

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



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
- John DeMeo
- Dave Springman
- Nathaniel Leonard
- Steve Davis
- Clyde Baughard
- Arlene Colvin

Visitors:

- Pete Zak - South Shore Marina
- Mary Jane Zak - " "
- Rada Indjich - The Times
- Mike Vander Heyden - Dyer Construction
- Jim Flora - RWArmstrong
- Siavash Beik - DNR, Div. Water
- Ola Kennedy - Lake County Park Board

Staff:

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

The minutes of the May 2nd, 1992 meeting were approved by a motion from Clyde Baughard; seconded by John DeMeo; motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director's Report - Mr. Gardner informed the Board that the consulting firm preparing the final design work for the levee for Wicker Park Manor is almost complete. It is almost totally consistent with the Corps levee alignment which may allow oversight to be performed by the Corps. Process of the 215 Section was discussed. The final design will be completed by the next Board meeting. Before then, staff will attempt to arrange a meeting with the Governor to discuss the financial issue. The topic of credit reimbursement was discussed.

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It was stated that easement agreements must be in place before levee construction can begin. There should be little impact to residents' back yards along the levee line. A meeting with home owners and the town of Highland will take place once all factors are known and before construction begins.

Finance/Policy Committee - Committee Chairman Clyde Baughard presented the financial status report for May 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 - Land Acquisition Agent Bruce Stouffer reported that DC286 has closed this month. Mr. Baughard made a motion to authorize staff and attorney to acquire properties on north levee line from Chase to Grant, including condemnation where necessary. Parcels include DC168, DC169, DC170, DC165, DC154, DC152, DC145, DC135, DC129, DC132, DC131, DC127, and DC126. Motion was seconded by George Carlson; motion passed unanimously.

Project Engineering/Construction Committee - Mr. Gardner reported that a joint Land Acquisition/Construction meeting was held earlier tonight. Bids for Stage II Phase II that were originally slated for bid opening June 10 has been set back to July 15. A commitment is trying to be secured from INDOT for Grant Street bridge raising rather than the current plan to use a road closure. Mr. Gardner referred to a letter in the packet addressed to Lt. Col. Inouye requesting modification of the plans for this area. A State funding commitment must be made; an interim closure plan must be formulated; and specifications must be modified before any bid letting can be secured.

Mr. Flora, RWArmstrong, 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.

Marina/Breakwater Committee - Mr. Gardner stated that he is meeting tomorrow at Portage City Hall to review the marina concept plan with the Lt. Col. and the city. Before proceeding any further, we need to know if the plan meets with Corps approval.

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Mr. Gardner referred to the Request for Proposals to secure an engineering firm that the city has prepared. Clyde Baughard made a motion concurring with sending the RFP; John DeMeo seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Permit filing was discussed. Federal and state permits must be secured. Mr. Baughard made a motion to authorize Abonmarche to file permits; motion seconded by John DeMeo; motion passed unanimously.

Statements from the Floor - Mike Vander Heyden inquired about pipelines that were on the marina site.

Mr. Gardner informed the Commission that a Change-of-Command ceremony will take place on July 2 honoring the departure of Lt. Col. Randall Inouye and the arrival of Lt. Col. David Reed.

There was no other business. The next Commission meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, July 1, 1992 at 6:30 p.m.

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