

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
 HELD AT 6:30 P.M. THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1989
 AT THE COMMISSION OFFICES
 8149 KENNEDY AVENUE, HIGHLAND, INDIANA

Chairman John DeMeo called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. There were nine (9) Commissioners present. Quorum was declared and guests were recognized.

Development Commissioners:

John DeMeo
 George Carlson
 Doyle Niemeyer
 Clyde Baughard
 William Tanke
 David Springman
 Jerry Pagac
 Arlene Colvin

Visitors:

Ola Kennedy-L.C. Park Board
 Pete Zak - South Shore Marina
 Richard Wawrzyniak - IDNR
 Steve Davis - IDNR
 Richard Blume-Weaver - Lake
 County Park Planning Office

Staff:

Dan Gardner
 Lou Casale, Attorney
 Sandy Mordus
 Bruce Stouffer

A motion was made by Clyde Baughard to approve the minutes of the September 7th meeting; seconded by George Carlson; motion passed unanimously.

Finance/Policy Committee - Treasurer Arlene Colvin presented the financial report for August as well as the claims. After a claim for approval from JJ&R was omitted from the claim sheet until determination could be made if scope of work had been completed, Ms. Colvin made a motion to approve the remaining claims; motion seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously.

Legislative Committee - Dan Gardner gave legislative report. He referred to articles contained in the packet approving the \$2.4 million of Federal money to begin construction. Construction start is anticipated for spring of 1990. Mr. Gardner referred to meeting that was held here with Corps personnel to discuss various issues, i.e. construction, relocation, flood warning system, Corps office space in Indiana, etc. The Local Cooperation Agreement was also discussed. Attorney Casale is reviewing the latest draft version. It will be submitted back to the Corps shortly.

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Mr. Gardner informed the Commission that the State Budget Committee met in northwest Indiana on Wednesday, September 27th. Vice Chairman Doyle Niemeyer and Treasurer Arlene Colvin were both in attendance at that meeting to represent the Commission. They both felt that all went very well. Staff had prepared a handout for the Committee members which gave them a good understanding of amounts of funding requirements that will be needed in the years to come.

Land Acquisition/Management Committee - Committee member Doyle Niemeyer reported that DC214 (Hutchinson property) closed. He stated that the three appraisals were in on the Small Farm area in Gary, except for two appraisals which appraiser Warren Metz has problems with. He is trying to clear those problems up and then submit them to us. Upon staff recommendation, Mr. Niemeyer made a motion to accept the appraisals from Milo Vale, Eugene Hutchen and Warren Metz; motion seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously. It was stated that Abraham Loy from the Chicago Corps reviewed the appraisals and (unofficially) stated they appeared to be satisfactory. Relocation was discussed. It is the Commission's intent to contract out for services to handle the relocating of the 20 structures in questions.

Attorney Casale informed the Commission that the court value placed on the Erie R.R. bridge (after three appraisals were required by court) was \$5,400. Mr. Casale did not anticipate anyone filing exception to the purchase. Mr. Niemeyer made a motion to pay the \$5,400 into court; motion seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously. After assuming ownership of the bridge, the attorney should be able to eventually claim the \$5,400 back.

Mr. Niemeyer informed the Commission that it has been brought to the staff's attention that illegal dumping and filling has been going on in the Black Oak area near 30th & Wallace. This is an area that we do not own at present but is in the limits of the levee and the Commission must acquire it. If the situation can be dealt with now, it may save alot of trouble later on.

Mr. Niemeyer stated that Keith Eller (presently leasing a fishing lake) has appeared before the Land Acquisition Committee with a request to lease the property for an additional one year. He has suffered a business loss due to the summer flooding. Since there is no definite recreation plan for that area this next year and since the other leases were being re-leased for another year, it is possible that Mr. Eller also could re-lease the property. Mr. Niemeyer stated that the committee would consider his request

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and recommendation would be made at the next regular meeting of the Development Commission.

Mr. Niemeyer informed Commissioners that on October 2nd, bid opening took place on the proposed maintenance building at Lake Etta. There was only one (1) bid received from Gariup Construction in Gary for \$94,600. This amount was substantially higher than the engineering estimate. Mr. Niemeyer made a motion to reject the bid based on that reasoning; motion seconded by Jerry Pagac; motion passed unanimously. After discussion, Mr. Niemeyer made a motion for staff to seek quotes for the frame and shell of the building only; motion seconded by Jack Swike; motion passed unanimously. The attorney stated that three (3) quotes must be sought. Action will be taken at the next meeting.

The multi-purpose building was discussed. The Commission, at present, is cost-sharing the architectural fees with the Lake County Parks Dept. Specifications have been drawn up by the architect and the bid opening for this building is scheduled for October 25th. It is hopeful that the bid will come in less than \$100,000. There has been no firm commitment from the Development Commission to cost share the construction cost of the building at this point over the estimated engineering amount.

Interim Flood Control Committee - Committee Chairman Clyde Baughard stated that efforts by Ten Ech are ongoing in the pursuit of a permit from DNR so that Penn Central culvert reconstruction can begin. Permit consideration is on the November agenda. Mr. Gardner will attend the Lake County Drainage Board meeting to ensure that the monies earmarked for this project stay in place.

Mr. Gardner informed Commissioners he attended a meeting with Katherine Lyon, IDOH Chief of Highway Development and Frank DeRisi, District Engineer of LaPorte Highway office. They discussed the Highway Department's coordination of bridge construction with the river project.

Mr. Gardner stated he had met with Marty Maupin from IDEM regarding water quality certification for the Little Calumet River.

Breakwaters/Marina Committee - Committee Chairman William Tanke reported that the draft report for financial analysis has been received from ABONMACHE. The draft will be reviewed and studied.

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Sand is still the biggest cost item. Mr. Gardner will pursue addressing this issue. We are awaiting Col. France to make a statement about sand mitigation for beach nourishment. Hopefully, we will hear something from either the Col. or the Governor's office before the next meeting.

Staff will contact JJ&R and work toward scheduling another meeting with NIPSCO.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. The next meeting date was scheduled for November 2, 1989.

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