

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
 HELD AT 6:30 P.M. THURSDAY, JUNE 7, 1990
 AT THE COMMISSION OFFICES
 8149 KENNEDY AVENUE, HIGHLAND, INDIANA

Chairman Doyle Niemeyer called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Seven (7) Commissioners were present. Quorum was declared and guests were recognized.

Development Commissioners:

George Carlson
 Doyle Niemeyer
 Clyde Baughard
 Dave Springman
 Steve Davis
 Arlene Colvin
 Nathaniel Leonard

Visitors:

Frank Mauck - landowner
 Alice Williams - landowner
 Pete Zak - South Shore Marina
 Mary Jane Zak - " "
 Ola Kennedy - Lake County
 Park Board
 Charles Petterson - Hammond
 City Councilman

Staff:

Dan Gardner
 Lou Casale, Attorney
 Sandy Mordus
 Bruce Stouffer

A motion was made by Clyde Baughard to approve the minutes of the May 3rd meeting; seconded by David Springman; motion passed unanimously.

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

Legislative Committee - Committee Chairman George Carlson announced that a request for \$3 million from the Build Indiana Fund was made to the State Budget Agency. This is the same budget request that would normally be made in the 1991-92 biennium. Mr. Gardner informed the Commission that last year's

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\$2 million that was received from the State came from the Build Indiana Fund rather than the General Fund. Along with the request, a description of the project and past support letters were mailed.

At the Water Resources Council meeting held May 15th in Indianapolis, the Department of Natural Resources gave overall project approval of the Little Calumet River Flood Control/Recreation project. With that approval, the river is no longer a regulated drain under the Lake County Drainage Board but their authority is transferred to the Development Commission. Mr. Gardner stated he attended the council meeting. A meeting was held with the Drainage Board to discuss the coordination and the responsibilities of that new authority.

Mr. Gardner stated that a project review/approval of the Commission's financial capability will be held June 13th in Washington. Mr. Gardner will be present at that meeting to answer any questions that may arise in regard to the Commission's financial position. This review must be held before the project is actually started. After this Washington hearing, it is expected that a date will be identified for the signing ceremony, probably in July.

Mr. Gardner announced that Col. Franco will be leaving the Corps this month. The change-over ceremony will be held Friday, June 29th. The new colonel is Randall Inouye.

Land Acquisition/Management Committee - In Committee Chairman Chuck Agnew's absence, Arlene Colvin gave the report. She reported nine closings this month: D2207, DC249, DC250, DC277, DC279, DC287, DC290, DC295 and DC325.

Ms. Colvin stated that the Land Acquisition Committee recommends an additional amount of \$5,000 be paid to King Charles Brown, DC309. We are compromising between his appraisal price and the Commission's appraisal amount. Ms. Colvin made a motion to approve the revision on DC309 making the new offered price \$18,527 (instead of \$13,527); motion seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Colvin then made a motion to approve the replacement housing settlement in the amount of \$7,578 plus \$750 for moving expenses for DC309; motion seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously.

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It was stated that construction is ongoing on the multi-purpose building at Lake Etta. The exterior is now completed and the interior is in process.

In regard to the proposed floodproofing of homes along Burr St., Ms. Colvin stated the Commission has received a letter from the Corps outlining five options for flood protection. As it stands now, there is only non-structural protection planned for Burr St. residents. The Commission, Dept. of Natural Resources and FEMA oppose this. It is felt that levee protection would be the only solution to properly protect that area. A meeting will be scheduled with the city and other officials to discuss which is the best option, both for the maximum flood protection and most cost effective.

Kath Conroy, consultant for recreation planning, is putting together a plan for development of recreational areas using the Gary park land. It is felt that use of those lands can be satisfactorily agreed upon by the city, the Park Dept. and this Commission.

The Corps has two firms that are in the process of taking soil borings at the Gary levee locations. They will take about 140 borings in order to determine quality and suitability of soil for levee reconstruction.

Staff met with the Corps this afternoon for discussion of project items, including Burr St. levee protection, the low flow control structure, relocation, etc.

Interim Flood Control Committee - Committee Chairman Clyde Baughard reported that a contract has been received from Conrail giving permission to the Basin Commission to enlarge the culverts at Martin Luther King Drive. However, it is felt that the contract is very one-sided to their benefit. The attorney has returned the contract to Conrail to have it revised. The contract is important to the Development Commission because at the end of 1990 when the Basin Commission goes out of existence, the Development Commission will assume the responsibilities of the contract.

Audience member Charles Petterson, member of the Basin Commission, informed the Commission he, in his capacity as a Hammond City Councilman, was able to secure the \$18,000 in the budget for pier removal at Erie R.R. bridge at Indpls. He indicated his strong desire to continue on in an advocacy group to the Commission after the Basin Commission ends.

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It was stressed that it was important for local government to have a voice in the project. A meeting will be scheduled between the two Commissions. After the project is in place, there must be a plan in place for maintaining the levees. Local officials must recognize that need and support maintenance.

Mr. Gardner announced the changeover ceremony date of July 29th at 10:30 at Navy Pier to install the new Col. Randall Inouye and say farewell to Col. Jesse Franco.

Breakwaters/Marina Committee - In Committee Chairman William Tanke's absence, Dan Gardner gave report. He stated several people/firms have been talking to him about the development of the public marina. No new proposal has been given to the Commission yet but it is hopeful that one will develop.

Mr. Gardner referred to the handout of Mayor Maletta's request to the Build Indiana Fund in behalf of a public marina in Portage.

There has been no progress on the sand removal issue. Staff is still working with the Governor's staff. Funds are in place from DNR for the purpose of testing sand at the marina site to determine its suitability, to obtain necessary permits needed, and to use remaining monies to excavate/transport/deposit sand as beach nourishment.

Staff is continuing to seek to resolve the problems with obtaining a union waiver to allow the U.S. Marine Reserve participation.

Statements from the floor - Frank Mauck, landowner of property in Black Oak, expressed concern about lack of communication to the property owners along Burr St. in regard to floodproofing their homes. There has been one contact from the Corps and no follow-up. Discussion was held. Mr. Gardner updated Mr. Mauck on the Commission's desire to have a levee protect those homes rather than floodproofing measures. As soon as it is determined as to how Burr St. homes will be protected, effort will be made to inform those residents.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. The next meeting was scheduled for July 5, 1990.

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