

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
 HELD AT 6:30 P.M. THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1989  
 AT THE COMMISSION OFFICES  
 8149 KENNEDY AVENUE, HIGHLAND, INDIANA

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Chairman John DeMeo called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. There were ten (10) Commissioners present. Quorum was declared and guests were recognized.

Development Commissioners:

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

Visitors:

Ed Lukowski - Hammond  
 Pete Zak - South Shore Marina  
 Mary Jane Zak - " "  
 Richard Wawrzyniak - IDNR  
 Steve Davis - IDNR  
 Ann Wheeler - Hammond  
 Larry Bellar - Crown Eng.  
 Cynthia Graham - DDH Corp.  
 Jerry Castle - Castle Estates,  
 Munster

Staff:

Dan Gardner  
 Lou Casale, Attorney  
 Sandy Mordus  
 Bruce Stouffer

A motion was made by Clyde Baughard to approve the minutes of the August 3rd meeting; seconded by Arlene Colvin; motion passed unanimously.

Finance/Policy Committee - Treasurer Arlene Colvin presented the financial report for July as well as the claims. An error on the claim sheet was corrected to read "Lawrence & Mary Hutchinson" instead of "Lawrence & Mary Hutchin". Ms. Colvin made a motion to approve the claims; motion seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously. Ms. Colvin informed the Commission she had attended the meeting in which the State Board of Accounts announced their findings on their audit for years 1987 and 1988. There were no significant findings. Two items suggested were (1) to use State approved checks and receipts and (2) instead of rolling over the investment notes, they should be withdrawn, entered into the books and then re-deposited. Staff stated it would comply; a formal written response to the audit was not filed with the State Board of Accounts.

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Legislative Committee - Dan Gardner informed Commission that the \$2.4 million to begin Federal construction is still in both House and Senate budgets. Approval is expected. Mr. Gardner also stated that we have not had any further meetings with the Corps in regard to the Local Cooperation Agreement. The Corps has the latest revisions. Mr. Paul Benkowski from the Corps has just informed Attorney Casale that it still is not finalized.

Mr. Gardner informed the Commission that the State Budget Committee will be touring and meeting in northwest Indiana on Wednesday, September 27th. They will meet in the NIRPC offices with the LCRBDC and the LMMDC. Commissioners who wish to attend are invited.

Land Acquisition/Management Committee - Committee member Doyle Niemeyer reported that closing of DC214 will be scheduled shortly. Attorney Casale reported on the Erie R.R. bridge property condemnation. He stated that the court appointed 3 appraisers to re-appraise the property. Their findings are due in by October 12. At that time, the Commission can pay into court the amount of money agreed upon and the Commission will then receive a clerk's deed on the property. Mr. Casale will keep the Commission informed.

Mr. Niemeyer made a motion to roll over the existing farm leases for one more year contingent upon current leases being paid up to date by September 30; motion seconded by Jerry Pagac; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Niemeyer reported that the process of rebidding for the construction of the maintenance bldg. at Lake Etta is ongoing. Bid opening is scheduled for October 2. At the next meeting, it is hopeful that a contractor can be selected.

Staff is also working with the Lake County Parks Dept. and architect in drafting up plans for the multi-purpose building at Lake Etta.

Mr. Gardner reported he attended a meeting in Gary on August 10 with Gary city officials and Bill Shrewsbury, Assistant to the Governor for Local Affairs, in which Black Oak sewers were discussed. The Little Calumet River flood control project will be the first step in the start of the improvements in the Black Oak area. Sewers are a major issue and the Sanitary District wants to coordinate with us. The importance of sewers in this area needs to be impressed upon the state.

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Interim Flood Control Committee - Dan Gardner stated he has received a copy of a letter from John Simpson, DNR Director Div. of Water, to Ten Ech stating a new application submittal is required for the Conrail Railroad crossing due to changes in the construction plans. Ten Ech has subsequently filed a new application.

Breakwaters/Marina Committee - Committee Chairman William Tanke reported that a marina committee meeting had been held and it was felt that the concept plan needed to be approved before proceeding any further. Mr. Tanke made a motion to approve the concept of the JJ&R plan; motion seconded by George Carlson; motion passed unanimously. Discussion ensued on financial figures provided by JJ&R, parking under NIPSCO lines, relocation of pipelines, launch lanes being located off site and sand removal. Jerry Pagac stated that if DNR participates, up to 75% of the funding of the launch lanes could be borne by them; however, it would be more desirable to have the launch ramps located on site. Another meeting needs to be scheduled with NIPSCO.

Mr. Gardner stated he attended a meeting at the Port of Indiana on September 1st in which Bart Peterson, assistant to the Governor, was present. Sand removal was the subject of that meeting. Since the statement issued by the Governor's Office stating that Indiana sand should not go to Illinois but should remain in Indiana, other means of sand removal need to be pursued. It was discussed whether Federal dollars would be available for beach nourishment as part of the Corps breakwater contract. Staff will pursue. A cost estimate of \$720 was provided by the Geological Survey Dept. of the DNR to cover expenses of augering and sampling the sand at the proposed marina site. Jerry Pagac made a motion to authorize and cover the cost to have sand borings taken; motion seconded by Bill Tanke; motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. The next meeting date was scheduled for October 5, 1989.

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