

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT
COMMISSION MEETING HELD THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 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.

Development Commissioners present:

William Tanke
Martin Behnke
Michael Doyne
Charles Agnew
Phillip Jaynes
Doyle Niemeyer
Clyde Baughard

Guests:

Ed Lukowski - Hammond
Ernie Davis - L.C.R.B.C.

Staff:

Dan Gardner, Executive Director
Lou Casale, Attorney
Tom Dabertin
Sandy Mordus

2. A motion to accept the minutes of the October 20, 1983 meeting was made by Charles Agnew, seconded by Clyde Baughard. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Finance/Policy Committee - Dan Gardner discussed the claims presented. Motion was made to accept claims by Clyde Baughard; seconded by Martin Behnke; motion passed unanimously.
4. Land Acquisition/Management Committee - Charles Agnew made a motion to add two appraisers for DC 98. The two appraisers are Joe Conjalka and Milo Vale. Clyde Baughard seconded. Motion carried. Parcels closed are DC 56 - Foltz property on November 3 and DC 47 - Thornberry property on November 15.

Discussed letter from Pat Schaadt, Griffith Town Board President, requesting use of property at 3300 N. Colfax. They wish to use an uninhabitable piece of property as a training procedure for the Griffith Fire Dept. Recommendation was made by Charles Agnew to allow the burning of the house as long as they cleaned up the debris afterwards. Motion was made by Charles Agnew, seconded by Phillip Jaynes, motion carried.

Motion made by Charles Agnew to have Kathy Sikora's property appraised. Martin Behnke seconded, motion carried.

Charles Agnew made a motion on recommending a joint venture with the Lake County Park Department on boarding up the old WIND building, Clyde Baughard seconded; motion carried.

5. Phil Jaynes made a motion for the Legislative Committee to seek four basic legislative actions in the upcoming session. Charles Agnew seconded; motion passed. The 4 points are:
(1) reduce quorum requirements from seven to six;

- (2) now that the Little Calumet River is declared a legal drain, legislation would be proposed that instead of the easement rights being terminated upon authorization of construction of a federal project, those rights would transfer to the operating authority (in the case of the Little Calumet, it would be this Commission)
 - (3) to modify the law to enable the Commission to have the power to build a marina along Burns Waterway
 - (4) legislation designed to name backup appointing authority for vacancies on the Commission when a position stays vacant for an unusually long period of time.
6. Dan Gardner gave the latest update on the Senate action. He stated again the support of the Governor's Office, Lugar & Quayle's office, Department of Natural Resources and local support. A motion was made by Charles Agnew and seconded by Clyde Baughard to draft a resolution commending Lugar & Quayle on their action and support thus far. Motion carried unanimously.
 7. Status of Breakwater Project - Still awaiting Corps in Washington to give Chicago District approval to proceed. Spring construction is still expected.
 8. Members of Nominating Committee (Chairman Martin Behnke, members Doyle Niemeyer and Charles Agnew) will give their slate of officers at the January meeting. The committee will meet at 5:30 on Dec. 14 before the joint dinner meeting.
 9. Status of river maintenance project - Dan Gardner distributed a chronology report of the river channel maintenance project to members. It dates from the beginning of January 27, 1982 to present. Money is set aside for this project - awaiting approval of Detroit Corps of Engineers.
 10. Culvert Replacement Project - Staff met with State Highway Commission, State DNR, County Highway Engineers and Corps of Engineers in Chicago. He gave a briefing on the meeting, and distributed a culvert replacement project summary sheet.
 11. Next meeting is set for December 14, which is a joint dinner meeting with the Basin Commission. The January meeting was set for the 26th. Meeting adjourned.