

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
 HELD AT 6:30 P.M. THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 1988
 AT THE COMMISSION OFFICES
 8149 KENNEDY AVENUE, HIGHLAND, INDIANA

In Chairman John DeMeo's absence, Vice Chairman Doyle Niemeyer called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. There were seven Commissioners present. Guests were recognized and quorum was declared.

Development Commissioners:

William Critser
 George Carlson
 Charles Agnew
 Jack Swike
 Clyde Baughard
 Doyle Niemeyer
 William Tanke

Staff:

Dan Gardner
 Bruce Stouffer
 Lou Casale
 Sandy Mordus

Visitors:

Ernie Davis - Gary
 Rob Pleva - Lake County Parks
 Planning Dept.
 Jerry Pearson - The Times
 Jim Stankiewicz - Attorney for
 Keith Eller
 Ed Lukowski - Hammond
 Stephen Davis - IN. DNR
 Pete & Mary Ann Zak - South
 Shore Marina
 Harold Mauger - Gary
 Howard Marion - Gary
 Carl Fisher - Portage Park
 Dept. Supt.

A motion was made by Clyde Baughard to approve the minutes of the June 2nd meeting; seconded by Chuck Agnew; motion passed unanimously.

Finance/Policy Committee - In Treasurer Arlene Colvin's absence, Dan Gardner presented the financial report for April as well as the claims. Clyde Baughard made a motion to approve the claims as presented; seconded by George Carlson; motion passed unanimously.

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Legislative Committee - Committee Chairman George Carlson referred to legislative articles contained in the packet. He reported that a letter transmitting latest budget needs and construction schedule update had been prepared for mailing to the area legislators. Mr. Gardner added that before the next budget biennium, we need to schedule a briefing time to meet with legislators so their knowledge/support of the overall project would be strong. After the November election, there may also be some new legislators that need to be brought up to date.

Mr. Gardner stated that Congressman Visclosky has met with Robert Page, Sec. of the Army Civil Works, and reiterated strong support for complete levee protection for Gary.

Land Acquisition/Management Committee - Committee Chairman Chuck Agnew reported the property closings of DC60, DC86 and DC115.

The attorney is awaiting the title update on the Erie R.R. bridge ownership.

Mr. Agnew reported that the land liability insurance renewal is now due. The premium from Allanson Insurance has increased from \$10,521 in 1988 to \$13,890 in 1989. Although the liability coverage also increased from \$1 million to \$2 million coverage, the attorney is checking into it to see whether the \$2 million is necessary. A motion to renew the insurance pending modification by the attorney was made by Chuck Agnew; seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Agnew reported that staff is meeting with Illiana Fence tomorrow because the fencing they put in behind IXL Trailer Court was set for the wrong boundary lines. Illiana will correct the situation and move the fence at their expense.

Mr. Agnew stated that Attorney Jim Stankiewicz joined the Committee meeting and proposed an extension of the current land lease contract for Keith Eller to be through October 1989. The issue was deferred until the next meeting.

Proposals for the placing of a Type 6 Seal Coat on the gravel roadway at Lake Etta were sent out to six firms: (1) Palmer's Blacktop Paving, (2) Asphalt Service, (3) Ristich & Sons Asphalt Paving, (4) Standard Paving Company, (5) Kirk Asphalt Corp. and (6) Walsh & Kelly Construction. Two bids were received from Kirk Asphalt Corp. for \$11,058 and Walsh & Kelly Const. for \$19,200. Mr. Agnew made a motion to award the contract to Kirk Asphalt for \$11,058; motion seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously.

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Mr. Gardner stated he had met with Lake Station park superintendent Dewey Lemley concerning possible joint venture for park development.

Interim Flood Control Planning Committee - Committee Chairman Clyde Baughard reported on the tour of the project lands that was held on May 21st. It gave the new Commissioners a chance to view the marina area, the breakwaters, leased farm land, Lake Etta, etc.

Mr. Gardner reported he met with the Lake County Surveyor and the Lake County Highway Superintendent. They discussed the permits being secured by the Drainage Board for the dredging of the river from Indianapolis Blvd. to Kennedy and the permit for culvert replacement at Penn Central R.R.

Breakwaters/Marina Committee - Committee Chairman Bill Tanke reported that he, Dan Gardner and Barbara Waxman met with Mayor Maletta to discuss marina issues. It was agreed to by the mayor that the telephone line on the marina site needs to be relocated. The mayor will put together a proposal for relocating it. The approximate cost is around \$200,000; possible removal cost money could be shared equally between the city, the LCRBDC and General Telephone Company.

A motion was made by Bill Tanke to approve the solicitation of bids for development of a marina on the site in Portage; motion seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously. It was stated that a financial capability statement will be required from potential developers.

Mr. Gardner reported he had attended a meeting at Midwest Steel concerning the settling ponds phase-out. Permit approval to dispose of the material on site is being sought. Midwest is looking for support.

It was stated that \$100,000 has been approved for a public fishing site for the Burns Harbor Port for development by the Indiana D.N.R.

Statements from the Floor - Harold Mauger, resident of Gary, spoke about Chase Street culverts and the debris in the river at that point that needs to be cleared out.

Rob Pleva from Lake County Parks Dept. stated that the park dept. has been in discussions with a concessionaire who would like to open an instruction course for horse riding on the property in the vicinity of Lake Etta park. When they have a

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definite proposal for the land, he was asked to submit it to the Land Acquisiton Committee.

Ernie Davis, Black Oak resident and member of the LCRBC, asked whether the Development Commission could help with bridge replacement at Burr St. and Colfax St. He stated that they were now 2 lane bridges and they should be upgraded to 4 lane. Commissioner Jack Swike suggested to Mr. Davis that he write a letter to the County Council urging an increase in the bridge tax fund.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, July 7.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned 7:30 p.m. by a motion from Clyde Baughard; seconded by George Carlson.

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