

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT
 COMMISSION MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1984
 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 commissioners were present. Quorum was declared. Visitors were recognized.

Development Commissioners:

William Tanke
 Philip Jaynes
 Michael Doyne
 Charles Agnew
 Clyde Baughard
 Martin Behnke
 George Carlson
 Doyle Niemeyer

Guests:

Ernie Davis - L.C.R.B.C.
 Times Reporter
 Clarence Boone - Office of Katie Hall

Staff:

Dan Gardner - Executive Director
 Lou Casale - Attorney
 Sandy Mordus - Secretary

A motion to approve the minutes of the August 23rd meeting was made by Clyde Baughard; seconded by Martin Behnke; motion passed unanimously.

Dan Gardner gave treasurer's report in John DeMeo's absence. A motion to approve the claims as presented was made by George Carlson; seconded by Mike Doyne; motion passed unanimously.

Land Acquisition - Chuck Agnew gave land acquisition report. Bids were taken on the Griffith commercial property. One bid was received. Chuck Agnew made a motion to recommend contract for rental be given to Maurice Curren at \$150 per month; Philip Jaynes seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Bids were received on fishing lake. Chuck Agnew made a motion to rent property to Robert Ensweiler for \$100 yearly; Clyde Baughard seconded; motion passed unanimously. Lease is for one year period.

It was announced that September 26 was the closing date set for the marina site property (DC98).

Chuck Agnew made a motion to include an addendum to the original Local Cooperation Agreement contract between the Commission and Lake County Parks & Recreation Dept. allocating the Commission to pay \$100,000 as a matching grant along with the 1985 Land & Water Conservation Fund grant of \$100,000; Clyde Baughard seconded; motion passed unanimously. This additional funding is contingent upon the Lake County Parks Dept. receiving the Land & Water grant. If grant is not received, contract is null and void. Addendum is made part of the minutes and listed herein as Attachment A.

Chuck Agnew reported that Griffith Fire Department has burned the house on the Griffith property (DC58). Site has been cleared.

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Chuck Agnew made a motion to have appraisals done on Blocks 1, 3, 4 and 7 in Heath's Addition to East Chicago in Porter County; Philip Jaynes seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Legislative Committee - Philip Jaynes reported he recently talked to Washington on status of Water Resources bill. Action has not yet been taken. A motion was made by Philip Jaynes to send a letter urging passage of bill to Senators James Abdnor and Howard Baker; seconded by Mike Doyne; Motion passed unanimously.

Phil Jaynes distributed a sheet listing items that need to be undertaken if bill passes. List is speculative contingent upon bill passage. William Tanke made a suggestion that staff draft a letter to all running campaign people giving them the scope of the project and asking them to make the issue a part of their campaign platform. Phil Jaynes made a motion to that effect; Clyde Baughard seconded; motion passed unanimously that a letter is to be sent to candidates for State office.

Budget hearing for Commission has not been set up yet. Staff is in Communication with Garland Ferrell of the State Budget Agency and a date and time (Not before the middle of October) will be forthcoming.

A lengthy discussion was held as to what steps should be taken as far as legislation is concerned.

River Maintenance Project - Dan Gardner reported that toxicity tests have been drawn from the river between Broadway and Chase Street. They are being tested now at Northern Laboratories and should be ready for transmission to State Board of Health shortly.

Dan Gardner has bid documents with plans and specifications for tele-meter gage construction. Bid advertisement was made by Lake County Drainage Board. They are coordinating construction of low flow control structure with the U.S. Geological Survey telemeter gage. Estimated cost \$24,000 and will be 100% federally funded. Control structure construction should cost \$8-\$10,000. With these in place, it is still hopeful dredging may be able to take place this season. Easement is still needed from Gary Parks Dept. to construct a road to the drain. Gary is concerned about the potential for flooding this low flow Structure would cause to their City. Dan Gardner and Lake County Surveyor's Office have met with Mayor Hatcher and City Engineer to clear up doubts.

Staff distributed copies of a letter addressed to Dan Gardner from James Ridenour of Dept. of Natural Resources with a 2-page memo of understanding between states of Indiana and Illinois. Agreement says that the two states will work together in cooperation to solve water problems. Three hearings will be held before the Governor signs it. Dan Gardner will attend and express Commission views.

A question was brought up on the proposed marina plans concerning working with private enterprise. Marina development is necessary as

deemed so by the Army Corps. Development Commission is securing land; private enterprise will build and maintain marina.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:20. Next meeting date is October 18.

