

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
HELD AT 6:30 P.M. THURSDAY, MAY 7, 1992
AT THE COMMISSION OFFICES
8149 KENNEDY AVENUE, HIGHLAND, INDIANA

Chairperson Arlene Colvin 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
- Charles Agnew
- Dave Springman
- Nathaniel Leonard
- Steve Davis
- Clyde Baughard
- Arlene Colvin
- William Critser

Visitors:

- Pete Zak - South Shore Marina
- Mary Jane Zak - " "
- Briget Gold - Highland
- Donald Shapiro - Highland
- Dominic Vasile - Highland
- Jim Flora - RWArmstrong
- Siavash Beik - DNR, Div. Water
- Ola Kennedy - Lake County
Park Board
- John Bach - Highland Public
Works Dept.

Staff:

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

The minutes of the April 2nd, 1992 meeting were approved by a motion from Clyde Baughard; seconded by William Critser; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gardner referred to the letter contained in the packet from IDNR to Col. Inouye regarding Section 215 requirements. Based on several meetings, there has been some changes and the concept has moved almost totally parallel to the Corps long range plan. This will maximize credit of the project to the Commission. A basic cost estimate was provided by DNR. The work can be done under the existing Corps permit. Corps should be requested now to oversee the project. A grant from SEMA may be available to offset some cost. The remaining issue is one of funding. Mr. Gardner stated that we need to meet with the Governor and staff to talk about cash flow to the Commission.

Commissioner George Carlson still expressed concern about raising the tieback with the C&O Railroad. He was concerned about whose responsibility it was to remove the embankment after the project is in place.

Funding the levee in this area was again discussed. Mr. Gardner assured Commissioners that a future funding commitment must be in place before the Commission will make a commitment for funding.

By the next meeting, the design work of the levee should be complete. Mr. Gardner will stay in contact with all entities and pursue setting up a meeting with the Governor's Office.

Finance/Policy Committee - Committee Chairman 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 Charles Agnew; motion passed unanimously. Mr. Baughard also informed the Commission that the Corps has withdrawn \$120,000 this month from the escrow account.

Land Acquisition Committee - Chairman Charles Agnew made a motion to fund an air conditioning unit from Myers Heating & Cooling to be bolted to a concrete pad at Howard & Sons. Myers gave the lowest quote to the Commission. The motion was seconded by George Carlson; motion passed unanimously. After discussing the issue of whether a chain link fence should be installed around it for security reasons, Mr. Agnew made a motion to get the best quote on fencing and then secure fencing; motion seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Agnew made a motion to increase the offered price on DC286 from \$2,100 to \$3,000; motion seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Agnew made a motion to release the remaining 10% retainer that was held back to Dyer Construction Company. The ConRail culvert replacement project is now complete. The engineer, Tenney Pavoni, has assured the Commission that work has been satisfactorily completed and surrounding area all cleaned. Motion seconded by Nathaniel Leonard; motion passed unanimously.

Project Engineering/Construction Committee - Mr. Gardner referred to the Commission draft letter contained in the packet to be sent to the Corps regarding our request for the geographic project area be designated Lake County, since it most fairly represents the catchment area for application of labor and construction regulations and minority participation goals. Mr. Baughard made a motion to send the letter; Mr. Agnew seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

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Mr. Flora from R.W.Armstrong talked about individual meetings held on April 28th and May 5th with some of the affected utilities. Topics of discussion were the thoroughness and completeness of utility information as shown on Corps maps; the impact of the project on individual utility lines and possible remedial action needed for each; easements, permits, deeds available for utility line locations; the need for utility to prepare a plan and cost estimate of the remedial action required to protect each affected utility line; and the Corps schedule for completion of said plans by the utility. Further utility meetings will be coordinated through Mr. Flora. One issue of concern is the utility schedule being so fast paced. Mr. Gardner will discuss this with the Corps.

The Pre-Bid meeting for Phase II Stage II will be held in our office on May 18th. All contractors on file with the Corps will be contacted.

Mr. Gardner informed the Commission he is working on setting up a meeting with INDOT relative to the Commission's desire for INDOT to raise Grant Street Bridge over the river.

Relative to the demolition contract #3, Nathaniel Leonard made a motion for the Commission to sign the Corps right-of-entry form to signify the Commission's ownership of those lands; motion was seconded by Charles Agnew; motion passed unanimously.

Marina/Breakwater Committee - Mr. Gardner referred to the final draft report for a public marina that Abonmarche prepared for the Commission.

Discussion of sand removal ensued. Mr. Gardner stated that the contractors removing the sand are asking for permit authorization for below grade sand removal. A permit application must also be submitted to allow for road cut from INDOT. Mr. Agnew made a motion to authorize permit applications be filed requesting such; motion seconded by William Critser; motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on Commission revenue bonding was held. Concern was expressed on the pay back structure.

Mr. Gardner referred to the DNR response letter to the city of Portage. The city has provided DNR with copies of the Burns Waterway Boat Capacity Study and the Environmental Assessment, Marina Development on the Burns Waterway System. These were studies that the city had done.

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Commissioner Baughard inquired about the contractor using fill from the Deep River site. Mr. Gardner informed him that in the Phase II Stage II plans and specifications, it is specified that the contractor shall use the Deep River borrow site of levee material.

There were no statements from the floor. There was no other business. The next Commission meeting was scheduled for Thursday, June 4 at 6:30 p.m.

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