

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
 MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 1984 IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM
 OF THE NORTHWESTERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION, 8149
 KENNEDY AVENUE, HIGHLAND, INDIANA 46322.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tanke at 6:38 p.m. All ten members were present.

Development Commissioners:

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

Guests:

Rise L. Ross - Aide to Senator Mosby
 Gerald Ryan
 Charles Siar
 Bill Henderson
 Nancy Banks - The Times
 Ernest Davis - LCRBC
 Jeff Ewen
 Don Ewen
 Ed Lange
 Representative from Dyer Construction

Staff:

Dan Gardner
 Sandy Mordus
 Lou Casale

Guest were recognized. A motion to approve the minutes of the February 23rd meeting was made by Jerry Pagac; seconded by Martin Behnke. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Tanke discussed the 1984 Commission priorities. They are:

1. Complete local cooperation items to permit Burns Waterway Breakwater Project to be bid and begin construction by May 1984.
2. Participate/coordinate Lake County Drainage Board to implement Little Calumet River maintenance project this spring, now that Corps of Engineers permit has been received. Anticipated start early mid-May - first time any maintenance has been accomplished on a comprehensive basis.
3. Pursue marina development to comply with Corps of Engineers requirements for breakwater project. Major activity anticipated after breakwater construction started - June 1984.
4. Monitor Federal Water Resources Development Bill in Congress which will authorize construction of overall Little Calumet River Project (\$77 million project cost). Estimated congressional decision late May - June 1984.
5. Prepare and solicit support for a major funding commitment from 1984-85 Indiana General Assembly for non-federal cost sharing toward Little Calumet Project. Major factor is the success of the Federal authorizing bill in Congress. Goals - Prepare budget, solicit support late summer/early fall (after early summer Federal bill passage). Presentations to State officials/seek support in fall prior to start of 1984/85 biennium budget session (officially starts early January).
6. Pursue project of culverts replacement - April meeting with Governor's staff, Senator Lugar's staff, Gene Hallock.

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Finance/Personnel Committee - John DeMeo (Chairman) explained claims. He made a motion to approve claims; seconded by Chuck Agnew; motion carried unanimously. Current financial status explained.

Legislative Committee - Phillip Jaynes (Chairman) gave report. Copies of the two state bills were included in packet. Federal bill containing authorization for Little Calumet project is expected to be called up on the floor for action around the beginning of June. Dan Gardner announced meeting in Indianapolis he attended with Doyle Niemeyer to formulate final responses for the non-federal interest. In attendance was the Governor's office, the State DNR, the Develop. Commission, IU, Highway Department and State Budget Agency. Meeting was very successful and all of these letters have been transmitted to the Corps of Engineers in Washington. No negative response has been received from the Chief's office.

Land Acquisition/Management Committee - Chuck Agnew (Chairman) made a motion for appraisal approval permission to seek option on DC 99 for \$13,400; seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion carried unanimously.

Lake Etta Project - Dan Gardner and Elaine Chandler of the Lake County Parks Dept. appeared before the Gary Planning Commission with Lake County Drainage Board to have vacated some roads that were still through the property. That was approved and public hearing was set for April Gary Planning Commission meeting.

Rental advertisement - Two pieces of property (Foltz & Enweiler's) must be rebid due to the fact that proper specifications were not prepared. Chuck Agnew made a motion to rebid; Clyde Baughard seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Burns Waterway Breakwater/Marina - Chairman Bill Tanke and Dan Gardner attended the State Budget hearing on March 22. Received \$700,000 immediately and received approval for rest of the \$2,168,000., which is now allocated for whenever the Commission needs the money. Total share of Breakwater project has now been approved.

Local cooperation items - Dan Gardner gave status of local cooperation items. All necessary items allowing the Corps of Engineers to go to advertisement of bids by April 3 are in order. Motion to include Resolution 84-1 as part of the minutes was made by Phillip Jaynes; seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously. Approval of Resolution 84-1 which authorizes appropriate signatures was passed at last meeting. (Resolution 84-1 attached).

Sediment removal project - Permit has been approved, signed and in the mail. Bill Henderson of the Lake County Drainage Board addressed several issues to the Commission. The Corps requests two other names besides Bill Henderson as emergency coordinators for the low flow structures. He requests a joint agreement with the Lake County Drainage Board, the Basin Commission and the Development Commission for establishment of the Telemeter gauging station at the locations of the low flow control structures. This would permit alarm devices to be transmitted to a central location. The cost involved could be shared by the federal government, Dept. of DNR, the Basin Commission, the Development Commission and Lake County Drainage Board. Motion made by Clyde Baughard; seconded by Phillip Jaynes for staff to investigate further the cost, sight, etc. of a gauging station working with Bill Henderson; motion passed unanimously.

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Bill Henderson requested the promised share of the \$50,000 (\$25,000 from the Development Commission and \$25,000 from the Basin Commission) needed for the sediment removal so advertisements can be started. Staff is authorized to issue check for the Development Commission's portion (\$25,000) as such time as the Drainage Board actually receives consent and approval of the Indiana DNR.

Lake County Drainage Board passed a resolution authorizing participation in a joint venture agreement with the Development Commission and the Basin Commission for the replacement structures on the project. Encouragement of staff level activity and cooperation is requested; Dan Gardner is authorized to do whatever is necessary.

Bill Henderson presented letter addressed to the Development Commission from Edward Hanley, Village Attorney from Lansing in reference to water retention in Indiana. He suggested to Commission that this be investigated and issues addressed. Questions in letter need to be adequately answered. Letter was referred to Land Acquisition Committee for action to be taken. Dan Gardner will follow through.

Discussion was held as to whether a handrail was included in the specifications for the breakwall. Staff will investigate.

A representative from Senator Carolyn Mosby's office, Rise Ross, relayed message from the Senator in regards to her letter dated March 9 to the Corps of Engineers and would like that letter to be made part of the minutes. (Attachment 2) She also presented two other letters; First, the response of Peggy Elliot second, a letter stating that there is a failure to include minorities on the Commission and the staff and she feels there should be a geographical representation on the Commission since public funds support the Commission. The Senator requests a written response to these letters. She requested those letters be made part of the minutes. The Development Commission requested that the letters be retyped onto letterhead and addressed correctly to the Development Comm. (they were addressed to the Basin Commission).

It was announced that the Joliet Div. of the Army Corp., the Emergency Management Services, no longer exists and all responsibilities have been transferred to Detroit Corps.

Dan Gardner reported he received a public notice from Chicago Corps of Engineers relative to Cady Marsh Ditch. Meeting will be held April 5. Dan is planning to attend.

Don Ewen showed slides of the River in regards to points needing to be stressed for the success of the flood control. (125 slides were shown)

Next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, April 19 at 6:30. There being no further business, John DeMeo made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Michael Doyne seconded. Motion passed unanimously.