MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
HELD AT 6:30 P.M. THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1989
AT THE COMMISSION OFFICES
8149 KENNEDY AVENUE, HIGHLAND, INDIANA

Chairman John DeMeeo called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.
There were ten (10) Commissioners present. Quorum was declared
and guests were recognized.

Development Commissioners:  
John DeMeeo  
George Carlson  
Charles Agnew  
Doyle Niemeyer  
Clyde Baughard  
William Tanke  
David Springman  
William Critser  
Jerry Pagac  
Arlene Colvin

Visitors:  
Ed Lukowski - Hammond  
Pete Zak - South Shore Marina  
Mary Jane Zak - "  
Richard Wawrzynek - IDNR  
Steve Davis - IDNR  
Ann Wheeler - Hammond  
Larry Bellar - Crown Eng.  
Cynthia Graham - DDH Corp.  
Jerry Castle - Castle Estates, Munster

Staff:  
Dan Gardner  
Lou Casale, Attorney  
Sandy Mordus  
Bruce Stouffer

A motion was made by Clyde Baughard to approve the minutes of the
August 3rd meeting; seconded by Arlene Colvin; motion passed
unanimously.

Finance/Policy Committee - Treasurer Arlene Colvin presented the
financial report for July as well as the claims. An error on the
claim sheet was corrected to read "Lawrence & Mary Hutchinson"
instead of "Lawrence & Mary Hutchin". Ms. Colvin made a motion
to approve the claims; motion seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion
passed unanimously. Ms. Colvin informed the Commission she had
attended the meeting in which the State Board of Accounts
announced their findings on their audit for years 1987 and 1988.
There were no significant findings. Two items suggested were (1)
to use State approved checks and receipts and (2) instead of
rolling over the investment notes, they should be withdrawn,
entered into the books and then re-deposited. Staff stated it
would comply; a formal written response to the audit was not
filed with the State Board of Accounts.
Legislative Committee - Dan Gardner informed Commission that the $2.4 million to begin Federal construction is still in both House and Senate budgets. Approval is expected. Mr. Gardner also stated that we have not had any further meetings with the Corps in regard to the Local Cooperation Agreement. The Corps has the latest revisions. Mr. Paul Benkowski from the Corps has just informed Attorney Casale that it still is not finalized.

Mr. Gardner informed the Commission that the State Budget Committee will be touring and meeting in northwest Indiana on Wednesday, September 27th. They will meet in the NIRPC offices with the LCRBDC and the LMMDC. Commissioners who wish to attend are invited.

Land Acquisition/Management Committee - Committee member Doyle Niemeyer reported that closing of DC214 will be scheduled shortly. Attorney Casale reported on the Erie R.R. bridge property condemnation. He stated that the court appointed 3 appraisers to re-appraise the property. Their findings are due in by October 12. At that time, the Commission can pay into court the amount of money agreed upon and the Commission will then receive a clerk's deed on the property. Mr. Casale will keep the Commission informed.

Mr. Niemeyer made a motion to roll over the existing farm leases for one more year contingent upon current leases being paid up to date by September 30; motion seconded by Jerry Pagac; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Niemeyer reported that the process of rebidding for the construction of the maintenance bldg. at Lake Etta is ongoing. Bid opening is scheduled for October 2. At the next meeting, it is hopeful that a contractor can be selected.

Staff is also working with the Lake County Parks Dept. and architect in drafting up plans for the multi-purpose building at Lake Etta.

Mr. Gardner reported he attended a meeting in Gary on August 10 with Gary city officials and Bill Shrewsberry, Assistant to the Governor for Local Affairs, in which Black Oak sewers were discussed. The Little Calumet River flood control project will be the first step in the start of the improvements in the Black Oak area. Sewers are a major issue and the Sanitary District wants to coordinate with us. The importance of sewers in this area needs to be impressed upon the state.
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Interim Flood Control Committee - Dan Gardner stated he has
received a copy of a letter from John Simpson, DNR Director
Div. of Water, to Ten Ech stating a new application submittal is
required for the Conrail Railroad crossing due to changes in the
construction plans. Ten Ech has subsequently filed a new
application.

Breakwaters/Marina Committee - Committee Chairman William Tanke
reported that a marina committee meeting had been held and it was
felt that the concept plan needed to be approved before proceed-
ing any further. Mr. Tanke made a motion to approve the concept
of the JJ&R plan; motion seconded by George Carlson; motion
passed unanimously. Discussion ensued on financial figures
provided by JJ&R, parking under NIPSCO lines, relocation of
pipelines, launch lanes being located off site and sand removal.
Jerry Pagac stated that if DNR participates, up to 75% of the
funding of the launch lanes could be borne by them; however, it
would be more desirable to have the launch ramps located on
site. Another meeting needs to be scheduled with NIPSCO.

Mr. Gardner stated he attended a meeting at the Port of Indiana
on September 1st in which Bart Peterson, assistant to the
Governor, was present. Sand removal was the subject of that
meeting. Since the statement issued by the Governor's Office
stating that Indiana sand should not go to Illinois but should
remain in Indiana, other means of sand removal need to be
pursued. It was discussed whether Federal dollars would be
available for beach nourishment as part of the Corps breakwater
contract. Staff will pursue. A cost estimate of $720 was
provided by the Geological Survey Dept. of the DNR to cover
expenses of augering and sampling the sand at the proposed marina
site. Jerry Pagac made a motion to authorize and cover the cost
to have sand borings taken; motion seconded by Bill Tanke; motion
passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at
7:40 p.m. The next meeting date was scheduled for October 5,
1989.

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