MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 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 6:45 p.m. by Chairman William Tanke. Eight commission members were present. Quorum was declared. Visitors were recognized.

## Development Commissioners:

## William Tanke Michael Doyne John DeMeo Doyle Niemeyer Charles Agnew George Carlson Philip Jaynes Clyde Baughard

## Staff: Dan Gardner Lou Casale Sandy Mordus

## Visitors:

Dan Rodriguez - Congressman
Visclosky's Office
Herb Read - Izaak Walton
H.T. Sleiner - Izaak Walton
Tim Sanders - Senators Lugar
& Quayle's Office
Ernest Davis - LCRBC
Sylvia Fogelman - Dr. Neff's
Public Relations class
Jo Parker - Dr. Neff's Public
Relations class

The minutes of the January 24th meeting were approved by a motion from Clyde Baughard; seconded by George Carlson; motion passed unanimously.

Doyle Niemeyer gave treasurer's report. Motion to approve financial status report was made by Doyle Niemeyer; seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously. Staff was instructed to contact Garland Ferrell of the State Budget Agency inquiring whether we can retain the \$2,500 difference between the requested state draw of \$1,095,000 and the required amount of \$1,092,500 sent to the Corps.

Motion to approve transfer of funds of \$1,000 from Line 331 to Line 119a was made by Doyle Niemeyer; seconded by Clyde Baughard, motion passed unanimously.

Audit report was presented. The treasurer must be bonded; this will be done through Harley Snyder.

Land Acquisition - Motion for staff to proceed to complete acquisition of 2nd Oak Park Addition in Gary and Grant St. plat in Gary was made by Charles Agnew; seconded by Doyle Niemeyer; motion passed unanimously.

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Legislative - Philip Jaynes gave report on attendance in Washington by him and Dan Gardner. Lou Casale will check on Sec. 211 in regards to state financing as per Philip Jaynes' suggestion.

Dan Gardner went over the current status of the 4 House bills and Senate bill.

Discussion was held on the boat excise tax. A motion was made by Philip Jaynes to declare that the Development Commission is opposing Bill 1846 (Excise tax on motorboats) because the passage of said bill would make it extremely difficult to carry out the contractual oblication to develop a marina. Ammended to include Tanke's suggestion to exempt from taxation the federal waterways; seconded by Charles Agnew; motion passed unanimously.

Dan Gardner gave marina report. Specifications should be drawn up and a prospectus ready for bids after sand is removed. Staff will get price on preparing specifications.

A motion made by Charles Agnew giving authorization to proceed on the sandmining issue; seconded by Doyle Niemeyer; motion passed unanimously.

Dan Gardner gave report on unauthorized dredging. No concensus at this point.

The hydrologic data should be completed by the end of February. This will aid in determining culvert replacement sizing.

The next meeting date was set for March 21. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.