

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
HELD AT 6:30 P.M. WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 1992
AT THE COMMISSION OFFICES
8149 KENNEDY AVENUE, HIGHLAND, INDIANA

George Carlson

Chairperson ~~Arlene Colvin~~ Called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Seven (7) Commissioners were present. Quorum was declared and guests were recognized.

Development Commissioners:

- George Carlson
- Charles Agnew
- Dave Springman
- Nathaniel Leonard
- Steve Davis
- Clyde Baughard
- William Tanke

Visitors:

- Pete Zak - South Shore Marina
- Mary Jane Zak - " "
- D. R. Shapiro - Highland
- Mike Vander Heyden - Dyer
Construction
- Jim Flora - R.W. Armstrong
- Siavash Beik - DNR, Div. Water
- Ola Kennedy - Lake County
Park Board
- Virgil Meier - Highland
- Bob Huffman - Munster
- Leon Wells - Lake County
Highway Dept.
- Chuck Eckenstahler - Abonmarche
- Ron Shults - Abonmarche

Staff:

- Dan Gardner
- Lou Casale
- Sandy Mordus
- Bruce Stouffer

The minutes of the June 2nd, 1992 meeting were approved by a motion from Clyde Baughard; seconded by Chuck Agnew; motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director's Report - Mr. Gardner gave an update to the Commission regarding Wicker Park Manor levee project. He stated he had attended a technical coordinating meeting between agencies and referred to a map of the area. Two basic items came out of the meeting: (1) Existing sheet wall may need to be strengthened to meet federal standards. It will be tied back to high land; (2) north line being looked to for Corps for federal construction. It is not a 3 month project. Corps says spring letting, summer completion in 1993. Bridge raising needs to be coordinated at the same time. If Corps does the construction, the \$700,000 will be a federal cost. The new levee line is further north; that means property owners will gain useful property - not lose it.



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

Legislative Committee - Mr. Gardner reported and referred to newspaper articles regarding the \$11 million approved by the House Appropriations Committee for the flood control project. \$150,000 was also approved for the Burns Harbor Waterway small boat harbor. These monies would be used for assessing dredging need of the mouth of Burns Waterway near breakwater. Securing this money is good news because it shows that the Corps is satisfied with our progress in the pursuit of the public marina.

The Federal schedule revision has not been received yet. We hope to receive it in the near future. Because of some utility concern and the issue of Grant Street bridge raising alteration, delay will be incurred.

Mr. Gardner also announced that the new colonel arrives tomorrow. His name is Lt. Col. David Reed and he will replace Lt. Col. Inouye. The Commission will be represented at the ceremony.

Land Acquisition Committee - Land Acquisition Chairman Chuck Agnew reported that DC301 has closed this month. Mr. Agnew stated the committee had met with Lake County Park Board committee on June 17 to discuss land issues. We presented the park committee with detailed areas of lots needed for Stage III levee construction. It will be acted upon at the next Park Board meeting.

Project Engineering/Construction Committee - Mr. Gardner reported the bid opening date of Stage II Phase II construction has been pushed back to July 21. He also reported that a meeting was held with Hammond, Highland and Munster regarding the west reach levee construction. The concept behind the meeting was for reaction now to the plans of road closures and not later to identify problems after plans and specs are completed.

Jim Flora from R.W. Armstrong reported on utility meeting held recently involving the west reach. Discussion took place on type of closure structures. Corps received input from other public utilities attending the meeting. Relative to the east reach utilities, the utility companies are in the process of putting together plans. Some utilities need field relocation identified.

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Mr. Flora, R.W. Armstrong, stated he met with specific utilities today. It is imperative that utilities be protected throughout the construction phases. Utilities must start making plans for construction modifications now.

We have received a letter from NIPSCO relative to cost reimbursement associated with relocation of utilities. Letter will need to be addressed in the near future. Discussion ensued as to NIPSCO pipelines on public right-of-way. Some utilities have acquired their own easement rights.

Lake County Emergency Management will coordinate the flood warning system.

Mr. Gardner reported that the first segment is nearing completion. An engineering inspection by R.W. Armstrong will be coordinated with the Corps before final approval is given.

Marina/Breakwater Committee - Committee Chairman Bill Tanke asked Chuck Eckenstahler of Abonmarche to bring the Commission up to date on the marina status. Mr. Eckenstahler displayed the gantt chart showing the tracking of performed items in their contract. Abonmarche has kept on schedule on all marina related activities assigned to them. Mr. Tanke made a motion to accept the final report from Abonmarche; Chuck Agnew seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gardner stated that the City of Portage has sent out a RFP for selection of an engineer as the next step. RFP's are due tomorrow. After proposals are received, a marina committee meeting will be held to allow for review of the proposals.

Discussion ensued on whether certain utility lines were dead or alive that crossed the marina property. NIPSCO will be contacted to determine the facts.

Crisman Road vacation has been filed with the city.

There was no other business. The next Commission meeting was scheduled for Thursday, August 6, 1992 at 6:30.

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