

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
HELD AT 6:30 P.M. WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 1994  
AT THE COMMISSION OFFICES  
6100 SOUTHPORT ROAD  
PORTAGE, INDIANA

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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  
Charles Agnew  
Steve Davis  
Robert Huffman  
Arlene Colvin  
Robert Trelo  
William Tanke  
Nathaniel Leonard

Staff:

Dan Gardner  
Lou Casale  
Sandy Mordus  
Jim Pokrajac

Visitors:

Rick Markley - The Times  
John LaTurner - DNR  
Kenneth Smith - DNR  
Pete Zak - South Shore Marina  
Ted Ialeggio - Ogden Dunes  
Jim Flora - R.W. Armstrong  
and Recreation Board  
Bill Petrites - Highland  
Barbara Tanke  
Barbara Trelo  
Sandi Gardner  
Karen Flora

The minutes of the December 2, 1993 meeting were approved as amended by a motion from Charles Agnew; seconded by Nathaniel Leonard; motion passed unanimously. Bill Tanke pointed out that the 7th paragraph on p. 4 should read "...the interlocking sheet steel piling..." and not "...the interlocks and sheet piling....".

Nominating Committee Report: Arlene Colvin, as Chairman of the Nominating Committee, stated she and other committee members John DeMeo and Robert Trelo met and the Committee's recommendation is to retain the current officers for a second term. That would be:

George Carlson	-	Chairman
Charles Agnew	-	Vice Chairman
John DeMeo	-	Treasurer
Nathaniel Leonard	-	Secretary

Mr. Tanke made a motion that nominations be closed; motion seconded by Robert Huffman; motion passed unanimously.

Arlene Colvin made a motion to retain the existing officers; motion seconded by Bill Tanke; motion passed unanimously.



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Chairman George Carlson gave an overview of progress that was had in the past year. The 1993 Progress report is attached hereto and made part of the minutes.

Mr. Carlson also bestowed upon the staff very kind words for their efforts and expertise during this last year. Mr. Gardner returned the thanks to him as Chairman and to the other Commissioners for their leadership and dedication.

Executive Director's Report - Mr. Gardner presented the 1994 Services Agreement with NIRPC for consideration by the Board. He highlighted the changes from the 1993 contract which were minor. He stressed that the most significant change will be the Commission picking up its own cost for telephone service, which is anticipated to be higher with the move to Portage. Nathaniel Leonard made a motion to approve the contract for services with NIRPC; motion seconded by Bill Tanke; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gardner referred to the Information Letter on the Wicker Park Manor levee project that was mailed to the home owners on River Drive in Wicker Park Manor Subdivision. It briefly described the highlights of the project. The residents will receive periodic mailings to keep them updated.

Mr. Gardner reported that we are awaiting the DNR permit for the Erie R.R. bridge removal.

Mr. Gardner reported he and Dave Hunter met with Frank DeRisi, District Director for LaPorte, INDOT, to discuss several items, one being the Grant Street bridge. There is a verbal agreement by INDOT for Grant St. bridge reconstruction; there is no written commitment.

Mr. Gardner also stated there was a verbal agreement by the Corps for a 40% minority participation in construction projects for the levee construction. A letter to that commitment is forthcoming.

Land Acquisition Committee - Land Acquisition Chairman Chuck Agnew made a motion for the attorney to draft a resolution to transfer some property on the east side of Cline that INDOT needs to construct ramps for the Cline Avenue interchange project; motion seconded by Arlene Colvin; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Agnew also made a motion to procure the engineering services of Earth Source for a total cost not to exceed \$6,800 to design the Gleason Park driving range for the Gary Park Department subject to review by the attorney; motion was seconded by Nathaniel Leonard; motion passed unanimously.

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Mr Agnew then made a motion to increase rental monthly monies due for Chase Street Produce from \$1000 to \$1,150 with a 5 year renewal option; motion seconded by Robert Trelo; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Agnew then made a motion to renew the lease for one more year on farm property that is currently being leased; motion seconded by Bob Huffman; motion passed unanimously.

Project Engineering Committee - Mr. Huffman stated that Stage III from Chase Street to Grant Street was almost completed. Some remaining fencing and seeding will be done in the spring.

He also reported that levee construction in Wicker Park Manor (Stage V) will not begin until spring. Depending on weather, the contractor plans to survey the centerline of the levee this month.

Mr. Huffman referred to the letter that the Commission wrote to INDOT requesting additional level of protection up to the 200 year flood level when they reconstruct Cline Avenue interchange.

Mr. Huffman also stated that comments were received from the town of Highland in reference to preliminary west reach maps that were sent out. We have had no feedback yet from Hammond, Griffith or Munster.

Discussion took place on the redesign of the levee in Griffith across from Cline Avenue. The Corps cannot change the levee line unless requested by the local sponsor. Staff will meet with Griffith officials, contractor and the Corps soon. Mr. Huffman stated he would like to attend also.

Marina/Breakwater Committee - Committee Chairman Bill Tanke reported that he and Mr. Gardner met with the city and Tom Largura of Superior Construction to discuss the ongoing sand excavation at the marina site. The market right now is not real good for sand.

The NIPSCO lease situation is still ongoing.

Mr. Tanke referred to the Mayor's letter criticizing the delay in obtaining a permit to construct the marina. The Congressman will be brought in to negotiate between the Corps offices if an agreement cannot be met.

Mr. Tanke suggested we table the request from Abonmarche for additional services for Task 7 until the next meeting. Mr. Tanke would like a detailed accounting of the tasks performed and those remaining to be performed.

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Discussion took place on the invoices received from Ogden Dunes for the sand transportation. Mr. Tanke made a motion to approve the amount of \$27,071.24 in remaining monies due; motion seconded by Charles Agnew; motion passed unanimously. It was discussed what to do with the remaining money in the sand account (about \$1,000); it was decided to just leave it in case it was needed at a later time.

Finance/Policy Committee - In Treasurer John DeMeo's absence, Mr. Gardner presented the financial status report for October as well as the claims for approval. Mr. Agnew made a motion to approve the pending claims; motion seconded by Nathaniel Leonard; motion passed unanimously. Mr. Gardner stated the Finance Committee met to consider the administrative contract and the budget proposed for 1994.

Mr. Gardner discussed the proposed changes in the new budget for the coming year. He pointed out that there were no changes in the Administrative budget and went over the changes in the Land Acquisition budget. Mr. Huffman made a motion to accept the 1994 proposed budget; motion seconded by Bob Trelo; motion passed unanimously.

Statements from the floor - Ted Ialeggio thanked the Commission for making the sand available to the town of Ogden Dunes and for picking up the cost for the transport of the sand.

There was no other business. The next Commission meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, February 2, 1994.

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