

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
HELD AT 6:30 P.M. THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 1995  
AT THE COMMISSION OFFICE  
6100 SOUTHPORT ROAD  
PORTAGE, INDIANA

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Chairman Chuck Agnew called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Nine (9) Commissioners were present. Quorum was declared and guests were recognized.

Development Commissioners:

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

Staff:

Dan Gardner  
Jim Pokrajac  
Lou Casale  
Sandy Mordus  
Judy Vamos

Visitors:

Jimmie Tibbs - Black Oak  
Jim Flora - R.W.Armstrong  
Melanie Ellison - IDNR, Div. of  
Water  
Pete Zak - South Shore Marina  
Mary Jane Zak - " "  
Bill Petrites - Highland  
Greg Taylor - WJOB  
Matt Abrinni - IDNR, Div. of  
Water  
Elizabeth McCloskey - U.S. Fish  
Herbert Harris - Black Oak  
Rex Sherrard - SEH, Griffith  
Bob Bittke - Gary resident  
Marsha Hahney - Post Tribune

The minutes of the May 4, 1995 meeting were approved by a motion from George Carlson; motion seconded by John DeMeo; motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director's Report - Mr. Gardner spoke on the issue that has been before the Board for quite awhile now and that is the unresolved situation in working with the city of Gary in trying to secure the signed easements needed for the levee construction. Although a resolution had passed at a earlier city meeting, there is still not a final agreement in place. Mr. Gardner once again distributed the letter from Mayor Barnes stating the City's interest in the 179 acre parcel at Clay St. & I-65. We had been waiting the Governor's decision regarding the conveyance of property to the city but never received it. It was determined that a general resolution was needed to be adopted that responds to the letter of request by the Mayor. Commissioner George Carlson made the motion for the Commission to pass a Resolution of Intent to convey to the city of Gary, subject to the Indiana Deposition Act, the approximately 179 acres bordered by Clay Street and I-65 in



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Gary subject to the contingency that Gary sign the easements needed by the Commission by June 10, 1995; motion was seconded by John DeMeo; motion passed with an 8 to 1 vote with Nathaniel Leonard opposing. Discussion ensued on what Gary wants to develop on the property.

Mr. Gardner added that if the easements are not signed by June 10, the Chicago District stand to lose the \$9.2 million of Federal funding. Mr. Gardner showed a map detailing the three segments of construction that the Corps is trying to bid out this year. These three segments will tie in the other already-built levees.

It was announced there will be a special Commission meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 7th to finalize and hopefully countersign Gary agreements.

Mr. Gardner distributed a Final Environmental Impact Study to all Board members. We are hopeful in receiving the approved DNR permit very soon.

Land Acquisition Committee - Committee Chairman Arlene Colvin made a motion to adopt Resolution 95-2 granting a transfer of Commission property to INDOT for needed lands for the Indianapolis Blvd. bridge raising project; motion seconded by George Carlson; motion passed unanimously.

Arlene Colvin reported that one of our lessees, Chase Street Produce, is in arrears for back lease money. Before signing a new lease, they need to pay their back lease money owed to the Commission. The attorney was directed to draw up a new lease and George Carlson made a motion to enter into a new lease arrangement with Chase St. Produce contingent upon their paying back rent; motion seconded by Arlene Colvin; motion passed unanimously.

The Corps Real Estate meeting was held on May 23.

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 complete. Discussion was held on the landscaping contract which will be separate contract.

Mr. Huffman also reported that some real estate acquisition deadline dates were revised by the Corps. Since it is important that the Corps award contracts this year, land acquisition of certain stages that were not acquired yet, were deleted from the right-of-entry. Staff is continuing to work diligently to acquire those properties.

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Legislative Committee - Committee Chairman George Carlson referred to the articles contained in the packet regarding the \$2 million included in this biennium Governor's budget. Mr. Gardner stated that we have not yet received a copy of what was earmarked for funding from the Build Indiana funds. We are trying to secure a copy of that and will have it for the special meeting set June 7th.

Marina/Breakwater Committee - Committee Chairman Bill Tanke referred to the marina progress update from Abonmarche. The sand in the marina basin is continuing to be removed. Estimated completion time is in August. He reported that the city has already signed a contract with Abonmarche for design engineering for Phase I. Mr. Tanke made a motion approving Tasks 10 Final Engineering Design for Phase I, Task 11 Pre-Final Design for Phase II and III and Task 12 Contract Bidding (all based on estimated costs according to hourly rates); total cost would be half cost-shared with the city; motion seconded by John DeMeo; motion passed unanimously. The attorney will revise the contract to reflect such. Mr. Tanke then made a motion authorizing Task #7J Sandmining Construction Administration for a cost not to exceed \$5,940 for July-August-September to be half cost shared by the city; motion seconded by John DeMeo; motion passed unanimously. Mr. Tanke stated that the city will be doing the Boat Safety Monitoring Plan. Mr. Tanke also stated that he has talked to Abonmarche about the request made to the Detroit Corps on the sheet steel piling on Phase II along the west side. The decision to allow that is still pending. It is hoped we are able to do that portion of the sheetpiling and should hear from the Corps very soon.

Finance/Policy Committee - Treasurer Nathaniel Leonard gave the treasurer's report. He made a motion to approve the financial status report for April as well as the claims amounting to \$55,079.75; motion seconded by Bob Huffman; motion passed unanimously.

Other Business - Mr. Gardner referred to the letter from the town of Highland sent to INDOT. The Commission has sent a support letter to INDOT requesting same. Mr. Gardner also referred to the Corps letter to Mayor Dedelow of Hammond regarding our desire to develop the Oxbow area. It stated a positive position in allowing the Oxbow development to be included in the Corps' first recreation contract.

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, July 6, 1995 in Portage.