

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
 HELD AT 6:30 P.M. WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1992
 AT THE COMMISSION OFFICES
 8149 KENNEDY AVENUE, HIGHLAND, INDIANA

In Chairperson Arlene Colvin's absence, Vice Chairman George Carlson called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. Seven (7) Commissioners were present. Quorum was declared and guests were recognized.

Development Commissioners:

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

Staff:

Dan Gardner
 Lou Casale
 Sandy Mordus
 Bruce Stouffer

Visitors:

Pete Zak - South Shore Marina
 Mary Jane Zak - " "
 D. R. Shapiro - Highland
 Mike Vander Heyden - Dyer
 Construction Co.
 Jim Flora - R.W. Armstrong
 Siavash Beik - DNR, Div. Water
 Bill Petrites - Highland
 Stanley Petrites - Highland
 Virgil Meier - Highland
 Sunita Singh - Congressman
 Visclosky's Office
 Ron Schults - Abonmarche

The minutes of the August 6th, 1992 meeting were approved by a motion from Clyde Baughard; seconded by John DeMeo; motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director's Report - Mr. Gardner gave an update to the Commission regarding Wicker Park Manor levee project. He informed Commission that at last month's meeting, authorization was given to bid the west side tieback levee at Wicker Park. Six companies picked up specifications; three companies bid the project. They were:

Ellas Construction - \$69,900
 Grimmer Construction - \$59,600
 Dyer Construction - \$32,800

Charles Agnew made a motion to accept the low bidder (Dyer Construction) contingent upon securing the easements necessary to construct the project. Property owner Stanley Petrites was in the audience and indicated he was willing to work with us; motion was seconded by David Springman; motion passed unanimously.

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Siavash Biek from DNR delivered the plans and technical specifications for construction of an embankment levee on the north of the Wicker Park Subdivision and the Tri-State parking lot. The Corps of Engineers, as well as project engineer Jim Flora from R.W.Armstrong, are reviewing the plans.

Finance/Policy Committee - Committee Chairman Clyde Baughard presented the financial status report for August as well as the claims. Mr. Baughard made a motion to approve the pending claims; motion seconded by Chuck Agnew; motion passed unanimously. Mr. Baughard also informed Commission that the Corps has requested \$52,000 from the escrow account.

Mr. Gardner added that the State Board of Accounts has performed an audit for years 1989-90-91 and has found everything satisfactory. We should be receiving final audit report in the near future.

Legislative Committee - Committee Chairman George Carlson referred to copies of the Commission budget request for this biennium. All Commissioners received a copy. The budget request is for \$7 million. Mr. Gardner justified the request to the Commission by explaining the acceleration of the construction schedule. This has been anticipated to be the case once the initial construction had begun. Staff looks at the request as being the minimum needed this biennium to keep pace with the federal schedule. Mr. Gardner repeated to the Commission that the Corps has been approved for \$11 million of federal money for the fiscal year. He also informed them that October 8 is the budget hearing in Indianapolis. He will invite appropriate parties to attend on behalf of the Commission.

Land Acquisition Committee - Land Acquisition Chairman Chuck Agnew made a motion to offer \$770 (instead of \$450) for DC135 which is property needed for the project. That particular property was going to be condemned but the owner will settle out of court and thus, avoiding condemnation costs which would be much higher. Motion seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously.

Project Engineering/Construction Committee - Mr. Gardner reported that the joint bid of Dyer Construction/Ellas Construction for Stage II Phase II was awarded by the Corps to them. This section will cover Harrison to Grant.

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Jim Flora, project engineer, informed the Commission he has been in contact with the utility companies and coordinating efforts with them for identification of lines, solutions on how to relocate/protect those lines and price estimations. The utility companies are in the process of formulating their plans and should respond to us in the near future. The issue of cost assignment needs to be addressed.

Marina/Breakwater Committee - Ron Schults, Abonmarche, updated the Commission members in regard to the marina site. He reported that four comments were received during the public comment period. Those four letters of comment will be forthcoming for Commission to respond to. The river dredging permit application is still under review. IDNR permit still pending. The sanitary sewer impact analysis that was sent to the Portage Water Reclamation Board is still under review. Mr. Schults also reported the Portage Plan Commission has approved the final site master plan; the Porter County Drainage Board is still pending review/approval. INDOT has reviewed permit; approval is anticipated within 4-6 weeks.

Mayor Maletta and staff recently met with NIPSCO personnel regarding relocation of power lines along Crisman Road and cost associated with them.

Crisman Road vacation has been delayed by city initiation; NIPSCO line relocation costs need to be identified first.

City of Portage forwarded a grant application onto Indiana Outdoor Recreation Program for help defray marina costs.

Mr. Agnew made a motion to approve an addendum to the existing sandmining contract to allow contractor to proceed with below grade work; motion seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously.

Quotes were received on clearing & grubbing of unsuitable material on marina site. Because of the amount of the pending work desired, it did not require bidding. Mr. Baughard made a motion authorizing staff to contract with lowest & best quote received for ratification at the next meeting; seconded by Chuck Agnew; motion passed unanimously.

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Statements to the Board - Citizen Don Shapiro questioned why the public marina and Lake Etta park development has been pursued before the flood protection. He felt that flood control should have been first priority and recreation second.

Discussion ensued with Stanley Petrites who is the property owner we need to obtain easement from to allow for the west levee section at Wicker Park. He has unofficially given permission to Mr. Vander Heyden already. We informed him that we must legally have an easement signed by him. He is willing to work with us and he and Bruce Stouffer will work it out.

Mr. Petrites expressed concern that excess water comes into the subdivision via drainage from Ultra and nearby stores. Mr. Gardner will discuss issue with the town to see what can be done about the situation. Staff will follow up.

There was no other business. The next Commission meeting was scheduled for Thursday, October 1, 1992 at 6:30 p.m.

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