MEETING NOTICE

THERE WILL BE A MEETING OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
AT 6:30 P.M. THURSDAY, AUGUST 3, 1989
AT THE OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
8149 KENNEDY AVENUE
HIGHLAND, INDIANA

AGENDA

1. Call to Order by Chairman John DeMeo
2. Recognition of Visitors, Guests
3. Approval of minutes of July 6, 1989 meeting
4. Reports of Standing Committees
   A. Finance/Policy Committee - Arlene Colvin, Chairperson
      • Financial status report
      • Approval of claims for June
      • Other issues
   B. Legislative Committee - George Carlson, Chairman
      • Federal issues:
         1. Project construction appropriations - Senate inclusion
         2. Local Sponsor Agreement negotiation - status report
      • State legislative issues:
         1. Proposal to Sunset Committee to unify Development & Basin Commissions into a single body
         2. Other issues

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C. Land Acquisition/Management Committee - Charles Agnew, Chairman

- Committee meeting at 5:30 p.m.
- Appraisals, offers, acquisitions, recommended actions
- Other issues

D. Interim Flood Control/Planning Committee - Clyde Baughard, Chairman

- Report of projects progress

E. Breakwaters/Marina Committee - Bill Tanke, Chairman

- Committee meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- Marina development status report
- Other issues

5. Other Business

6. Statements to Board from the floor

7. Set date for next meeting, adjournment
MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
HELD AT 6:30 P.M. THURSDAY, JULY 6, 1989
AT THE COMMISSION OFFICES
8149 KENNEDY AVENUE, HIGHLAND, INDIANA

In Chairman John DeMoe's absence, Vice Chairman Doyle Niemeyer
called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. There were nine (9)
Commissioners present. Quorum was declared and guests were
recognized.

Development Commissioners:                      Visitors:
Dave Springman                                  Stephen Davis - IDNR
George Carlson                                  Jodi Bauer - Lake County
Charles Agnew                                   Parks Dept.
Doyle Niemeyer                                  Robert L. Frum - Lefty's
Clyde Baughard                                  Tyrone Dixon - Lefty's
Jerry Pagac                                     Richard Bundy - Salmon Unltd.
Arlene Colvin                                   Ed Lukowski - Hammond
William Tanke
William Critser

Staff:
Dan Gardner
Lou Casale, Attorney
Sandy Mordus
Bruce Stouffer

A motion was made by Clyde Baughard to approve the minutes of the
June 1st meeting; seconded by Charles Agnew; motion passed
unanimously.

Finance/Policy Committee - Treasurer Arlene Colvin presented the
financial report for May as well as the claims. There was one
additional claim added to the claim sheet. Ms. Colvin made a
motion to approve the claims as presented; seconded by Clyde
Baughard; motion passed unanimously.

Legislative Committee - Committee Chairman George Carlson
referred to the press release contained in the packet issued by
Congressman Visclosky's office announcing the House of Represen-
tative's Appropriations Committee approval of the $2.4 million
request for the Little Calumet River project. Mr. Gardner stated
that Congressman Visclosky is optimistic this amount will be
approved by the full House. The appropriations bill then must be
marked up in the Senate before actual funding is achieved.
Mr. Carlson also referred to letters from Senator Richard Lugar addressed to Senator Bennett Johnston, Chairman and Senator Mark Hatfield, Ranking Minority Member of the Subcommittee on Energy and Water for the Senate Committee on Appropriations stating his strong support for Senate appropriation of the $2.4 million.

Mr. Carlson further stated that staff and attorney has been working with the Corps to develop a workable Local Cooperation Agreement. Staff is waiting for Corps approval on the last revisions made to the Agreement. The Development Commission, as local sponsor, must furnish to the Corps a commitment from the state for their financial support to the project. Maintenance agreements with the cities and towns along the river must also be worked out and signed.

Mr. Gardner informed the Commission that Jan Miller is no longer the Commission's project manager from the Corps. He has been replaced with Captain Thompson of the Corps. He also stated that the Corps is looking for a temporary office to be located in Indiana. Since an office is available in the plaza where NIRPC is located, he has shown it to the Corps. It would be to our advantage to have the Corps office nearby. Staff is hopeful that they will lease the office.

Mr. Gardner informed the Commission that Christine Letts, newly appointed Commissioner for the Indiana Dept. of Transportation (INDOT) met with officials in the NIRPC office for a briefing/tour of the northwest Indiana area. She was informed about how the Little Calumet River project will impact the highways and why we need to work together and coordinate construction.

Since Frank Sullivan, Director of the State Budget Agency, could not attend the Corps presentation, Mr. Gardner suggested setting up a meeting with the budget staff before the next session in order to update the Governor and staff, budget staff and other pertinent officials involved in the project.

Land Acquisition/Management Committee - Committee Chairman Chuck Agnew announced two property closings - DC124 (Homiday) and DC141 (Roosevelt Johnson).

The attorney stated that a court date of August 10th has been set with the Superior Court in Gary for the Commission's right to take action on the Erie R.R. bridge.
Mr. Agnew made a motion that the Commission cost share with Lake County Parks Dept. for engineering costs for the proposed multi-purpose building. Four bids were received. The lowest bid was $7,500. The motion was seconded by Jerry Pagac; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Agnew made a motion that any debris or cleanup that needs to be done on Commission property where a contractor/person needs to be hired must identify to the Commission where he plans to dispose of the debris; motion seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously.

**Interim Flood Control Committee** — Committee Chairman Clyde Baughard informed the Commission the Governor's Office has just declared that the recent flooding did not cause enough damage to qualify the State as a federal disaster area. However, Lake County may be eligible for low interest loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration and the city of Gary will receive some assistance from the Indiana State Board of Health. Lake County would likely be the only county designated for low interest loan eligibility. Damages in the recent June flooding closed Indianapolis Blvd. bridge, Kennedy Ave. bridge, Chase Street bridge and Grant St. bridge. Wicker Park golf course, Optimist Park, Colonial golf course and Bob's Fishing Lake suffered major flooding. Also, the farm lease properties were flooded.

**Breakwaters/Marina Committee** — Committee Chairman William Tanke reported that a marina work session was held with key personnel and agencies involved in the Portage marina development. As a result from that work session, JJ&R (Commission's project engineering firm) was able to present several concepts for marina development/design to the marina committee members prior to this evening's regular meeting. JJ&R will expand on those concepts to develop conceptual construction cost estimates and present it to the Commission.

Mr. Tanke referred to a letter written by Charlotte Read (Save the Dunes) to Gov. Bayh stating opposition to sand being potentially sold to Loyola University in Illinois; she contends it should be used for Ogden Dunes beach nourishment. Mr. Tanke made a motion that staff write a letter to the Governor informing him that the sand is available and the Commission would rather see it
used in Indiana as beach sand replacement but would request that the Governor not restrict the Commission from selling it to Illinois; seconded by George Carlson; motion passed unanimously. Mr. Gardner added that perhaps a cooperative joint approach to sand removal could be worked out with the state with the Governor's help.

Richard Bundy, Salmon Unltd., inquired about the dredging project at Indianapolis Blvd. bridge. He was informed that staff thought the project was complete but would check with the Lake County Drainage Board for verification since it was their contract.

Mr. Bundy also informed the Commission that Representative Paul Hric plans to sponsor a future bill mandating ladders and brighter lighting be placed on future breakwaters.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. The next meeting date was scheduled for August 3.

/sjm
MERCANTILE NATIONAL BANK

JANUARY 1, 1989 - JUNE 30, 1989

CASH POSITION - JANUARY 1, 1989
Checking Account
  Land Acquisition $ 17,248.62
  General Fund 21,502.53
  Tax Fund 1,126.60
Investments 896,500.00

$936,377.75

RECEIPTS: JANUARY 1, 1989 - JUNE 30, 1989
Lease Rents $ 29,263.25
Interest 39,123.69
Land Acquisition 102,393.73
Taxes 598.91

$171,379.58

DISBURSEMENTS: JANUARY 1, 1989 - JUNE 30, 1989
1988 Expenses paid in 1989 $ 15,117.87
Taxes 724.46
Legal Services 1,656.65
NIRPC 17,307.58
Printing & Advertising 106.23
Bonds & Insurance 5,690.50
Emergency Maintenance Costs 106.97
Meeting Expenses 1,401.06
L/A Legal Servies 7,476.00
L/A Professional Services
  (a) Appraisal Services 2,885.00
  (c) Engineering 1,604.60
  (d) Land Purchase Contractual 11,257.25
  (e) Operational Contractual 15,336.75
  (f) Market Economic 2,000.00
L/A Land Purchase Cost 37,548.33
L/A Land Capital Improvements 134.40
L/A Insurance 14,003.50
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: $134,357.15

CASH POSITION - JUNE 30, 1989
Checking Account
  Land Acquisition $ 4,715.31
  General Fund 51,110.96
  Tax Fund 1,073.91
Investments 916,500.00

$973,400.18
## NORTHWESTERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

**ORGANIZATION:** LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

**PROJECT:** FOR SERVICES PERFORMED DURING JUNE 1989

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**TOTAL JUNE 1989 COSTS** $4,315.79

**OUTSTANDING PAYMENT DUE** -0-

**TOTAL PAYMENT DUE** $4,315.79
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
CONTACT: CURT SMITH
202-224-6733

July 21, 1989

LITTLE CALUMET RIVER FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT
INCLUDED IN SENATE APPROPRIATIONS BILL

WASHINGTON -- U.S. Senator Dan Coats announced that the Senate Appropriations' Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development included $2.4 million to begin the construction of the Little Calumet River flood control project.

"This is great news for Northwest Indiana," Coats said. "The project will protect lives and secure thousands of homes and businesses throughout the region. The project will also protect land that is prime for economic development and create recreational opportunities for our citizens.

"Competition for funds was intense, as the Congress did not allocate money for any new construction starts last year. The Little Calumet project was one of only 24 nationwide to receive funding in the bill," Coats said.

Senators Coats and Lugar urged the Appropriations Committee to add the Little Calumet project to the Corps budget because the Administration did not propose funding this fiscal year.

The Energy and Water Appropriations Bill must be approved by the full Appropriations Committee and the Senate. The House bill also includes funds for the project.

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TO: Senator Greg Server, Chairman
Sunset Committee members
Legislative Services staff

FROM: Dan Gardner, Executive Director, Little Calumet River Basin and Development Commissions

DATE: July 25, 1989

SUBJECT: Proposal to Sunset Committee to unify Development and Basin Commissions into a single body

PROPOSAL PARAMETERS:

To meet the Sunset Committee's stated objective of reducing to a single commission with authority and jurisdiction for Little Calumet River flood control/recreation planning and implementation.

PROPOSAL METHODOLOGY:

To outline a process for the Little Calumet River Basin Commission to become an advisory committee of appointed local community representatives to the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission - the identified non-Federal project sponsor for the river flood control/recreation project with the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers.

PROPOSAL STEPS:

(1) The Little Calumet River Basin Commission would, as presently allowed in their legislation, receive funding of $50,000 from local sources for the year 1990. This would be the last funding of the Commission.

(2) The Basin Commission would work to commit all existing and 1990 funding to implementation projects underway. Key project is the Conrail culverts improvement project estimated to use all of available Basin Commission funds to implement.
(3) No new funding authorization would be requested of the legislature for the Basin Commission and any remaining uncommitted funds would be transferred to the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission at the conclusion of calendar year 1990.

(4) No new legislative life extension for the Basin Commission would be sought and under current Sunset provisions, this would effectuate a termination of the Basin Commission as an entity at the conclusion of calendar year 1990.

(5) For the purpose of continued local community involvement, coordination, and representation in the implementation of the flood control/recreation project; at the end of calendar year 1990, the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission would seek appointments from each local community and county in the river drainage basin (as is the structure with the current Basin Commission) to serve as a local advisory committee to the Development Commission. The appointments would be made by the County, City or Town Council of each jurisdiction in the basin area in Lake and Porter counties. The advisory committee would then meet at a minimum quarterly and be supported by the administrative budget and staff of the Development Commission.

CONCLUSION:

Thus, by the beginning of calendar year 1991, the Basin Commission will have, by this proposal, transitioned into an advisory committee under the authority and administration of the Development Commission.
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