

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
HELD AT 6:30 P.M. TUESDAY, JULY 2, 1996
AT THE COMMISSION OFFICE
6100 SOUTHPORT ROAD
PORTAGE, INDIANA

Chairman William Tanke called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. Seven (7) Commissioners were present. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Quorum was declared and guests were recognized.

Development Commissioners:

Robert Huffman
William Tanke
Robert Trelo
Steve Davis
Nathaniel Leonard
Charles Agnew
George Carlson

Visitors:

Jim Flora - RWarmstrong
Denis Buksa - Munster
Ken Smith - IDNR
Mike VanderHeyden - Dyer
Construction
Bob Brosey - Dyer Const.

Staff:

Dan Gardner
Lou Casale
Melissa Stefanovich
James Pokrajac
Judy Vamos
Sandy Mordus

The minutes of the June 6, 1996 meeting were approved by a motion from Chuck Agnew; motion seconded by Robert Trelo; motion passed unanimously.

Chairman's Report - Chairman William Tanke informed the Board that he and Dan Gardner have received an invitation for the Change of Command Ceremony acknowledging outgoing Col. Slockbower and the incoming Colonel Roger Gerber. They will attend.

Executive Director's Report - Mr. Gardner informed the Board that we have received paperwork to submit our 1997/99 biennial budget request to the State by August 19th. We will work with the COE to identify future anticipated costs so we can document our need for future dollars. A draft budget request/documentation will be readied for the August meeting.

Mr. Gardner reported that Operation & Maintenance (O&M) review has been ongoing. IDNR Ken Smith and George Cosby who is in charge of inspections for dams and levees, have been reviewing it. It is a very thick document and they are slowly going through it. We need

to respond to the COE with our comments very soon. Jim Flora has supplied us with his engineering comments. This will be a topic of discussion when Mr. Gardner, Chairman Tanke and attorney Casale meet with the new Colonel on the 15th.

Mr. Gardner referred to a letter from Mike Cervay, Financial Advisor for the city of Gary, reiterating the city's financial commitment to the Grant Street reconstruction project. INDOT is currently working on the design and moving forward. This is a key project and very important to the Flood Control levee project. There is a field meeting with INDOT at Grant St. on July 18th.

Land Acquisition Committee - Committee Chairman Chuck Agnew referred to a letter received from the COE office reiterating the critical need for identification of mitigation lands. We must have at least 200 acres identified by July 15th. Mr. Gardner has shared the letter with Mayor King and told him we would be contacting him very soon to set up a meeting for this discussion. Any future permits will not be possible until mitigated lands are identified. Parcel DNR42 (179 acres) was discussed as to its use as mitigation. There is a conference call scheduled with the Mayor for July 10th.

Project Engineering Committee - Committee Chairman Bob Huffman gave the engineering report. He reported that several meetings have taken place this month. On June 12 staff attended the Gary Board of Public Works meeting regarding review & approval of street vacates; Stanley Consultants had utility review meetings going on from June 18 to June 27 with several utility companies; on June 20 there was a meeting with Lake County Emergency Response to review the present operation of the monitoring equipment for the river (we will try to schedule a time when media/Board members can view); met with Greg Cvitkovich to review Wicker Park golf course flood protection on June 20th; on June 25 staff met with Berkheimer to review their request for purchase of property to the west of the business. There is also an upcoming meeting on July 3 with Woodmar Country Club.

At the last Commission meeting, Mike Vander Heyden of Dyer Construction Co., asked about a value engineering proposal he had submitted to the COE. Jim Flora stated he has responded to him and has written a letter. Mr. Flora gave his justification of why we agree with the COE that it not be accepted. The proposal did not consider the cost of the Wolverine pipeline relocation work and it only shifted the cost into another phase. Therefore, it is not a value engineering cost savings when considering the total cost to the public.

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After having reviewed this proposal, staff determined that it is important that we be allowed to review and comment on all value engineering proposals submitted to the COE. The COE has agreed to this. We will send them an official letter requesting such.

Marina/Breakwater Committee - Committee Chairman Bill Tanke gave the Marina report. He reported that marina construction for the most part is complete. There is alot of activity at the launch lanes on weekends. First phase of construction is pretty much complete. We are awaiting a balance sheet from the city showing the income. We need an accounting of where we are right now. The city is also supplying us a copy of the insurance policy so we can determine whether it is adequate for our needs.

We have received the Memo of Understanding from IDNR and Portage Park Dept. regarding the boat ramp fee charges. We will counter sign the memo.

Mr. Tanke announced that the marina dedication is set for 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 16th. All are invited.

Chuck Agnew made a motion to approve the marina claim of \$5,000 for Lou Casale for estimated time devoted to bond closing issue; motion seconded by Arlene Colvin; motion passed unanimously.

Bob Huffman inquired what the frames were for that were constructed over the roadways on the marina site. Mr. Tanke informed him they were there by the requirement of NIPSCO to alert boat haulers to the high tension NIPSCO wires overhead. They are to act as a safety device so the wires will not be touched. Signage will be placed on them.

Arlene Colvin made a motion authorizing the ordering of a plaque to be placed on the boat house building; motion seconded by Bob Huffman; motion passed unanimously.

Finance/Policy Committee - Treasurer George Carlson gave the financial report. Mr. Carlson made a motion to approve the financial status statement for May and approve the claims for payment totaling \$38,640.89; motion seconded by Arlene Colvin; motion passed unanimously.

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Other Business - Nathaniel Leonard asked if we should mow the levee. Jim Pokrajac answered that staff decided to postpone mowing because the COE has let a landscaping contract for all the levees. Additional material will be going onto the tops of levees. Bob Huffman asked about the type of landscaping that would be planted there. Jim Pokrajac stated that natural grasses, bushes and shrubs would be planted.

Statements from the floor - Contractor Mike Vander Heyden from Dyer Construction asked to talk to Jim Pokrajac after the meeting regarding our response to the value engineering letter.

There being no further business, the next regular Commission meeting was scheduled for Thursday, August 1, 1996 in Portage.