

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
HELD AT 6:30 P.M. THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 1996
AT THE COMMISSION OFFICE
6100 SOUTHPORT ROAD
PORTAGE, INDIANA

Chairman William Tanke called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. Seven (7) Commissioners were present. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Quorum was declared and guests were recognized.

Development Commissioners:

Charles Agnew
William Tanke
Robert Trelo
Steve Davis
Arlene Colvin
Emerson Delaney
George Carlson

Visitors:

Jim Flora - RWarmstrong
Herb Read - Izaak Walton
Pete Zak - South Shore Marina
Bob Frum - Lefty's Coho Landing

Staff:

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

The minutes of the March 7, 1996 meeting were approved by a motion from Chuck Agnew; motion seconded by George Carlson; motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director's Report - Mr. Gardner informed the Board that several meetings have been held with Enyi Nwabara who represents the 6594 Development Foundation interested in the I65/I-80/94 property owned by the Commission for a Jackson Theme Park. There have been several letters written relative to the property. It has been declared that the interest we take in that property will be an easement interest only and not an ownership interest. Mr. Gardner will pursue setting up a meeting with IDNR to discuss the issue.

Mr. Gardner also reported that he and Jim Pokrajac attended a meeting at the Chicago Corps office. Various engineering technical issues were discussed.

Land Acquisition Committee - Committee Chairman Chuck Agnew gave the Land Acquisition report. He made a motion for staff to proceed with the condemnation filings of DC256 (L4, 5 & 6 Blk19 Tolleston); DC566 (L2 Blk 8 Lib. Farm.); DC567 (L3 Blk10 Lib. Farm.); DC568 (L12 Blk 11 Lib. Farm.); DC569 (L13 Blk11 Lib. Farm.); DC570 (L19 Blk12 Lib. Farm.); and DC571 (L25 Blk13 Lib. Farm.); motion seconded by George Carlson; motion passed unanimously.

Project Engineering Committee - In Committee Chairman Bob Huffman's absence, Emerson Delaney gave the report. He reported that a pre-construction meeting was held 3/25 with contractor and Corps regarding landscaping. There will be landscaping of over 26,000 feet of existing levee, 91,000 cu.yds. overbuild and topsoil and over 2,500 plants will be utilized. The landscaping portion at Wicker Park Manor in Highland is scheduled to begin 4/15 and it will take approx. six weeks to complete.

Mr. Delaney also reported that the environmental assessment plan is complete and has been received for the Marshalltown area of Gary. It is available in the office for anyone's review.

An OxBow meeting was held on 3/29 with the city of Hammond. Design plans are continuing and the attorneys will be working on an agreement to place the area in the Commission's ownership with a lease-back to the city. The property must be in our ownership in order for the Corps to participate in federal funding of the recreation.

Mr. Delaney also informed the Board that culvert construction at Georgia Street and I-80/94 will be starting soon.

Marina/Breakwater Committee - Committee Chairman Bill Tanke gave the Marina report. He reported that a committee meeting was held 4/1. Marina progress was discussed. The anticipated opening time is mid-May. Mr. Tanke urged members to go view the site if they haven't already; it really looks like a marina now.

Discussion ensued on a request from the city regarding a storm sewer easement needed from NIPSCO. The easement would cross NIPSCO property at the marina site. We have just received the easement language and the attorney has not reviewed it. Some clarification is needed from the city and they are not available until next week. Mr. Agnew made a motion to allow the Chairman to sign the agreement only after the Chairman, Attorney, and Executive Director are in unanimous approval of the terms of the agreement. If terms and contents are not satisfactory, it will not be signed. Motion was seconded by Arlene Colvin; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Agnew made a motion approving two (2) claims from the Marina Revenue Construction Fund. They are \$500 for Therber, Brock & Kramer and \$3,600 for NBD Bank. Both claims represent services rendered in connection with the Bond issuance/closing. Motion was seconded by Robert Trelo; motion passed unanimously. Mr. Agnew added that since this is a separate source of marina money, it is kept separate from our other accounts and therefore require separate approval by motion.

Finance/Policy Committee - Treasurer George Carlson gave the financial report. Mr. Carlson made a motion to approve the financial status statement; motion seconded by Chuck Agnew; motion passed unanimously. Mr. Carlson then made a motion to approve the claims for payment totaling \$123,606.40; motion seconded by Arlene Colvin; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Carlson reported that the Directors & Officers insurance policy has been renewed for another year. He also reported that the Commission's liability insurance is now with the Hanover Group Insurance Co. (rather than USF&G Insurance).

Other Business - There was none.

Statements from the floor - There being no further business, the next regular Commission meeting was scheduled for Thursday, May 2, 1996 in Portage.