

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 1987 AT THE COMMISSION
OFFICES 8149 KENNEDY AVENUE, HIGHLAND, INDIANA.

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

Development Commissioners:

- Doyle Niemeyer
- Charles Agnew
- Clyde Baughard
- Donald Duran
- William Tanke
- John DeMeo
- Jerry Pagac

Staff:

- Dan Gardner
- Lou Casale, Attorney
- Sandy Mordus
- Bruce Stouffer

Visitors:

- Pete Zak - South Shore Marina
- Mary Jane Zak - " "
- Stan Jones - Construction
Advancement
- Richard Bundy - Salmon
Unlimited
- Terry McCloskey - Izaak Walton
League
- Elaine Chandler - Lake County
Parks Dept.
- Dick Wawrzyniak - DNR, Div. of
Water

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 29th, 1987 meeting was made by Doyle Niemeyer; seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously.

Finance/Policy Committee - Treasurer Doyle Niemeyer presented the financial status sheet for February. Mr. Niemeyer made a motion to accept the finance report as presented; Clyde Baughard seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer Niemeyer made a motion to accept the calims as present- ed; seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously.

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Legislative Committee - Dan Gardner gave report in Committee Chairman George Carlson's absence. Mr. Gardner distributed copies of status report with remarks by Brigadier General Joseph Pratt, Div. Engr. of the Corps of Engineers stating the authorized project for the Little Calumet River differs from the plan recommended by the Chief of Engineer by calling for more structural protection. He stated they are working to resolve these differences.

Mr. Gardner also distributed copies of a letter from Army Corps of Engineers and a notice which appeared in the Federal Register. This notice states that a local sponsor must apply for consideration of credit against the non-Federal share of the cost of the project on or before March 31, 1987. Mr. Gardner announced he was underway documenting the necessary information into a letter and would be mailing it well before the deadline date.

Land Acquisition/Management Committee - Committee Chairman Chuck Agnew announced that DC200 (Johnson property) and DC68 (NIPSCO property) closed. He also announced that a second option was sent to 42 landowners who failed to respond to the first option previously sent.

Mr. Agnew read Resolution 87-1 outlining the transfer of property between the Development Commission and IXL trailer park. This small section of property mutually exchanged between the parties will establish boundaries so fencing can be secured at Lake Etta. Mr. Agnew made a motion to approve Resolution 87-1; seconded by Bill Tanke; motion passed unanimously.

Chuck Agnew made a motion to accept and approve a resolution for departmental transfer of real estate from the Indiana Dept. of Highways to the Development Commission; motion seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously.

Discussion was held on a resolution granting the right 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. It was recommended by Bill Tanke that no action be taken at this time and a meeting be scheduled with Gary Hobart to discuss the issue.

Interim Flood Control Planning Committee - Dan Gardner reported the progress on Indianapolis Blvd. bridge. He also reported on the meeting held that afternoon on the Erie bridge removal/maintenance. It was concluded that possibly some posts could be

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removed from the bridge. There is a commitment from the Public Works Dept., City of Hammond, to maintain and keep the Erie bridge area clean of debris. Dick Wawrzyniak of DNR, Div. of Water, commented that the bridge itself is not an obstruction and there is no problem in not removing it.

Dan Gardner reported that a meeting with interested parties pertaining to wetlands/agriculture land will be held Thursday.

Breakwater/Marina Committee - Committee Chairman Bill Tanke stated that a marina committee meeting will be held after the public meeting.

Dan Gardner reported that the boat tax bill has passed out of the House.

Discussion was held on the raising of the bridge at Midwest Steel. The waters have risen to such a height that some boats will not clear the bridge to gain access to the lake.

Acting Chairman John DeMeo congratulated Bill Tanke on his term renewal for a four year appointment to the Development Commission.

Dan Gardner reported that the study that was done by the Lake County Parks Department on the "oxbow" area is complete. The issue of exchanging the land in question between Hammond and Highland will be pursued.

Richard Bundy, concerned citizen, questioned whether there was water quality control on the pumps located at the pumping stations; he pointed out that there was standing water by the K-Mart plaza area; he was in favor of removing the bridge at Midwest Steel; he is not in favor of the boat excise tax.

Terry McCloskey, Izaak Walton League, stated he was in agreement with the transfer of Oxbow lands.

Mr. McCloskey also displayed an article entitled "Restoration & Management Notes". The article depicted a wetland restoration project on the Des Plaines River. Copies of the article will be made available to Commissioners.

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Stan Jones, Construction Advancement, questioned the status of the marina project. Mr. Tanke gave him a brief description of how the Development Commission was the local sponsor for the breakwater at the mouth of Burns Waterway and as a part of the agreement with the Corps, the Commission is obligated to provide a 300 slip marina. It is intended that the Commission will find someone to develop, operate, and maintain the marina. This marina is the same marina in Portage that the Lake Michigan Marina Development Commission is seeking funds for. This LCRBDC is working closely with the city of Portage.

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, March 31.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 by a motion from Clyde Baughard; seconded by Chuck Agnew.

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