility study to address bonding options for the development of a marina; motion seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously.

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Mr. Gardner referred to an editorial by Bob Ashley in the Post Tribune in which incorrect information was given. It was stated that the Development Commission has received \$27 million to date from the General Assembly. The correct amount received to date is only \$12,468,800. Mr. Gardner stated he called Post Tribune and brought it to their attention.

Richard Bundy, Salmon Unlimited, informed the Commission that the pending bill allowing free access to marinas in Lake County has passed the House.

Terry McCloskey, Izaak Walton, expressed concern on the number of boats that will be on the lake if all marinas come into being. He also felt that some policy needed to be adopted or an entity needed to be identified to handle complaints of dumping in the Gary area.

Harold Mauger, Gary resident, stated that at his persistence, the Lake County Highway Dept. cleaned out Chase St. culverts. He is now trying to get NIPSCO to clean their culverts on NIPSCO right-of-way property.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, March 2, 1989.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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