

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
MICHIGAN CITY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 7, 2023**

The Michigan City Redevelopment Commission met in a special meeting in the Planning Department Conference Room, City Hall Building, 100 East Michigan Boulevard, Michigan City, Indiana, on Thursday, September 7, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. local time; the date, hour, and place duly established for the holding of said meeting. Access LaPorte County Media video recorded the meeting for public access on their website.

CALL TO ORDER

President William Gertner called the meeting to order at approximately 1:03 p.m.

The purpose of the special meeting was to open bids for the trench interceptor portion of the Trail Creek cleanup project.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners present:

Kathy Dennis, William Gertner, Timothy Werner

Commissioners absent:

Kenneth Behrendt, Angie Nelson Deutch, and non-voting advisor Thomas Dombkowski

Staff present:

Executive Director Skyler York, Attorney Alan Sirinek, Administrative Assistant Debbie Wilson

Also present:

Paula Warren, Senior Manager – August Mack Environmental
Marcella Kunstek, Construction Analyst – Indiana-Illinois-Iowa Foundation for Fair Contracting

A quorum was noted present, although was not needed to proceed with the meeting since no official action would be taken.

BID OPENING

It was noted that bids were to be received no later than 12:30 p.m. today for the trench interceptor portion of the Trail Creek cleanup project.

Paula Warren with August Mack Environmental confirmed that no bids were received.

It was decided to extend the bid timeframe.

There was discussion about the necessity of this project and being essential to stop the groundwater contamination from migrating northerly onto the Commission's development site across the street and into Trail Creek. It would instead go through the Sanitary District, cleaning up that entire site and making it a valuable piece of real estate for development. This project would be the final piece for IDEM to sign off and close this out, so it is no longer an IDEM contamination site.

It was determined to re-advertise for bids with publishing on September 12, 2023; receiving bids no later than 12:30 p.m. on September 19, 2023; and having a special Redevelopment Commission meeting to open bids at 1:00 p.m. on September 19, 2023, in the Planning Conference Room of City Hall. At this meeting, bids will be taken under advisement and a special Redevelopment Commission meeting will be scheduled to award the bid.


Marcella Kunstek introduced herself, stating she is a Construction Analyst with Indiana-Illinois-Iowa Foundation for Fair Contracting (FFC). She indicated that she works with contractors in the area and monitors public works projects. Ms. Kunstek indicated that she would get the word out to contractors so hopefully some bids will be received for this project the next time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

(None)

ADJOURNMENT

With the purpose of the special meeting having been met, President Gertner declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 1:12 p.m.



Angie Nelson Deutch, Secretary