

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 1985 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 6:30 p.m. by Chairman William Tanke. Eight Commissioners were present. Quorum was declared. Visitors were recognized.

Development Commissioners:

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

Staff:

Dan Gardner
Lou Casale
Sandy Mordus

Visitors:

Silvia Ascarelli - The Times
Terry McCloskey - Great Laker
Forest & Wildlife Restoration
Elizabeth McCloskey - Izaak
Walton League
Robert Kimberly - USPS member
Ernie Davis - LCRBC
Herb Read - Izaak Walton League
Sarah Angerman - Purdue Calumet
Sylvia Fogelman - Purdue Calumet
Rita Sbalchiero - Purdue Calumet
Misty Zawacke - Purdue Calumet

The minutes of the March 21st meeting were approved by a motion from Clyde Baughard; seconded by Mike Doyne; motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer Doyle Niemeyer presented financial status report. He made a motion to accept it as presented; seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously. Doyle Niemeyer made motion to accept claims as presented; seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously.

Motion to accept "Commission Policy on per diem Claims" as presented except for omitting "i.e. testimony before legislative bodies, business meetings w/elected officials" in Item 4 and adding an Item #5 reading "Claims must be submitted within 30 days at the end of calendar year." was made by Doyle Niemeyer; seconded by John DeMeo. (Revised sheet attached herein for Commissioners' reference)

Land Acquisition - Chuck Agnew reported that offers approved and we can start closing on DC102 and DC143 and Mercantile Bank property is now ready to close.

Motion made by Chuck Agnew to adopt the conceptual Lake Etta Master Plan as presented by the Lake County Parks Dept; seconded by Doyle Niemeyer; motion passed unanimously.

Owner is willing to sell on Parcel 36 which includes 5 lots at a price of \$700. Motion to proceed with closing was made by Chuck Agnew; seconded by Jerry Pagac; motion passed unanimously.

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Chuck Agnew reported that Commission property is presently insured. Insurnace binder has been received; policy is being prepared.

Legislative - Dan Gardner distributed a copy of the bills we have been monitoring. He reported 2 bills had failed - the Sanitary Landfill bill and the Excise Tax on Motorboats bill. The Lake Michigan Marina Development Commission Establishment bill has passed the House and Senate and is awaiting signature by the Governor as is the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission Changes bill (Changing the commission members from 10 to 11 members). The Basin Commission Funding bill (extending the life of the Commission for another 2 years) has already been signed by the Governor.

He also reported that \$3 million in the State Budget has been approved for the Development Commission.

Attorney was asked to obtain a copy of the Development Commission bill.

Motion to have sup-committee from Marina Committee to follow up on boat tax issue was made by Clyde Baughard; seconded by Chuck Agnew; motion passed unanimously.

Dan Gardner reported that preparation of a request to the State Budget Agency will be handled in the immediate future

Chairman Tanke asked staff to apply for partial funding for our marina project from the newly-formed Lake Michigan Marina Development Commission. George Carlson made a motion to that effect; seconded by Martin Behnke; motion passed unanimously. Staff was directed to monitor the organization of this Commission and to keep the Development Commission Board informed.

Federal project status - Committee hearings are not yet being scheduled for the Water Resources bill.

Dan Gardner announced Public Officials seminar in Washington hosted by Congressman Peter Visclosky is coming up the first part of June.

Breakwater - Restart of construction is scheduled for end of April. Construction should be complete by the end of this consturction season.

Sandmining - At March 21st meeting, Bill Mamelson was authorized to prepare sandmining bid specifications. Due to time constraints, those specifications are not complete at this time. Attormey has prepared contract; it is awaiting signature; work must be completed within 21 days.

Chairman Tanke extended invitation to the bid proposal opening on the 1st of May at 4 p.m. at NIRPC offices.

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River Maintenance Project - Dan Gardner presented 3 page summary of bid specifications prepared by Mamelson after field survey was conducted. Final specifications will be prepared and submitted to Drainage Board for approval.

Dan Gardner announced he just received letter from Army Corps stating that the hydrologic study of culverts is complete. Meeting will be scheduled to discuss study by the Corps.

The Public Relations class of Dr. Bonnie Neff of Purdue Calumet gave a presentation on marketing the Little Calumet River. Booklets containing endless possibilities of what could be done along the river were distributed; the ideas will also be passed along to the cities and towns. The Commission offered whatever assistance they could provide. A motion stating the Commission goes on record commending their efforts and supporting them 100% agreeing that public participation is important was made by John DeMeo; seconded by Chuck Agnew; motion passed unanimously.

Terry McCloskey raised the issue of impacts of pumping of farmland along the river in flood periods. Discussion followed.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Clyde Baughard; seconded by Martin Behnke; motion passed unanimously. Next meeting was scheduled for 6:30 on May 16, 1985.

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