

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
 HELD AT 6:30 P.M. WEDNESDAY, JULY 3, 1991  
 AT THE COMMISSION OFFICES  
 8149 KENNEDY AVENUE, HIGHLAND, INDIANA

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Chairperson Arlene Colvin called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Nine (9) Commissioners were present. Quorum was declared and guests were recognized.

Development Commissioners:

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

Visitors:

Pete Zak - South Shore Marina  
 Dick Wawrzyniak - DNR  
 Tim Zorn - Post Tribune

Staff:

Dan Gardner  
 Lou Casale, Attorney  
 Bruce Stouffer  
 Sandy Mordus  
 Dave Stratman  
 Betty Burrus

A motion was made by Clyde Baughard to approve the minutes of the June 6th meeting; motion seconded by Bill Critser; motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director's Report: Mr. Gardner reported that the committee met to review the proposals received from engineering firms relative to the Commission's selection of a project engineer to oversee Corps construction of the levees. Out of the ten proposals received, four (4) firms were selected for final review. Those four firms are: R.W. Armstrong from Merrillville; Butler, Fairman and Seufert from Merrillville; Cole Associates from Merrillville; and McDonough Associates from Hammond. The next step in the selection process is to have the committee meet individually with the four firms. They will have about 20 minutes each with each firm - the interviews will start at 6:00 p.m. on July 10. Staff will schedule.



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Mr. Gardner reported he attended a meeting with the State Highway Department on June 18th. He happily reported that the Indianapolis Bridge construction over the river will be on the 1992 project list for the Highway Dept. rather than in 1995 which was originally scheduled. The Commission was always maintained that the bridge reconstruction and the Indianapolis Blvd. interchange reconstruction needs to be coordinated and performed at the same time. Mr. Gardner also reported that the Highway Dept. feels the responsibility of reconstructing the culvert at Georgia St. under the Borman lies with the city of Gary. Research is underway.

Mr. Gardner reported that the State Highway Dept. has gotten quotes from contractors for the cleaning of Indianapolis Blvd. bridge at the river. Since the quotes were quite high, the Dept. is considering possibly doing the work themselves. They are scheduling an inspection. Mr. Gardner stressed to them the high priority of removing debris from the bridge.

Mr. Gardner informed the Commission that it has been reported that some Corps offices would be closing. Concern is that if Chicago office would close, the closest office that would coordinate the project would be New Buffalo. Mr. Baughard made a motion to adopt a resolution supporting the continuation of the Chicago District office; motion seconded by Charles Agnew; motion passed unanimously. The resolution would be sent to the Congressman, Senators and to the Corps offices.

Mr. Gardner informed the Commission that at 10:30 Friday, July 5th at I.U. Northwest, the Corps and the selected contractor that will be doing the second demolition project will sign a contract to allow demolition to proceed.

Finance/Policy Committee - Treasurer Clyde Baughard presented the financial status report for June as well as the claims. He made a minor change to the claim sheet - changing the amount of \$400 to \$450 for William Tanke for per diem. Mr. Baughard made a motion to approve the pending claims; motion seconded by William Critser; motion passed unanimously. Mr. Tanke questioned the claim to Carpetland for \$1,525.82. He was informed the cost was for floor tile (originally it was concrete) in the maintenance building at Lake Etta.

Legislative Committee - Committee Chairman George Carlson reported that the 1991/93 biennium budget has been approved for the Development Commission for \$2 million.

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Mr. Gardner referred to the news article in the packet that lists the budget items passed by the House of Representatives. In it lists \$400,000 for a levee to prevent flooding of Wicker Park Manor in Highland. Mr. Carlson questioned the wisdom of raising one side of the levee but not the other side. He felt that the protection that was sought for Highland by raising the levee on just the Highland side would increase the risk of floodwater flowing over the levee into Hammond on the Hammond side. Mr. Gardner stated that the DNR and the Corps must certify that there will be no impact or negative effect.

Interim Flood Committee - Committee Chairman Clyde Baughard reported that the Conrail culverts replacement project has been rebid. Advertisements are now running and bid opening date is scheduled for July 25th at 2:00 p.m. the change that was made to the bid specs is that the concrete bedding placed over peat material was eliminated and now calls for excavation of the peat down to clay and backfilled with suitable material.

He further reported that quotes have been received on the Erie R.R. bridge cleaning - both for removing entire bridge, removing piers only and just cleaning under bridge. The four quotes received for debris removal only were:

Clark Material Handling	\$2,500
Lyles & Sons Excavating	\$8,000
Reagins Demolition & Excavating	\$3,321
South Shore Marina	\$2,175

Mr. Baughard made a motion to award the contract for cleaning under the Erie bridge to South Shore Marina; motion seconded by Chuck Agnew; motion passed unanimously. Motion contingent upon Commission approval of where debris will be disposed and repair must be made to the levee if any damage occurs.

Land Acquisition Committee - Committee Chairman Chuck Agnew reported that an INDOT departmental transfer needed to be in place before first phase levee construction could begin. INDOT is requiring a resolution from the Commission before that agreement can be drawn up. Attorney Casale briefly read the resolution he prepared. Mr. Agnew made a motion to adopt the resolution; motion seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously.

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Mr. Gardner reported that a meeting was held between Wicker Park/Woodmar C.C./Corps officials in order to work out an agreeable solution to levee alignment. Another work session will be scheduled to answer alignment questions. A meeting with the Corps also took place this month regarding land acquisition right-of-way. The Commission asked the Corps that at least 3 - 6 months notice for acquisition for future construction phases be given. Mr. Stouffer stated that as late as two weeks ago, the Corps informed us that perpetual easements were needed from NIPSCO. NIPSCO is agreeable and will work with us but with the time factor involved before the 1st phase construction contract is awarded, there is not much time for the legalities.

Mr. Gardner reported that the DNR permit for construction should be issued shortly.

Marina Committee - Committee Chairman Bill Tanke stated that the sandmining permit has been approved at the Portage Public Works meeting just held. Mr. Casale stated he had drawn up a contract for Dyer/Superior to sign; Superior has the contract now for review.

Mr. Tanke instructed staff to keep a separate account of all monies spent by Commission relative to the public marina site. When a joint agreement is signed by the city of Portage and the Development Commission, monies expended by this Commission will be reimbursed by the city upon completion and operation by the city. Mr. Tanke reported that the attorney has presently submitted a re-draft of the Joint Venture Agreement with the city of Portage and the Commission for the development of the public marina facility.

Mr. Tanke referred to a letter from the city of Portage Port Authority requesting the Commission's share in the cost of preparation of the Environmental Assessment of the cumulative impacts of proposed dredging and development along Burns Waterway in Portage. The Commission's share is \$8,802.50. Mr. Tanke made a motion to approve payment of the \$8,802.50 & forward the check to the city; motion seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously. Vacation of roadway is proceeding.

Mr. Gardner reminded Commissioners about Kennedy Avenue interchange closing.

Statements to the Board from the Floor - None

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. The next meeting date was set for August 1, 1991.

