

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
HELD AT 6:30 P.M. THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1996  
AT THE COMMISSION OFFICE  
6100 SOUTHPORT ROAD  
HIGHLAND, INDIANA

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Chairman William Tanke called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. Nine (9) Commissioners were present. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Quorum was declared and guests were recognized.

Development Commissioners:

Robert Huffman  
William Tanke  
Robert Trelo  
Steve Davis  
Roger Chiabai  
Charles Agnew  
George Carlson  
Arlene Colvin  
John DeMeo

Visitors:

Jim Flora - RWArmstrong  
D.L. Hines - Ogden Dunes Council  
Denis Buksa -15 River Dr, Munster  
Pete Zak - South Shore Marina  
Ken Smith - IDNR

Staff:

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

The minutes of the October 3, 1996 meeting were approved by a motion from Arlene Colvin; motion seconded by George Carlson; motion passed unanimously.

Chairman's Report - Chairman Bill Tanke appointed a Nominating Committee consisting of Chuck Agnew (as Nominating Committee Chairman), John DeMeo and Arlene Colvin. They will meet and report back at the next Commission meeting.

Executive Director's Report - Mr. Gardner informed the Board that he accompanied the COE to a briefing and tour of the construction project given for Col. Van Epps, Chicago Division Commander.

Mr. Gardner also reported that on November 20 an engineering technical meeting is scheduled in Chicago in which staff will attend. Jim Flora added that a number of technical issues need to be addressed. Sufficient input on pertinent issues needs to happen now while issues are before us since the Commission will be the identified "maintainer" of the levees once they are completed and turned over to us.

After the technical review meeting, staff will meet with Col. Gerber to discuss issue of development outside the levee construction within the city of Gary. This is a major point of controversy with the City Common Council. Although the Commission supports the idea of as much development as possible, we are still limited to the COE's property requests.

Mr. Gardner stated he would pursue identifying the cost of membership within the NAFSMA organization. He will report back with the cost and possibly the Commission would join in the new year. Sharing information with other local sponsors who work with the COE could be very helpful.

Land Acquisition Committee - Committee Chairman Chuck Agnew made a motion to approve and sign the Memorandum of Agreement with the COE (regarding non-federal improvements at Lake Etta); motion seconded by George Carlson. Attorney Casale noted several minor changes that were made. An amendment was then made to re-approve the new MOA. Motion made by Chuck Agnew; motion seconded by George Carlson; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Agnew then made a motion to sign the COE Right-of-Entry for Stage IV Phase 2B with the exception to not include the vacating of streets. All property, excluding the street vacates, that was identified for this stage has been acquired. Motion seconded by George Carlson; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Agnew then made a motion to approve and enter into an agreement with Dyer Construction to allow them to remove 6,500 cubic yards of top soil from Commission property near 35th & Chase to use with the levee landscaping project. In exchange, Dyer Const. will construct a roadway from 35th to the levee (for easier access) as well as fencing. Motion was seconded by George Carlson; motion passed unanimously.

Project Engineering Committee - Committee Chairman Bob Huffman gave the engineering report and reported on meetings held this last month. There was a field walk-thru meeting on 10/4 with Woodmar Country Club (final layouts were agreed upon; utility relocation and coordination discussed; scheduling for construction was reviewed). There was a meeting on 10/9 with Lake County Parks Dept. to review Deep River borrow and Lake Etta recreation work.

Mr. Huffman also referred to INDOT letter in agenda packet stating bid prices on two INDOT projects. The project for the small structure replacement and channel relocation at I-80 & Georgia St.

had a bid price of \$5,892,704.39 and the project of bridge replacement over the river at Indianapolis Blvd. Hammond/Highland had a bid price of \$2,010,410.70.

Legislative Committee - Committee Chairman Robert Trelo informed the Board that a mailing would be going out to the legislators before the budget session begins to update them on the project construction, scheduling and monies available. Mr. Gardner added that no local legislators in the project area changed in this past election.

Marina/Breakwater Committee - Committee Chairman Bill Tanke stated that things have been relatively quiet on the marina end. We need to meet with the City soon. We need to look at how the income has come in this past boating season and determine any future slips being added. Boat launch income far exceeded what was expected. The marina was 100% filled with a waiting list. Mr. Gardner stated that \$1.5 million has already been submitted to the legislature for this year's budget through the Lake Michigan Marina Development Commission by Portage. Mr. Gardner will schedule a meeting.

Finance/Policy Committee - Treasurer George Carlson gave the financial report. Mr. Carlson made a motion to approve the financial status statement for September and approve the claims for payment totaling \$80,377.87; motion seconded by Bob Huffman; motion approved unanimously. Mr. Carlson referred to the COE letter requesting NBD Bank to release \$500,000 from the construction escrow account. Mr. Carlson made a motion to approve five budget transfers. They are:

Budget Code 5821	Travel/Mileage	Increase of \$5,000
Budget Code 5822	Printing/Advertising	Increase of \$1,000
Budget Code 5824	Telephone Expense	Increase of \$3,000
Budget Code 5825	Meeting Expenses	Increase of \$2,500
Budget Code 5840	Professional Services	Increase of \$150,000

Total increase is \$161,500. Motion was seconded by Steve Davis; motion passed unanimously.

Other Business - Mr. Gardner informed the Board members that we have again been asked by IDEM to establish an escrow account so monies can be deposited for the COE to withdraw on a project relative to the Grand Cal River. Mr. Carlson made a motion to sign an agreement allowing the Commission to set up an escrow for IDEM/COE use; motion seconded by Arlene Colvin; motion passed unanimously.

Statements from the floor - There was none. There being no further business, the next regular Commission meeting was scheduled for Thursday, December 5, 1996 in Portage.