

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

HELD AT 6:00p.m., WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 2016

Location: Munster Town Hall, Munster, IN

Chairman William Baker called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. An Executive Session/Work Study Session was held prior to the public meeting. There were seven (7) Commission members present at roll call. Quorum was declared.

Commissioners:

William Baker, Chairman
Tom Wichlinski, Vice-Chairman
Tom Gozdecki
Levon Whittaker
Anthony Broadnax
Debbie Long
David Castellanos

Visitors:

Mike Padilla – USACE
Laurie Czulno – Hammond
Craig Hendrix – SEH
David Nellans – Town of Munster
Ron Ware – Munster
Judy Knapp – Hammond
T. Cholipski – Munster
Mark Gordish – City of Hammond
John Beckman – Catalyst Eco
Sandy O'Brien – Hobart

Executive Director:

Dan Repay

Attorney:

Dave Wickland

Staff:

Jodi Lambert

Chairman Baker referred to the minutes from the June 8, 2016 meeting. Commissioner Wichlinski made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; motion seconded by Commissioner Broadnax; motion passed with 6 aye votes, 1 abstain.

Chairman's Report – Chairman Baker welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded everyone of our purpose, the maintenance of the eleven mile, \$275 million dollar man-made flood control project. Like any other project, if neglected, serious issues can occur. Ongoing maintenance of this flood control project is necessary to ensure problems, such as the 2008 flooding does not occur again. We continue to meet with local communities within the watershed to ensure that we are all prepared in the event of a heavy rain event.

Finance – Chairman Baker referred to the July claims in the amount of \$486,730.79. Commissioner Gozdecki made a motion to approve the claims; motion seconded by Commissioner Broadnax. Chairman Baker called for any discussion on the motion. Mr. Repay proceeded to explain a few of the claims, starting with payments to Wiltjer Excavating totaling \$107,320.00. This claim is for continuing work on cutting down trees and clearing blockages along Plum Creek and Hart Ditch. \$151,379.00 was paid to Patten Industries for purchase of the back-up generator for the Burr Street North Pump Station. Payment in the amount of \$16,576.30 to GreenLine Environmental represents the ongoing culvert inspections, which are required every 5 years. The 3rd mowing cycle of the entire length of the levee was completed by C&H Mowing for the amount of \$22,135.00. Payment to Garcia Consulting Engineers in the amount of \$12,455.90 represents work on Georgia Street Grade Adjustment Project, which was recently completed. Dawson & Associates submitted a claim for \$35,000.00, which represents

continued work on crediting. Chairman Baker asked if there were any other questions and called for a roll call vote, the motion passed 7-0.

Executive Director's Report –

Mr. Repay discussed some of the current and upcoming projects:

- The Levee Paving Project is almost complete. This project will pave the tops of the levee in an area between Oxbow Part and the Railroad Tracks in Hammond and from Cline Avenue to Kennedy Avenue in Highland.
- With water levels low, a concerted effort is being made to clear fallen trees in Hart Ditch. The work is starting at Main Street and progressing north.
- The Georgia Street Project, located at approximately 33rd Avenue and Georgia Street has been substantially completed. This project, located at approximately 33rd Avenue and Georgia Street, will raise and repave Georgia Street.
- The 35th & Chase Project is being designed. This project will eliminate the current post and panel closure system.
- The Belmont Street Repair Project is currently under review by the USACE.
- The Burr Street North Back-up Generator project is currently under attorney review.
- The Hobart Marsh Mitigation and Hammond Tie-Back projects are moving along and look to be on track.
- Approval for the Gary South Levee Project is in progress. This project will pave the levee from Chase to Martin Luther King Drive.
- A meeting with the USACE is scheduled for July 19th to finalize the inspection reports.

Other Issues/New Business –

No Other Issues/New Business to report.

Update from the USACE -

Mike Padilla from the USACE provided updates on several issues.

- The contracts for the State Line Tie-Back and Hobart Marsh Mitigation are on track to be advertised in early July and awarded in August of 2016. These projects are ready to advertise and pre solicitation notices have been sent out.
- Work with Dawson & Associates continues in an effort to document crediting. The Corps hopes to fast-track the Dawson credit packages.

Statements from the Floor –

No Statements from the floor.

There being no further business, the next meeting was scheduled for 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 10th at the Gary City Hall.