

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
 HELD AT 6:30 P.M. THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1993
 AT THE NIRPC COMMISSION OFFICE
 8149 KENNEDY AVENUE
 HIGHLAND, INDIANA

Chairman George Carlson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Eight (8) Commissioners were present. Quorum was declared and guests were recognized.

Development Commissioners:

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

Staff:

Dan Gardner
 Lou Casale
 Sandy Mordus
 Bruce Stouffer
 Jim Pokrajac
 Bruce Stouffer

Visitors:

Virgil Meier - Highland
 Edward Lukowski - Hammond
 Joe Mika - Lake Co. Highway
 Pete Zak - South Shore Marina
 Mary Jane Zak- " "
 Jim Flora - R.W. Armstrong
 Ola Kennedy - Lake County Park
 and Recreation Board
 Bill Petrites - Highland
 Ray Young - Contract & Community
 Services
 Donald Shapiro - Highland
 Mike Vander Heyden - Dyer Const.
 Buzz Lee - Ogden Dunes, Town
 Council President
 Jeff Gunning - Attorney for
 Ogden Dunes
 Connie Sowa-Jamrok - The Times
 Dominic Vasile - Highland

The minutes of the October 7, 1993 meeting were approved by a motion from Charles Agnew; seconded by Robert Trelo; motion passed unanimously.

Dan Gardner congratulated Steve Davis on his reappointment to the Commission.

Chairman George Carlson gave an overview of NAFSMA conference held in Cincinnati on October 28-31, 1993 in which several Commissioners and staff attended. Mr. Gardner quoted some of the figures given relative to levees - which were federal, which were privately owned, which levees withstood and which levees broke, etc. in the recent tragic Midwest flooding situation.

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Executive Director's Report - Mr. Gardner announced that the House of Representatives and the Senate both have approved the passage of the Federal budget and President Clinton has signed it. Since this now approves the \$16 million of Federal monies for the project, we can request the next non-federal cash contribution of \$1.2 million. The Corps has requested this share several months past but we have not been able to draw upon the approved \$2 million appropriated to the Commission.

Regarding the construction phase of Wicker Park Manor, the Corps has given Dyer Construction authorization to proceed to construction. A schedule will be devised shortly. A pre-bid meeting will be scheduled in the very near future. Property owners will be notified before construction begins. Mr. Gardner stated that since the utilities have stated that there is sufficient cover around utility poles, the Commission will pursue the commitment to adjacent property owners and remove the old levee as part of a second landscaping contract.

Mr. Gardner reported that IDNR is requiring a DNR permit for the removal of the Erie R.R. bridge at Indianapolis Blvd. in Highland. Staff has notified adjacent property owners and permit application will be sent out in the very near future. In the interim before the bridge can be removed, the debris will be cleaned out again at the Commission's expense.

Mr. Gardner stated that there is still no commitment from INDOT to reconstruction of the Grant St. interchange. He will continue to push this project with both INDOT and the city. Arlene Colvin added that the city of Gary also sees this project as a priority and will continue to do what she can to move it along.

Mr. Gardner informed the Commissioners that he toured the project area with Bill Dull, Legislative Assistant to Senator Coats, and gave him a status report on work completed and future construction phases.

Land Acquisition Committee - Land Acquisition Chairman Chuck Agnew made a motion to condemn DC235; motion seconded by Arlene Colvin; motion passed unanimously. The attorney has made every effort to work out legal problems on this property but has not been successful.

Mr. Agnew also made a motion to grant a permanent easement to Gary Sanitary District for a piece of land 40 x 80 or less, contingent upon Corps approval and attorney review. The property is needed by the city for a sanitary pump station. Motion was seconded by Arlene Colvin; motion passed unanimously.

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Project Engineering Committee - Mr. Huffman stated that most of the material has been covered in Land Acquisition report. He did make a motion to approve modification of contract for Kiewit in the amount of \$19,800 for two access ramps over culvert for NIPSCO access at the north levee end for Stage III; motion seconded by William Tanke; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Huffman also reported that three bids were received for 8 access ramps over culverts for NIPSCO access along Chase Street in Stage III; they were:

- (1) Dyer Construction, Dyer - \$54,850
- (2) Bucko Construction, Gary - \$42,340
- (3) Ellas Construction, Gary - \$38,800

Mr. Huffman made a motion to award the contract to Ellas Construction of \$38,800 subject to legal review by attorney; motion seconded by Robert Trelo; motion passed unanimously.

Marina/Breakwater Committee - Mr. Gardner informed the Commission that he just recently met with John Hannon and Ron Schults to discuss marina issues. Another meeting will be scheduled shortly with the Mayor. Superior is continuing to move sand.

Committee Chairman Bill Tanke added that the NIPSCO lease is still being reviewed. We will meet with NIPSCO shortly in an effort to develop a more workable lease.

Town trustee Buzz Lee from Ogden Dunes and Jeff Gunning, attorney for Ogden Dunes, were present in the audience to personally thank the Commission for the sand that was given to the town for beach nourishment. The Commission also paid for the cost of testing and will pay for the transport of the sand up to \$44,000 (money that DNR had transferred to the Commission that was earmarked for beach nourishment). Mr. Gardner referred to the DNR letter stating that the test results on the sand were positive and the sand is suitable for shoreline placement.

Mr. Gardner referred to the letter from Col. Reed, Corps of Engineers, to Jean Blackwell, Director of the State Budget Agency, stating his pleasure that the State has allocated \$1 million for the Portage marina project.

Mr. Tanke stated we are still pursuing the Detroit Corps permit for marina construction. They are requesting a 75' buffer area that would cause elimination of some of the required 250 boat slips. The permit was filed 1 and 1/2 years ago. Abonmarche, the city and staff are trying to work through the problem.

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Finance/Policy Committee - Treasurer John DeMeo presented the financial status report for October as well as the claims for approval. Mr. DeMeo made a motion to approve the pending claims; motion seconded by Arlene Colvin; motion passed unanimously.

Other Business - Mr. Gardner stated that the Commission is still awaiting final written commitment from the Corps on minority policy. He was informed that the Colonel has been out but has been told the letter will be hand shortly. Discussion took place on set aside 8A projects.

Statements from the floor - Ray Young, from Contract and Community Services added that he has just talked to Dave Hunter and he reaffirmed their agreement. He stated that the Colonel has declared support of the minority agreement and has instructed the Corps staff to implement. Mr. Young was very pleased with the results. He thanked Mr. Gardner (and the Commissioners) for all the effort put forth in obtaining the maximum minority participation he could possible from the Corps.

Mike VanderHeyden from Dyer Construction distributed pictures of a pedestrian walkway on a bridge that should be implemented on several other bridge projects upcoming.

Mr. Gardner informed the audience that the next meeting would be held here in Highland but after December 6 the Commission would be at their new office location in Portage at 6100 Southport Road. When meetings are necessary with locals, we anticipate being able to use meeting rooms in the town and city halls and the local Corps office in Griffith.

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

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