

**MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
HELD AT 6:30 P.M. THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1992
AT THE NIRPC COMMISSION OFFICE
8149 KENNEDY AVENUE
HIGHLAND, INDIANA**

In Chairperson Arlene Colvin's absence, Vice Chairman George Carlson called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Eight (8) Commissioners were present. Quorum was declared and guests were recognized.

Development Commissioners:

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

Staff:

Dan Gardner
Lou Casale
Sandy Mordus
Bruce Stouffer

Visitors:

Virgil Meier - Highland
Donald Shapiro - Highland
Leon Wells - Lake County
Highway Dept.
Allison Galasich - Highland News
Lourdes Castellanos - WJOB News
Bill Petrites - Highland
Siavash Beik - DNR, Div. Water
James Flora - RWarmsstrong
Pete Zak - South Shore Marina
Mary Jane Zak - "
Mike Vander Heyden - Dyer
Construction Co.

The minutes of the November 5th, 1992 meeting were approved by a motion from Clyde Baughard; seconded by John DeMeo; motion passed unanimously.

It was the general feeling of the Commission members that since the Chairman was not here, it should be her responsibility to appoint a Nominating Committee. Therefore, it was decided that she could call and appoint a Nominating Committee by telephone rather than the Vice Chairman appoint a committee. Report will be due at the January meeting.

Executive Director's Report - Mr. Gardner gave an update to the Commission regarding Wicker Park tie back levee project. He informed Commission that information has been received and a letter from DNR confirming it is to their satisfaction that specs have been met, monies due to Dyer Construction can be paid.

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Jim Flora, project engineer from R.W. Armstrong, stated they felt the project was completed satisfactorily to the specs.

Pete Zak from South Shore Marina stated the area under the Erie R.R. bridge has been cleaned out. All debris has been removed and the water flow in that area has no obstructions.

Mr. Gardner talked about additional rip-rap needing to be placed at the low flow control structure at the Conrail R.R. in Gary near Martin Luther King Drive. Since Dyer Construction had originally done the culvert project at that location, they were authorized to add additional rip-rap for an amount of \$2,000. The work has been completed but we are awaiting a written report description from Dyer and a concurrence from the engineering firm, Tenney Pavoni, that the additional repair work is satisfactory.

Finance/Policy Committee - Committee Chairman Clyde Baughard made a motion to approve a budget transfer of \$1,000 from Budget Line Item 5312 (NIRPC Services) to Budget Line Item 5399 (Meeting Expenses) in order to cover all expenses; motion seconded by Chuck Agnew; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Baughard then presented the financial status report for November as well as the claims and made a motion to approve the pending claims; motion seconded by Chuck Agnew; motion passed unanimously.

A finance/policy meeting will be scheduled before the next Commission meeting in order to prepare a 1993 proposed budget. Members will be notified.

Legislative Committee - Mr. Gardner informed the Commissioners that he appeared before the state budget hearing on November 19th in Indianapolis. (The testimony of Col. Reed and Congressman Visclosky is contained in the packet.) He emphasized to the Commissioners that it appears to be a very tough budget year. He is not too hopeful on receiving the requested \$7 million that the Commission feels it needs to stay on schedule with the Corps. Discussion was held on what repercussions would be take place if the Commission were not able to fund our local cost. Mr. Gardner stated that the worse scenario probably would be the delay of the west reach project construction. George Carlson expressed his concern and stressed the importance of receiving as much of the \$7 million as possible. He stressed the need to talk to the appropriate people and especially those legislators that are most familiar with the project.

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Contained in the packet is a copy of the letter to Frank Sullivan, Director of the Budget Agency, requesting release of 1989 monies of Build Indiana Funds. This is a more immediate problem. The Commission has requested release of the \$2 million for drawdown purposes.

Land Acquisition Committee - Land Acquisition Chairman Chuck Agnew made a motion to allow the county to use a parcel of property less than an acre for mitigation purposes as part of the Burr Street bridge replacement; motion seconded by Nathaniel Leonard; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gardner stated staff has met with some of the Gary Park Board members and park staff to discuss needed park lands for the project. Concern was expressed that the Gary Park & Recreation has not yet given the needed lands to the Commission. Staff is pursuing the procurement of an appraiser to appraise the Gleason Park greenhouse.

Project Engineering/Construction Committee - Jim Flora, project engineer from R.W. Armstrong, stated we were awaiting some finalization figures regarding utility relocation from NIPSCO. Some cost estimates have been received and passed onto the Corps for their review, credit and acceptance. We will then pursue the preparation of utility agreements for signature and utility relocation will begin.

Marina/Breakwater Committee - Committee Chairman Bill Tanke made a motion to approve \$920 for the cost of analysis of the 55 gal. drum discovered on the marina site; motion seconded by John DeMeo; motion passed unanimously.

Sandmining will most likely begin again in March/April; below grade sandmining will occur this spring.

We have received no dollar amounts from Abonmarche yet for the next phase engineering contract.

Mr. Tanke made a motion to allow the renewal of the existing lease with Marquette Yacht Club contingent upon the understanding that any restrictions or conditions that Portage Plan Commission/Port Authority puts on the waterway will be solely the responsibility of the Yacht Club - not the Commission's; motion seconded by John DeMeo; motion passed unanimously.

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Other Business - Commissioner Nathaniel Leonard expressed his displeasure on how two Commissioners could not attend the NAUFSMA meeting because the Governor's Office is supposedly replacing them with new members. To date, the Commission has not received new members nor has there been official documentation as to any replacements. Mr. Baughard also expressed his disappointment that staff did not inform him of any pending replacements.

There was no other business. The next Commission meeting was scheduled for Thursday, January 7, 1992 at 6:30 p.m.

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