

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
HELD AT 6:30 P.M. THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1995
AT THE COMMISSION OFFICE
6100 SOUTHPORT ROAD
PORTAGE, INDIANA

Chairman Chuck Agnew called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. Ten (10) Commissioners were present. Quorum was declared and guests were recognized.

Development Commissioners:

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

Visitors:

Howard Anderson - FTA
Herb Read - Izaak Walton
Rex Sherrard - SEH, Griffith
Mike Vander Heyden - Dyer
Construction Co.
Ken Smith - Div. of Water, IDNR
Mike Doyne - Doyne's Marina
Pete Zak - South Shore Marina
Jim Flora - R.W.Armstrong

Staff:

Dan Gardner
Jim Pokrajac
Lou Casale
Sandy Mordus
Judy Vamos
Melissa Stefanovich

The minutes of the October 5, 1995 meeting were approved by a motion from Arlene Colvin; motion seconded by George Carlson; motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director's Report - Executive Director Dan Gardner reported on a tour & briefing session that the Chicago District Corps held for the North Central Division Commander Col. Van Epps and other Corps staff to familiarize them with the project. He referred to page 5 in the agenda packet that projects future years of 1995-97. Mr. Gardner shared this particular page with the Commission because it shows the escalation of construction expectation in FY97.

Mr. Gardner informed the Commissioners that Jim Pokrajac had attended a field inspection meeting at Grant Street regarding the Grant Street interchange construction project. INDOT is in the process of designing the project to Corps required elevation. Mr. Gardner shared the Grant St. memo with Senator Earline Rogers, who

sits on the Senate Transportation Committee in the State legislature. She is communicating with Stan Smith, INDOT Commissioner for support of State funding of the project.

Mr. Gardner distributed a Board appointment status sheet to all Commissioners.

Land Acquisition Committee - Committee member Steve Davis gave the report. Mr. Davis made a motion to approve a negotiated settlement on six properties to avoid condemnation - DC242 for \$1,000; DC313 for \$1,000; DC366 for \$539.92; DC379 for \$1,500; DC381 for \$700; and DC396, 397, 398 for \$2,200. Motion was seconded by Bob Huffman; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Davis made a motion to accept Dave's Tree Service for \$1,275; motion seconded by George Carlson; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Davis also informed Commission that a Corps real estate meeting had been held on October 16th.

Project Engineering Committee - Committee Chairman Bob Huffman gave the report. He reported that a meeting had been held at Hammond City Hall on 10/23 regarding the Oxbow area. City park designer/consultant was in attendance. The Corps is proceeding with the recreation. The land does have to be in the Commission's ownership in order for the Corps to develop recreation on it. The city park attorney will draft up papers for the transfer of ownership to the Commission. Another meeting is set for 11/14 at City Hall. Corps is looking at specifics for that meeting.

He reported that there also was a meeting held in Highland regarding the HTRW testing at the old Highland land fill site. Representatives from the town and the Corps attended. Highland is concerned about the possible liability to the town if contaminants are found.

Mr. Huffman reported that a pre-construction meeting was held on 10/25 with Dyer Construction for Stage IV-2A (Lake Etta). Contractor should start this month and be completed by spring next year.

Mr. Huffman referred to an area west of Colfax and north of NIPSCO R/W in Gary/Griffith area behind Mansards that the Commission owns on which a lot of dumping has occurred. The bulk of the dumping appears to be drums. They need to be investigated to make sure that they do not contain hazardous material. Mr. Huffman made a motion authorizing staff to solicit proposals to investigate the

area and report back to the Chairman of the Committee before selection is made; motion seconded by John DeMeo; motion passed unanimously.

Legislative Committee - Committee Chairman George Carlson reported that we did not make the October State Budget agenda as hoped. We are now hoping to be on the November agenda. Our area legislators are working for us. The next State Budget meeting is November 20th. They will not have a meeting in December and will not meet again until the session is over. Mr. Gardner added that Senator Sandy Dempsey and Representative Chet Dobis both wrote letters in our behalf. Representative Chet Dobis also talked to Pat Bauer (Chairman of the Budget Committee) to insure our being on the December agenda and Representative Tim Fesko has talked to Representative Turpin and Senator Earline Rogers has talked to Senator Gery.

Marina/Breakwater Committee - Committee Chairman Bill Tanke reported that the city received \$1.25 million of the '95 Build Indiana Fund monies at the last Budget meeting. This money will partially fund the marina construction and allow it to continue. Bids are out on Contract #4 "Roadway, Parking and Underground Utilities". Contract #5 will be let shortly.

Finance/Policy Committee - Treasurer Nathaniel Leonard presented a budget transfer of \$1,500 from Budget Line NIRPC Services to Budget Line Telephone Expense to cover anticipated telephone expense through the end of the year. Mr. Tanke made a motion to approve the transfer; motion seconded by Emerson Delaney; motion passed unanimously. Treasurer Nathaniel Leonard then presented and made a motion to approve the financial status report for September as well as the October claims totaling \$40,752.23; motion seconded by Bob Trelo; motion passed unanimously. Mr. Gardner added that a Finance Committee Budget meeting will be scheduled shortly.

Other Business - Commissioner Bob Huffman stated that the town of Highland has completed their bike path which starts at 45th and ends at our dike. He complimented the town on the fine job they did. He is looking forward to the path connecting with Hammond and Griffith.

Statements from the floor - Herb Read asked whatever happened to the rolling hills and beautiful conceptual drawings that the Corps had years ago before the plan was authorized. Railroad embankments do not constitute rolling green hills. If we have a good relationship with the Corps, we should be able to have a say in the landscaping.

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