

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1984 IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM  
OF THE NORTHWESTERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION, 8149  
KENNEDY AVENUE, HIGHLAND, INDIANA.

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The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman William Tanke. Nine Commissioners were present and a quorum was declared. Visitors were recognized. Dan Gardner introduced George Schiller as the new Director of Land Acquisition/Management, replacing Mary Jane Konsynski.

Development Commissioners:

William Tanke  
Philip Jaynes  
Michael Doyne  
John DeMeo  
Charles Agnew  
Clyde Baughard  
Martin Behnke  
George Carlson

Visitors:

Silvia Ascarelli - Times  
Pete Zakutansky - S.S. Marina  
M. J. Zakutansky - S.S. Marina  
Ernie Davis - LCRBC  
Herb Read - Izaak Walton  
Carolyn Mosby - Indiana Senator  
Jackie McCullough - Gary Park Dept.  
Gardest Gillespie - Gary's First  
District Councilman

Staff:

Dan Gardner  
George Schiller  
Lou Casale  
Sandy Mordus

A motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on September 20 was made by John DeMeo; seconded by Charles Agnew; motion passed unanimously.

John DeMeo gave treasurer's report. On future claim sheets, a separate total will be shown for Administrative Costs and a separate total for State Monies drawn down. Report was accepted as presented by a motion from Charles Agnew; seconded by Phil Jaynes; motion passed Unanimously.

Dan Gardner presented Mr. Tufford's proposal on NIRPC for preparing a computerized inventory of properties. A discussion was held as to what information should be included. Chairman Tanke requested that John DeMeo and Charles Agnew meet with Mr. Tufford to discuss the proposal and work scope. Phil Jaynes will also be on the committee. Mr Agnew brought up the subject of having a terminal in the Land Acq. office so information would be at our disposal.

Land Acquisition - Charles Agnew presented a land acquisition update. He announced there are four leases that will expire in December. Letters for bids have already been sent out for DNR 7 & DNR 11. Charles Agnew made a motion authorizing staff to finish negotiations on Nimet's property; Niemeyer seconded; motion passed unanimously. Motion was made by Charles Agnew authorizing staff to advertise for two parcels of farmland (206 acres) now leased to Greer; Doyle Niemeyer seconded; motion passed unanimously. The bid letters should read to expire in 1987.



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Lake Etta update - Lake County Parks Department wants WIND building demolished. Staff will send out for quotes for demolition.

Pending receipt of letter and appraisal of parcel DC201 (1/2 acre parcel adjacent to Lake Etta), it is suggested that the Development Commission purchase it for use by the Lake County Parks Dept. Charles Agnew made a motion authorizing staff to enter into an agreement to purchase this piece of property at appraised price; seconded by Doyle Niemeyer; motion passed unanimously. Property to be purchased contingent upon decision of grant approval.

Legislative Committee - Phil Jaynes announced that the bill did not pass. No water resources projects were authorized, so the pressure for passage of legislation will intensify.

Commissioner Carlson expressed his frustration with the failure of the Federal authorizing bill and questioned whether the Development Commission should focus on self-help activities rather than the long range project.

After extensive discussion, staff was directed to set up exploratory discussion/meetings with the Congressional staffs and the Corps of Engineers to explore possible courses of action.

River Maintenance Project - On October 22nd, the Lake County Drainage Board will award bids for gaging station construction of low flow control structure. Meetings have been held with the Gary Public Works Dept. Staff announced we are still awaiting the results of the toxicity tests. They are expected anytime from the Northern Laboratories.

A lengthy discussion was held on the plan that was submitted for federal authorization. Statements from the floor were put to the Commissioners on what their policy was as far as moving people out of the Black Oak area. Development Commission goes on record saying they plan to build dikes and not move people.

Senator Carolyn Mosby requested a copy of the businesses that were awarded contracts by the Development Commission over the last few years.

Senator Mosby asked Chairman Tanke to write a letter to Mayor Hatcher asking him to Appoint a representative from Gary to attend the meetings. Copies of that letter will be forwarded to Carolyn Mosby, Jackie McCullough of the Gary Parks Dept. and Gardest Gillespie, Gary's 1st Dist. Councilman. Dan Gardner pointed out that the dredging process and the culvert replacement project is still on-going.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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