

*MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
HELD AT 3:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2002
6100 SOUTHPORT ROAD
PORTAGE, INDIANA*

Chairman William Tanke called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m. Seven (7) Commissioners were present. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Quorum was declared. No were guests present. Mr. Tanke stated that this meeting was called as a result of the last meeting lacking a quorum. The meeting had been properly noticed.

Development Commissioners

William Tanke
Robert Huffman
George Carlson
Arlene Colvin
Steve Davis
Emerson Delaney
Mark Reshkin

Staff

Dan Gardner
Lou Casale
Sandy Mordus
Jim Pokrajac
Judy Vamos

In regards to the minutes, there was a correction. For clarification, of the Recreation Phase 2 contract, Imad Samara stated the recreation portion of Burr Street Phase 2 will be done as part of that project. However, the recreational costs will be handled separately and shared with the COE as a recreation feature. All other remaining east reach recreation features, including the Grant Street relocation and the Broadway relocation, will all be done as part of the Recreation Phase 2. The recreational portion of the burr Street Phase 2 project will be a creditable item. With that amendment, Bob Huffman made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 3 meeting; motion seconded by Arlene Colvin; motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Tanke stated that any changes to the By-laws will be addressed at the next meeting.

Commissioner Mark Reshkin made a motion to approve the claims in the amount of \$60,165.99; motion seconded by Bob Huffman; motion passed unanimously.

A sheet was distributed to Board members to sign up if they would like to serve on the Operation & Maintenance Committee. It was the consensus of the members that, rather than have this committee with everyone serving, it would be more effective to have just a select number of interested members.

Selection of a Nominating Committee took place by paper ballot and then publicly announced. Members selected, by majority vote, were Mark Reshkin, Curt Vosti and Bill Tanke. Chairman Tanke selected Mark Reshkin to coordinate a meeting.

Mr. Gardner announced that a meeting with Representative Earl Harris has been rescheduled for 12:00 on Monday, November 18.

Mr. Gardner proceeded to talk about the meeting at the Lake County Surveyor's Office regarding the FEMA remapping. We reiterated to FEMA that we support Gary getting out of the floodplain and will work toward making that happen.

Chairman Tanke inquired about the status of the 75' drainage easement and asked Mr. Gardner to follow up with a letter to the Surveyor.

Chairman Tanke reported that the meeting with Bank One regarding financing of the build-out of the Portage Public Marina was very successful. He directed the attorney to follow up with a phone call to the bank to see if they have made a decision. Attorney Casale will also look out the original agreement we had with Abonmarche to see what kind of a termination clause existed. Mr. Gardner will schedule a meeting with John Smolnar, Portage Port Authority.

Commissioner Reshkin inquired if there was any documentation of economic benefits that exist for the city of Gary once they are out of the floodplain. If there was something we could show the Mayor, it would be useful to let him know what that means in terms of economic growth for Gary. Mr. Gardner replied that the COE had done an economic analysis years ago but it was for the overall project (not just Gary). Mr. Gardner is having the NIRPC graphic department overlay aerials on the floodplain maps and actually count houses to determine a number. There is no entity that actually documents who pays for flood insurance and who does not.

It was reiterated that any changes to the By-laws would be addressed at the next meeting.

The next meeting was announced to be at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 11, 2002. Please note date change.