

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
 HELD AT 6:00 P.M. THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 1989
 AT THE STRONGBOW INN RESTAURANT, VALPARAISO, IN

Chairman John DeMeo called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. There were ten (10) Commissioners present. Guests were recognized and quorum was declared.

Development Commissioners:

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

Visitors:

Richard Bundy-Salmon Unltd.
 Elizabeth Smith - Munster
 Mrs. Swike
 Helen Carlson
 Shirley DeMeo
 Linda Niemeyer
 Joyce Agnew
 Jeanne Critser
 Phyllis Springman
 Barb Tanke
 Mary Lynn Casale
 Mike Mordus

Staff:

Dan Gardner
 Lou Casale
 Sandy Mordus

A motion was made by Bill Tanke to approve the minutes of the December 1st meeting; seconded by George Carlson; motion passed unanimously.

Nominating Report was given by Bill Tanke, serving as the Chairman for the committee. Mr. Tanke presented the slate of officers for 1989. He made a motion that the present 1988 officers be retained for another year term; motion seconded by Chuck Agnew. There were no other nominations. Mr. Tanke made a motion that an unanimous ballot be cast for:

John DeMeo - Chairman
 Doyle Niemeyer - Vice Chairman
 Arlene Colvin - Treasurer
 Clyde Baughard - Secretary

Motion seconded by George Carlson; motion unanimous.

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this fall by the Lake County Highway Dept. Staff is still pursuing additional relief culverts at Chase St. At the Lake County Drainage Board meeting, it was reported that the dredging project from Indianapolis Blvd. to Kennedy Ave. would be commenced after the first of the year as weather permits.

Breakwaters/Marina Committee - In Committee Chairman Bill Tanke's absence, Mr. Gardner reported that the LMMDC hosted a legislative reception/briefing on November 14th. He stated that the Marina Development Commission's request for state money in this biennium was \$20 million, that amount being divided equally between the five cities.

Mr. Gardner commended Arlene Colvin on her investigation into the issue of illegal filling in Tolleston Club Property area.

Mr. Gardner also stated he is in the process of scheduling a meeting between the Corps and Schererville town officials regarding the piece of property in Schererville that is slated as a potential borrow site area.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, January 5, 1988.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned 7:10 p.m.

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

Ms. Colvin stated that the Finance/Policy committee met on December 9th. Items of discussion included whether monies should be pulled from the First Federal Savings and Loan and put into a bank instead and current interest rates in banks in Porter and Lake counties. Staff and committee members are investigating rates to ensure maximum return on monies; another committee meeting will be scheduled before the February regular meeting date.

Ms. Colvin referred to the 1989 Operating Budget contained in the agenda packet. She made a motion to adopt the budget as presented; seconded by Doyle Niemeyer; motion passed unanimously.

Dan Gardner stated that the budget request for \$3 million was sent to the Budget Agency. Although the budget recommendation for the Development Commission was 0, he stated that we should not be too concerned at this time. Because of the transition period with the new Governor coming in, budget recommendations for projects were kept at a minimum. Frank Sullivan is the new person who is replacing Ken Kobe as Budget Director. Budget hearing for the House Ways and Means Committee will avail us the opportunity to seek inclusion of our \$3 million request.

Mr. Gardner further stated that he will be contacting the Budget Agency in regards to allocating the remaining \$1.5 million to the Development Commission for draw down of funding.

Land Acquisition/Management Committee - Committee Chairman Chuck Agnew Made a motion authorizing staff to send an option for purchase for the appraisal price of \$7,900 for DC214 (Hutchinson property); seconded by George Carlson; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Agnew referred to the three pages contained in the agenda packet entitled "1988 Land Acquisition & Property Management" report. The report lists all 1988 property closings, properties in negotiations, special acquisitions, parties that were held contracts, farm leases and commercial leases.

Attorney Casale reported on the court case against Maurice Curran. He stated that the judgement against Curran is in the amount of back rent and attorney fees. They agreed to court order to remove everything from property within 60 days. He will keep Commission informed.

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Lou Casale also stated he is pursuing the issue of back lease monies owed to the Commission from Warren Greer.

The attorney has contacted an appraiser to appraise the Erie R.R. bridge at Indianapolis Blvd. After appraisal price is established, attorney must send an Uniform Acquisition Notice prior to filing condemnation proceedings.

Mr. Gardner distributed a Year End Legislative/Project Report for 1988 (attached hereto as ATTACH. A and made part of these minutes). He explained the three recommended priority activities for the Development Commission for 1989. He noted that the three priority issues were (1) continue all efforts in insure the implementation of 3A plan, (2) seek strong and active support of the project with the Bayh administration and (3) identify and pursue critical path that will yield a marina development project.

Mr. Gardner stated that he and Lou Casale will meet with Ice, Miller, Donadio & Ryan legal firm and the Indiana State Bond Bank to discuss avenues of revenue bonding. It was suggested that the mayor of Portage (or his designee) be invited to attend. Dan stated that he, Bill Tanke, Lou Casale, Barb Waxman met with J. B. Smith of the Hammond Port Authority to discuss issues of financing. Mr. Tanke added that the major task of working with NIPSCO still needs to be undertaken also.

It was stated that the two proposals received on marina development did not meet all criteria but options are still being considered.

Richard Bundy, Salmon Unlimited, stated he attended the recent Lake Michigan Marina Development Commission and expressed his views on the meeting topics.

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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RECOMMENDED 1989 PRIORITY ACTIVITIES

- Continue all efforts to insure the Secretary of Army will support the 3A (full levee protection) plan. This decision will enable full Federal funding to be supported by the Administration and will trigger a succession of positive actions.
 - Local Cooperation Agreement signing
 - Project construction scheduling
 - Commitment of remaining needed items
 - remaining needed project lands & easements
 - utility relocations committed
 - bridge reconstructions committed
 - 5% cash contribution toward construction

- Seek strong and active support of Bayh Administration of project and needed remaining State commitments.
 - Administration briefing of project
 - Budget priority for continued State funding (estimated to be \$8 to \$9.5 million) (\$3 million requested this biennium)
 - New agency heads support for needed State commitments
 - Budget Agency support
 - D.N.R. support
 - Dept. of Highways bridge projects

- Identify and pursue critical path that will yield a viable marina development project to meet Commission obligation to Federal Government (Corps of Engineers)
 - Resolve NIPSCO issue
 - Devise plan to remove excess sand
 - Contract for detailed design and financial analysis to produce viable project
 - Explore revenue bonding and other public/private options to finance initial construction
 - Continue to work with city of Portage to achieve compatible project

