

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

Chairman Chuck Agnew called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Six (6) Commissioners were present. Quorum was declared and guests were recognized.

Development Commissioners:

George Carlson
Charles Agnew
William Tanke
Robert Huffman
Robert Trelo
Nathaniel Leonard

Visitors:

Jimmie Tibbs - Black Oak
Kerry Keith - SEH
Dave Taborski - Black Oak
Pete Zak - South Shore Marina
Mary Jane Zak - " "
Denis Buksa - Munster
Ken Smith - IDNR, Div. of Water
Mike Vander Hayden - Dyer
Construction Co.
Elizabeth McCloskey - U.S. Fish
Herbert Harris - Black Oak
Mara Candalaria - Congressman
Visclosky's Office

Staff:

Dan Gardner
Jim Pokrajac
Lou Casale
Sandy Mordus
Judy Vamos

The minutes of the June 1, 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 chart distributed to Commissioners listing out all the completed stages and the upcoming stages. Total estimated cost for the upcoming segments of Stage II-3B, Stage II-3C and Stage II-4 is \$9.2 million. Mr. Gardner said that at the last real estate meeting, Col. Slockbower was present and expressed his gratitude that we were able to acquire the needed lands so Federal construction could be committed. There was past concern that the Federal construction may be lost. Lane Ralph of Senator Lugar's staff had informed Mr. Gardner that the Senators were concerned that if indeed those Federal dollars had been lost, they could not guarantee their return. Mr. Gardner commended staff on being able to acquire the lands in a timely manner in order to meet the Corps deadline. Chairman Chuck Agnew in turn commended Mr. Gardner on his leadership and hard work to make this happen.

Nathaniel Leonard made a motion to sign the right-of-entry that INDOT needs for the reconstruction of I-80/94 & Georgia Street upon completion of the last outstanding parcel; motion seconded by Bob Huffman; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gardner informed the Commission that the Record of Decision regarding the supplemental Environmental Impact Study was signed by the Colonel of the Division that oversees the Chicago District.

Land Acquisition Committee - In Committee Chairman Arlene Colvin's absence, Nathaniel Leonard made a motion to approve a lease with Stan Stann subject to attorney review and approval adding a clause regarding a financial assurance to remove the tower if ever need be; motion seconded by Robert Huffman; motion passed unanimously. The lease will generate a \$1,000 per month income.

Project Engineering Committee - Committee Chairman Bob Huffman reported that the construction of the levee portion at Wicker Park Manor in Highland (Stage V-1) is basically complete. A few items remain which are being addressed. The landscaping contract will be a separate contract.

Mr. Huffman made a motion approving to enter into an agreement with Phillips Pipeline for the routing of their pipeline through the levee freeboard at the extreme east portion of Stage V-1; motion seconded by George Carlson; motion passed unanimously.

Legislative Committee - Committee Chairman George Carlson referred to the recent visit of the State Budget Committee. He referred to Mr. Gardner who coordinated their tour of the Little Cal project. He, Commissioner Bill Tanke and Chairman Chuck Agnew said it went very well. We gave them a packet of information with pictures of completed segments that clearly showed how well monies have been spent. They viewed the marina site first then the levee at Grant Street and the ongoing construction of the levee at Indianapolis Blvd. in Highland. It was unfortunate that there was not more time to show them more of the project area but overall, it went very well. Col. Slockbower was present and talked about Federal commitments to the project. Mr. Gardner alerted them that we would be coming before them to request the \$2 million from '89 Build IN Fund money very soon.

Mr. Carlson mentioned that \$5 million of Federal money for this budget period has passed the subcommittee in Washington. It will have to approved by Senate and the House.

Marina/Breakwater Committee - Committee Chairman Bill Tanke reported that the marina committee members met prior to the meeting with Abonmarche and Portage city engineer. He reported that sheetpiling bids are currently out. After they are received back, we will meet again to discuss further steps. He stated that the city does not want their Park Department or Port Authority to operate the marina; they want a private operator.

Finance/Policy Committee - Treasurer Nathaniel Leonard gave the treasurer's report. He corrected the pending claim sheet to delete two claims that had previously been approved (\$1,500 for the purchase of DC462 and \$1,000 for the purchase of DC365) and added six additional claims that were inadvertently left off (\$2,125.10 to R.W. Armstrong; \$381.60 to R.W. Armstrong; \$4,549.75 to Cole & Associates; \$270 to Chicago Title Insurance; \$1,287.75 to Judy Vamos; \$283.33 to Lou Casale) The total amount of claims for approval is \$137,808.53. Mr. Leonard made a motion to approve the financial status report for May as well as the corrected claims; motion seconded by Bob Huffman; motion passed unanimously.

Other Business - Mr. Gardner thanked Ken Smith from Div. of Water, IDNR for his help in pursuing the required DNR permit. He has been monitoring it for us and has pushed its approval along; it is hoped that with the Corps supplying some additional information to DNR, we will have a permit very shortly.

Mr. Gardner also informed the Commissioners that past Commission member Clyde Baughard has passed away and that Frank DeRisi, District Engineer for INDOT, LaPorte District, has also passed away.

Statements from the floor - There were no statements from the floor.

There being no further business, the next regular Commission meeting was scheduled for Thursday, August 3, 1995 in Portage.

