

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
 HELD AT 6:30 P.M. THURSDAY, JULY 6, 1989
 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 6:40 p.m. There were nine (9) Commissioners present. Quorum was declared and guests were recognized.

Development Commissioners:

Dave Springman
 George Carlson
 Charles Agnew
 Doyle Niemeyer
 Clyde Baughard
 Jerry Pagac
 Arlene Colvin
 William Tanke
 William Critser

Visitors:

Stephen Davis - IDNR
 Jodi Bauer - Lake County
 Parks Dept.
 Robert L. Frum - Lefty's
 Tyrone Dixon - Lefty's
 Richard Bundy - Salmon Unltd.
 Ed Lukowski - Hammond

Staff:

Dan Gardner
 Lou Casale, Attorney
 Sandy Mordus
 Bruce Stouffer

A motion was made by Clyde Baughard to approve the minutes of the June 1st meeting; seconded by Charles Agnew; motion passed unanimously.

Finance/Policy Committee - Treasurer Arlene Colvin presented the financial report for May as well as the claims. There was one additional claim added to the claim sheet. Ms. Colvin made a motion to approve the claims as presented; seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously.

Legislative Committee - Committee Chairman George Carlson referred to the press release contained in the packet issued by Congressman Visclosky's office announcing the House of Representative's Appropriations Committee approval of the \$2.4 million request for the Little Calumet River project. Mr. Gardner stated that Congressman Visclosky is optimistic this amount will be approved by the full House. The appropriations bill then must be marked up in the Senate before actual funding is achieved.

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Mr. Carlson also referred to letters from Senator Richard Lugar addressed to Senator Bennett Johnston, Chairman and Senator Mark Hatfield, Ranking Minority Member of the Subcommittee on Energy and Water for the Senate Committee on Appropriations stating his strong support for Senate appropriation of the \$2.4 million.

Mr. Carlson further stated that staff and attorney has been working with the Corps to develop a workable Local Cooperation Agreement. Staff is waiting for Corps approval on the last revisions made to the Agreement. The Development Commission, as local sponsor, must furnish to the Corps a commitment from the state for their financial support to the project. Maintenance agreements with the cities and towns along the river must also be worked out and signed.

Mr. Gardner informed the Commission that Jan Miller is no longer the Commission's project manager from the Corps. He has been replaced with Captain Thompson of the Corps. He also stated that the Corps is looking for a temporary office to be located in Indiana. Since an office is available in the plaza where NIRPC is located, he has shown it to the Corps. It would be to our advantage to have the Corps office nearby. Staff is hopeful that they will lease the office.

Mr. Gardner informed the Commission that Christine Letts, newly appointed Commissioner for the Indiana Dept. of Transportation (INDOT) met with officials in the NIRPC office for a briefing/tour of the northwest Indiana area. She was informed about how the Little Calumet River project will impact the highways and why we need to work together and coordinate construction.

Since Frank Sullivan, Director of the State Budget Agency, could not attend the Corps presentation, Mr. Gardner suggested setting up a meeting with the budget staff before the next session in order to update the Governor and staff, budget staff and other pertinent officials involved in the project.

Land Acquisition/Management Committee - Committee Chairman Chuck Agnew announced two property closings - DC124 (Homiday) and DC141 (Roosevelt Johnson).

The attorney stated that a court date of August 10th has been set with the Superior Court in Gary for the Commission's right to take action on the Erie R.R. bridge.

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Mr. Agnew made a motion that the Commission cost share with Lake County Parks Dept. for engineering costs for the proposed multi-purpose building. Four bids were received. The lowest bid was \$7,500. The motion was seconded by Jerry Pagac; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Agnew made a motion that any debris or cleanup that needs to be done on Commission property where a contractor/person needs to be hired must identify to the Commission where he plans to dispose of the debris; motion seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously.

Interim Flood Control Committee - Committee Chairman Clyde Baughard informed the Commission the Governor's Office has just declared that the recent flooding did not cause enough damage to qualify the State as a federal disaster area. However, Lake County may be eligible for low interest loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration and the city of Gary will receive some assistance from the Indiana State Board of Health. Lake County would likely be the only county designated for low interest loan eligibility. Damages in the recent June flooding closed Indianapolis Blvd. bridge, Kennedy Ave. bridge, Chase Street bridge and Grant St. bridge. Wicker Park golf course, Optimist Park, Colonial golf course and Bob's Fishing Lake suffered major flooding. Also, the farm lease properties were flooded.

Breakwaters/Marina Committee - Committee Chairman William Tanke reported that a marina work session was held with key personnel and agencies involved in the Portage marina development. As a result from that work session, JJ&R (Commission's project engineering firm) was able to present several concepts for marina development/design to the marina committeemen prior to this evening's regular meeting. JJ&R will expand on those concepts to develop conceptual construction cost estimates and present it to the Commission.

Mr. Tanke referred to a letter written by Charlotte Read (Save the Dunes) to Gov. Bayh stating opposition to sand being potentially sold to Loyola University in Illinois; she contends it should be used for Ogden Dunes beach nourishment. Mr. Tanke made a motion that staff write a letter to the Governor informing him that the sand is available and the Commission would rather see it

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used in Indiana as beach sand replacement but would request that the Governor not restrict the Commission from selling it to Illinois; seconded by George Carlson; motion passed unanimously. Mr. Gardner added that perhaps a cooperative joint approach to sand removal could be worked out with the state with the Governor's help.

Richard Bundy, Salmon Unltd., inquired about the dredging project at Indianapolis Blvd. bridge. He was informed that staff thought the project was complete but would check with the Lake County Drainage Board for verification since it was their contract.

Mr. Bundy also informed the Commission that Representative Paul Hric plans to sponsor a future bill mandating ladders and brighter lighting be placed on future breakwaters.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. The next meeting date was scheduled for August 3.

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