

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
HELD AT 6:30 P.M. THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 1992
AT THE COMMISSION OFFICES
8149 KENNEDY AVENUE, HIGHLAND, INDIANA

In Chairperson Arlene Colvin's absence, Vice 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
William Tanke
Dave Springman
Nathaniel Leonard
Steve Davis
Clyde Baughard

Staff:

Dan Gardner
Lou Casale
Sandy Mordus

Visitors:

Pete Zak - South Shore Marina
Mary Jane Zak - " "
David Cole - Abonmarche
Donald Shapiro - Highland
Leon Wells - Lake County
Highway Dept.
Chuck Eckenstahler-Abonmarche
Joe & Jeanette Misicko -
Highland
Dominic Vasile - Highland
Brigit Gold - Highland
Sivash Beik- DNR, Div. Water
Jim Flora - R.W. Armstrong
John Bach - Highland
Edith Root - Crown Point
Mike Vander Heyden - Dyer
Construction

The minutes of the March 5, 1992 meeting were approved by a motion from Clyde Baughard; seconded by Nathaniel Leonard; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gardner gave an overview of the meeting held at the Congressman's office regarding minority participation and contract letting for the federal project. In attendance was the Congressman, the Corps of Engineers, Urban League, the NAACP and the Commission. Further meetings will be held as the project moves along. Methods to promote maximum local business participation and minority participation will be explored.

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Mr. Gardner referred to a letter from the Governor addressed to Gary Mannesto, Detroit Corps office, regarding a request for the State of Indiana to use the existing 404 permit issued to the Chicago Corps to construct an interim flood control levee. No answer from Detroit has been given yet.

Finance/Policy Committee - Committee Chairman Clyde Baughard presented the financial status report for March as well as the claims. Mr. Baughard made a motion to approve the pending claims; motion seconded by Dave Springman; motion passed unanimously.

Land Acquisition Committee - Attorney Casale asked the Board for authorization to increase the offered price on DC121 from \$285 to \$600. Nathaniel Leonard made a motion authorizing the increase; Clyde Baughard seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously. The amount of \$1080 on DC357 remains the same.

A motion was made by Clyde Baughard for the attorney to proceed with acquisition including condemnation where necessary on the following properties where demolition is involved: DC235, DC244, DC245, DC257, DC258, DC260, DC261, DC286, DC288, DC301, DC302, DC326, DC327, DC328, DC293, DC294, DC303, DC291; motion was seconded by Nathaniel Leonard; motion passed unanimously. Mr. Casale stated for any settlement over the appraised price, he will come back to the Commission for approval.

The attorney reported he had talked to Mike Kerr of Tenney Pavoni and was informed that the culvert replacement project at Conrail was complete but there was still some debris left at the project site. Mr. Casale did not know whether it was deposited in wetlands. After some discussion, it was the board decision to not release the remaining 10% of the project amount until this issue was addressed. Since the specs stated the site should be left in the same condition as it was prior to construction, it was felt that the area should be completely void of debris. Staff will notify project engineer who will follow through with cleanup and Corps of Engineers concurrence.

Mr. Gardner reported that the Commission has received three quotes from firms who are willing to dispose of the filled drums that were left on Commission property (DC56). The Griffith Fire Dept. has asked us to clean up the site and dispose of the drums. We have had the drums tested by an environmental firm and it was found that they contain no toxic materials, although one drum was unknown. Clyde Baughard made a motion to enter into an agreement with Environmental Clean-up Contractor Service, Inc. from Griffith for the drum disposal subject to final review and

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approval by the attorney and staff; Nathaniel Leonard seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Project Engineering Construction Committee - Mr. Gardner informed the Board that he would be scheduling a committee meeting in the near future.

He referred to the environmental assessment report received from the Corps that stated there was no significant, adverse environmental impact in obtaining borrow material from the Deep River Park property for the construction of levees. The report is available in the office.

Mr. Gardner also stated that Land Acquisitions, Inc. is currently working on identifying the utility occupations.

Mr. Gardner talked about the utility meeting that was held April 1 in our office. The Corps contacted each utility affected in the project area. They were given a packet of information and asked to confirm location of their respective lines. Mr. Flora of R.W. Armstrong will be following up with individual meetings.

Marina/Breakwater Committee - Chuck Eckenstahler from Abonmarche gave a presentation update of the marina development. The final plan is almost complete. Some changes include the entranceway. Final cost figures are not yet available. The financial analysis portion of the project needs to be addressed next. Cross sections on the north end of the site were made available. There was some uncertainty in actual elevations of the NIPSCO lines so NIPSCO has consented to going on site and exposing the lines so exact location & elevation can be determined. Committee Chairman Bill Tanke made a motion for Abonmarche to proceed with Phase IV of the work scope; motion seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously. Mr. Gardner will be calling a committee meeting once the survey information is available.

Mr. Tanke referred to the letter contained in the packet from Save the Dunes Council regarding their concern on permits from DNR and the Corps and their desire to be involved in the permitting process.

Mr. Tanke made a motion to effectuate the escrow agreement for the Burr Street betterment; Clyde Baughard seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

There were no statements from the floor. There was no other business. The next Commission meeting was scheduled for Thursday, May 7th at 6:30 p.m.