

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT
COMMISSION MEETING HELD THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 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
Charles Agnew
Clyde Baughard
Phillip Jaynes
Michael Doyne
Doyle Niemeyer
Martin Behnke

Staff members present:

Dan Gardner, Executive Director
Mary Jane Lewis
Tom Dabertin
Louis Casale (Attorney)
Sandy Mordus (secretary)

Guests present:

Diane Donovan - The Times
Lyle Lovell - Portage
Ernest Davis - L.C.R.B.C.
Richard H. Kitchell
Maria Rudzinski - IDNR

2. Approval of Minutes

Phillip Jaynes made a motion to approve the minutes of August 18 and August 29. Michael Doyne seconded. Motion passed unanimously. A change was made on the minutes of August 29 stating that Senators Lugar and Quayle would support a joint letter for the Governor, the Senators and Congresswoman Hall to sign.

3. Finance/Policy Committee - Dan Gardner discussed the claims. A motion was made by Charles Agnew and seconded by Clyde Baughard. Motion passed unanimously for approval.

Since the checking account has an excess of \$109,000 it was suggested that the Commission invest it in short term notes.

Land Acquisition/Management Committee - Agreement between Lake County Parks Dept. and the LCRBDC on the Lake Etta property was handed out to members. Explanation of agreement was discussed. Lou Casale explained the changes that were made. Charles Agnew made a motion to approve the Lake Etta lease. Doyle Niemeyer seconded. Passed unanimously.

The Land Acquisition Committee asked for permission to use the 78 and 79 tax returns of the individual who owns Parcel DC56 (instead of tax returns of '80 and '81). This would make the payment \$7,400 instead of \$10,000 as previously approved. Charles Agnew made a motion to use the '78 and '79 tax returns. Michael Doyne seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Legislative Committee - Phillip Jaynes gave a report on the Legislative Committee. It was stated that the Governor will send a letter to the mayors trying to get the vacant position filled on the Commission.

4. Dan Gardner gave a report on what the latest status is on the Corps of Engineers Flood Control/Recreation Plan. He stated that he will send a letter to all the legislators urging them to write to the Senators and Congresswoman Katie Hall. It was suggested that letters also be sent to Indiana University and to the trucking industry as well, urging them to write also. The Port Commission should also be notified.

Dan noted that the cost cutting measures that were made were on the federal government side - not cost cutting to the sponsor.

5. A handout was distributed to Commission members in regards to the discharges into the Little Calumet River. Also distributed was an Inventory of Boating Facilities on the Great Lakes. A few minor changes will be made on the charts and then reissued to Commission members.

Mary Jane Lewis extended an invitation to the Commission to attend an educational seminar on Tourism. A brochure was given out.

Dan Gardner announced that Munster has proposed a detention lake (15 acres) for their town. This will be an advantage, even to the Little Calumet River project. Other towns (Highland, Griffith) are also looking into land for detention areas.

Bill Mamalson has sent revised plans to Detroit and we are awaiting approval regarding the permit for sediment removal along the River.

Dan Gardner reports that he is working with the LCRBC to move the culvert replacement project along. Accomplishments have been made on the cleanup; photographs are available. A newsletter will be issued at a later date.

Ernie Davis expressed his views on the Little Calumet River project. He was again reassured that the Development Commission is supporting the 3A plan and not the 3B plan.

6. The next meeting will be on Thursday, November 17, 1983.

A motion to adjourn was made by Clyde Baughard. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.