

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
 MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 15, 1986 AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE
 CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE NORTHWESTERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING
 COMMISSION, 8149 KENNEDY AVENUE, HIGHLAND, INDIANA.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Michael Doyne. Eight Commissioners were present. Guests were recognized and quorum was declared.

Development Commissioners:

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

Visitors:

Mr. & Mrs. Don Ewen
 Pete Zak - South Shore Marina
 Bob Kasanda - The Times
 Richard Bundy - Salmon
 Unlimited

Staff:

Dan Gardner
 Lou Casale, Attorney
 Sandy Mordus

Clyde Baughard made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 17th meeting; seconded by George Carlson; motion passed unanimously.

Communications - Dan Gardner stated he has sent a thank you letter to John Perryman of IN DOH re: the maintenance clearing/dredging at the Indianapolis Boulevard bridge crossing.

Treasurer Doyle Niemeyer presented the financial sheet. He made a motion to approve claims as presented (except for \$600 payable to Vernon Lee); seconded by George Carlson; motion passed unanimously.

William Tanke pointed out that Hardesty Surveying Company was not on the Commission's list of approved surveyors. He suggested we add it to the current list or refrain from using them in the future.

Land Acquisition/ Management Committee - Chairman Chuck Agnew distributed copies of the proposed contract, re: detention pond easement requested by GPTC. It involves 3.45 acres of Commission owned land. Mr. Scott Virtue representing GPTC met in committee prior to the meeting and explained the details. Attorney Lou Casale suggested that if the contract is to be accepted, two changes should be made:

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1. insurance clause stating that of Commission insurance should increase because of possible liability, GPTC would be willing to assume that cost
2. a termination clause giving 120 days advance notice with the option of GPTC either relocating or buying the property at a fair market value.

A lengthy discussion ensued. William Tanke made a motion to table the request until the next meeting and meanwhile, have our attorney explore the Commission's ability to resell the property and possibly see if Commission can trade for Gary property that will eventually be needed for future Corps project. The motion failed for lack of a second.

William Tanke then made a motion for the attorney to investigate the Commission's ability to resell property to GPTC and that we table the request until the next meeting, and that the city of Gary be made aware as soon as possible of the project land needs. Motion was seconded by George Carlson.

Charles Agnew made a motion that the appraisal price of \$3,200 for Edwards property (DC-67) be accepted and that the Commission offer the appraised price to the Edwards' entailing .87 acres for use as a future levee site. Motion was seconded by Clyde Baughard. When property is once acquired, that levee site will be handled in the Interim-Flood Control Committee. Motion passed.

Legislative Committee - Committee Chairman Phil Jaynes reported there has been no action on the federal authorizing bill since it has gone to conference committee, (after its passage in both the House and Senate.) Dan Gardner referred to his letter to the Northwest Indiana Forum. The Forum has indicated their willingness and desire to meet with the Commission for a detailed briefing on current status. The Forum's legislative support would be most valuable seeing they have a full time lobbyist in Indianapolis.

Interim Flood Control Planning Committee - Committee Chairman George Carlson reported on the success of obtaining \$15,000 from the city of Hammond. That money will be used for removing an old railroad bridge over the LCR west of Indianapolis Boulevard. Money should be available in about 45 days. George Carlson will be in touch with Ed Krusa, Director of Planning and Development for Hammond, whose department has the money. The \$15,000 is from Community Development Block funds.

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Dan Gardner stated he submitted a proposal and appeared before the Lake County Drainage Advisory Board for approximately \$19,000 remaining funds from contracted 1986 "Little Calumet Drain" dredging project for use in dredging 400+ upstream and downstream of the Indianapolis Boulevard bridge crossing. The Corps will inspect the area and determine the permit modification.

Breakwater/Marina Development Committee - Committee Chairman Bill Tanke announced the meeting with Ten Ech/PLANTEC. Proposed marina sketch has been viewed and it is now being reviewed by PLANTEC. Written comments will be forthcoming. A proposal for further study has been submitted by Ten Ech for future consideration. A marina committee meeting will be scheduled once written comments have been received from PLANTEC and an economic performance statement is received from TenEch/ PLANTEC.

Dan Gardner reported that the sandmining project with Foster is underway and 80-90% completed.

Dan Gardner referred to the letter in packet addressed to Garland Ferrell of the State Budget Agency from the LMMDC requesting the city of Portage's total drawdown of \$215,000. The money would be used for a water line extension (\$75,000); bridge survey (\$10,000); sewer design (\$70,000) and entrance improvements (\$62,000). He further reported that the Budget Committee did not approve release at this time. In his discussions with the city of Portage, it was determined that more detailed information is needed as well as names of contractors who would be performing the work before approval.

William Tanke requested of staff to investigate about status of surplus property along SR249.

Maintenance Project - Dan Gardner reported he attended the Highland Town Board meeting and reported on the Indianapolis bridge clearing and news was well received.

Don Ewen, volunteer contracting with LCDB reported that the volunteer clean up work is nearing completion. He showed pictures of before and after work to members. He was commended in his diligent efforts and for his endeavors to clean up the Little Calumet.

Richard Bundy informed the Commission of sandmining operation taking place at Tri State Development behind K-Mart. He witnessed hauling in of black slag material.

Staff was directed to contact Ron Novak and let him know of the situation.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 by a motion made by Clyde Baughard and seconded by George Carlson. The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday June 19, 1986 at 6:30 p.m.