MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, MARCH 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 6:35 p.m. by Chairman William Tanke. Nine Commissioners were present. Quorum was declared. Visitors were recognized.

Development Commissioners:  
William Tanke  
Michael Doyne  
Doyle Niemeyer  
Charles Agnew  
Clyde Baughard  
Martin Behnke  
George Carlson  
Philip Jaynes  
Jerry Pagac  

Visitors:  
Silvia Ascarelli - The Times  
Dan Rodriguez - Cong. Visclosky's Office  
Robert Kimberly - USPS member  
Bill Henderson - Lake County Surveyor's Office/Drainage Brd.  
Herb Read - Izaak Walton League  
M. VanderHeyden - Dyer Constr.  
Dr. Bonita Neff - Purdue Calumet  
JoAnn Parker - "  
Misty zawacki - "  
Rita Sbakchiero - "  
Sarah Angerman - "  
Robert Nickovich - Lake County Parks Department

Staff:  
Dan Gardner  
George Schiller  
Lou Casale  
Sandy Mordus

The minutes of the February 21st meeting were approved by a motion from Chuck Agnew; seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer Doyle Niemeyer presented financial status report. He made a motion to accept it as presented; seconded by Martin Behnke; motion passed unanimously. Doyle Niemeyer made motion to accept claims as presented; seconded by George Carlson; motion passed unanimously.

Land Acquisition - Chuck Agnew announced that a slide presentation was given by Robert Nickovich of the Lake County Parks Dept. on Lake Etta Master Plan prior to the meeting. Follow-up meetings will be held.

Appraisals have been received on Grant Street (DC126-144) and Taft Street (DC145-170) plats. Motion to accept appraisals as presented and to proceed to make offers to purchase was made by Chuck Agnew; seconded by Jerry Pagac; 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.

Offer has been refused on Parcel 37 which includes approx. 11 lots. Chuck Agnew made motion to proceed with eminent domain power to obtain these lots and turn it over for attorney to proceed with condemnation; seconded by Phil Jaynes; motion passed unanimously.
Chuck Agnew made a motion to accept appraisal of $27,400 on DC202 and to proceed making offer to purchase; seconded by Jerry Pagac; motion passed unanimously.

Staff will contact State Highway Dept. in regard to land that the Commission needs to own for the marina development.

On DC203, Chuck Agnew made motion for Commission approval to have this parcel appraised; Clyde Baughard seconded; motion passed unanimously.

On DC83, a counter offer was received. Committee recommends rejecting that offer and again reiterate our original offer and have attorney write letter to property owners informing them. He made motion to that effect; seconded by Doyle Niemeyer; motion passed unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding our insurance needs. Chairman Tanke asked Jerry Pagac of the Dept. of Natural Resources to notify staff of the names of companies they receive as bidders to their insurance needs.

Legislative - Phil Jaynes suggested that the Development Commissioners make contact with legislators once again and reiterate the need for $6 million. The State Budget is currently including $3 million for the Development Commission.

Chairman Tanke read the bid for sandmining of the Brock property that was prepared by Bill Mamelson. The bid price was $1,500 to prepare the specifications. Clyde Baughard made a motion to have Mamelson proceed with preparing specifications; seconded by Chuck Agnew; motion passed unanimously. Attorney will prepare necessary papers.

$25,000 has already been committed in a 1982 Joint Venture Agreement with the Lake Co. Drainage Board and the Little Calumet River Basin Commission. Attorney has prepared amendment to that agreement which would provide for the payment of the $25,000 upon approval of the plan and specifications of the Chairmen of both Commissions. It also provides for the return of that money in the event that construction is not started within 180 days. Motion to adopt amendment was made by Clyde Baughard; seconded by Doyle Niemeyer; motion passed unanimously.

Dan Gardner announced that meeting was held with the Corps and issues have been resolved in regard to the dredging permit. He presented a copy of the restoration agreement that Col. Beurkett of Detroit Corps and the Lake County Drainage Board has already signed.

Dan Gardner announced that hydrologic study is now complete. Staff will work out details as to when the Corps can attend meeting to explain it to Commission.

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 April 18, 1985. Upon adjournment, slides were shown of breakwater construction progress.