

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
 HELD AT 6:30 P.M. THURSDAY, JUNE 3, 1993
 AT THE NIRPC COMMISSION OFFICE
 8149 KENNEDY AVENUE
 HIGHLAND, INDIANA

Chairman George Carlson called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Eight (8) Commissioners were present. Quorum was declared and guests were recognized.

Development Commissioners:

George Carlson
 Charles Agnew
 Robert Trelo
 Nathaniel Leonard
 Steve Davis
 Arlene Colvin
 John DeMeo
 William Tanke

Staff:

Dan Gardner
 Lou Casale
 Sandy Mordus
 Jim Pokrajac

Visitors:

Dick Wawryzniak - Indianapolis
 (former DNR)
 Siavash Beik - DNR, Div. of Water
 Stanley Petrites -
 Highland
 Bill Petrites - Highland
 Marsha Hahney - WJOB News
 James Flora - RWArmstrong
 Pete Zak - South Shore Marina
 Mary Jane Zak - "
 Roland Elvambuena - City of Gary
 Ray Young - Contract Community
 Services & Greater Gary Assoc.
 Contractors
 Emerson Delaney - Hammond
 Donald Shapiro - Highland
 Connie Sowa - Jamrok - Times
 Eloise Gentry - N.W. IN Urban
 League

The minutes of the May 6, 1993 meeting were approved by a motion from Chuck Agnew; seconded by John DeMeo; motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director's Report - Mr. Gardner reported no state budget agreement has been reached yet. Several articles are contained in the packet. Also referred to was the implications letter sent to the State Budget Director and Budget Conferees. July 1 is the deadline for a state budget to be agreed upon. After a budget is announced, we should schedule a meeting in Indianapolis with the Corps, DNR and SBA. We need to determine how to develop a schedule that will maximize the flow of the monies available.

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Mr. Gardner stated that the Corps is asking us to secure all the lands, easements and rights-of-way for Wicker Park Manor by the end of this month. He referred to the Corps letter in the packet transmitting final right-of-way drawings. The final Preliminary plans have been received from SEG; all 21 property owners along River Drive have signed easements, North Township easements have been signed but one additional easement needs to be signed yet with them; easements from town need to be signed yet; Tri-State appraisal will be completed very soon - easements still needed from Tri-State; attorney and Corps working out an acceptable agreement with Conrail; waiting for response from Phillips Petroleum Pipeline outlining options and cost. It is not known at this time whether the right-of-entry can be signed by June 30th.

Mr. Gardner referred to the Corps response letter to our request to establish an independent monitor of the minority participation in Corps construction contracts. Their response indicated there was no need to hire an independent; they felt their Chief of Construction/Operations Div. was doing that particular job by receiving contractor reports monthly.

Mr. Gardner also indicated another meeting will be held with the Congressional staff regarding the 8A program next week. Ray Young informed the Commission that Stage II Stage 3B will also be a set-aside for the 8A program. He stressed his disappointment that more is not really being done to address the situation of minority hiring.

Land Acquisition Committee - Land Acquisition Chairman Chuck Agnew relayed to the Commission the problem that Gary Meat Market and Chase Street Produce is having with the construction hurting their respective business. North Chase Street is closed to through traffic and it is difficult to access the businesses even from south Chase St. and 35th. He made a motion to relieve them of their rent obligation to the Commission for a period of 2 months (which is estimated road closing time); motion seconded by Robert Trelo; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Agnew also reported that the signed easements for Stage II were received from Gary Park Board. Mr. Gardner referred to our letter to the Gary Park Board committing to the greenhouse reconstruction; the driving range construction; Earth Source permit costs; continue assistance to pursue funding from a variety of sources.

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Project Engineering/Construction Committee - Mr. Gardner reported that the committee held an organizational meeting to define the role for the committee. The Corps will be invited to attend a meeting in the near future to discuss how they address quality assurance, construction monitoring, and project management.

Marina/Breakwater Committee - Committee Chairman Bill Tanke reported he and Dan Gardner met with John Hannon from Portage and Ron Schults from Abonmarche on May 28. Status of sandmining was discussed. Some final accounting will be done at the end of the contract with Superior/Dyer. There has been no discussion yet as to extending the contract. It ends December 1993. Staff will check to see if more sand will be needed after December and will pursue extension.

A lengthy discussion was held on engineering services provided to us by Abonmarche. Mr. Tanke felt that additional work had been performed that was not covered in the original contract or the addendum. Because of that, he recommended a delay of payment for services. Mr. Tanke made a motion directing the attorney to draft a second addendum to the original contract in cooperation with the city saying payment would be made contingent upon no additional charges to the Commission if plans had to be redone because NIPSCO does not commit to relocation of line and itemizing all costs; motion seconded by Robert Trelo.

A new contact person from NIPSCO has been identified as Bob Linn. Discussions have already taken place with him to inform him of current situation. Several problems exist but it is hoped they can be worked out.

Finance/Policy Committee - Treasurer John DeMeo presented the financial status report for May as well as the claims for approval. He made a motion to approve the pending claims; motion seconded by Charles Agnew; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Tanke informed the Commission that he and committee members met and discussed the NIRPC move to Portage and its effect on this Commission. Although it is a move out of Lake County, where the project is situated, it was felt that it was more advantageous to move with NIRPC and continue the existing relationship/contract than to strike out on their own. Mr. Tanke recommended that the Commission remain on a yearly contract with NIRPC and thus move their office to Portage; motion seconded by Chuck Agnew; motion passed unanimously. It was felt that the local Corps office and local town/city halls could be utilized as meeting places for local meetings on the project.

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Mr. Agnew asked whether the Commission still intended to take a van tour of the Commission property. The date was set for Saturday, June 19th to meet here at the office at 8:30 a.m.

At Mr. Gardner's suggestion, Charles Agnew made a motion for staff to draft a resolution and send it to the Park Dept. congratulating the Lake County Park & Recreation Dept. for their 25th anniversary; motion seconded by Bill Tanke; motion passed unanimously.

Statements from the floor - Donald Shapiro questioned how much was spent for dredging of Indianapolis Blvd. Mr. Gardner informed him that the dredging was done about 4 years ago at a cost of approximately \$64,000 that was cost shared by the Basin Commission, the Drainage Board and INDOT. Mr. Shapiro stated that the sediment/silt is once again built up and needs to be dredged.

Herb Read inquired whether anything was available in marina plans of the Corps permit issue of the green belt requirement. Staff will provide current plans which address the issue.

There was no other business. The next Commission meeting was scheduled for Thursday, July 1, 1993 at 6:30 p.m.

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