

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT
COMMISSION MEETING HELD THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 1983 IN THE
CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION,
8149 KENNEDY AVENUE, HIGHLAND, INDIANA

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tanke at 6:40 p.m. Seven members were present and a quorum was declared.

Development Commissioners Present:

William Tanke, Chairman; Charles Agnew; Mike Doyne; Martin Behnke; Doyle Niemeyer; John DeMeo; and Clyde Baughard.

Staff Present:

Dan Gardner, Executive Director; Mary Jane Lewis; Louis Casale, Attorney; Tom Dabertin; and Trudy Van Prooyen.

Others present:

Indiana State Senator E. Niemeyer
Herb Read, Izaak Walton League
Bill Mamelson, Consultant Engineer
John Zimmerman, The TIMES
Glen Briesacker, Area Residents for Legal Action
Juanita Bellamy, Lake Station
Ernest C. Davis, Little Calumet River Basin Commission
W. Campbell, U.S. Cable
Frank Howard, Little Calumet River Basin Commission
Gwen Bryant, Calumet Forum
Tim Sanders, Office of Senators Lugar & Quayle

2. General Communications

Dan Gardner made reference to the three communications found in the agenda packet. They were discussed and no action was required by the Commission.

3. Approval of minutes

Mr. C. Agnew made a motion to approve the minutes as they appeared in the agenda packet. Mr. C. Baughard seconded, motion carried.

4. Committee Reports

- a. Finance/Policy Committee

Mr. J. DeMeo made a motion for approval of eight claims he presented for payment. Mr. Behnke seconded, motion carried.

Dan Gardner briefly went over the list of expenses found on page 16 in the packet.

Mr. Gardner also reported on the release of an additional \$1 million. They had appeared before the State Budget Committee on May 19 and was told that this money would be available for land acquisition purposes. Mr. Tanke stated that there is now \$1.8 million locked in and available and that there is another \$400,000 that has been appropriated, but not allocated.

Mr. Gardner further stated that a draft of an Operations/Policy Manual will be distributed after the meeting and asked that each Commissioner review this draft and forward comments to him so that hopefully at the next monthly meeting action can be made to finalize it.

b. Legislative Committee

Mr. Behnke reported that he and Dan Gardner met with many of the legislator's aides in Washington and they were very encouraged as to receiving support. They also held a briefing with Senator Quayle and informed him of the projects' progress. The Federal Appropriations Bill requests that \$700,000 be allocated for the Burns Waterway project and \$300,000 for the Little Calumet Project engineering.

c. Land Acquisition/Management Committee

Mr. Agnew made a motion to approve the option on the Foltz property (Parcel DC56) and allow Mr. Foltz until Dec. 31, 1983 to wind up his business and to allow him the maximum in relocation assistance. Mr. Baughard seconded, motion passed.

Mr. Agnew also made a motion to accept the offers on the D. Stash, T. Lopez Roa and D. Thornberry properties and stipulated the appraised value. Mr. M. Doyne seconded, motion passed.

Mr. Casale reported that Parcels DC83 (D. Ewen), DC60 (E.J. & E.) DC71-75 (J. Foster) and DC67 (S. Edwards) are all in continuing discussion and need no action of the Board at this time.

Mr. Agnew made a motion that Resolution #83-1 be adopted as presented. This basically provides for both the Commissions and County Park Board Staff to work together and develop a master plan for a Lake Etta regional park. Mr. Baughard seconded, motion carried.

Mr. Agnew made a motion that the Development Commission not divest itself of any acquired land until the Corps' project is completed. Mr. DeMeo seconded and the motion passed after considerable discussion.

Mr. Casale reported that as part of the breakwater project the Commission had to give assurance for the construction of 250 additional marina slips and that the Commission has the power of revenue bonding to finance the project.

Mr. Casale reported that of the 14 Land Acquisition offers that were made, three accepted, five rejected and the remainder of them would be deemed rejected by reason of the 25 day termination period.

Mr. Casale also stated that the title to the land at Penn Central/Little Calumet was recorded in 1881 and that it was never deeded to the Penn Central. However, they now own it by adverse possession.

5. Maintenance Projects Report

Mr. Gardner made mention of the letter from Mr. Summerfield asking the Board to amend the application to include the section from Grant Street to Broadway for clean-up at his expense. The Indiana DNR permit has been received for the sediment removal work so it seems that Mr. Summerfield's request might be granted. Mr. Mamelson stated that the awarding of contracts could take place as early as August 1 if everything goes as anticipated.

Mr. Gardner stated that the letter from Mr. Gene Hallock indicated that no culvert replacement will take place this year but there is a positive response to the long term flood reduction project if an overall plan is coordinated with the proper agencies.

Mr. Gardner reported that the CETA clean-up started June 13 and the crews are doing an excellent job.

6. Other business

Mr. Tanke commended the staff for the issue of RIVER CURRENTS.

Mr. Mike Doyme volunteered to serve on the Legislative Committee with Mr. P. Jaynes and Mr. M. Behnke.

7. Statements from the floor.

A statement from the floor was made by Senator E. Niemeyer. He said he would be supportive of a supplemental budget at the next General Assembly. Additional statements were made by Mr. E. Davis, Mr. Herb Read, Mr. Frank Howard and Mr. Briesacker.

8. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, July 21 at 6:30 p.m. Upon motion, the meeting adjourned.

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