

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT
COMMISSION MEETING HELD OCTOBER 14, 1981 AT 6:30 P.M.
IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE NORTHWESTERN INDIANA
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Agnew at 6:40 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Charles Agnew, Chairman; Phil Jaynes, Doyle Niemeyer;
Jack Costello; Martin Behnke; Earline Rogers; and
Michael Doyne.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dan Gardner, Executive Director; Louis Casale, Attorney

OTHERS:

Ernest Davis, Ellen Davis, Edward Lukowski, Donald Ewen,
Herbert Read, Jerry Pagac, and Trudy Van Prooyen.

2. Approval of Minutes

The board reviewed the minutes as presented in the agenda.
Commissioner Costello moved for their approval, it was seconded
by Commissioner Niemeyer and was passed unanimously.

3. Communications

Communications were presented and discussed regarding: 1) the
Basin Commission legislation; 2) mailings to the Business
Advisory Committee; and a letter from Congressman Benjamin
regarding responsibility for replacing inadequate culverts
in the Little Calumet River.

4. Old Business - Plan review hearings

Staff director Dan Gardner announced that the Corps of Engineers
final plan review meetings for the Little Calumet River Project
will be held Monday, November 16 at 7:30 p.m. in Hammond (Purdue-
Calumet) and Wednesday, November 18 at 7:30 p.m. in Gary
(I.U. Northwest).

Mr. Gardner reported on the current status of the transfer of
land to the Development Commission from the Indiana D.N.R. To
date the transfer agreement is in the Attorney General's office.
From there it will go to the Governor for his signature of ap-
proval of transfer. All efforts to speed the Attorney General's
review are being explored.

5. Mr. Gardner also reported on a "Legislative Support Summary" being prepared for Ed Vennon of the N.W. Indiana Association of Commerce and Industry for consideration in their State legislative program. This summary would be to them by October 25 and available to the Commission at the next meeting.
6. Meeting on Burns Waterway Improvement Project - October 13, 1981
Mr. Gardner reported on a meeting held yesterday in the Commission offices regarding the land survey, property identification and acquisition/easement requirements for the dredging and construction project for the north improvements at Burns Waterway. In attendance were representatives from the Corps of Engineers, Gordon Lance from the D.N.R., Bill Tanke and Lou Casale. Existing available records were explored and search needs identified. Early indication was that it appeared feasible to accomplish the needed dredging with easements vs. outright acquisition needed. Also, the work could be confined to the existing channel with little or no disruption to existing marina operators. Future meetings would be called as needed.
7. Mr. Gardner reported on the current expenditures status of the Development Commission program. He reported that through August of 1981 the Development Commission had expended \$28,795.00. It was anticipated that existing Basin Commission revenues would be sufficient to cover costs through September, but interest on investments would be needed to supplement the costs from October through the end of the year. He reported that these costs would be accounted separately and be submitted to the Treasurer and full board for expenditure approval.
8. Chairman Agnew reported the need for committee meetings to cover policy recommendations on the property acquisition, access to additional cigarette tax funding, setting up a budget for next year, and a legislative program.

After some discussion, tentative meetings were scheduled as follows:

- Finance/Policy Committee-Wednesday, Nov. 4, 12:00
Country Lounge
 - Legislative Committee-Thursday, Nov. 12, 5:30 p.m.-NIRPC
9. There were several statements from the floor, and after that the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.