

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
 HELD AT 6:30 P.M. WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1994  
 AT THE COMMISSION OFFICES  
 6100 SOUTHPORT ROAD  
 PORTAGE, INDIANA

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Chairman George Carlson called the meeting to order at 6:55 p.m. Eight (8) Commissioners were present. Quorum was declared and guests were recognized.

Development Commissioners:

George Carlson  
 Charles Agnew  
 Steve Davis  
 Robert Huffman  
 Robert Trelo  
 John DeMeo  
 Nathaniel Leonard  
 William Tanke

Visitors:

Dave Taborski - Black Oak  
 Bill Petrites - Highland  
 Dave Hunter - A.C.O.E.  
 Pete Zak - South Shore Marina  
 Denis Buksa - Munster  
 Donald Shapiro - Highland

Staff:

Jim Pokrajac  
 Dan Gardner  
 Lou Casale  
 Sandy Mordus

The minutes of the November 9, 1994 meeting were approved after a correction was made adding Emerson Delaney to the list of Commissioners present (it was incorrectly listed that he was not at the meeting) by a motion from Chuck Agnew; motion seconded by William Tanke; motion passed unanimously.

Chairman George Carlson announced the re-appointment letter received from the Lake County Commissioners reappointing Nathaniel Leonard to a 4-year term.

Executive Director's Report - Mr. Gardner spoke on our continued efforts in working with the Gary Park Board attorney, Greg Reising, in trying to reach a satisfactory agreement acceptable to us, the Gary Park Board and the Corps. Staff and the Land Acquisition Committee has met with them and progress is continuing in coming to a mutual agreement. Mr. Agnew made a motion to continue negotiations in the hope of bringing back a contract at the next meeting and possibly being in a position to interview/select an architect; motion seconded by Robert Huffman; motion passed unanimously.

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Mr. Gardner stated that Dave Hunter, Corps Project Manager, met with the committee prior to the meeting. He stated that it appears that re-authorization from Congress may be necessary as the project costs have risen over the authorization limit. The irony is that as the project stretches out, the cost goes up. These are real costs and it further justifies that this budget session is critical to the project. Mr. Hunter addressed the Commission and stated the Corps is trying their best to hold the costs; they are concerned about the cost increase and schedule changes also. A lengthy discussion followed.

Land Acquisition Committee - Land Acquisition Chairman Chuck Agnew made a motion to authorize a settlement price of \$625 on DC359 to avoid condemnation costs; motion seconded by Nathaniel Leonard; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Agnew made a motion for Commission to accept appraisals and authorize the attorney to make uniform offers and condemnation if necessary on the parcels known as DC441, 442, 444, 448, 457, 458, 462, 463; motion was seconded by Bob Trelo; motion passed unanimously.

Project Engineering Committee - Mr. Huffman reported that a walk-thru inspection on Stage II Phase 3A was done on December 2nd. He reported that progress is continuing to be made at Wicker Park Manor subdivision in Highland. The old levee has been degraded and material placed on new levee for planting zone. Project is about 77% complete; essentially, all clay has been laid. Anticipated completion date is May of 95.

Marina/Breakwater Committee - Committee Chairman Bill Tanke announced the marina groundbreaking ceremony date is November 18th. The sheetpiling has been started. He stated that staff would be meeting periodically with the city, Abonmarche and the contractor to ensure everything is on schedule.

Nathaniel Leonard asked whether Dyer Construction has corrected the situation of backfilling the area along Burns Ditch and erecting a silt fence to prevent soil erosion and sedimentation in the Ditch; Mr. Gardner informed him that it has been done.

Mr. Tanke pointed out that there was no date on the last letter received from Abonmarche. Staff is to inform them to make sure that a date is on all future correspondence.

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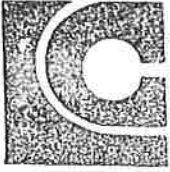
Finance/Policy Committee - Treasurer John DeMeo made a motion to transfer \$5,000 from Budget Line 5884 to Budget Line 5821 to cover anticipated costs in that line for the remainder of the year; motion seconded by Robert Trelo; motion passed unanimously. Mr. DeMeo then presented the financial status report for October as well as the claims amounting to \$32,573.74; motion seconded by Bob Trelo; motion passed unanimously.

Other Business - There was none.

Statements from the floor - Don Shapiro from Highland complained of sewage being dumped in the river. He stated that the sanitary and storm lines were in a combined sewer system.

There being no further business, the next Commission meeting was scheduled for Thursday, January 5, 1995.

/sjm



# Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission

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GEORGE CARLSON, Chairman  
*Mayor of Hammond's  
Appointment*

December 27, 1994

CHARLES AGNEW, Vice-Chairman  
*Governor's Appointment*

JOHN DEMEO, Treasurer  
*Governor's Appointment*

NATHANIEL LEONARD, Secretary  
*Lake County Commissioners'  
Appointment*

ARLENE COLVIN  
*Mayor of Gary's  
Appointment*

WILLIAM CRITSER  
*Governor's Appointment*

STEVE DAVIS  
*Dept. of Natural Resources'  
Appointment*

EMERSON DELANEY  
*Governor's Appointment*

ROBERT HUFFMAN  
*Governor's Appointment*

WILLIAM TANYE  
*Porter County Commissioners'  
Appointment*

ROBERT TRELO  
*Governor's Appointment*

DAN GARDNER  
*Executive Director*

LOUIS CASALE  
*Attorney*

Ms. Stephanie Kaiser  
Chief of Public Affairs  
Indiana Department of Transportation  
Public Affairs Office, Rm. N755  
110 North Senate Avenue  
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Dear Ms. Kaiser:

We are writing this request on behalf of the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission and the Army Corps of Engineers regarding the coordination of the construction schedule for the installation of our levee system for flood control of the Little Calumet River with the proposed INDOT projects adjacent to our project. It is imperative that we coordinate our schedules to adequately protect adjacent property owners from flood damage.

Could you please give me the proposed bid release dates, projected construction completion dates, and any other pertinent information you may have affecting these dates? If they are not proposed, please give reasons for contingencies. The following projects are critical to our planning:

1. Cline Avenue & I-80/94 (construction of new interchange and any work to be done to the South on Cline Avenue), Highland/Black Oak
2. Burr Street & I-80/94 (construction of interchange), Gary
3. Grant Street & I-80/94 (raising of clover leaf & raising of Grant Street to the South), Gary
4. Georgia Street & I-80/94 (installation of (4) 8' x 8' concrete box culverts under I-80/94 and East of Georgia St.), Gary
5. Indianapolis Blvd, South of I-80/94 over the Little Calumet River (installing a new bridge over the Little Calumet River), Hammond/Highland

We are most concerned regarding the lack of timely scheduling of an interchange reconstruction/raising project at Grant Street & I-80/94 in Gary. This project is critical to allowing the completion of some \$40 million in Federal flood