

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
 HELD AT 6:30 P.M. THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 1989
 AT THE COMMISSION OFFICES
 8149 KENNEDY AVENUE, HIGHLAND, INDIANA

Chairman John DeMeo called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. All eleven (11) Commissioners were present. Officials were recognized.

Development Commissioners:

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

Staff:

Dan Gardner
 Lou Casale, Attorney
 Sandy Mordus
 Bruce Stouffer

Visitors:

Col. Franco - Army Corps
 Richard Carlson - "
 Jan Miller - "
 Stephen Davis - IDNR
 Dick Wawrzyniak - IDNR
 John Simpson - IDNR
 Wm. Leets - LCRBC
 Dale Cobbs - Berkheimer Co.
 Marty Barich - LCRBC
 Louis Larson - LCRBC
 Pete Zak - South Shore Marina
 Mary Jane Zak - "
 Mike Doyne - Doyne's Marina
 Mark Rushkin - IU Northwest
 Lu Jackson - WJOB
 Don Ewen - Gary
 Richard Bundy - Salmon Unltd.
 Maxie Morris - LCRBC
 Dewey Lemley - Lake Station
 Parks & Recreation
 Larry McClelland - L.C. Hwy
 Edith Root - LCRBC
 Bob Huffman - LCRBC
 Chris Huffman
 John Laue - Cong. Visclosky's
 Charles Keslin - Munster Bldg.
 Commissioner
 Tom Knightly - Post Tribune
 Tim Sanders - Senators' Office
 Lane Ralph - Senator Lugar's
 Office
 Ola Kennedy - L. C. Park Board
 Bob Nickovich - Supt. LCPD
 Bart Peterson - Gov's Office
 Mark Herak - Highland Town Brd
 Dolly Millendar - Gary
 Charles Pettersen - LCRBC/Ham-
 mond Councilman
 Rich Galambos - LCRBC/Lake Co.
 Councilman

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A motion was made by Clyde Baughard to approve the minutes of the May 4th meeting; seconded by William Critser; motion passed unanimously.

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

Land Acquisition/Management Committee - Committee Chairman Chuck Agnew reported on the bids received on the Lake Etta maintenance building. Received was one (1) construction bid and three (3) demolition bids. After committee review, it was decided to reject all bids received and to proceed to rebid after bid specifications were altered and changes made. Rebidding will still be in two phases: one being for the demolition of existing building and construction of new building and one being for the finishing work of new building. Mr. Agnew made a motion to formally reject the bids; seconded by Bill Critser; motion passed unanimously.

Breakwaters/Marina Committee - Committee Chairman William Tanke reported that two proposals had been received from engineering firms regarding marina development/financing. A committee meeting was held to review the proposals. As a result of that meeting, Mr. Tanke made a motion to select Johnson, Johnson & Roy from Ann Arbor, MI as the engineering firm for a cost not to exceed \$10,000; motion seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously. The attorney will prepare the contract.

Col. Jess Franco proceeded to present the project schedule to the audience for the remaining time. Following is a summary briefing of that presentation.

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LITTLE CALUMET RIVER, INDIANA, FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT BRIEFING

Local Sponsor: Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission

Authorization: 1986 Water Resources Development Act

Project Features:

- Construction of 9.7 miles of set-back levees in Gary and Griffith
- Replacement of 9.5 miles of levees between the Illinois-Indiana state line and Cline Avenue in Hammond, Highland and Munster
- Construction of 12.2 miles of new levees and floodwalls between the state line and Cline Avenue in Hammond, Highland, Munster and Griffith
- Installation of a diversion structure at Hart Ditch
- Evacuation of residents of 23 homes in Gary's Black Oak area
- Floodproofing 38 homes in Gary
- Modification of 7 miles of river channel to allow better water flow
- Modification of 4 highway bridges to permit unobstructed flow of water
- Construction of 16.8 miles of hiking trails and related recreation facilities along the 2,000 acre recreation corridor system
- Preservation of 788 acres of wetlands to hold flood waters, purify the river, and provide natural habitat

Cost: (October 1988 price levels)

Federal:	\$45.7 million
Local:	\$20.6 million
Total:	\$66.3 million

Funding: Project construction funds are currently contained in the House Committee budget. Anticipated passage by October 1989 and construction groundbreaking schedule for May 1990

Benefits of Project: The project will prevent about \$8.9 million in average annual flood damage and about \$2.6 million in annual transportation delays caused by flooding. It will also provide an additional \$2.1 million in recreation, land enhancement and employment benefits.

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Sponsor's Responsibilities: (All costs October 1988 levels)

For flood control: Provide lands, easements and rights-of-way and modify or relocate buildings, utilities, roads and other facilities where needed. Estimated cost: \$19.2 million. Additionally, pay a cash contribution of \$4.0 million and bear all costs of operation, maintenance and replacement of the completed flood control facilities at an estimated cost of \$156,000 annually.

For recreation: A cash contribution of \$455,000

For fish and wildlife mitigation: A cash contribution of \$400,000.

Schedule: The entire project will take eight years to complete. Anticipated start will be May 1990.

Work Segments:

- I. Nonstructural measures: Three ring levees: NIPSCO electric substations at Cline Avenue and Chase Street and at a private farm house on Colfax; relocate 23 residents in Black Oak and demolish structures in Black Oak to prepare for construction of Black Oak levee.
- II. Remaining nonstructural features: East Levee: Burr to Broadway; adjacent wildlife mitigation
- III. East Levee: Chase Street to Broadway; adjacent wildlife mitigation
- IV. East Levees: Broadway to Conrail, Cline to Burr; adjacent wildlife mitigation
- V. Levee: Northcote to Kennedy; Hart Ditch control structure; East reach landscaping; raise Indianapolis Blvd. bridge
- VI. Levee: Kennedy to Cline
- VII. Levee: Columbia to Northcote
- VIII. Levee: State line to Columbia

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Committed State and Local Participants:

Indiana General Assembly funding for 14 years totaling \$14,168,000 to anticipate and ensure project commitment

To date, over 2,300 acres of needed project lands have been purchased by State, county and local agencies

The local area has received over \$1,667,000 of project credits for Lake County Drainage Board channel improvements, Hammond city levee project, Hammond Sanitary District pumping station improvements and Indianapolis Blvd. bridge clearing

At the conclusion of the formal presentation, Col. Franco and Chairman DeMeo opened the meeting to questions/comments from those public officials and others in attendance.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, July 6, 1989.

/sjm

