

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
 HELD AT 6:30 P.M. THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 1990
 AT THE COMMISSION OFFICES
 8149 KENNEDY AVENUE, HIGHLAND, INDIANA

In the Chairman's absence, Vice-Chairman Doyle Niemeyer called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Seven (7) Commissioners were present. Quorum was declared and guests were recognized.

Development Commissioners:

George Carlson
 Doyle Niemeyer
 Clyde Baughard
 David Springman
 Arlene Colvin
 Bill Critser
 Charles Agnew

Visitors:

Jodi Dickey - Lake County
 Parks Dept.
 Ola Kennedy - Lake Co. Parks
 Board member
 Pete Zak - South Shore Marina
 Mary Jane Zak - "
 Steve Davis - IDNR
 Dick Wawryziniak - IDNR

Staff:

Dan Gardner
 Lou Casale, Attorney
 Sandy Mordus
 Bruce Stouffer

A motion was made by Clyde Baughard to approve the minutes of the January 4th meeting; seconded by Arlene Colvin; motion passed unanimously.

The Nominating Committee Chairman Chuck Agnew stated that the committee (John DeMeo, Bill Critser and himself) had met and he made the following nominations for 1990 officers:

Chairman - Doyle Niemeyer
 Vice Chairman - Arlene Colvin
 Treasurer - Clyde Baughard
 Secretary - William Critser

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A motion was made by Chuck Agnew to elect Doyle Niemeyer as Chairman; seconded by Bill Critser; motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Chuck Agnew to elect Arlene Colvin as Vice Chairperson; seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Chuck Agnew to elect Clyde Baughard as Treasurer; seconded by Arlene Colvin; motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Chuck Agnew to elect Bill Critser as Secretary; seconded by Dave Springman; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Niemeyer assumed the position as Chairman. He gave a brief acceptance speech thanking the Commissioners for their trust in him and stating he was looking forward to a promising, busy year with construction scheduled to start in mid-1990.

Finance/Policy Committee - Treasurer Arlene Colvin presented the financial report for November as well as the claims. Ms. Colvin made a motion to approve the pending claims; motion seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Colvin presented the 1990 Operating Budget. She announced the changes: the Administrative budget remains the same as in 1989; two changes were made in the Land Acquisition budget. They were (1) Line #412 Professional/Consultant Services - Increase of \$50,000 in order to cover staff charges from the Redevelopment Commission regarding relocation and to cover expenses possibly incurred if an engineering consultant were hired to review Corps work when project begins and (2) Line #413 Land Purchase Costs - amount changes to reflect '89 appropriation funds of \$2 million and current land acquisition monies being drawn upon (actual relocation costs will come from this line). Ms. Colvin made a motion to approve the 1990 Operating Budget as presented; motion seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Colvin stated the Commission has received the final accounting of the State Board of Accounts audit report for years 1987 and 1988. Audit comments listed were to record investment rollovers and preference made on using State Brd. of Accounts check and receipts. No outstanding findings were recorded.

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Legislative Committee - Committee Chairman George Carlson referred to the letter contained in packet to Col. Franco indicating the Development Commission's commitment to the signature of the revised Local Cooperation Agreement (November, 1989 version).

Mr. Gardner informed the Commission that he is preparing and will be mailing the LCRBDC financial capability analysis to the Corps. This is a document the Corps is requesting; it will accompany the LCA to Washington.

Staff will also be coordinating a contract signing/groundbreaking ceremony for construction start. Mr. Gardner is suggesting the signing take place here rather than Washington. Since the first phase construction will begin in Gary, a logical place would be the I.U. conference center in Gary. The Vice President, Senators, Congressman, legislators, county commissioners/council, county offices, mayors and public officials, DNR, other interested agencies/persons plus all news media will be invited. Coordination with Evelyn Shealy of the Corps will be ongoing and a date and time will be scheduled shortly.

Mr. Gardner stated that through the entirety of the project, an escrow bank account will be set up with the Corps. The Finance Committee will oversee this - banks will be solicited for best rates (the same procedure that we now follow).

Land Acquisition/Management Committee - Committee Chairman Chuck Agnew reported that a clerk's deed has been received relative to the ownership of the Erie R.R. bridge at Indpls Blvd. The bridge is now in the Development Commission's ownership. Staff will contact city of Hammond and schedule a Basin Commission meeting to pursue the removing of piers under the bridge to allow for better flow.

Attorney Lou Casale informed the Commission that although he has talked to Keith Eller's attorney twice, we still do not have a signed lease with him. Mr. Agnew made a motion that if the lease is not signed on or before February 1, we will assume that Keith Eller does not wish to lease the property for 1990; motion seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously. Attorney will send letter to that effect with copy to his attorney.

Mr. Agnew made a motion to reject the only bid that was received on the farm land lease at 35th & Grant. The bid was for \$4,446 which is more than \$3,500 less than was previously received for that property. Motion was seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously.

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Mr. Agnew made a motion to approve the monies for the multi-purpose building at Lake Etta up to \$111,208; payment contingent upon signing of contract with JMA, Inc. of Griffith. Since the Lake County Park Dept. has consented to building the maintenance building themselves (with the Commission paying for cost of material, estimated to be about \$10,000), it allows more money to go toward the building of the multi-purpose building. Motion was seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously.

Breakwaters/Marina Committee - In Committee Chairman William Tanke's absence, Dan Gardner gave the report. He stated that there were three marina permit applications before the DNR at present. The Portage Port Authority also has a dredging permit application before them. Mr. Gardner will be attending the DNR hearing regarding the approval of these permits. Although the Development Commission is on record stating it is supportive of private marina development in the Portage-Burns Waterway (as long as it is consistent with waterway capacity, adequate safety and maintenance provisions and applicable environmental considerations), it needs to be pointed out that the Commission is committed to providing a +300 slip public access marina facility. Mr. Gardner is also discussing the issue with Richard Carlson from the Corps so he is aware of the situation.

Mr. Gardner stated he has met with NIPSCO staff and there are still some concerns they have. He will be contacting JJ&R to schedule another meeting with them, NIPSCO and himself.

Mr. Gardner also is in contact with the union officials obtaining approval, working to allow the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Unit to remove the sand on the marina site.

Mr. Gardner announced that Jerry Pagac is assuming a new position as Director of Indiana State Parks. It is not known at this time who will be his replacement.

Doyle Niemeyer congratulated Arlene Colvin on her re-appointment to the Commission by the city of Gary. Her new term will be for four years.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

The next meeting date was scheduled for February 1, 1990.