

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
HELD AT 6:30 P.M. THURSDAY, AUGUST 3, 1995
AT THE COMMISSION OFFICE
6100 SOUTHPORT ROAD
PORTAGE, INDIANA

Chairman Chuck Agnew 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
William Tanke
Arlene Colvin
Robert Trelo
Steve Davis
Emerson Delaney
John DeMeo

Staff:

Dan Gardner
Jim Pokrajac
Lou Casale
Sandy Mordus
Judy Vamos

Visitors:

Jimmie Tibbs - Black Oak
Herb Read - Izaak Walton
Dave Taborski - Black Oak
Pete Zak - South Shore Marina
Doug Bow - Marquette Yacht Club
Denis Buksa - Munster
Melanie Ellison - IDNR, Div. of
Water
Philip Linoski - Marquette Yacht
Club
Herbert Harris - Black Oak
Charles Siar - Izaak Walton
Jim Flora - R.W. Armstrong Co.
Mike Doyne - Doyne's Marina
Robert Frum Jr. - Lefty's Coho
Landing

The minutes of the July 6, 1995 meeting were approved by a motion from George Carlson; motion seconded by Robert Trelo; motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director's Report - Executive Director Dan Gardner referred to a letter the attorney received from the Department of Administration requesting certain items be fulfilled before transfer of the 179 acre parcel at I-65 can be transferred to the city of Gary. Four items were requested: (1) formal letter from Gary requesting the transfer of the land with intended use stated therein; (2) formal letter of approval and acceptance of transfer from the Commission to the City and to the IN Dept. of Administration; (3) a signed and notarized "non-collusion affidavit" by the Director of the Commission; and (4) an environmental hazards assessment for transfer of property form completed, signed and notarized by the Commission. Three out of the four are complete; we are awaiting paperwork from the city regarding the 4th item; it should be received very soon. Mr. Gardner will comply with the request as soon as possible.

Mr. Gardner referred to the letter in packet from the Corps to IDNR regarding the east reach DNR permit needed for construction in a floodway. We have not received the permit yet; it is expected shortly. The Corps has given requested information to DNR for its completion. The remaining construction in the east reach (Cline Avenue to Martin Luther King Drive) is contained in one permit.

Mr. Gardner stated that Rausch Construction has been the selected low bidder for the levee construction of Stage II Phase 3B (Harrison to Georgia) but no construction can begin until the DNR permit is in hand.

Land Acquisition Committee - Committee Chairman Arlene Colvin informed the Commission that a letter was sent to the lessee at Chase Street Produce informing him of his overdue lease monies; no response was received from him. Ms. Colvin made a motion for the attorney to proceed with legal action to collect monies due us; motion seconded by John DeMeo; motion passed unanimously.

She also informed Commission that a Corps real estate meeting had been held on July 18th.

A right-of-entry has been given to the Corps for 3 additional park properties that were previously excluded from the original right-of-entry.

A Corps meeting and walking of the levee in the west reach (Cline Ave. west to State Line) will be scheduled this month. Any member interested in attending may do so. A Corps value engineering team will view the levee section and then meet to determine if any changes need to be addressed. They are charged with building the levee the best way with the most cost effective system.

Project Engineering Committee - In Committee Chairman Bob Huffman's absence, Steve Davis reported that the construction of the levee portion at Wicker Park Manor in Highland (Stage V-1) is basically complete except for a few punch items. The Corps will retain a percentage of the bid price until all items are complete. The landscaping contract will be a separate contract.

Mr. Davis referred to several Corps letters in packet regarding the I-80/94 & S.R. 912 project.

Mr. Davis reported that a meeting was held on July 24th with the Corps and the new Director of the Lake County Emergency Management. One base station needs to be identified for an emergency response point.

Mr. Davis made a motion to enter into an agreement with Norfolk & Southern R.R. for tieing in the levee into their embankment for Stage VI - 1. The agreement is approved in principal but a few minor items need to be addressed. Motion to approve contingent upon attorney's satisfaction when finalized; motion seconded by George Carlson; motion unanimously approved.

A letter received from Northwest Engineering Company regarding cost reimbursement requested because of additional modifications incurred due to the levee plans at Burr Street was discussed. Mr. Davis made a motion to approve the amount not to exceed \$64,170 contingent upon Corps approval; motion seconded by George Carlson; motion unanimously approved.

Mr. Davis made a motion to enter into a contract with Phillips Pipeline for a relocation of their line for an estimated cost of \$185,500 for the levee at the east end of Wicker Park Manor; motion seconded by Bob Trelo; motion unanimously approved.

Legislative Committee - Committee Chairman George Carlson reported that the \$5 million of new Federal money has been approved by the House; it remains to be approved by the Senate.

Marina/Breakwater Committee - Committee Chairman Bill Tanke reported that sandmining is still ongoing. The city has received bids July 24th for the sheetpiling and retaining walls. A detailed bid amount is not known at this time. The bids came in higher than the engineer's estimate so the Board of Public Works is evaluating the bids now.

The Marina committee met last week with staff and the city to discuss the existing contract we have with them and any addendums that need to be made to it. Cost sharing of expenses need to be identified. No agreement was reached. Further meetings need to be scheduled to reach consensus.

Finance/Policy Committee - In Treasurer Nathaniel Leonard's absence, Mr. Gardner gave the treasurer's report. John DeMeo made a motion to approve the financial status report for June as well as the July claims at a total of \$207,804.36; motion seconded by Steve Davis; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Tanke requested a breakdown of all future claims from Abonmarche before payment is approved.

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Other Business - Mr. Gardner stated that Commodore Doug Bow from Marquette Yacht Club visited with him today. The lease with Marquette will expire October 1, 1995. Marquette wants to be able to lease slips from us at the new marina either as the club or as individuals. We need to discuss this with the city. Also, a letter was sent to Dyer Construction expressing concern for security of the site; it needs to be followed up.

Statements from the floor - Herb Read requested a copy of the letter Gary sent us requesting the 179 acres stating the purpose they wanted it was for economic development.

Doug Bow also expressed his concern about site security. They wish to work with the Commission - not against.

There being no further business, the next regular Commission meeting was scheduled for Thursday, September 7, 1995 in Portage.

After some discussion, the first Thursday of the month in October is the 5th; and because the attorney will be out of town, the meeting date in October was changed to the first Tuesday, October 3rd. Staff will check on possibility of meeting in Gary.

/sjm