

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
HELD AT 6:30 P.M. THURSDAY, AUGUST 5, 1993
AT THE NIRPC COMMISSION OFFICE
8149 KENNEDY AVENUE
HIGHLAND, INDIANA

Chairman George Carlson called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. Seven (7) Commissioners were present. Quorum was declared and guests were recognized.

Development Commissioners:

- George Carlson
- Charles Agnew
- Nathaniel Leonard
- Steve Davis
- John DeMeo
- William Tanke
- Robert Huffman

Staff:

- Dan Gardner
- Lou Casale
- Sandy Mordus
- Jim Pokrajac

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Visitors:

- Virgil Meier - Highland
- Dominic Vasile - Highland
- Sunita Singh - Congressman
Visclosky's Office
- Mike VanderHeyden - Dyer Const.
- James Flora - RWarmstrong
- Pete Zak - South Shore Marina
- Mary Jane Zak - "
- Jon Swanson - WJOB
- Joe Mika - Lake Co. Highway
- Siavash Beik - IDNR, Div. Water
- Bill Petrites - Highland
- Stan Petrites - Highland
- Emerson Delaney - Hammond
- Donald Shapiro - Highland
- Ron Schults - Abonmarche
- Dave Hunter - Corps

The minutes of the July 1, 1993 meeting were approved by a motion from Charles Agnew; seconded by John DeMeo; motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director's Report - Mr. Gardner welcomed Dave Hunter, the Corps of Engineer's project manager from the Chicago Corps office. Mr. Hunter talked about the quality assurance program the Corps has in monitoring the phases of construction. He informed the Commissioners how the Corps has a local office in Griffith staffed by an area engineer and several construction representatives under him. The construction site is visited daily. All phases of construction are done by a private contractor, who meets quality standards and has been low bidder for that phase. The private contractor has to provide quality assurance. Monthly partnering meetings are held with the Corps, contractor and Commission staff.

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Mr. Gardner referred to the letter in the packet from Jean Blackwell, State Budget Director, to the Congressman stressing that there are still budget concerns and not all budget appropriations included in the budget will be expended. The Congressman, in turn, has responded to Ms. Blackwell his displeasure that the Budget Agency would even consider not funding the flood control project. Mr. Gardner publicly thanked the Congressman's office for his efforts in doing all he can to secure the funds for the Commission.

Mr. Gardner reported that the right of entry and the attorney's certificate has been signed and given to the Corps. This signifies the completion of our role in securing the necessary lands, easements and rights-of-way for the Wicker Park Manor area. The Corps can now bid the project. It is anticipated that an award for a contractor will be made by the end of September and construction can begin after some 2 to 3 weeks. Mr. Gardner stated again that the budget issue of securing funds does not affect the construction phase of Wicker Park Manor. Money is already in place for that phase.

Land Acquisition Committee - Land Acquisition Chairman Chuck Agnew made a motion to make an offer on DC345 Winters property for \$18,500; motion seconded by Nathaniel Leonard; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Agnew stated that at the last meeting an amount of \$48,000 was approved for a permanent taking of some Tri State property, including receiving the right of entry for temporary work area and road access. Since then, additional property for a retention pond has been identified and the offered price to include this additional property is now \$60,000. Mr. Agnew made a motion to approve an additional \$12,000 for a total amount of \$60,000 for the Tri State property; motion seconded by Robert Huffman; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Agnew made a motion to defray lease payment to the Commission for another month (2 months have already been approved) for Chase Street Produce and Gary Meat Market because Chase St. is still closed to the public from the north; motion seconded by Robert Huffman; motion passed unanimously. It is anticipated that the construction should be completed this month at the north end and then the road will reopen.

Attorney Casale informed the Commissioners that he and staff are still trying to work out an agreeable plan with WHITECO for relocating their signs inside the levee on Commission property. Appraisals have been performed on four (4) signs. A fifth appraisal is being done now. If relocation is not found for these

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signs, the Commission will have to pay just compensation for their removal. Mr. Agnew made a motion to give tentative approval to a draft agreement with WHITECO subject to finalization and ratification by the Board at a later date; motion seconded by Nathaniel Leonard; motion passed unanimously.

Project Engineering Committee - Committee Chairman Robert Huffman spoke on utility agreements that need to be prepared with utility companies. Once the Commission knows where we stand financially, attorney Casale will proceed with preparing utility agreements. Mr. Huffman made a motion authorizing staff to advertise for bids for the construction of access roadways to NIPSCO poles off Chase Street once they have been finalized and approved by parties affected; motion seconded by Charles Agnew; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Huffman also stated that staff is in the process of notifying adjacent property owners for the rest of the east reach so a permit application can be submitted to DNR for their approval. As it stands now, the Corps must justify and prove not affecting downstream. It has been determined the best way to proceed is to apply for the DNR permit for the entire remaining east reach.

Mr. Flora will draft a letter to the Corps emphasizing more indepth contact and utility coordination be made with utility companies.

Marina/Breakwater Committee - Committee Chairman Bill Tanke informed the Commissioners that the NIPSCO pole line relocation is proceeding. The relocation should be completed by the end of this month. The contractor can then remove the old Crisman Road roadway. The agreement is that for sand on INDOT's property that is removed, the amount of money for that sand will be paid directly to INDOT. The contract is with Superior.

Mr. Tanke referred to the handout from Abonmarche outlining cost of proposed services: Task 6B Sheetpiling/Circulation Tube - \$6,760; Task #7 Add'l Construction Administration Services related to Permits/NIPSCO - \$\$5,100; Task #8 Geotechnical Analysis and Soil Borings - \$4,573. Total is \$16,433. Mr. Tanke made a motion authorizing payment of \$16,433 (one half being Portage cost; one half being Commission cost); motion seconded by John DeMeo; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Tanke made a motion to approve Superior's quote of \$6,132 for removing the pipe and constructing the headwall & end section and revegetating US 12 slope; motion seconded by Charles Agnew; motion passed unanimously. Total amount of \$6,132 would be cost shared with Portage - actual cost to Commission would be \$3,066.

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Finance/Policy Committee - Treasurer John DeMeo presented the financial status report for July as well as the claims for approval. He made a motion to approve the pending claims; motion seconded by Nathaniel Leonard; motion passed unanimously.

Statements from the floor - Dominic Vasile expressed his concern about the construction schedule for Wicker Park Manor. He inquired about what would be considered 50% completion.

Stan Petrites asked the Commission to investigate why the drainage ditch on Indianapolis Blvd. was moved to the north side of the overpass from the south side. He was told that we would bring it to the attention of the town but we do not have any authority or control over it. With drainage being a problem, Siavash Beik added that the Corps or INDOT probably would address some of the drainage with their respective projects.

There was no other business. The next Commission meeting was scheduled for Thursday, September 2, 1993 at 6:30 p.m.

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