

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT  
COMMISSION MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1984  
AT 6:30 p.m. IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE NORTHWESTERN  
INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION, 8149 KENNEDY AVENUE,  
HIGHLAND, INDIANA

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Chairman William Tanke. Eight Commission members were present and a quorum was declared. Visitors were recognized.

Development Commissioners:

William Tanke  
Philip Jaynes  
Michael Doyne  
Charles Agnew  
Clyde Baughard  
Martin Behnke  
Doyle Niemeyer  
Jerry Pagac

Visitors:

Senator Ralph Potesta  
Tom Webber-Frum's Attorney  
R.L. Frum Jr.-Lefty's Coho  
Michael Klawitter - WJOB Radio  
Silvia Ascarelli - The Times

Staff:

Dan Gardner  
Sandy Mordus  
Lou Casale

The minutes of the October 18th meeting were approved as corrected By Clyde Baughard; seconded by Jerry Pagac; motion passed unanimously. Mike Doyne was incorrectly listed as being present at the previous meeting; he was not. Last paragraph reflected that Senator Mosby asked Chairman Tanke to write a letter to Mayor Hatcher requesting a representative from Gary to attend meetings. Minutes were changed to read that Chairman Tanke offered to write a letter requesting such.

Dan Gardner gave financial report in John DeMeo's absence. Chairman Tanke questioned the \$1,095,000.00 of which \$5,000 is litigation fees. Staff will check with Army Corps on the amount and obtain a breakdown of the figure as to how the money will be spent. A motion to approve claims except the \$1,095,000 Corps payment was made by Chuck Agnew; seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously. The check has not been forwarded yet; deadline is December 15. Dan Gardner reported that the total drawdown for Burns Waterway is \$1,545,000; this amount is under the \$1,768,000 appropriated by the General Assembly. A motion to approve the \$1,095,000.00 contingent upon legalities being worked out and monies would not be transmitted to Corps until Chairman approves transmittal was made by Chuck Agnew; seconded by Philip Jaynes; motion passed unanimously.

Proposed 1985 budget will be presented at next meeting.

Land Acquisition - Chuck Agnew reported Yoko property closing on December 5; receipt of letter from Fosters' rejecting bid of \$51,000 for Foster Mobile Home Park; Enswiler lease has been signed. Mr. Agnew read revised Nimetz lease stating he will pay \$1,000 a year; he will pay 12-1/2% of gross profit at the end of 1986 and 1987 if it exceeds \$10,000. A motion to adopt this farm lease with Nimetz was made by Charles Agnew; seconded by Jerry Pagac; motion passed



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unanimously. Greer property has been advertised for rent. Three quotes were received for demolition of WIND Building on Lake Etta property. They are:

KIRK	\$ 6,990.00
VIC KIRSCH	3,910.00
Nimetz Trucking	2,970.00

A motion to accept bid from Nimetz Trucking for demolition was made by Charles Agnew; seconded by Mike Doyne; motion passed unanimously. Liability insurance coverage will be looked into to see if our existing coverage is adequate or needs to be increased.

Jerry Pagac reported that the Land & Water Conservation grant has been approved for Lake Etta; the grant total is \$100,000.

Legislative - Philip Jaynes announced he will have a legislative meeting after the Commission meeting. He announced the Commission would seek \$6,000,000.00 from the legislature (Budget Agency). Dan Gardner explained his letter to Garland Ferrell requesting the \$6 million amount and his reasons for requesting that amount.

Breakwater/Marina - Year end construction report from the Corps will be forthcoming; it will be forwarded to Commissioners and made public to legislators and General Assembly as soon as it is received. It is still hoped that the entire construction of the breakwater will be completed by next fall of 1985.

Dan Gardner reported that the Marina Prospectus is now in final draft form. Committee recommends that the prospectus be submitted to the Commission and other selected parties for a 10-day review and that the revised prospectus be submitted to the Commission for approval and then advertised and distributed to any and all interested developers for submission of proposals to the Commission for development of a marina. A motion to that effect was made by Martin Behnke; seconded by Phil Jaynes; motion passed unanimously. Detailed topography mapping will be done by Dickerson Aerial Surveys of Lafayette for a cost of less than \$1,000. A motion authorizing this mapping was made by Charles Agnew; seconded by Doyle Niemeyer; motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Tanke appointed Martin Behnke to serve as Chairman of the Nominating Committee with Charles Agnew and Doyle Niemeyer serving on the committee.

Maintenance Project Report - Dan Gardner reported that he accompanied the Detroit Army Corps on a field inspection of the illegal dredging that was done on the river. The Army Corps is expected to send a letter to the permit holder, which is the Lake County Drainage Board outlining their position on the matter and what has to be done now to bring the permit back into compliance.

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Sediment samples did not appear to be of a hazardous nature although confirmation from the State Board of Health has not been received to date.

Senator Potesta indicated he would personally contact the State Board of Health and see what the holdup is. A lengthy discussion was held as to why the \$6 million amount of money was requested from the Budget Agency when the Commission has not spent the money already allocated for land acquisition now. Staff explained that the Commission does not want to purchase properties that it does not need for the big project. Properties to be purchased differ in Plan 3A and Plan 3B. Until the project is authorized and the Commission knows which way it is going, most land purchase is at a standstill. "No authorization, no condemnation" is still believed the best policy to stand by.

There being no further business, the next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, December 20. Meeting dismissed at 7:25 p.m.

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