

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1986 AT THE BEACH CAFE,  
903 N. SHELBY, GARY, INDIANA.

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The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chiarman Michael Doyne. Eleven Commissioners were present. Guests were recognized and quórum was declared.

Development Commissioners:

Michael Doyne  
Doyle Niemeyer  
Charles Agnew  
Clyde Baughard  
Donald Duran  
William Tanke  
Arlene Colvin  
John DeMeo  
George Carlson  
Jerry Pagac  
Martin Behnke

Visitors:

Don & Elinor Ewen  
Jeff Ewen  
Bill Henderson - Lake Co.  
Surveyor's Office  
Tom Knightly - Post Tribune  
Ed Fetterer  
John Beckman - Food Bank

Staff:

Dan Gardner  
Lou Casale, Attorney  
Sandy Mordus  
Bruce Stouffer

A motion to approve the minutes of the November 20, 1986 meeting was made by John DeMeo; seconded by Don Duran; motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Mike Doyne appointed a 1987 nominating committee consisting of Martin Behnke (Chairman), Chuck Agnew and Jerry Pagac. They will present a slate of officers at the January meeting.

Finance Committee - Treasurer Doyle Niemeyer presented the financial status report for December. He announced that a finance meeting will be scheduléd before the next regular meeting. Finance committee members will be notified.



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Upon discussing the Development Commission's financial investments, Jerry Pagac suggested that the Commission might want to explore the idea of the State Treasury investing the monies for us. It may be possible to obtain a higher interest rate when you pool the money together for a much larger sum.

The proposed budget for 1987 will be prepared for the next meeting.

A motion to approve the claims as presented was made by Doyle Niemeyer; seconded by Chuck Agnew; motion passed unanimously.

Dan Gardner explained the State position of the appropriated \$3 million from the last biennium. After appearing before the State Budget Committee, \$1.5 million was released to the Commission for land acquisition draw down purposes. The other \$1.5 million is expected to be released at a later date.

The yearly contract between the Development Commission and the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission was presented for approval. A lengthy discussion followed regarding minor clarification points. A motion to adopt the contract with four points of clarification to be made was made by John DeMeo; seconded by Doyle Niemeyer; Motion passed with 10 yes votes and 1 no vote coming from Mr. Tanke. The four clarification issues are: 1) definition of full time personnel, 2) what exactly is gross salary, 3) exact definition of "space" and 4) what does 35% overhead include. These issues will be presented to the NIRPC staff for clarification.

Legislative Committee - Dan Gardner spoke on the interpretation of the Federal bill. He has been in communication with the Public Works staff committee and they have advised they feel that the way the project is described in the bill is very forceful and does direct the Corps to build a full protection plan both east and west of Cline Ave. Dan has met with Congressman Visclosky and brought him up to date on this issue especially if the Corps needs to be redirected toward the 3A plan. Chicago Corps is awaiting a direction letter from the Chief's Office in Washington which will instruct them which way to proceed.

Dan Gardner presented a map he prepared with Corps input of what the 3A plan consists of and where the levees are proposed.

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Mr. Gardner announced that the Development Commission requested \$3 million in this biennium session. He was informed that the preliminary recommendation by the Budget Agency will be \$2 million. It will not be known for several months the actual amount appropriated to the Commission.

Land Acquisition Committee - Chairman Agnew announced that Catfish Bay will be closing very soon. Title problems are being cleared now.

Chuck Agnew made a motion to accept Harold L. Wheeler from Crown Point as a qualified appraiser and add him to the Commission's approved list of appraisers. He meets all professional qualifications.

Chuck Agnew reported that the Don Ewen property has closed as of today. Those 118 acres are now owned by the Development Commission. Mr. Agnew stated that a leasing bill package for rental would be put together for approval at the next meeting. That leasing package will include a pumping agreement.

Interium Flood Control Planning Committee - Dan Gardner reported on the Indianapolis Blvd. bridge cleaning project of which the Development Commission has contributed \$17,825 toward a \$65,000 total project price. Dyer Construction has been selected by the Lake County Drainage Board as the contractor to perform the work. Upon Dyer Construction providing their bonding, they will begin before the end of the year.

He further announced that the Erie bridge would not be removed at this time but rather maintained. A letter has been sent to the Public Works Director of Hammond asking that they on an as-needed basis, perform maintenance at that bridge to keep it free of obstruction. Bill Henderson from the County Surveyor's Office announced that the Lake County Drainage Board will sign the contract for the Indianapolis Blvd. bridge work at their forthcoming meeting.

Breakwater/Marina Committee - Bill Tanke referred to letter in packet addressed to Lt. Col. Finch requesting clarification of ceratin items. No response has been received yet.

It was stated that about 60% of the handrails are in good shape. The contractor is providing the other 40% handrails and Pete Zak of South Shore Marina will be storing the materials and will install them in the spring.

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Dan Gardner stated that an accounting review (audit) will be scheduled by the Corps at which time the Development Commission will participate.

Mr. Gardner referred to a letter and resolution in the packet from Dr. V. McCutcheon, President of the Northwest Indiana Foodbank. John Beckman, Director of the Foodbank, spoke in regard to the gleaning of the Ewen farm which enabled the Foodbank to provide about 45 thousand pounds of food to the needy in northwest Indiana. He emphasized that he hoped the new lessee of that farmland would continue to allow them to glean from the fields. He was informed that the Development Commission supports the work of the Foodbank and hopes that it can continue.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, January 22.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned to 7:30 by a motion from Clyde Baughard; seconded by Martin Behnke.

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