

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT
COMMISSION MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1984
IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION,
8149 KENNEDY AVENUE, HIGHLAND, INDIANA.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tanke at 6:35 p.m. A quorum of eight members was declared.

Development Commissioners present:

William Tanke
Martin Behnke
Michael Doyne
Phillip Jaynes
Doyle Niemeyer
Clyde Baughard
Jerry Pagac
George Carlson

Guests:

Ed Lukowski - Hammond
Tim Sanders - Senators Lugar & Quayle
Ernie Hernandez - Post Tribune
Ernie Davis - LCRBC
Ed Langel - Salmon Unlimited

Staff:

Dan Gardner
Tom Dabertin
Sandy Mordus

A welcome was extended to George Carlson who has recently been appointed to the Development Commission (replacing Earline Rogers). Jerry Pagac is also the official member of the Commission (replacing Jack Costello). Letters were received from the Governor reappointing Charles Agnew and Doyle Niemeyer for three-year terms.

A motion to accept the minutes of the November 17, 1983 meeting was made by Clyde Baughard and seconded by Michael Doyne. Motion passed unanimously.

Martin Behnke (**Chairman** of the Nominating Committee) met with his committee and presented a slate of officers for 1984:

Bill Tanke - Chairman
Phillip Jaynes - Vice Chairman
John DeMeo - Treasurer
Michael Doyle - Secretary

Michael Doyne moved that nominations be closed. Jerry Pagac seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Michael Doyne moved that the nominated slate become the elected slate. George Carlson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

It was announced that the 1983 budget administrative cost goals were met.

The 1984 proposed budget was amended as follows: A fourth item under Land Acquisition/Development Fund was added; 4th item would read Burns Waterway Breakwater Project (\$1.768 million - construction and \$400,000 - contingency money) Motion to amend budget was made by Phillip Jaynes and seconded by Clyde Baughard. Motion passed unanimously.

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Motion to accept 1984 budget was made by Michael Doyne and seconded by George Carlson. Motion passed unanimously.

Land Acquisition/Management Committee: In Charles Agnew's absence, Doyle Niemeyer gave report. He reported that appraisers expected to give their appraisals of Parcels 99 & 98 by mid February. Commission has full authorization on each parcel. Will advertise for rental purposes - staff will draw up bid specs for Foltz & Ensweiler property. He gave an update on rental lease payments status. The receipts for 1983 lease rental payments were \$36,553.47 (ballpark figure). The committee is working out details with Griffith for their Fire Dept. to burn down the abandoned house on Parcel 58 as a fire drill.

Burns Waterway Breakwater: Dan Gardner gave an update on the status of the Local Cooperation Agreement authorization. After meeting with the Corps and Midwest Steel, everything is proceeding. The target date for advertisement of bids can be the beginning of April with a May construction start.

A motion was made by Phil Jaynes for the Land Acquisition and staff to proceed with the title work and commence appraisals of property. Seconded by Martin Behnke; motion passed unanimously.

Legislative Committee: Phil Jaynes announced that the two bills, SB 349 and HB 1276, are moving along in the legislature.

Dan Gardner presented a "Legislative Alert" report being considered for mailout. He announced that Mike Doyne & Himself would be going to Washington to meet with Congresswoman Hall's staff. On February 10, there is a meeting with the Governor's office and DNR in Indianapolis to formulate response to Chief's support.

A lengthy discussion pursued between Tim Sanders (of Senators Lugar & Quayle's office) and the Commission members as to whether or not the Legislative Alert should be sent out. Tim Sanders felt that, at this point, it may do more harm than good. Concern was expressed that the Corps might want to another 'study'. Consensus was that the Commissioners would endorse whatever Congress authorizes. The Legislative Alert would be downgraded to a legislative update and mailed out.

Sediment Removal Project: Dan Gardner announced that he met at the Surveyor's Office with the remaining commentators/objectors. Agreement was that the Lake County Civil Defense will operate whatever maintenance device is needed on the river to maintain water level. Corps now has all the information needed to issue a permit; hopefully, in the near future.

Culvert replacement project is proceeding. State will cooperate once all information is given them.

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Dan Gardner met with the Lake County Drainage Board.

The Annual Report is completed and available to elected officials and legislature (to be mailed to them) and available to the public.

Dan Gardner met with the Lake County Parks Department regarding Lake Etta; plans are proceeding.

Bill Tanke appointed Doyle Niemeyer to the Legislative Committee

Bill Tanke asked for a list of all committees with existing members to be mailed to commissioners to select which committees they wish to either stay on or switch to.

There being no further business, George Carlson made a motion to adjourn; Clyde Baughard seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:25.

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