

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
 HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 1987 AT THE COMMISSION OFFICES
 8149 KENNEDY AVENUE, HIGHLAND, INDIANA.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Michael Doyne. Nine Commissioners were present. Guests were recognized and quorum was declared. Chairman Doyne acknowledged the death of fellow Commissioner, Martin Behnke, Lake County's appointment to the Development Commission. A moment of silence was observed in his memory.

Development Commissioners:

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

Visitors:

Pete Zak - South Shore Marina
 Mary Jane Zak - " "
 Richard Bundy - Salmon
 Unlimited
 Jeff Ewen

Staff:

Dan Gardner
 Lou Casale, Attorney
 Sandy Mordus
 Bruce Stouffer

A motion to approve the minutes of the March 3rd, 1987 meeting as amended was made by Chuck Agnew; seconded by Jerry Pagac; motion passed unanimously. Mike Doyne corrected the first paragraph of the first page to read "meeting was called to order by John DeMeo" and not "meeting was called to order by Mike Doyne".

Finance/Policy Committee - Treasurer Doyle Niemeyer presented the financial status sheet for March. Treasurer Niemeyer made a motion to accept the claims for March as presented; seconded by John DeMeo; motion passed unanimously.

Legislative Committee - Dan Gardner acknowledged the letter from the Corps stating their receipt of the credit application letter he mailed to Washington on March 24. He stated that the Corps is currently developing guidelines and procedures for implementation of the credit provisions and they will be published in the Federal register when complete. A November 1987 deadline has been established for the publication.

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Discussion ensued on the Commission's letter to the Corps (contained in packet); the issue being the five year time limitation for receiving credit for project features completed by the local project sponsor.

Mr. Gardner referred to the letter sent from Congressman Peter Visclosky to Robert Dawson, Assistant Secretary to the Army Corps of Engineers in Washington, explicitly asking the status of office's progress on the Little Calumet River project under the Plan 3A guidelines. Federal hearings for appropriations are taking place now for Corps funding.

George Carlson stated he had recently visited Washington on another matter and he briefly talked to the Congressman and Tamara Browne about the 3A implementation and found they were completely versed and supportive of the plan. He commended Dan Gardner on a job well done in keeping the Congressman and staff well informed of the importance of 3A.

Mr. Gardner reported that the boat excise tax bill is up for 2nd reading today but the bill has not been very well received thus far. The Director of the Lake Michigan Marina Development Commission, Barbara Waxman, is in Indianapolis working toward the passage of the bill but the outlook is not encouraging.

Land Acquisition/Management Committee - Committee Chairman Chuck Agnew reported that the IXL land transfer is complete. With the exchange of lands, the Lake County Park Dept. will now be able to establish boundaries so fencing can be installed. Mr. Agnew also reported that DC203 (Catfish Bay) has been cleared of debris by the Park Dept.

Quotes for fencing at Lake Etta and Grant Street pump area have been received. Chuck Agnew made a motion to award the contract for partial fencing at Lake Etta to Northwest Indiana Fence Company for a quote of \$7,345.00; motion seconded by George Carlson; motion passed unanimously. Mr. Agnew made a motion to award the contract for fencing the pump area on the farmland off Grant Street to Illiana Fence Company for a quote of \$1,330; motion seconded by Jerry Pagac; motion passed unanimously.

Chuck Agnew made a motion for staff to proceed with advertising for bids for fencing the western and northern boundaries at Lake Etta. It will be advertised for price on a per lineal foot basis. The motion was seconded by Arlene Colvin; motion passed unanimously.

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Chuck Agnew made a motion to advertise for lease bids on the recently acquired 124 acre farmland (DC83) for this year only; motion seconded by Doyle Niemeyer; motion passed unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding a proposed resolution granting a right of way easement to Gary Hobart Water Corp. to lay water lines on a section of Development Commission owned property located on the marina site. Discussion centered on the depth of the water line and a hold harmless clause. The attorney was instructed to work out details with Bill Baldwin of Gary Hobart Water Corp. The resolution was approved by a motion from Chuck Agnew contingent upon the attorney and the Chairman of the Marina Committee's approval; motion seconded by Jerry Pagac; motion passed unanimously.

Chuck Agnew made a motion authorizing Dale Nimetz to remove a roadway ramp leading onto Commission-owned property off of Calhoun Street. This parcel of property has been the subject of unauthorized dumping and removing the access ramp to the property will restrict entrance to the area. Mr. Nimetz will also clean up the debris already on the property but will notify staff first of where he will dispose of it. The motion was seconded by Jerry Pagac; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Agnew reported that Elaine Chandler from the Lake County Park Department was present at the Land Acquisition committee meeting and presented a plan to further develop the CatFish Bay area for a cost of approx. \$28,000. Staff will continue to discuss with her the options and to prepare proposals with cost cutting measures for a report back to Commission by the next meeting.

Mr. Agnew distributed the updated "Land Acquisition Status Report".

Interium Flood Control Planning Committee - Dan Gardner reported that he attended the Lake County Drainage Board meeting today where he found out that the monies allotted for Little Cal drain has been increased to \$50,000 (from \$35,000). The \$50,000 should cover the cost of adding 100' of rip rap to the banks of the Indianapolis Blvd. bridge area and the clearing and snagging project from Indianapolis to Kennedy. He stated that plans and specifications have been completed for that stretch by Ten Ech.

Arlene Colvin stated that she attended the meeting held in the Commission office on wetlands/agriculture land. Those interested

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parties were in attendance and the meeting went very well. Future meetings will be planned. Mr. Gardner added that a management plan needs to be developed. There are volunteer groups who are willing to do this type of work.

Breakwater/Marina Committee - Dan Gardner reported that he has been in contact with the Corps and found out that 5-6,000 additional yards of sand needs to be dredged from the harbor area yet. Early April was established deadline date given to C-Way Construction to begin work. An untimely accident has occurred to the C-Way barge that was supposed to do the work so it is assumed a delay will occur.

Pete Zak, South Shore Marina, stated that the handrails have not been put up yet due to inclement weather. They will be installed within the next week.

Dan Gardner reported that NIPSCO has agreed to write a letter of understanding and commit to selling the 14 lots needed on the marina site property. They will name the Development Commission as a first refusal buyer; meaning the Commission will have first right to buy the lots. The lots now have to be appraised. Staff will proceed with appraisals.

William Tanke suggested that staff and attorney meet to work out legal aspects regarding the contract with the Corps. A meeting should be scheduled with Lt. Col. Finch of the Corps to identify options and seek a closure to the contract obligations of the Commission.

Richard Bundy, Salmon Unlimited, questioned why the dredged sand from the marina site could not be used to help prevent beach erosion. Mr. Tanke informed him that the sand has been offered.

Mr. Gardner stated that a fishing pier will be developed within the Port of Indiana for public access fishing through General Assembly funds by the Indiana D.N.R.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, April 30, 1987.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

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