

**MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
HELD AT 6:00 P.M. THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2000  
AT THE COMMISSION OFFICE  
6100 SOUTHPORT ROAD  
PORTAGE, INDIANA**

In Chairman Emerson Delaney's absence, Vice Chairman Bill Tanke called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. Eight (8) Commissioners were present. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Quorum was declared and guests were recognized.

**Development Commissioners:**

Charles Agnew  
John DeMeo  
George Carlson  
John Mroczkowski  
Marion Williams  
William Tanke  
Bob Huffman  
Curt Vosti

**Visitors:**

Pete Zak – South Shore Marina  
Imad Samara - ACOE  
David Hendrix – The Times  
Jim Flora – R.W. Armstrong Co.  
Herb Read – Izaak Walton League

**Staff:**

Dan Gardner  
Sandy Mordus  
Lou Casale  
Jim Pokrajac  
Judy Vamos

Mr. Agnew made a correction to the minutes on Page 1 stating that "for the office of vice chairman, a motion was made to retain Bill Tanke (not John DeMeo as the minutes stated)". Motion was made by John DeMeo to approve the minutes of January 6<sup>th</sup> as corrected; motion seconded by Chuck Agnew; motion passed unanimously. For the record, Mr. Huffman requested that the words "this year" be added to the sentence in the Recreational Development Committee section.

**Chairman's Report** – In Chairman Emerson Delaney's absence, Mr. Gardner referred to the committee list before each Commissioner. It lists out the committees that Board members have requested to be on with the first name being the 1999 Chairman of that particular committee first. Mr. Vosti made a motion that once the committees meet, they should re-elect their own chairman for this year; motion was seconded by John DeMeo; motion passed unanimously. After chairmen are elected, it will come back to the Board for ratification. Mr. Gardner added that if the committees were not able to select a chairman of the committee, then Chairman Emerson Delaney would appoint a committee chairman.

a motion to approve the Commission acting as a pass-through agency for IDEM; motion was seconded by Chuck Agnew, motion passed unanimously.

**Land Acquisition Committee** – Committee Chairman Chuck Agnew informed the Board members that staff has met with Lamar Corporation (formerly WHITECO) relative to their billboards placed on property we own. We are currently updating the leases and monies payable to bring everybody up to date. They have expressed an interest in securing more sites to place new billboards on but that will be addressed at a later date.

Mr. Agnew stated that the right-of-entry for Phase 1 of the Pump Stations and the Burr Street Betterment levee have been given to the COE.

Mr. Agnew then stated that we have a signed offer from the Mansards Apartments (DC-603) for some land needed on the south side of their property. A safety concern that they had was fencing by the ditch area. We have committed to constructing a 4' chain link fence costing \$4,500-\$5,000). The Mansards will incur the additional expense if they choose to upgrade the fencing. Staff will present a definite price for the fencing for Board approval in the spring before constructing it.

**Project Engineering Committee** – Committee Chairman Bob Huffman gave the engineering report. He reported that a pre-bid meeting for the west reach pump station Phase 1A was held with the COE on December 16<sup>th</sup> where the low bidder came in 63% higher than the government estimate. The COE will work with all the bidders to try to resolve. They are hopeful it can be resolved within 20 days.

Mr. Huffman reported that a meeting was held with the town of Highland and the Hammond Sanitary District to review the west reach pump station Phase 1B contract. Construction will be this year. A meeting will also be held with Hammond/Highland/Munster public officials to discuss upcoming construction plans for other areas. Public meetings with residents will take place after first meeting with city/town officials.

Discussion was held on formliners, which staff thinks would be more aesthetically appealing to area residents for use on I-walls behind their houses or in public areas of high visibility, where levees cannot be used. Staff feels it would be more cost effective too. COE is reviewing what we submitted to them. Perhaps in the future, a presentation on the formliners could be shown at a Board meeting.

**Legislative Committee** – In Committee Chairperson Arlene Colvin's absence, Mr. Gardner gave the report. He referred to the letter in the agenda packet addressed to Representative Earl Harris requesting his assistance in trying to obtain additional money for the Commission in this short session. We have not heard anything yet. We are currently seeking approval to draw on the last \$1.5 million from the 1999-01 biennium session. Mr. Gardner stated that talking to Representatives Harris and Dobis should be sufficient and his physical appearance in Indy should not be required as no hearings were scheduled.