

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



Chairperson Arlene Colvin called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Ten (10) Commissioners were present. Quorum was declared and guests were recognized.

Development Commissioners:

- Charles Agnew
- Clyde Baughard
- Dave Springman
- Steve Davis
- Nathaniel Leonard
- William Critser
- George Carlson
- Arlene Colvin
- John DeMeo
- William Tanke

Visitors:

- Kevin Voigt - The Times
- Pete Zak - South Shore Marina
- Mary Jane Zak - " "
- Cynthia Graham - Dixon Develop
- Dick Wawrzyniak - IDNR
- Sherylin Freeland - Congress-
man Visclosky's Office
- Ola Kennedy - Lake County Park
Board
- Richard Bundy - Salmon Unltd.

Staff:

- Dan Gardner
- Lou Casale, Attorney
- Bruce Stouffer
- Sandy Mordus

A motion was made by Clyde Baughard to approve the minutes of the September 6th meeting; motion seconded by George Carlson; motion passed unanimously.

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

Legislative Committee - Committee Chairman George Carlson gave the committee report. He referred to our letter transmitting the check for \$160,000 which represents the first local cash contribution for the project. He also referred to the Corps letter requesting the second local cash contribution of \$195,000 to be placed in the escrow account.

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Mr. Carlson stated that at the request of the Congressman's Office, a seminar/workshop had been scheduled for Monday, October 29th at I.U. Northwest. The workshop will cover the bidding procedures relative to the construction of the project. The seminar would be aimed at contractors who might possibly desire federal contracts and this would enable them to be informed of what type of contracts would be forthcoming and how to proceed with filing a bid with the federal government. Sherylin Freeland from the Congressman's Office informed us that registration started at 8:30 and the workshop begins at 9:00. Over 130 notices were sent out to local businesses.

Mr. Carlson informed the Commission that a the Build Indiana Fund has appropriated \$1.5 million to the Development Commission. A hearing date of October 18th has been scheduled for the State Budget Agency. Mr. Gardner will testify that \$3 million in total is needed in this biennium to be able to satisfy the Corps as the project moves along. The Capital Review Committee has recommended a specific amount to be appropriated. There were about six agencies recommended to receive money, one of which was the Development Commission. Mr. Gardner will invite the LTC Inouye to the hearing, as well as staff from the Congressman's Office and Senator's Office.

Mr. Gardner also informed the Commission that the Building Indiana Capital Projects Review Committee also recommended funds of \$3 million for Black Oak sanitary sewers.

Land Acquisition/Management Committee - Committee Chairman Chuck Agnew announced that two properties (DC246 and DC248) had closed this month. Of the total 198 lots required, we have acquired 83 to date or 42%.

Mr. Agnew made a motion to make an offer to Howard Marion at 3302 Colfax for the appraisal price of his home. Because the Commission has supported levee protection on Burr St., Mr. Marion's property is now needed; motion seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Agnew made a motion to increase replacement housing cost by \$1,700 on DC233; motion seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Agnew to approve an easement to the city of Portage for construction of a sewer line to run across Commission property up to Midwest Steel; motion seconded by Nathaniel Leonard. After discussion, the motion was tabled until such a time that more information can be given and until we receive a plan and profile on the easement. Motion died.

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Mr. Agnew then made a motion to approve an easement to Gary Hobart for a water line. Gary Hobart already had an easement with the State Highway. The agreement just transfers the easement rights from the Development Commission instead of the State Highway; motion seconded by Bill Tanke; motion passed unanimously.

It was reported that the Corps of Engineers has awarded the first contract relative to the flood control/recreation project. The contract was awarded to Riggins Demolition Company in Gary for the removal of two homes and one burnout. ✓

National Lakeshore concept plan was distributed to all members. Discussion took place on the plans outlined. Mr. Gardner will forward comments on to National Lakeshore office.

Interim Flood Control Committee - Committee Chairman Clyde Baughard reported that the Basin Commission will meet on October 22nd. It is anticipated that they will sign the final draft of the Conrail Agreement so project can proceed. The attorney has mailed the final draft to Conrail but it has not been returned as yet. The Development Commission will assume the responsibility of the project after December 31 (when the Basin Commission ceases to exist). He also stated that an agreement would have to be put in place in order to transfer unspent funds from the Basin Commission to the Development Commission on December 31, 1990.

Breakwaters/Marina Committee - Committee Chairman William Tanke gave report. He informed Commission that the 2nd annual report "Burns Waterway Small Boat Harbor Monitoring Program" for Porter County, IN has been received. It outlines detailed erosion data that the Corps monitors.

Mr. Gardner reported he has talked to the Governor's Office about setting up another meeting to find a solution to the problem of sand removal. He will keep Commission informed.

The city of Portage and the Lake Michigan Marina Development Commission has been recommended to receive \$5 million from the Build Indiana Fund. With the marina money already earmarked for Portage and with an additional \$1 million, the city has expressed interest in pursuing the public marina itself. Mr. Tanke expressed his concern that we are not making progress fast enough for the Corps.

Discussion ensued on sand borings. Mr. Gardner stated that there is \$44,500 earmarked for this from the DNR. It was the general feeling that borings should be taken. Bill Tanke made a motion instructing the Secretary to secure quotes for the cost of sand borings; motion seconded by Bill Critser; motion passed unanimously.

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Statements from the floor - Richard Bundy, Salmon Unlimited, informed the Commission that when Lefty's sold out their marina, they took down the fence and gate that secured the property on the east side of the waterway. Staff will investigate and check on the best way to secure.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m. The next meeting was scheduled for November 1, 1990.

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