

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
HELD AT 6:30 P.M. THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1992
AT THE COMMISSION OFFICES
8149 KENNEDY AVENUE, HIGHLAND, INDIANA

~~Mr.~~ Chairperson Arlene Colvin's ~~absence~~, ~~Vice~~ Chairman George Carlson called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Nine (9) Commissioners were present. Quorum was declared and guests were recognized.

Development Commissioners:

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

Staff:

Dan Gardner
Lou Casale
Sandy Mordus
Bruce Stouffer

Visitors:

Leroy Wells - Lake Co. Highway
Adam Adams - Congressman
Visclosky's Office
Sunita Singh - Congressman
Visclosky's Office
D. Shapiro - Highland
Jim Flora - R.W. Armstrong
Siavash Beik - DNR, Div. Water
Bill Petrites - Highland
Stanley Petrites - Highland
Virgil Meier - Highland
Ola Kennedy - Lake County
Jim Hiddle - Highland
Louis Hiddle - Highland
Mike Vander Heyden - Dyer
Construction Co.
Angela Moore - The Times
John Bach - Town of Highland
Dale Baker - DNR, Div. Water

The minutes of the September 9th, 1992 meeting were approved by a motion from Clyde Baughard; seconded by George Carlson; motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director's Report - Mr. Gardner gave an update to the Commission regarding Wicker Park tie back levee project. He informed Commission that Dyer Construction has almost completed the job. Mr. Dale Baker, Dept. of Natural Resources field inspector for Div. of Water, is here to inspect the project. R. W. Armstrong also has been on site to oversee the project. Although the material looks good, all paperwork documentation needs to be in order to allow approval.

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Mr. Gardner referred to a letter from INDOT to Mr. Simpson, Director of DNR div. of Water, regarding Indianapolis Blvd. bridge replacement schedule. As presently stated in the letter, no monies are available until either fiscal year 93 or 94. Mr. Gardner has not seen preliminary design of bridge. Although the bridge replacement needs to be done as soon as possible, FEMA would still certify Wicker Park Manor out of the floodplain with the existing bridge in place - as long as the Corps levee is built and an acceptable closure plan is in place, and provided the overall project is 100% funded and 50% constructed.

Finance/Policy Committee - Committee Chairman 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 Chuck Agnew; motion passed unanimously.

Legislative Committee - Mr. Gardner informed the Commissioners that next Thursday, October 8th is the scheduled date for the State Budget hearing. Congressman Visclosky's office, Lane Ralph from Senators' office, Col. Reed and Rich Carlson from the Corps will attend. Ms. Colvin and Mayor Barnes of Gary will already been in attendance for the LMMDC. The Commission's request this biennium is \$7 million, which is what is needed to stay on construction schedule with the Corps. Mr. Gardner will contact Bart Peterson to see if we are in the Governor's budget.

Land Acquisition Committee - Land Acquisition Chairman Chuck Agnew made a motion to sign an agreement with NIPSCO for the temporary flood protection until the Corps built levee is in place; motion seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously. Mr. Agnew reported that Kewit Western of Illinois received the Stage III contract between Chase & Grant for the north and south levee lines. Approximate cost is \$6 million.

Project Engineering/Construction Committee - Mr. Gardner reported that Dyer Construction/Ellas Construction for Stage II Phase II has begun the work from Harrison to Grant. He stated that he, Lou Casale and Jim Flora need to meet with the Corps to discuss the NIPSCO cost estimates for relocation of lines. This is a priority that needs to be addressed.

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Marina/Breakwater Committee - Mr. Gardner gave an update on marina status. Ron Schults from Abonmarche attended the last meeting and gave a detailed update. Mr. Baughard made a motion to ratify the contract with Area Tree Service in the amount of \$15,000 for clearing and grubbing on the marina site; motion was seconded by George Carlson; motion passed unanimously.

The Marina Committee members received a detailed packet of marina activities. Mr. Gardner informed the Commissioners that the Portage Port Authority recommended Abonmarche to continue as project engineering firm that will perform the final engineering plans. The Commission sent a letter to Portage acknowledging our concurrence of the choice.

Mr. Gardner referred to the letter received from the Corps stating they have not yet received the perpetual easements needed for the operation and maintenance of the Burns Small Boat Harbor. There are three remaining tracts that need to be addressed. Mr. Casale will address in the very near future. Federal money has been set aside to do harbor dredging but it cannot begin until easements are secured. This is a local sponsor responsibility.

Mr. Gardner will meet with Ron Schults and John Hannon to formulate responses to the four letters received on the federal permit application.

Statements to the Board - Citizen Don Shapiro questioned who was working by the overpass on Indianapolis Blvd. He was informed that it is State Highway that is working on the west side. He and Stan Petrites are still concerned about the quantity of water that comes out of Ultra parking lot from the stores. Even when new levee is built, they feel Wicker Park Manor will still be flooded because of water from the stores. Although this is a town problem and must be addressed by the town, the Commission will work with them to the extent possible. John Bach, Public Works Director for Highland, acknowledged that the problem was the town's and the funding to correct the problem is the concern now.

Mr. Bach informed the Commission that debris has built up again at the Erie R.R. bridge. Commission will investigate matter.

There was no other business. The next Commission meeting was scheduled for Thursday, November 5, 1992 at 6:30 p.m.

