

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
HELD AT 6:30 P.M. THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1991
AT THE COMMISSION OFFICES
8149 KENNEDY AVENUE, HIGHLAND, INDIANA

Chairperson Arlene Colvin called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. Eight (8) Commissioners were present. Quorum was declared and guests were recognized.

Development Commissioners:

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

Visitors:

Pete Zak - South Shore Marina
 Mary Jane Zak - " "
 Richard Bundy - Salmon Unltd.
 John Bach - Town of Highland
 Bill Leets - Hobart
 Herb Read - Izaak Walton
 James Flora - R.W. Armstrong
 Dick Wawrzyniak - DNR, Div. of
 of Water
 Bob Huffman - Munster

Staff:

Dan Gardner
 Lou Casale
 Sandy Mordus

The minutes of the October 3rd, 1991 meeting were amended to reflect that Commissioner John DeMeo was present at the meeting (his name had been deleted from attendance list) and that Bill Critser was not present at the meeting (his name was listed as present). The minutes were approved by a motion from Clyde Baughard; motion seconded by Dave Springman; motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director's Report: Mr. Gardner invited all Commissioners to attend the groundbreaking ceremony for the first phase construction to be held at 10:00 a.m. Friday, November 8th. It will be held at north Gleason Park off Broadway in Gary.

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Mr. Gardner referred to letter from FEMA to the town of Highland regarding the federal decision to not participate in a buyout program. Mr. Gardner further stated that the Commission will pursue the Section 215 and work toward funding the interim levee at Wicker Park Manor following the four conditions adopted by the Board. He further stated that SEG was selected by DNR as the consultant to design the interim levee. A scoping meeting was held with SEG, the Corps, DNR, town of Highland to discuss the design. Pursuance of the 215 cannot be completed until there is a design sketch plan.

Mr. Gardner further stated he needs to meet with the Governor's office to talk about what they can provide to us in terms of commitment. Since it was the state that came to the Commission looking for funding, they should be able to make a commitment for repayment of monies. A lengthy discussion was held regarding the issue.

Federal flood control project report: Phase II DNR permit review is ongoing. Dyer Construction is on the site working on Phase I construction. They are doing some preliminary ditch work that will precede actual levee construction.

Mr. Gardner attended a meeting at the Corps office addressing the issue of "value engineering recreation planning". He referred to Corps correspondence stating the changes in recreation planning for a savings of over \$2 million. The proposed changes will pose minimal loss to the recreation portion. The Commission has approved the changes. Changes are (1) eliminate Site 4 as a recreation area. Improve Site 5 by adding amenities such as handicapped parking, picnic areas, grills & landscaping; (2) reduce the size & height of observation deck at Site 5; (3) place comfort station at Site 2 closer to parking lot to shorten utility runs, and (4) eliminate electrical service to comfort stations at Sites 1 & 2.

Mr. Gardner informed Commission he met with Gary officials on October 11th to discuss the storm drainage/sewers in Black Oak.

Mr. Gardner stated he made a presentation to the Munster citizens who live along the river at the Munster Town Hall. The meeting was scheduled at the request of the town officials. The Corps was also present.

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Mr. Gardner introduced Jim Flora from R. W. Armstrong, our project engineer, who briefly addressed the Board. He stated he had reviewed plans and specifications for the first phase and has had conversations with the Corps regarding such. Mr. Flora highlighted 4 items of concern to him: They are (1) long term settlement of the levee and what could be expected as to maintenance problems to the Commission; (2) culvert under Harrison Street; (3) borrow site supplied by the government; and (4) vandalism that may occur regarding settlement points installed in the ground for gate wells. These issues would be pursued with the Corps technical staff for further detail.

Finance/Policy Committee - Treasurer Clyde Baughard presented the financial status report for October as well as the claims. Mr. Baughard made a motion to approve the pending claims; motion seconded by John DeMeo; motion passed unanimously. Mr. Baughard will schedule a finance meeting before the next monthly meeting to talk about the 1992 budget.

Land Acquisition/Management Committee - Committee Chairman Chuck Agnew gave the land acquisition report. Mr. Agnew made a motion instructing the attorney to proceed with condemnation for needed Phase II properties. They are DC116 (Kensey), DC117 (Davis) and DC360 (Busch Raymond). Motion was seconded by John DeMeo; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Agnew made a motion to roll over the existing lease with Marquette Yacht Club for the same monies to cover the boating season of 1992; motion seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Agnew made a motion to enter into an agreement with the Corps to allow right-of-entry upon Commission land to perform tests for pre-consolidation contingent upon property being verified it is indeed Commission-owned and agreement must be approved by attorney; motion seconded by John DeMeo; motion passed unanimously.

Legislative Committee - Mr. Gardner announced staff would be doing a legislative update in the near future to be mailed to all area legislators, especially the new ones who have not been involved in the planning stages of the project, outlining what the Commission financial needs will be in the future.

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Interim Flood Committee - Committee Chairman Clyde Baughard reported that Dyer Construction is on site and ready to begin the culvert replacement project at ConRail the beginning of the week.

He also reported that Hammond and Highland are pursuing removing the sediment from the river at Indianapolis Blvd. site. John Bach, Public Works Director for the town of Highland, informed the Commission that all permits are in hand and when the weather breaks, Dyer Construction is ready to work. They have their equipment at the site.

Marina/Breakwater Committee - In Committee Chairman Bill Tanke's absence, Mr. Gardner reported that the trip to St. Joseph, MI to view several marinas was very informative. John Hannon from Portage accompanied several Commissioners on the outing.

He also reported that another meeting was held with NIPSCO in regard to their property on marina site. The Mayor was also present. Steps to acquire the surplus NIPSCO property will be started by the attorney. Mr. Casale will contact appraisers to assign an appraised value to the property.

Mr. Gardner also stated that several engineering firms will be solicited, in addition to public legal announcement, in order to secure an engineering/financial analysis plan for the Portage public marina. The solicitation will address five points: (1) project development layout, (2) preliminary engineering feasibility detailing project facilities and features, (3) material specifications and cost estimates of facilities proposed suitable for preparing construction specifications; (4) prospective financial analysis of project costs, income projections, debt service limits, slip rate/distribution recommendations and a determination of financial feasibility; and (5) recommended project financing scheme with fund amounts and sources identified and project phasing outlined. Mr. Agnew made a motion to approve the solicitation and advertise; motion seconded by Nathaniel Leonard; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Agnew then made a motion to adopt Resolution 91-2 which is a resolution of support urging the Lake Michigan Marina Development Commission to allocate one million dollars to the city of Portage from the Commission's 1991-93 biennial budget appropriation for needed public marina development in Portage; motion seconded by George Carlson; motion passed unanimously.

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Mr. Baughard made a motion to send the draft letter to Frank Sullivan of the State Budget Agency addressing 87/88 monies not yet appropriated to the city of Portage. The letter urged appropriating the remaining \$776,000 to Portage so they could use it toward the public marina project; motion seconded by Dave Springman; motion passed unanimously.

Statements from floor - Herb Read, Izaak Walton, urged the Commission not to lose sight of the recreational green belt corridor along the river. His concern is the open space that is there be perserved. He urged the Commission continuing to secure the green belt right-of-way.

Richard Bundy, Salmon Unltd., expressed his concern about the new Kennedy Avenue interchange design. He feels that the way it is designed, all the water is going to go south and Highland will be inundated with even more water.

John Bach, town of Highland, inquired about the possibility of the consultant, SEG, to attend a session with the Town Council to talk about the design of the interim levee for Wicker Park Manor. Mr. Gardner informed him that it would be a good idea for that to happen and Highland will be included in the entire process of discussions/meetings concerning the levee.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. The next meeting date was set for December 5, 1991.

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