

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
 HELD AT 6:30 P.M. THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 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. Ten Commissioners were present. Chairman Doyne acknowledged the death of fellow Commissioner, Donald Duran, a Governor's appointment to the Development Commission. A moment of silence was observed in his memory. Guests were recognized and quorum was declared.

Development Commissioners:

Michael Doyne
 George Carlson
 Clyde Baughard
 John DeMeo
 Doyle Niemeyer
 Charles Agnew
 William Tanke
 Arlene Colvin
 Jerry Pagac
 Jack Swike

Staff:

Dan Gardner
 Bruce Stouffer
 Lou Casale
 Sandy Mordus

Visitors:

Pete Zak - South Shore Marina
 Jeff Ewen
 Bob Kasarda - The Times
 John Beckman - NWI Foodbank
 M/M Russ Nance - Portage Port Authority
 Richard Bundy - Salmon Unlmted.
 Bob Hecklinski - NW In Forum
 Dharathula Millender - Gary City Councilwoman
 Charlotte Read - Save the Dunes Council
 Herbert Read - Izaak Walton
 Courtney Van Lopik- Herald News
 R. Frum Jr. - Lefty's Coho

Clyde Baughard made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 25th meeting as presented; Jerry Pagac seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Finance/Policy Committee - Treasurer Doyle Niemeyer presented the current financial status report for September. Mr. Niemeyer made a motion to approve the September claims as presented; Clyde Baughard seconded; motion passed unanimously. Mr. Niemeyer referred to the Current Investments sheet contained in packet. He corrected the 6.1% for Northern Indiana Bank as changed to 6.7%. Investment rate at Mercantile Bank is 7.0%. He stated that the exit interview report from the State Board of Accounts re. the recently audited books for the year 1986 was without negative comment.

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Legislative Committee - Committee Chairman George Carlson referred to letter in packet which staff wrote to Senator Lugar's Office emphasizing the need of the Corps to follow the language as specified in the signed bill. A letter was received from Mr. John Doyle, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army which addressed this concern and allows for completion of engineering on the 3A plan. Cost cutting alternatives will still be considered. Discussion ensued as to what those cost cutting measures would consist.

Mr. Gardner stated he would invite the new District Engineer, Col. Jess Franco to the next Development Commission meeting.

Land Acquisition/Management Committee - Committee Chairman Chuck Agnew gave the land acquisition report. He reported that properties closing this month were DC34, DC134 and DC150. A signed option was also received for DC157.

Farm Lease awards - Mr. Agnew made a motion that the Commission accept Harold Evers bid on L100 (117.19 acres @ \$60 per acre), L100A (95.96 acres - bid is increased from \$25 to \$35 per acre) and L101 (43 acres @ \$15 per acre); motion seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Agnew made a motion that the Commission accept Jeff Ewen's bid on L112 (113.8 acres @ \$70 per acre); motion seconded by Arlene Colvin; motion passed unanimously.

It was stated that on the properties that have pumping capability (L100, L100A and L112) there is an additional \$16 per acre pumping charge in addition to lease money. This \$16 charge will be adjustable at the end of the year.

There were two (2) bids received for properties L103, L103A and L103B - Warren Greer (present lessee) and Gary Dunlap. Mr. Agnew made a motion that the Commission accept Gary Dunlap's bid on L103 (27 acres @ \$92 per acre), L103A (179 acres @ \$40.55 per acre) and L103B (8.12 acres at \$82 per acre); motion seconded by Arlene Colvin; motion passed unanimously.

Interim Flood Control Planning Committee - Committee Chairman Arlene Colvin referred to a letter in packet from Bill Henderson, Deputy Lake Co. Surveyor suggesting a joint venture with the Lake County Drainage Board, the Little Calumet River Basin Commission and the Development Commission for an amount of approximately \$50,000 each. This \$150,000 is the preliminary cost estimates

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for the sediment excavation of the Little Calumet River between Indianapolis Blvd. and Kennedy Avenue. She reported the committee had met and reviewed the proposal prior to this meeting. Discussion was held as to the merits of the proposal and suggestions were offered about possible other projects. Arlene Colvin explained that this was the only proposal given to the board and therefore, response must be given to this proposal only. After discussion and upon recommendation from the staff who had consulted the Corps, it was felt that the Commission could not commit the \$50,000 to this project. Mrs. Colvin made a motion for staff to send letter to Mr. Henderson declining participation in a joint venture proposal of this nature; motion seconded by George Carlson; motion passed unanimously. This refusal was due to the fact that the Commission will not receive credit from the Corps toward the overall project, this sediment removal project will serve no benefit in the way of Development Commission monies spent.

An engineering study permit application completed by Ten Ech on Penn Central R.R. culverts is now being submitted to the Lake County Drainage Board for their signature who in turn will submit application to Corps of Engineers in Detroit for approval.

Breakwaters/Marina Committee - Committee Chairman Bill Tanke referred to letters in packet regarding Lefty's Coho Landing requesting the renewal of their lease and the attorney's response letter indicating the Commission will not extend the lease.

Mr. Tanke also referred to letter from Col. Jess Franco, District Engineer of the Army Corps in response to the Commission's letter previously sent to him reiterating the need for breakwaters contract closure.

It was reported a meeting was held with Corps personnel, Midwest Steel and the Development Commission. Midwest Steel has concern regarding the water intake pipe to their plant. Development Commission has concern regarding the contract closure. It was concluded from the meeting that the Corps could declare the project physically complete which would allow the Corps to assume breakwaters maintenance and operation. The project cannot be declared fiscally complete because of outstanding claims against the Corps. Midwest Steel prepared minutes of the meeting and has requested concurrence from the Development Commission and the Corps. Upon acceptance of those minutes, the Corps will send a letter declaring closure. The Corps is doing a final field investigation now.

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Mr. Tanke made a motion for staff to send letter to the Corps asking for timetable, including minimum and maximum time, that this Commission can expect final contract closure; motion seconded by George Carlson; motion passed unanimously.

Discussion was held on an area which contains an obstruction in Burns Waterway. It has been marked by a red buoy by the Portage Port Authority. The Corps must determine exact location of obstruction - if it is in the dredged waterway, they will remove; if it is out of the waterway, they will not assume responsibility. After discussion, staff was instructed to again make the Corps aware of this situation in a letter.

Russ Nance, Portage Port Authority, stated that there has been reported swimming at the breakwaters. Staff will investigate who has authority to post "No Swimming" signs. Mr. Nance also informed the Commission that several lights on the breakwaters were either out or very dim. Staff will notify Coast Guard.

Robert Frum Jr. inquired as to who had jurisdiction on the breakwaters in regard to allowing an operation of a ferry boat to provide public fishing.

Charlotte Read, Save the Dunes Council, inquired as to why the meeting was held with Midwest Steel. Mr. Gardner explained that Midwest has a concern about the water intake pipe integrity. After meeting with them and the Corps, it was felt that those concerns of failure to provide adequate protection for the intake pipe have been met.

Richard Bundy, Salmon Unlimited, stated they had taken a charting of the Burns Waterway ditch and found that the water is 6' deep where as the Corps was suppose to have at least 12' of water.

Herb Read, Izaak Walton League, inquired as to future dredging of clean sediment sand being placed on the beach for erosion control not being started until construction is declared complete and Corps accepts maintenance control. Mr. Gardner confirmed that was correct.

The next meeting was scheduled for 12:00 p.m. noon on Thursday, October 29, 1987. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned 7:55 p.m.

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