

MEETINGS OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
HELD AT 6:30 P.M. THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1993
AT THE NIRPC COMMISSION OFFICE
8149 KENNEDY AVENUE
HIGHLAND, INDIANA

Chairman George Carlson called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. SIX (6) Commissioners were present. Quorum was declared and guests were recognized.

Development Commissioners:

- George Carlson
- Charles Agnew
- Steve Davis
- Robert Huffman
- Arlene Colvin
- Robert Trelo

Staff:

- Dan Gardner
- Lou Casale
- Sandy Mordus
- Bruce Stouffer
- Jim Pokrajac
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Visitors:

- Virgil Meier - Highland
- Don Scott - Urban League of Northwest IN
- Pete Zak - South Shore Marina
- Mary Jane Zak- " "
- Gregg Doffin - WJOB
- Robin Biesen - The Times
- Bill Petrites - Highland
- Joe Mika - Lake Co. Highway
- Siavash Beik - IDNR, Div. Water
- Donald Shapiro - Highland

The minutes of the August 2, 1993 meeting were approved by a motion from Charles Agnew; seconded by Robert Huffman; motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director's Report - Mr. Gardner gave a report on the State Budget Meeting held on August 24th in New Albany. The Commission was able to get \$2 million approved for draw down of the total \$4 million appropriated in this biennium. However, the approval is contingent upon the Federal Government securing their \$16 million that was previously approved by the House of Representatives. Once the Federal budget is passed, we will be able to draw upon the \$2 million. If a Federal budget is not passed by October 1, then a continuing resolution is anticipated to allow fund continuity until a budget is passed. The Corps will work on a letter to document their funding status for use by the Budget Agency.

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Mr. Gardner referred to the Corps schedule contained in the packet. It depicts the financial figures for contract segments with dates identified. The schedule was needed to portray to the Budget Committee the need for the \$2 million.

Mr. Gardner reported that the construction pre-bid meeting for Wicker Park Manor levee contract was held yesterday, Sept. 1. Col. Reed along with Corps staff explained construction details to those attending the meeting. There were about 20 firms who picked up the plans and specs. Bids will be opened September 14. Award of contract should be made by the end of September.

Mr. Gardner stated that the Indiana Dept. of Transportation has scheduled the Indianapolis Blvd. bridge raising for July 1994 for a cost of about \$1.9 million.

Mr. Gardner referred to the letter received from the Corps stating that the construction of a new bridge over the river to connect Hammond and Highland is part of the overall levee project. This means that the existing Erie R.R. bridge can be removed. DNR has no objection to its removal as long as it will be replaced as part of the project. Staff will generate letter to DNR for concurrence; then will follow up with bidding the project out. Chairman George Carlson was very pleased to hear the old bridge could be removed; he has felt it should have been removed a long time ago. Discussion ensued on trail length and connections.

Mr. Gardner emphasized the need for INDOT to commit to Grant Street raising. Another meeting needs to be scheduled soon, along with the Congressman's attendance. Arlene Colvin has talked to the Mayor before and will pursue his activeness in this issue.

Land Acquisition Committee - Land Acquisition Chairman Chuck Agnew made a motion to approve an anticipated cost of \$2,000 from Milo Vale's Office for the preparation of an appraisal for the borrow site in Schererville; motion seconded by Arlene Colvin; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Agnew then made a motion to approve some additional monies for the purchase of DC345 (Normal cap of relocation cost for a displaced person is \$22,500; Gary Redevelopment Commission is recommending \$24,105; the difference needing approval is \$1,605); motion seconded by Robert Trelo; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Agnew made a motion for approval of the appraised price of \$10,525 for the Whiteco sign at Indianapolis Blvd. that must be removed before construction of the Wicker Park Manor levee; motion seconded by Arlene Colvin; motion passed unanimously.

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Mr. Agnew also made a motion to approve a relocation cost of \$24,199 for NIPSCO to relocate some power lines at Wicker Park Manor; motion seconded by Robert Trelo; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Agnew also made a motion to pro-rate lease money to lessees since Chase Street North is still closed to through traffic; motion seconded by Robert Huffman; motion passed unanimously.

Project Engineering Committee - Committee Chairman Robert Huffman stated that update information has already been covered under Land Acquisition.

Marina/Breakwater Committee - In Committee Chairman Bill Tanke's absence, Mr. Gardner informed the Commissioners that several meetings have been held with John Hannon and Ron Schults. He reported that the Lake Michigan Marina Development Commission received an appropriation of \$2 million of State Budget monies for marina development, with \$1 million being earmarked for Portage. The Colonel wrote Jean Blackwell, Director of the Budget Agency, of the need and obligation to build the public marina in Portage as part of the breakwater commitment.

Mr. Gardner referred to letter from the town of Ogden Dunes expressing their interest in obtaining sand from the marina site. They are aware that DNR monies of \$44,000 are available and may be used for transporting the sand to the beach. Soil erosion is a major problem in Ogden Dunes. Commissioner Steve Davis emphasized that he thinks it is important that we help out the town as much as we can. Mr. Agnew stated that we offered the sand to Ogden Dunes well before there was ever a contract for sand removal. Staff will pursue. Mr. Gardner stated that we are hopeful in securing a lease agreement with NIPSCO in the very near future. It was reported that the NIPSCO utility relocation on site has been completed. Grading work is done.

Finance/Policy Committee - In Treasurer John DeMeo's absence, Mr. Gardner presented the financial status report for August as well as the claims for approval. Arlene Colvin made a motion to approve the pending claims; motion seconded by Robert Trelo; motion passed unanimously.

Statements from the floor - There were no statements from the floor.

There was no other business. The next Commission meeting was scheduled for Thursday, October 7, 1993 at 6:30 p.m.

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