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MEETING NOTICE

THERE WILL BE A MEETING OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AT 6:00 P.M. THURSDAY, MAY 31, 2001 AT THE COMMISSION OFFICE 6100 SOUTHPORT ROAD PORTAGE, IN

WORK STUDY SESSION - 5:00 P.M.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order by Chairman William Tanke
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maps to River Forest

Ben Lewis

7. Standing Committees

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- Appraisals, offers, acquisitions, recommended actions
- COE Real Estate meeting scheduled for June 4th
- Meeting held with LAMAR for discussion on new billboards – May 30th
- Informal meeting at resident's home w/neighbors to discuss project – May 24th
- Reminder – Boy Scout clean-up on Saturday, June 2nd
- Request to use Chase to Grant land for a shorebird management site.
- Fencing completed for East Reach pump stations
- Other issues

B. Project Engineering Committee – Bob Huffman, Chairman
- Meeting with KROSAN and COE on May 7th
- Pre-construction meeting for N. Fifth Pump Station held on May 21st
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- Ongoing Funding/Project Support Program
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D. Recreational Development Committee – Curtis Vosti, Chairman
- Discussion on proposed recreational trail re-alignment for Grant and Broadway Streets
- INDOT conference call re: trail crossing at Cline Avenue
- Other issues

E. Marina Development Committee – Bill Tanke, Chairman
- Priority to set up meeting with Mayor Olson, John Smolnar (Portage Port Authority Chair) and other city officials re: final 100 slip build-out
- Portage Port Authority initiative to raise boat launch fees from $3 to $8/per launch
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G. Minority Contracting Committee – Marion Williams, Chairman
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- Other issues

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10. Set date for next meeting

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
HELD AT 6:00 P.M. THURSDAY, MAY 3, 2001
AT THE COMMISSION OFFICE
6100 SOUTHPORT ROAD
PORTAGE, INDIANA

Chairman William Tanke called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. Eight (8) Commissioners were present. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Quorum was declared and guests were recognized.

Development Commissioners:
George Carlson
Charles Agnew
Mark Reshkin
William Tanke
Curt Vosti
Bob Huffman
Marion Williams
Steve Davis

Visitors:
Don Ewoldt – Lake Erie Land Company
Sandy O'Brien – Dunelands Sierra Club
Jim Flora – R. W. ARMSTRONG CO.
Jomary Crary – IDNR, Div. of Water
Ruth Mores – Hammond resident
Bill Petrites – Highland resident

Staff:
Dan Gardner
Sandy Mordus
Lou Casale
Jim Pokrajac
Judy Vamos

Commissioner George Carlson made a motion to approve the minutes of April 5, 2001; motion seconded by Chuck Agnew; motion passed unanimously.

Chairman's Report – Mr. Tanke announced that $5.5 million has been approved for the Development Commission. He thanked everyone who played a part in supporting the budget request. He went on to say that he felt it was a combination of a number of things that helped us out. A lot of correspondence went out, a lot of phone calls were made, meetings were held and support was solicited at every opportunity given us. Mr. Tanke proceeded to read a letter received from the COE in which they provide an estimated funding contribution of local share to be at $9.8 million for the next two years (through FY 03). That amount includes a cash requirement, the estimated lands, easements, and rights-of-way, and the Burr Street betterment levee. Mr. Gardner added that he would be attending a meeting in Indianapolis at the Governor's Office next week. Mr. Tanke suggested that a joint meeting be held (Legislative Committee and the Finance Committee) to explore additional sources of funding and how we can get our fair share of new money and we should begin the process now.

Executive Director's Report - Mr. Gardner informed the Board members that we have received a spread sheet that keeps track of the project funding, both Federal funds and state funds. This is the first time we have ever received anything from the COE showing all expended funds. Imad Samara, project manager, will explain to us

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how to read it. The chart takes us through project completion, estimated to be at year 2008. We have shared this spreadsheet with the Congressman's Office and the Governor's Office.

Mr. Gardner talked about the upcoming meeting at 9:00 Wednesday, May 9th at the Capital in the Governor's Office. Jeff Viohl, the Federal liaison representing the Governor's Office in Washington, has initiated the meeting. Several staff people from the Governor's Office will attend, including the Governor's chief of staff. The IDNR, State Budget Agency, Dept. of Administration, and INDOT have also been invited. Mr. Gardner will show the 7-minute video of the project. It was discussed whether the Congressman's Office should be included. Mr. Gardner will ask Jeff Viohl. He will report back at the next meeting.

Mr. Gardner distributed a draft letter from Imad Samara breaking down how the $5.5 million would be spent. These figures in the letter were the result of a joint meeting with the COE and staff in which we anticipated the best way to spend the monies that would yield the highest benefit to us. Mr. Gardner stated that we need to continue showing progress; i.e. starting the IDNR permit process, finishing up the east reach remediation area, start the process to get the city of Gary out of the floodplain, show good faith and do at least as much as we can in the west reach to begin construction with available funding.

Land Acquisition/Management Committee – Committee Chairman Chuck Agnew reported that there were no increased offers or condemnations this month. He reported that he, Dan Gardner and Judy Vamos attended the River Forest School Board meting on April 24th to explain Phase I of the handicapped accessible park. the remaining equipment has been ordered and construction will begin in June when school is closed for the summer. A groundbreaking ceremony will take place with the Commission and the school corporation coordinating. Mr. Agnew added that the city of Lake Station is taking the old equipment and they will remove it at their expense.
Mr. Agnew informed the Board that FOCUS Sign Co. has erected 2 billboards in the I-65 and I-80/94 area on NIPSCO property. The signs do not obstruct our roadway easement and they have improved the roadway with stone. Attorney Casale will review the agreement to determine if any compensation is necessary.
Mr. Agnew continued, informing the Board that Boy Scout Troop #280 would once again perform their levee landscaping/cleanup work from June 1-3 in the area of River Drive in Hammond. Mr. Agnew made a motion for the Commission to supply pizzas to the Boy Scouts on Saturday, as we have done the last couple of years; motion seconded by Curt Vosti; motion passed unanimously. The Boy Scout troop has received $2000 from the Hammond Community Corp.
Mr. Agnew added that a meeting would be scheduled in the near future with GSD, WREP and the City of Gary to review East Reach operation and maintenance.

Project Engineering Committee – Committee Chairman Bob Huffman gave the engineering report. He reported that a request was received from the North Township Trustee to consider the realignment of the levee adjacent to Hart Ditch in Munster. Title work recently performed shows that the Township owns all of the property on the west side of Hart Ditch to Hawthorne St.They would like to utilize that property and push the levee over further to the west adjacent to the town of Munster property.

Mr. Huffman referred to a meeting on May 1st with the town of Highland to review drainage issues at Indianapolis Blvd. south of the river. With the INDOT project bringing a large amount of additional storm water into that area, the town of Highland has agreed to add some culverts that will help with drainage by re-directing some of this storm water to the east that will tie into the 81st Street pump station. It appears that the COE nor the LCRBDC have had the opportunity to review INDOT's plans and the issue of drainage was not adequately addressed. The COE will do a hydrology review upon receipt of the plans from INDOT. Jim Pokrajac added that an issue has recently developed with KROSAN ENTERPRISES in the Kennedy Industrial Park area. Their recently constructed building has been built so close that it may not allow enough room for levee construction. The COE is now reviewing the plans and specs and will modify them as much as they can to allow construction in that area. It is not known at this time whether they have encroached onto the 75' drainage easement we have. We will have to have it surveyed. A field meeting will be held with them once that is determined.

Legislative Committee – Committee Chairman George Carlson referred to items in the agenda packet consisting of our letter to Senator Robert Meeks and Senator Sue Landske. Also included was a letter of funding support to Rep. Earl Harris from the N.W. IN forum Environmental Committee, as well as a newspaper article regarding the State Budget. Mr. Carlson recapped the highlights of what the Commission has done to obtain support for our budget request. Ultimately, it has paid off as the language mandating local match support of the $5.5 million has been removed and the Commission now stands alone and not under IDNR. He thanked all parties who played such an important role in realizing the importance of this flood control project and doing something to make it continue to fruition.
Commissioner Mark Reshkin added that he would suggest an active marketing campaign begin as soon as possible so we are not up against the same problem in another two years. The communities and people living along the river who will benefit from this project need to take an active support role.
Commissioner Marion Williams echoed what Mark Reshkin said in regard to marketing the project. This is important because, once this entire project is constructed, operation & maintenance will take over and that will require cooperation and a real understanding and dedication on the parts of the municipalities affected. It was stated that this agency has no taxing authority.
Mr. Gardner presented a Resolution of Appreciation to be sent to the several legislators who really played an active role in the Conference Committee or who advised those conferees.
George Carlson made a motion to send the resolution; motion seconded by Marion Williams; motion passed unanimously. Mr. Vosti added that a thank you letter needs to go out to all the delegation and all people who helped support this request.

Recreational Development Committee – Committee Chairman Curt Vosti informed the Board members that a meeting was held on April 11th with the COE and INDOT. INDOT agreed that the recreational trail crossing could be placed further south at the existing light at Highway Avenue in Highland. INDOT is opposed to crossing Cline Avenue at the levee intersection because of a higher pedestrian risk. Concern was that people would cross at the frontage road anyway. Discussion ensued. Mr. Vosti made a motion directing staff to write a

letter to INDOT trying to get them to reconsider their position about the crossing; motion seconded by Bob Huffman; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Vosti then reported that a meeting was held with the city of Gary, I.U. Northwest, COE and the LCRBDC on April 12th to review the proposal for the recreation trail re-alignment at Broadway and at Grant Streets and the LCRBDC will submit a proposal for all to review and discuss.
Mr. Vosti will schedule an Engineering/ Recreational committee meeting shortly to discuss the options on the feasibility study that R.W.Armstrong Co. did for a pedestrian walkway on the east side of the Kennedy Ave. bridge to allow the trail to be contiguous.

Marina Committee – Committee Chairman Bill Tanke stated that there were no monies earmarked for the Lake Michigan Marina Development Commission from this year's state biennium budget. We need to have a meeting with the city of Portage shortly to see how we can go about financing the build-out of the marina slips in order to fulfill our obligation with the Federal government. Commissioner Steve Davis added that the city of Portage is obtaining a permit so the dredging of a sand bar that is obstructing the entranceway can be removed.

Finance Committee – Treasurer Curt Vosti referred to the monthly financial status report in the agenda packet and referred to the claims for approval. He proceeded to make a motion to approve the financial status report and claims sheet totaling $59,045.87; motion seconded by Chuck Agnew; motion passed unanimously.
A renewed Public Officials liability policy has been received. Staff is working on updating the acreage that the Commission owns and will get that information to the insurance company. The insurance policy may have to be updated (at additional cost) once the new acreage figures are known. We have a new insurance underwriter, Nautilus Insurance Company. Staff is also following up with a letter to other entities that we have a lease/ agreement with for use of that property in order to be added as an additional insured to that entity's insurance coverage. The attorney will approve and review before staff sends out. At Commissioner Tanke's request, the attorney will review the insurance policy for land liability when we receive it.

Minority Contracting Committee – Committee Chairman Marion Williams reported that there is no report this month.

Other Business –There was none.

Statements to the Board –
Ruth Mores, resident along the river in Hammond, provided pictures to the LCRBDC showing how debris has built up in the river behind her house. She had an informal meeting at her house with about 15 neighbors in attendance to talk about the flood control project that will impact their properties. She indicated that some of her neighbors had no idea that the project existed and suggested that we really need to get the word out. She is concerned not only with the immediate debris problem in the river, but the continuous operation and maintenance after the project is complete. Jim Pokrajac informed her that the COE is doing the engineering now for that area. He will be reviewing them when they are 50% complete, probably in Oct/Nov. We will share them

with the communities at that time and public meetings will be held with the affected residents so their concerns can be addressed before plans are final.
Mr. Gardner added that he had talked to Stan Dostatni about the debris accumulation. He said that it is very difficult to get equipment down the slopes to get to the river. Any detailed cleaning of the channel requires a DNR permit also. The Commission itself is not responsible for clearing debris. We will talk to the COE about clearing the channel when they are constructing there. At least at that time, perhaps it could be a project cost and once it is cleaned up, it would be easier to maintain. Staff will pursue this with the COE.
Commissioner Vosti (wearing his hat as Hammond Parks & Recreation Dept.) will work with Ruth Mores and see what the city can do for her. Commissioner Tanke suggested that perhaps we could contact the Mayor to consider establishing a Stormwater Management Board.

There being no further business, the next regular Commission meeting was scheduled for **5:00 p.m. for a Work Study session and 6:00 for the regular Board meeting on Thursday, May 31, 2001. Please note that this date will serve as June meeting. .**

/sjm

YOU ARE INVITED TO A

DEDICATION

OF THE

COFFEE CREEK WATERSHED PRESERVE

JUNE 8TH, 2001

10:00 A.M.

Please join us as we commemorate the dedication of the 170 acre Coffee Creek Watershed Preserve.

Friday, June 8, 2001
10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.
Coffee Creek Watershed Preserve
Coffee Creek Center
Chesterton, Indiana

PLEASE RSVP BY CALLING (219) 395-5322

Star Spangled Banner
CHESTERTON HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND

Welcome: Katie Rizer
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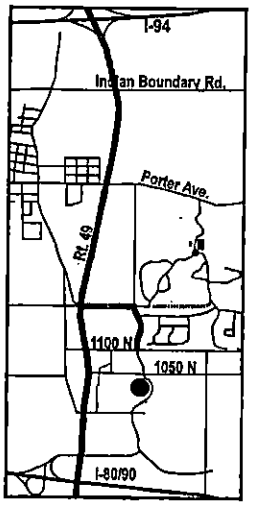
PRESIDENT, LAKE ERIE LAND COMPANY

Herb Read
VICE PRESIDENT, COFFEE CREEK WATERSHED CONSERVANCY

Gary Neale
CHAIRMAN, PRESIDENT & CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, NISOURCE INC.,

The Honorable Frank O'Bannon
GOVERNOR OF INDIANA

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony



The event will be held at the Amphitheater at Coffee Creek Center . Parking is available at 1050 N and Dickinson Road. From Rt. 49 proceed east on 1100 N to Dickinson Road. Go south to 1050 N.

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May 18, 2001

Mr. Jeff Viohl
IN Federal Liaison Office
444 North Capital Street
Suite 428
Washington DC 20001

Dear Jeff:

Thank you for setting up the meeting with the Governor's Executive Assistants and key agency heads in Indianapolis on Wednesday, May 9th to discuss the Little Calumet River project scheduling, cost containment (or lack thereof), crediting, decision process, and future efforts to identify other revenue sources. I sincerely believe it was one of the most productive meetings with key State officials that I have ever attended. In a separate meeting at Congressman Visclosky's Office on the following day, May 10th, I and Commission attorney Lou Casale, discussed with Mark Lopez, the Congressman's Project Coordinator, many of the same issues regarding funding, crediting, and moving the project along to take advantage of Federal funding. I relayed to him the issues raised and the commitments to future meetings and actions as the result of our Indianapolis meeting and he seemed quite pleased.

I have subsequently briefed Board members of the Development Commission and am in the process of identifying concrete actions to address the 3 areas of concern you raised in the meeting; those being (1) that of closing the gap between State appropriations and credits received, (2) methods to impact the COE decision making on cost increases and (3) exploring methods to "cap" State funding limits. Toward that end, I will be submitting to you in written form, within the next two weeks, a draft of some of the next steps in each of these areas. I will also share this with the Congressman's Office in order to provide close coordination of our efforts to form a consistent Federal, State, and local strategy. I am also preparing a written follow-up to Steve Cecil, Deputy Commissioner of INDOT, to develop a strategy to receive maximum credit for INDOT projects along the Borman I-80/94 expressway. I believe this area can yield the greatest amount of credit – perhaps as much as $8-9 million in

potential credits. Steve Cecil serves as the INDOT liaison to our area as a member of the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission, so we have an already good working relationship with him and I believe he has a good understanding of the area's projects.

I will also continue to communicate with the IDNR personnel, copying Director Larry Macklin to pursue the permitting which is critical to construction start west of Cline Avenue and to explore additional funding sources available to the IDNR.

In summary, I again want to thank you for your initiative in organizing this meeting and your commitment to understand the complexity of this project. We truly appreciate the Governor's Office getting involved in this critical stage of construction and funding. I really believe working together, we can accomplish some very good things to move the project forward at an accelerated rate and to better credit existing appropriated State dollars. I will call you to discuss this letter and to work with you to identify the next follow-up meeting.

Sincerely,

Dan Gardner

Dan Gardner
Executive Director

/sjm

cc: Jim Maguire, Gov. Office
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Steven Davis, DOA
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Larry Macklin, IDNR
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Mark Lopez, Congressman's Office
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Earl Harris, IN State Representative
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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
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May 15, 2001

Planning, Programming and
Project Management Division

Mr. Dan Gardner
Little Calumet River Basin
Development Commission
6100 Southport Road
Portage, Indiana 46368

Dear Mr. Gardner:

In your letter dated March 20, 2001 you have stated that the $250,00 will allow construction contract to continue until June 2001. The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the $250,000, which $186,000 went to the construction of the Burr Street Betterment Levee and $64,000 went to continue the construction on the other contracts on this project, was not sufficient to continue the construction through June. A moderate spring weather helped the construction contracts progress. As a result the Burr Street Levee Phase 1 construction contract will need an additional local matching funds in the amount of $211,138 to meet its June completion date. We will also need an additional local matching funds of $40,000 to keep the rest of the construction contracts on schedule through June.

I know that the commission will have to make some tough decisions to provide the funds requested above. It is important and in the best interest of the project to keep these construction contracts on schedule. Please let me know if you have any questions, you can call me at 312-353-6400 ext. 1809.

Imad N. Samara
Project Manager

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May 23, 2001

Planning, Programming and
Project Management Division

Mr. Dan Gardner
Little Calumet River Basin
Development Commission
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Portage, Indiana 46368

Dear Mr. Gardner:

In my May 15, 2001 letter I did request $211,138 for the Betterment Levee construction contract and $40,000 for the other construction contracts. But since that letter I have talked to you and you expressed concern regarding your cash flow at this time, and you requested if the funds can be submitted to the COE in two payments few weeks apart. To make the June payment on the Burr Street Betterment Levee construction contract for work that was performed in May the minimum funds required is $148,000. This amount is what we need at this time and the rest of the funds requested in the May 15, 2001 letter can be submitted to us later.

Please let me know if you have any questions, you can call me at 312-353-6400 ext. 1809.

Imad N. Samara
Project Manager

The Times, Tues. May 8, 2001

Little Calumet levee project continues with $5.5 million state grant

Local matching funds no longer needed.

BY ELIZABETH EAKEN
Times Staff Writer

Work on the Little Calumet River levee project will continue this construction season with $5.5 million in funding appropriated in the state budget last week and with the elimination of a stipulation that there be matching local funding.

The earthen levee is being built to ease flooding along the river from the Illinois/Indiana border to Gary.

There were concerns in March that the project was threatened when state legislators considered requiring equal matching funding from local governments in order to receive state funding.

Dan Gardner, director of the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission, said the money will definitely help move the project along.

"Matching grant language was taken away from the bill so that was very positive," Gardner said.

The Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission was started in 1980 to meet the Army Corps of Engineers requirements to have one local sponsor representing the six communities the river runs through, and to acquire state and federal funding.

Since its inception, the ACOE project has been paid for with a combination of federal and state contributions. Gardner said $5.5 million is the largest single appropriation they've received from the state since the levee project started, but the commission actually requested $12 million. He said there is more federal money available than they can take advantage of since it is awarded on a matching basis of $3 federal dollars to every $1 in state funding.

At the start of the year, contributions to the project amounted to $103 million – $79 million from the federal government and $24 million from the state.

"I think the commission was very pleased," Gardner said of the state funding. "It's tough when you need $12 million, it's just a large number. ... We lack a major fund source at the state level. That's where the rub lies. If we had more state money we could have had the project three-fourths of the way through."

He said during the last budget year only $1.5 million in state funding was appropriated to the project, and they fell behind in construction.

The levee project was projected by the ACOE to cost $180 million and is approximately 50 percent complete, according to Gardner. The project is let for bidding in increments of approximately one mile.

Construction of the levee started in 1990 near Martin Luther King Drive in Gary and approximately 15 segments have been built between there and Burr Street. Gardner said they are hoping to finish the levee to Kennedy Avenue this season.

See PROJECT, A11

Project

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One other section has been built in the Wicker Park Manor neighborhood in Highland. The federal government moved up the timeline for completing that section to protect the homes there following a severe flood in 1990. That segment on the south side of the river runs from Indianapolis Boulevard to the railroad tracks located on the east side of the subdivision.

"The one segment had to be dealt with because of the flood or they couldn't have rebuilt," Gardner said.

He said the areas to either side of Wicker Park Manor at this time are protected by an old levee, but if there is a 200-year flood, those areas would flood.

"We're on borrowed time," Gardner said.

The levee design is calculated to protect against a 200-year flood with 3 extra feet added for safety reasons. Gardner said the levee is approximately 12 to 13 feet on both sides of the river.

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Monday, May 21, '01 THE TIMES

$7 million in Build Indiana funds slated for the region

Playground equipment, public safety, flood relief among projects included.

BY TERRY BURNS
Times Statehouse Bureau Chief

INDIANAPOLIS – Nonprofit groups and government agencies in Northwest Indiana are in line to receive millions of dollars in excess gambling revenues during the next two years under the nearly $21 billion state spending plan lawmakers recently crafted.

As part of the new budget deal, lawmakers were given nearly $80 million in surplus casino and lottery money from state coffers to parcel out to their favorite causes and organizations in the form of Build Indiana grants.

According to the State Budget Agency, groups in Lake County could receive more than $6.1 million in grants during the coming biennium, while groups in neighboring Porter County stand to gain slightly more than $1 million.

The money will fund projects ranging from community arts organizations and public safety efforts to playground equipment for Johnston Elementary School in Highland and lights for downtown Joliet Street in Schererville. Lawmakers even set aside money to help the Whiting Little League pay for a capital improvement project.

In the House, majority Democrats each received $500,000 to spend in their districts, while Republican lawmakers had to settle for $300,000.

In the Senate, Republicans got to parcel out $900,000 each and minority Democrats received $500,000.

Lake County's portion of Build Indiana money was second only to Marion County, the state's most populous county, which received more than $13 million.

The Lake County figure, however, doesn't take into account an additional $500,000 earmarked for sewer work at Crown Point schools, $5.5 million for the Little Calumet River Basin Commission and $500,000 in seed money for the fledgling Lake Michigan Environmental Trust Fund.

"We definitely came out on top, but it's just a matter of whether (the money) was spread out evenly over those programs in greatest need," said Rep. Charlie Brown, D-Gary, who used part of his Build Indiana money to fund a day-care program at Ivy Tech, a proposed civil rights museum in Gary and a local homeless shelter.

"In the case of Gary," he added, "those representing the city tried to spread the money around to make sure we don't leave someone out that may have requested some money."

The most lucrative grants heading to Lake County include the following:

- A $500,000 appropriation to the Merrillville Conservancy District for rehabilitating the community utility area in the Innsbrook, Bell Oaks and Wright Manor subdivisions.
- A $225,000 award for a proposed civil rights museum and hall of fame in Gary.
- A $200,000 grant to GEMS Inc. in East Chicago.
- A $190,000 appropriation for the Cady Marsh Ditch flood relief effort near Highland and Griffith.
- A $175,000 grant to African-American Achievers Youth Corp. Inc. in Gary and another $170,000 to the Brothers Keeper homeless shelter.
- A $168,300 grant for rehabilitation work and improvements at the Lake Dalecarlia dam.
- A $150,000 award to pay for planning costs for a proposed North Lake County Children's Museum.
- A $150,000 appropriation to both the Hessville Community Center in Hammond and the Community Veterans Memorial in Munster.
- A $107,500 grant to the police officers memorial project in Hammond.
- Separate $100,000 grants to Hobart for road widening projects, the Crown Point Police Department to buy equipment, the New Chicago Volunteer Fire Department and a dredging project in Cedar Lake.

The top awards in Porter County include the following:

- A $298,000 grant to the Union Township Volunteer Fire Department.
- A $130,000 appropriation to Portage to improve U.S. 20 and Porter Avenue as well as McCool and Portage avenues.
- A $100,000 grant to the Hebron Fire Department.
- An $89,900 appropriation to the Liberty Township Volunteer Fire Department.
- A $52,000 award to the Duneland Chamber of Commerce for a sign program.

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Union Township Assistant Fire Chief John Kepshire said the money coming the department's way will be used to pay off the mortgage on one of its fire stations, which recently was rebuilt.

"Basically, the money is already spent," he added, "but now we can use the money that we were going to use to pay the mortgage over the next 20 years and buy more equipment to protect our community."

The department received the money after approaching Reps. Duane Cheney, D-Portage, and Ralph Ayres, R-Chesterton, and Sen. Rose Ann Antich, D-Merrillville, to seek some help from the state.

In doling out his money, Cheney said he tried to emphasize health and safety issues, earmarking some of his grants for local fire departments, a sewer project in Porter and the Meals on Wheels program serving Portage and Valparaiso.

At the same time, he defended the Build Indiana program, which in recent years has come under growing criticism from those who say the initiative lacks oversight and allows lawmakers to give out cash with little, if any, scrutiny.

This year alone, Cheney received more than $3 million in funding requests, but had only a fraction of that amount to give out.

"This money means a lot," he said, "because there are some programs that are providing tremendous services to the community .... and this is the only way many of them get funding. We do the best with what we've got."

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The Times, Tues. May 8, 2001

Griffith hoping to reduce flood zone

BY JOHN NOVICK JR.
Times Correspondent

GRIFFITH – Town officials are hopeful that a one-year study of the existing flood plain in Griffith and Highland will result in a reduction of the number of homes required to pay flood insurance, an expense that costs some homeowners more than $500 per year.

According to Griffith Councilman Stan Dobosz, D-5th, Griffith, the town of Highland and Lake County Surveyor George Van Til's office will each contribute $16,000 to pay for the engineering study.

"George Van Til took the lead on this," Dobosz said Friday. "Once the study's completed next year, we all hope the flood plain area is updated and that the changes result in savings for our residents, in light of improvements made since the plain was first designated."

Dobosz also said that all area towns – including Griffith, Munster and Highland – are looking forward to the day when the Army Corps of Engineers will eliminate the

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flood plain in the region entirely through improvement projects to local ditches and the Little Calumet River.

While Griffith awaits work on local ditches, Highland and Munster are anxious to see work along the river completed. In 1980, the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission began putting funding together to protect neighborhoods along the river through the construction of earthen dikes and dual breakwaters.

The last phase of the project, called by some the largest flood control project in the state, is the construction of earthen dikes east of Cline Avenue in Gary, and the rebuilding of the levees along the Little Calumet River in Hammond, Highland and Munster.

Earlier this spring, changes proposed by state lawmakers in the way the levee construction is funded have left some questioning whether or not the project will have the millions of dollars needed to continue to move forward.

Highland's Wicker Park Manor subdivision experienced severe flooding from a swollen Little Calumet River in November 1990. Ten years later, in January 2000, the Federal Emergency Management Agency ruled that sufficient flood precautions had been taken and removed the neighborhood's flood plain designation. With that removal came a welcome change for residents: flood insurance was no longer required for homeowners in Wicker Park.

At the time, Highland spent about $10,000 on a private engineering firm to help with its petition to FEMA to have the flood plain designation removed.

Now, a decade later, Griffith and Highland, working with Van Til, hope to duplicate this process for other sections of these two towns.

"There's not much we can do or say at this point," Griffith Clerk-Treasurer Ronald Szafarczyk said following a Town Council meeting last week. "We're pleased to see this study of Griffith and Highland get started, and in about a year, we'll know where the flood plain stands."

LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
JANUARY 1, 2001 - APRIL 30, 2001

CASH POSITION - JANUARY 1, 2001			
CHECKING ACCOUNT			
LAND ACQUISITION		541,026.11	
GENERAL FUND		49,902.51	
TAX FUND		0.00	
INVESTMENTS		2,596,370.26	
ESCROW ACCOUNT INTEREST		21,476.77	
			3,208,775.65
RECEIPTS - JANUARY 1, 2001 - APRIL 30, 2001			
LEASE RENTS		16,000.00	
INTEREST INCOME		2,135.00	
LAND ACQUISITION		446,300.18	
ESCROW ACCOUNT INTEREST		255.82	
MISC. INCOME		18,289.16	
KRBC REIMBURSEMENT RE: TELEPHONE CHARGE		745.40	
PROCEEDS FROM VOIDED CHECKS		0.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS			483,725.56
DISBURSEMENTS - JANUARY 1, 2001 - APRIL 30, 2001			
ADMINISTRATIVE			
2000 EXPENSES PAID IN 2001	179,730.72		
PER DIEM		3,800.00	
LEGAL SERVICES		1,955.49	
NIRPC		36,982.09	
TRAVEL & MILEAGE		523.80	
PRINTING & ADVERTISING		2,306.00	
BONDS & INSURANCE		77.00	
TELEPHONE EXPENSE		1,988.86	
MEETING EXPENSE		2,097.00	
LAND ACQUISITION			
LEGAL SERVICES		11,705.75	
APPRAISAL SERVICES		42,275.00	
ENGINEERING SERVICES		23,894.69	
LAND PURCHASE CONTRACTUAL		13,809.00	
FACILITIES/PROJECT MAINTENANCE SERVICES		1,250.00	
OPERATIONS SERVICES		0.00	
LAND MANGEMENT SERVICES		40,137.24	
SURVEYING SERVICES		37,331.72	
ECONOMIC/MARKETING SOURCES			
PROPERTY & STRUCTURE COSTS		195,083.00	
MOVING ALLOCATION			
TAXES		1,138.56	
LAND PURCHASE CONTRACTUAL		13,000.00	
PROPERTY & STRUCTURES INSURANCE		550.00	
UTILITY RELOCATION SERVICES			
LAND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT		29,745.00	
STRUCTURAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS		1,250.30	
PURCHASE CERTIFICATE CALUMET BANK		21,500.00	
PURCHASE MONEY MARKET BANK ONE		393,040.41	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS			875,440.91

CASH POSITION - APRIL 30, 2001			
CHECKING ACCOUNT			
LAND ACQUISITION		75,969.19	
GENERAL FUND		4,374.52	
TAX FUND		-1,975.97	
INVESTMENTS			
BANK CALUMET	316,000.00	10/30/2001	
BANK CALUMET	700,000.00	10/30/2001	
BANK ONE	105,116.15	10/04/2001	
BANK CALUMET	162,684.25	07/03/2001	
BANK ONE	12,593.99	07/01/2001	
BANK ONE	124,971.92	MONEY MARKET	
BANK ONE	557,251.46	MONEY MARKET	
BANK ONE	398,160.52	MONEY MARKET	
TOTAL INVESTMENTS		2,376,778.29	
ESCROW ACCOUNT INTEREST		21,732.59	
			2,476,878.62

LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT, MAY 2001

	2001 BUDGET	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	6 MONTH ALLOCATED TOTAL	UNALLOCATED BUDGETED BALANCE
5801 PER DIEM EXPENSES	16,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	16,000.00
5811 LEGAL EXPENSES	8,500.00	903.83	368.33	988.83	1,770.83	436.33		4,468.15	4,031.85
5812 NIRPC SERVICES	125,000.00	8,860.29	9,620.29	9,773.09	9,377.53	9,186.52		46,817.72	78,182.28
5821 TRAVEL/MILEAGE	14,000.00	0.00	24.08	150.92	8.68	131.04		314.72	13,685.28
5822 PRINTING/ADVERTISING	5,000.00	2,306.00	0.00	0.00	702.50	0.00		3,008.50	1,991.50
5823 BONDS/INSURANCE	7,500.00	0.00	77.00	0.00	5,565.63	0.00		5,642.63	1,857.37
5824 TELEPHONE EXPENSES	7,000.00	113.26	244.35	677.99	0.00	589.17		1,624.77	5,375.23
5825 MEETING EXPENSES	8,000.00	137.05	609.24	163.60	253.44	63.90		1,227.23	6,772.77
5838 LEGAL SERVICES	62,500.00	3,907.48	5,670.91	6,963.27	4,430.48	6,606.06		27,578.20	34,921.80
5840 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	350,000.00	43,899.76	33,497.23	92,147.57	34,758.31	45,927.63		250,230.50	99,769.50
5860 PROJECT LAND PURCHASE EXP.	578,622.00	0.00	9,888.56	186,152.00	1,975.97	12,600.00		210,616.53	368,005.47
5881 PROPERTY/STRUCTURE INS.	22,500.00	550.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,192.50		20,742.50	1,757.50
5882 UTILITY RELOCATION EXP.	90,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,307.50	202.50	6,492.25		8,002.25	81,997.75
5883 PROJECT LAND CAP. IMPROV.	125,000.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00	93,352.75		98,352.75	26,647.25
5884 STRUCTURES CAP. IMPROV.	12,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	12,500.00
	1,432,122.00	60,677.67	59,999.99	303,324.77	59,045.87	195,578.15	0.00	678,626.45	753,495.55

	2001 BUDGET	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	12 MONTH ALLOCATED TOTAL	UNALLOCATED BUDGETED BALANCE
5801 PER DIEM EXPENSES	16,000.00							0.00	16,000.00
5811 LEGAL EXPENSES	8,500.00							4,468.15	4,031.85
5812 NIRPC SERVICES	125,000.00							46,817.72	78,182.28
5821 TRAVEL/MILEAGE	14,000.00							314.72	13,685.28
5822 PRINTING/ADVERTISING	5,000.00							3,008.50	1,991.50
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5824 TELEPHONE EXPENSES	7,000.00							1,624.77	5,375.23
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5884 STRUCTURES CAP. IMPROV.	12,500.00							0.00	12,500.00
	1,432,122.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	678,626.45	753,495.55

CLAIMS PAYABLE FOR MAY 2001

ACCT	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	EXPLANATION OF CLAIM
5811	CASALE, WOODWARD & BULS, LLP	283.33	RETAINER FEE BILLED THROUGH 5/21/01
5811	CASALE, WOODWARD & BULS, LLP	153.00	ADDITIONAL LEGAL SERVICES THROUGH 5/21/01
5812	NIRPC	9,186.52	SERVICES PERFORMED APRIL 2001
5821	SAND RIDGE BANK	28.28	EXPENSES INCURRED IN TRAVEL TO INDIANAPOLIS TO MEET AT GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
5821	DAN GARDNER	102.76	MILEAGE 4/9/01-5/24/01
5824	VERIZON	114.39	BILING PERIOD 4/16/01-5/16/01(TOTAL BILL 234.38,KRBC 119.99)
5824	MCI	219.74	BILING PERIOD 3/15/01-4/14/01(TOTAL BILL 259.58,KRBC 39.84)
5824	MCI	255.04	BILLING PERIOD 4/15/01-5/14/01(TOTAL BILL 285.09,KRBC 30.05)
5825	SAND RIDGE BANK	63.90	EXPENSES INCURRED AT NEW CHICAGO SCHOOL BOARD MTG 4/24/01
5838	CASALE, WOODWARD & BULS, LLP	6,606.06	LAND ACQUISITION/LEGAL SERVICES THROUGH 5/21/01
5841	ASSOCIATED PROPERTY COUNSELORS	3,000.00	APPRAISAL FOR DC-1132-DC-1041
5841	MARTINEZ, SHARMAT & ASSOCIATES	2,500.00	APPRAISAL FOR DC-577
5841	MARTINEZ, SHARMAT & ASSOCIATES	300.00	APPRAISAL FOR DC-1171
5841	MARTINEZ, SHARMAT & ASSOCIATES	300.00	APPRAISAL FOR DC-1127
5841	MARTINEZ, SHARMAT & ASSOCIATES	300.00	APPRAISAL FOR DC-1121
5841	MARTINEZ, SHARMAT & ASSOCIATES	300.00	APPRAISAL FOR DC-1128
5841	MARTINEZ, SHARMAT & ASSOCIATES	300.00	APPRAISAL FOR DC-1125
5841	MARTINEZ, SHARMAT & ASSOCIATES	300.00	APPRAISAL FOR DC-1124
5841	MARTINEZ, SHARMAT & ASSOCIATES	300.00	APPRAISAL FOR DC-1130
5841	MARTINEZ, SHARMAT & ASSOCIATES	300.00	APPRAISAL FOR DC-1129
5841	MARTINEZ, SHARMAT & ASSOCIATES	175.00	APPRAISAL FOR DC-1119
5841	JANET O'TOOLE	6,000.00	APPRAISAL FOR DC-1177
5841	JANET O'TOOLE	1,100.00	APPRAISAL FOR DC-209 & DC-213A
5842	R. W. ARMSTRONG	2,410.81	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR PERIOD ENDED 5/18/01
5843	MERIDIAN TITLE CORPORATION	250.00	TITLE WORK PREFORMED FOR DC-216-H
5843	MERIDIAN TITLE CORPORATION	315.00	TITLE WORK PREFORMED FOR DC-216-J
5843	MERIDIAN TITLE CORPORATION	325.00	TITLE WORK PREFORMED FOR DC-216-E
5843	MERIDIAN TITLE CORPORATION	275.00	TITLE WORK PREFORMED FOR DC-70A
5844	JAMES POKRAJAC	4,462.00	ENGINEERING/LAND MANAGEMENT SERVICES 4/16/01-4/30/01
5844	JAMES POKRAJAC	159.32	APRIL MILEAGE
5844	JAMES POKRAJAC	3,450.00	ENGINEERING/LAND MANAGEMENT SERVICES 5/1/01-5/15/01
5844	JUDITH VAMOS	2,887.50	LAND ACQUISITION/MANAGEMENT SERVICES 4/16/01-4/30/01
5844	JUDITH VAMOS	21.00	APRIL MILEAGE
5844	JUDITH VAMOS	2,854.50	LAND ACQUISITION/MANAGEMENT SERVICES 5/1/01-5/12501
5844	SANDY MORDUS	245.00	CREDITING TECHNICIAN SERVICES 4/16/01-4/30/01
5844	SANDY MORDUS	257.25	CREDITING TECHNICIAN SERVICES 5/1/01-5/15/01
5844	G. LORRAINE KRAY	602.25	CREDITING TECHNICIAN & LAND ACQUISITION ASST 4/18/01-4/26/01
5844	G. LORRAINE KRAY	726.00	CREDITING TECHNICIAN & LAND ACQUISITION ASST 5/1/01-5/15/01
5845	DLZ	900.00	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RE: DC-602
5845	DLZ	545.00	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RE: DC-1181
5845	DLZ	2,910.00	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RE: DC-213
5845	DLZ	895.00	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RE: DC-599
5845	DLZ	455.00	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RE: DC-602
5845	DLZ	195.00	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RE: DC-1181
5845	DLZ	3,314.00	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RE: SV-II, SVI-I
5845	DLZ	1,718.00	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RE: SV-II, SVI-I
5849	ATLANTIC TECHNOLOGIES INC	580.00	COPIES OF LCRBDC SITE
5862	ROBERT SUROWIEC	3,197.90	TENANT RELOCATION COSTS FOR DC-576
5862	THEODORE STOFFREGEN	1,050.00	MOVING EXPENSES DC-578
5862	THEODORE STOFFREGEN	5,250.00	RELOCATION BENEFITS DC-578
5862	SHARON & RON HUFF	2,052.10	TENANT RELOCATION COSTS FOR DC-576
5862	SHARON & RON HUFF	1,050.00	TENANT RELOCATION COSTS FOR DC-576
5881	VALPARAISO INSURANCE PROFESSIONAL	20,192.50	COMMISSION GENERAL LIABILITY RENEWAL
5882	ELGIN JOLIET & EASTRN RWY	6,492.25	UTILITY RELOCATION TRACK WORK PERFORMED FOR BURR ST BETTERMENT LEVEE
5883	LAMAR	93,352.75	COMPENSATION FOR SIGNS REMOVED FROM COMMISSION OWNED PROPERTY
	TOTAL	195,578.15	

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PROJECT ENGINEERING
MONTHLY STATUS REPORT
For meeting on Thursday, May 31, 2001

(Information in this report is from April 27, 2001 – May 25, 2001)

STATUS (Stage II Phase 1) Harrison to Broadway – North Levee:

1. Project completed on July 10, 1992.
   Dyer Construction – Contract price $365,524

STATUS (Stage II Phase II) Grant to Harrison – South Levee:

1. Project completed on December 1, 1993.
   Dyer/Ellas Construction – Contract price $1,220,386

STATUS (Stage II Phase 3A) Georgia to Martin Luther King – South Levee:

1. Project completed on January 13, 1995.
   Ramirez & Marsch Construction – Contract price $2,275,023

Landscaping Contract (This contract includes all completed levee segments – installing, planting zones, seeding, and landscaping):

1. Dyer Construction – Final contract cost $1,292,066
   - Overrun (over original bid) $200,016

   Project completed June 11, 1999

STATUS (Stage II Phase 3B) Harrison to Georgia – South Levee:

1. Rausch Construction started on 11/20/95. (Construction is approx. 98% complete)
   - Currently $3,280,112.42 has been spent on this project.
   - Overrun (over original bid) $183,281.60
   - Balance (to be paid to contractor) $197,137.00
2. A final inspection with the LCRBDC and the COE will be scheduled for this entire portion of the project, including the pump station, no later than **July of 2001.**

STATUS (Stage II Phase 3C2) Grant to Harrison: (8A contract)

1. The final inspection, and punch list items have been completed. We received a letter from the COE on November 22nd, 2000, indicating Webb Construction has completed this work in accordance with the provisions of the plans and specs.
   - Currently, $3,915,178.36 has been spent on this project.
   - Overrun (over original bid) $463,196
   - Balance (to be paid to contractor) $189,875

STATUS (Stage II Phase 4) Broadway to MLK Drive – North Levee:

1. Project is approx. 98% completed. (All work is completed except for the pump station.)
    - Overrun (over original bid) $1,096,378
    - Balance (to be paid to contractor) $11,070
    - Current money spent to date is $4,175,000
2. A final inspection will be scheduled with the LCRBDC and the COE for this entire project, including the Ironwood stormwater pumping station, no later than July, 2001.

STATUS (STAGE III) Chase to Grant Street:

1. Project completed on May 6th, 1994.
   Kiewit Construction – Contract price $6,564,520.
2. STAGE III DRAINAGE REMEDIATION PLAN.
   A. The LCRBDC submitted comments to the COE on April 12, 2001 for their 50% plans and specifications submittal.
      - These plans were incomplete for 50% review and lacked much detail and information.

   B. Technical review meeting discussed remediation plan on November 1st, 2000.
      - COE estimates approx. $1 million to do this work. $800,000 for ditches and pumps, $50,000 to engineer an 18,500 GPM pump station West of Grant St. & Remainder toward work with the City of Gary.
      - A letter was sent to the COE on March 23, 2001, requesting cost/budget information on remaining money for this work and whether it will be enough to complete the "East Reach Construction Clean-Up Project."
      - **As of May 24, 2001 we have not received a response to this request. It is critical to determine the scope of work to assure missing or incomplete items in the East Reach are done.**

STATUS (Stage IV Phase 1 - North) Cline to Burr (North of the Norfolk Southern Railroad:

1. IV-1 (North) The drainage system from Colfax to Burr Street North of the Norfolk Southern RR.
   A. This project was advertised on November 3rd, 1999, was awarded to Dillon Contractors on November 30th, 1999, and received the notice to proceed on January 14th, 2000. (Project currently approx. **98%** complete.) Projected completion by May 1, 2001, when the weather permits.
      - The contractor is currently working on clean-up and minor punch list items. **(Trash Rack Change, Guardrail)**
      - Anticipate a June preliminary inspection and a July mutual FINAL acceptance inspection. **We will receive "as-built" drawings shortly thereafter.**
      - Contractor responsible for removing unsuitable material from overburden storage area at 35th & Chase as part of the final inspection. **Completed May 17, 2001.**

   B. The low bidder was Dillon Contractors, Inc. with a total base bid of $2,708,720, which was approximately 80% of the government estimate.
      - Extras on contract - $292,771.00
      - Balance (to pay) - $1,608,719.00

C. On March 6, 2001, it was brought to our attention by the COE, that we were having erosion problems in the drainage ditch (sloughing) and we would try seeding to cure this problem.

- These areas were hydro-mulched on April 2, 2001 and the seed is starting to take. Periodic inspections are being made. **Sloughing now is minor, but may still occur.**

STATUS (Stage IV Phase 1 – South) (South of the N.S. RR.)

1. The pre-bid meeting was held on February 23rd, 2000. Bid due date is March 7th, 2000, price range $5 - $10 million – small business set aside
   A. Dyer Construction was low bidder at approximately $3.8 million. The COE estimate for this project was $4.2 million.
   B. Overall construction is approx. 75% complete, approx. all of the clay is placed for all of the levee work, but does not include backfilling with clay around structures (concrete structures still to be constructed). All sheet piling is completed.
      - An inspection is anticipated for Fall, 2001.
2. 450 days to complete (September 2001 completion of seeding and fine grading.)
3. We received a cost estimate from the EJ & E RR on July 8th, 2000, in the amount of $22,758.
   - **Both RR segments west of the WIND Towers were completed by each respective RR (EJ&E and the NSRR). approx. in early May to install the sheetpiling along the line of protection.**

STATUS (Stage IV Phase 2A) Burr to Clark – Lake Etta:

1. Dyer Construction-95% complete.
   A. Currently, $3,477,249.66 has been spent on this project.
      - Overrun (over original bid) $183,281.00
      - Balance (to be paid to contractor) $197,137.00
2. The North Burr Street stormwater pumping station has been completed.
   A. A meeting was held on February 8th, 2000, with the COE and GSD to review design and installation of auxiliary power hook-up with a portable generator.
      - This will be done as an addendum to the contract with Dyer Construction sub-contracting the work. Anticipated start summer of 2001; anticipated completion will be the end of September, 2001.
      - A preliminary construction meeting will be held in the field with GSD/WREP to review the scope of work and keep them informed.
   B. Austgen Electric will be the contractor.
3. A final inspection will be scheduled with the LCRBDC and the COE for this entire project, including the pump station in summer of 2001.

STATUS (Stage IV Phase 2B) Clark to Chase

1. 100% of levee construction has been completed, and the projected overall completion is for the summer of 2001. A final inspection will be held approximately July 2001with the LCRBDC prior to turnover.

2. Project money status:
   - $1,938,358 has been spent.
   - Overrun (over original bid) $408,000
   - Balance (to be paid to contractor) $155,980
3. A meeting was held with the COE and Dyer Construction on March 8, 2001, to turn over equipment for operating the sluice gates.

STATUS (Betterment Levee – Phase 1) E.J. & E. Railroad to, and including Colfax North of the NIPSCO R/W (Drainage from Arbogast to Colfax, South of NIPSCO R/W):

1. The bid opening was held on May 9th, 2000
   - The low bidder is Dyer Construction.
   - Government estimate is $2,108,500 and Dyer bid $2,078,523.
2. Overall construction is approx. **90%** complete, and the overall construction is expected to be completed in August 2001.
   - The clay base plate is installed and approx. 90% overall of the clay is placed.
   - **The road raise at Colfax has been completed as of May 16, 2001. An inspection of this portion was made with Dyer Construction, COE, LCRBDC, and town of Griffith on May 18th and was found to be satisfactory including paving, guardrails, and grading.**
   - The cutoff wall for the EJ&E embankment started in mid-October and is completed on both sides. Cutoff work has been done on the Griffith side. **All flood control installation is currently completed west of the EJ&E RR (on the Griffith side). Seeding needs to be done on both sides, and minor clay work needs to be done on the east side.**
3. **The majority of work remaining is around Arbogast Avenue. This includes the main closure structure, ditch work, and security gate installations.**

STATUS (Betterment Levee – Phase 2) Colfax to Burr Street, then North NSRR, then East (North of RR R/W) ½ between Burr and Clark, back over the RR, then South approx. 1,400 feet:

1. Current schedule is to complete **final engineering for review by end of May, 2001;** award contract by September 2001; and a construction start of November 2001 – 360 days to complete.
   - **We wrote a letter to the COE on May 21st requesting final information for all utility re-locates in order that we may proceed with agreements.**
2. The projected government estimate for this project is approximately $2.4 million.

STATUS (Stage V Phase 1) Wicker Park Manor:

1. Project completed on September 14, 1995.
   Dyer Construction – Contract price $998,630
2. Phillips Pipeline directional bore under the existing levee is currently being engineered by Phillips. Awaiting their design and cost by June, 2001.
   - As of March 23, 2001, a temporary hold has been put on this engineering request due to current funding restrictions.

STATUS (Stage V Phase 2):

1. At the June 7th, 2000 partnering meeting, the current schedule shows a March 2002 advertising date.
   - This will be pushed back due to funding restrictions, even if we get $5.5 million for this biennium.
2. A letter was sent to the COE on June 21st enclosing the location survey work for the Tri-State bus terminal. Asked for engineering re-considerations for the location of the I-wall.
   - We received modified real estate requirements due to engineering revisions in December 2000 and will have modified legals by April. (This will include Tri-State and K-Mart Properties.)
   - Additional engineering changes will modify Real Estate requirements. **As of May 26, 2001, we are awaiting these changes.**
3. A utility coordination meeting was held on November 16th, 2000 with all pipelines, utilities, etc. that will be impacted in the NIPSCO corridor West of Kennedy Ave.
   A. We have received cost information from the pipeline companies to do the work necessary to accommodate I-walls. The total cost in this corridor and for 2 directional bores west of the RR will total approximately $1.1 million.
   B. A field meeting was held with Atlas Daylighting on February 14, 2001 to review the scope of work and anticipate a cost estimate no later than April 2, 2001.
      - We received a quote from Atlas Daylighting dated March 27, 2001, in the amount of $11,500 (dry conditions) or $37,000 (wet conditions). We submitted a letter to the COE on April 5, 2001 requesting we wait for dry conditions to save money.
      - **We received a response from the COE on May 4th (dated April 30th) indicating the importance of their schedule with no mention of spending an extra $25,500.** 2
      - **We send out an agreement to Atlas Daylighting on May 18th indicating the anxiousness of the COE to get this information, however trying to coordinate this during dry weather.** 3
4. We received a request from North Township on April 20, 2001 to re-align the levees adjacent to Hart Ditch further Westward to allow more room to develop property on the Wicker Park Gold Course.
   - The COE agrees a meeting should be held and Munster should be represented.
   - **We received title work indicating North Township has ownership of this area in conjunction with the golf course on May 22nd. (See Land Acq. report)**
5. We requested an email from Highland/COE regarding drainage concerns with INDOT in the area around and adjacent to the Tri-State Bus terminal.
   - Highland/INDOT have a proposal for culvert installation but have not involved the COE/LCRBDC. A meeting **was held** on May 1st for engineering/ hydrology review.
   - **INDOT is to submit plans to the COE and LCRBDC to review hydrology issues when our project is completed and their impact in this area.**

STATUS (Stage V Phase 3) Woodmar Country Club:

1. Refer to Land Acquisition report for status of appraisal process and revised schedule.
   - As per our June 7th, 2000 partnering meeting, the schedule shows a March 2002 advertising date. This date will be pushed back due to funding restrictions even if we get the $5.5 million for this biennium.

2. Appraisal work ongoing (refer to Land Acquisition report).
3. **Had a conference call with the COE & Tim Nugent (appraisal consultant) on May 16th – 5 bridges will be included in the appraisal process. (Not as part of our construction)**

STATUS Stage VI – Phase 1 (Cline to Kennedy – North of the river, and Kennedy to Liable, South of the river.):

1. A utility coordination meeting was held with the Town of Highland and City of Hammond on September 12th, 2000, to update original Stage VI – plans from 1996 and gather information on new or proposed utilities.
2. Legal descriptions North of the river have been completed by GLE, and legals South of the river have been completed by DLZ.
   A. **A meeting was held with KROZAN ENTERPRISES at the Griffith COE office on May 7th to discuss their building installation relative to our real estate requests.** 4
   B. **A letter was sent to Stan Dostatni (Hammond City Engineer) on May 21st requesting information on the 75' drainage easement on the KROZAN ENTERPRISES property that could affect the COE design modifications to the levee.** 5

STATUS Stage VI – Phase 2 (Liable to Cline – South of the river.):

1. Rani Engineering was awarded the A/E contract by the COE in January 2000. (They are out of St. Paul, Minnesota.)
2. We received a letter from INDOT to Rani Engineering on January 8, 2001 indicating their concerns regarding culverts & recreational proposals.
   A. A meeting was held with RANI, the COE, INDOT, and the LCRBDC on April 11, 2001 to review these and other engineering issues.
      - INDOT agreed we could cross Cline Avenue at the existing light at Highway Avenue. (See Recreation Report).
      - **A meeting will be scheduled with Highland and Griffith to review proposed routes for recreation trails.**
   B. We are still not at the 50% level of review – many issues to still be resolved. The COE agreed we would have one more opportunity to review and comment prior to their 100% submittal.

STATUS (Stage VII) Northcote to Columbia:

1. The final contract with Earth Tech to do the A/E work for this stage/phase of construction was signed and submitted by the COE on December 21st, 1999.
2. We received a request for a 75% review from the COE on January 16, 2001 along with their comments and responses to our 50% review.
   - We sent a letter to the COE on February 1 with comments to their 75% submittal indicating a number of concerns and requesting another review opportunity prior to the 100% review. **(No response as of May 25, 2001).**
3. A public meeting will be scheduled with both communities. (This will be after the 75% BCOE review process).

STATUS (Stage VIII) Columbia to the Illinois State Line):

1. The A/E award was given to S.E.H. (Short, Elliot & Henderson Inc.)
2. We received a letter from SEH to the COE (dated January 31, 2001) on February 5, 2001 along with utility responses indicating additional follow-up and coordination will be required.
3. **A meeting is scheduled with SEH, Munster, Hammond, the COE, and the LCRBDC on June 6th to review hydrology concerns.** 6

East Reach Remediation Area – North of I-80/94, MLK to I-65:

1. Dyer Construction is the contractor. Construction was started on September 13th, 1999, and was completed in December, 2000 excluding minor punch list items.
2. Contract price - $1,657,913
   Extras - $145,483
   Balance (to be paid to contractor) - $287,950
3. The entire project is completed with the exception of minor gate and sign installations. Anticipated inspection should be scheduled for **June** 2001 when the weather permits and the signage & seeding are done.
   - We received a copy of a letter from the COE to Dyer Construction dated March 22, 2001 including the remaining punch list items. (Yet to be completed.)

West Reach Pump Stations – Phase 1A:

1. The four (4) pump stations that are included in this initial West Reach pump station project are Baring, Walnut, S. Kennedy, and Hohman/Munster.
2. Pump station Government estimate was $2,915,265 – Low bid was $4,638,400 (63% overrun). Notice to proceed issued November 7th, 2000 – 700 days to complete – October 2002. Successful bidder was Overstreet Construction.
   A. A pre-construction meeting was held on November 27th, 2000, to discuss scheduling, establish points of contact, and coordination.
      1. Anticipated start for Baring is July 2001, Hohman/Munster in August 2001, and S. Kennedy and Walnut in September 2001. Anticipated completion is October 2002.
3. **A monthly coordination meeting was held with Overstreet Construction on May 21st to discuss scheduling, shut down procedures, and submittal reviews. Project is on schedule.**
4. We received a status report from the COE on **May 22**, 2001. 7-8

West Reach Pump Stations – Phase 1B:

1. The Two (2) pump stations included in this contract are S.E. Hessville (Hammond), and 81st Street (Highland).
   A. The 81st Street Pump Station is approximately **70%** complete to date.
      - **The drywell pump inspection was held on April 17, 2001 and was found to be acceptable for both pumps and have been placed in service.**
      - An agreement will be needed with both Highland and Hammond to allow their respective representatives to sign off, as owners for partial acceptance and turnover of these projects. **(Ongoing)**
      - **It is anticipated to turn over the SWP-2 to Highland by the end of May.**

B. The S.E. Hessville Pump Station **is approximately 25% complete**.

2. The current COE schedule, as per our January 26th, 2000 coordination meeting, is to start construction by late September – 350 days to complete.
    - **Pumps have been manufactured and tested and ready to be installed – Stored at manufacturers' yard.**

3. Thieneman Construction from Griffith, IN was the successful bidder.
    - The government estimate was $2,092,000
      The low bid was $1,963,400, which was under estimated by $128,600

4. **We received a status report from the COE on May 22, 2001.**

West Reach Pump Stations – General

1. We received an e-mail from the COE on January 2, 2001 with a breakdown of pump disposal for each project (who keeps the existing pumps after removal- the contractor or the community).

North Fifth Avenue Pump Station:

1. The Town of Highland submitted a letter to the COE dated December 8th, 2000, requesting that the electric transformer cost of $120,000 be part of the project.
    - The LCRBDC wrote a letter to the COE on January 23 requesting that rather than us entering into an agreement with Highland (as a utility re-locate) the costs be treated as a project cost. (No response as of March 23, 2001.)
    - A fax was sent to the COE on March 8, 2001, again requesting this information and also enclosing information from Highland (Nies engineering) providing a status report with NIPSCO.
2. The bid opening for North 5th was on February 6, 2001. The government estimate without profit is $2,662,000. The low bid was Overstreet Construction at $2,387,500. This was $274,500 under the government estimate (Not including profit).
3. **A pre-construction meeting was held on May 21st with Overstreet Construction, town of Highland, COE, NIPSCO, and the LCRBDC.**
    - **Some construction may start in late summer, but the pumps are not projected for delivery until December 2001. At that time, the major work will begin (pump replacement & piping).**
    - **There are currently 10 pumps and all of these will be replaced with new and will be coordinated with the town of Highland.**
4. **We received a status report from the COE on May 22, 2001.**

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GENERAL:

1. Utility Re-locations:
    A. On March 13, 2001, a utility coordination meeting was held with the LCRBDC and the COE to discuss utility status and how to track each relocation.
        - This procedure was submitted to the COE for review on March 15, 2001.
        - Compensability for utility relocations was also discussed and milestones were presented for review to Don Valk and the COE on March 20, 2001.
        - A letter was sent to Don Valk on April 26th requesting letter of concurrence regarding utility milestones to be used for west reach utility relocations.

2. **A utility coordination meeting is scheduled with the COE and LCRBDC on June 20, 2001.**
3. **Our quarterly technical review meeting is scheduled with the COE on June 12th to review current & ongoing engineering concerns. (Last meeting was November 1, 2000).**
4. **A field coordination meeting was held with the COE on May 23, 2001 to review, and finalize, all gate and bollard locations for the east reach.**

Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission

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May 18, 2001

Mr. Imad Samara
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
111 N. Canal Street
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Dear Imad:

As per our conversation on Thursday, May 17th, this is to serve as a reminder that we need final real estate information for only the Norfolk Southern crossings for the Betterment Levee Phase 2. I understand that the rest of the real estate has not changed and we are currently proceeding with all other acquisitions. Upon receipt of your real estate drawings with coordinates for the easements on the Norfolk Southern right-of-way, I will do the legal descriptions, an appraisal will be initiated, and the coordination will begin to obtain the necessary construction permits. Also, understand that Dave Orrison from the Norfolk Southern has previously told us on several occasions, **that he will not** recommend any agreements be reviewed and/or approved until he has completed his engineering review in these two areas. We understand that the final engineering drawings will be submitted for final review and comments no later than May 25th.

In addition, will you please provide us with the necessary information in order that we may proceed with the utility relocation agreements for Burr Street Phase 2. The Army Corps of Engineers is the AE for this project and as part of the scope of work, it is your responsibility to provide us with utility relocation drawings, utility costs (reviewed and approved by the Army Corps), and location plans in order that we may proceed with the utility relocation agreements.

We would appreciate receiving the above mentioned information at your earliest convenience in order to try to meet your schedule for right-of-entry by August 1, 2001. Any questions regarding this request may be directed to me.

Sincerely,

James E. Pokrajac

James E. Pokrajac, Agent
Land Management/Engineering

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

April 30, 2001

Programs and Project Management Division
Project Management Branch

Mr. James E. Pokrajac
Little Calumet River Basin
Development Commission
6100 Southport Rd.
Portage, Indiana 46368

Subject: Little Calumet River Flood Control Project, Stage V, Phase 2

Dear Mr. Pokrajac;

Thanks for your letter of April 5, 2001. concerning the Atlas Daylighting excavation at the subject project. This survey data is of significant importance to us and to keep the project on schedule accurate location and elevation information of pipelines is needed by May 18, 2001.

If you have any additional questions please contact me at the telephone number 312-353-6400, extension 1801.

Sincerely;

Jan S. Plachta

Jan S. Plachta, P.E.
Project Engineer

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May 18, 2001

Mr. Mike Jackson
ATLAS DAYLIGHTING LLC
4740 Swisher Road
West Lafayette, Indiana 47906

Dear Mike:

Enclosed are three (3) copies of an agreement for your company to obtain the top of pipe locations and elevations for 14 underground pipelines on the NIPSCO utility easement west of Kennedy Avenue on both sides of the river. As per your letter dated March 27, 2001, the enclosed agreement will be a cost of $11,500, which would provide your services to do the 28 locations and elevations when conditions are dry and accessible. If you are agreeable to the terms of the agreement, please sign all 3 copies and return them to this office. We will counter-sign them and return a copy back to you. At the time of receipt of your copy, please consider it as your notice to proceed.

We have been requested by the Army Corps of Engineers to provide this information to them as soon as possible. We would request that you familiarize yourself with site conditions at the time you propose to do these locates in order to determine if this work can be done for the lesser amount rather than charging us an additional $25,500 to do this work during wet conditions. **Prior to your starting the work, please contact me in order that we can have a field visit to confirm dry or wet conditions.**

As per our previous conversations, it is my understanding that you will be contacting all of the pipelines and/or utilities to facilitate coordination in the field during your process of exposing these pipelines. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact me at the above number.

Sincerely,

James E. Pokrajac

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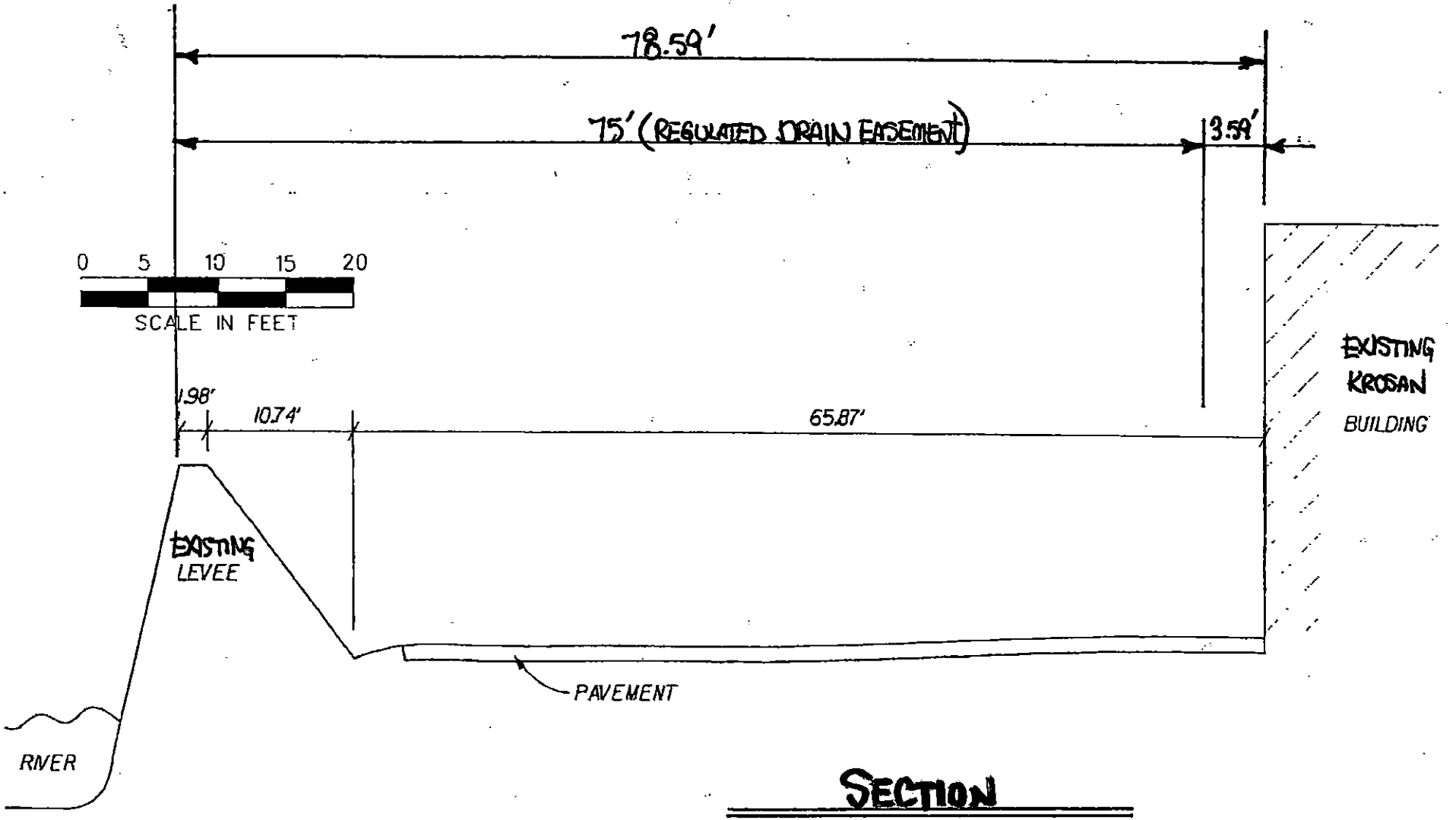

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May 22, 2001

Mr. Stan Dostatni
City of Hammond Engineer
5925 Calumet Avenue
Hammond, Indiana 46320

Dear Stan:

We had a meeting with KROZAN ENTERPRISES at the Army Corps of Engineers local office in Griffith on Monday, May 7th to review the upcoming construction in that area. Enclosed is a copy of a letter sent to you on November 10, 1998 providing information regarding real estate requirements and flowage easement delineation. We received proposed plans from KROZAN, and have had surveys of our own performed indicating that the southeast corner of their building furthest to the west is approximately 78.5' from the top of the embankment closest to the river, which is approximately 3.5' outside of the 75' drainage easement. The site plan for KROZAN (performed by Plumb Tuckett & Associates) indicates approximately 20' (by scale) between the same corner of the building and the 75' drainage easement line. It was our understanding from KROZAN and Plumb Tuckett & Associates that you had reviewed and approved these plans; and we would appreciate any information you could provide us as to how the location of the drainage easement line was determined as shown on this drawing.

I have enclosed a partial copy of a print showing this area as well as some miscellaneous survey location information we had performed that show a conflict as to the location of this drainage easement relative to the existing levee embankment adjacent to the river. Also enclosed is a section, and details of their encroachment onto our original real estate easements. It is critical that we determine this exact location because the Army Corps of Engineers is in the process of modifying levee sections in this area to accommodate the building relative to the area that we will need to build and construct the earthen levee.

Will you please review these enclosures and call me in order that we may facilitate whatever real estate and/or engineering concerns need to be performed to allow us to proceed with agreements with KROZAN before construction start.

Sincerely,

James E. Pokrajac

James E. Pokrajac, Agent
Land Management/Engineering

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cc: Imad Samara - COE, Tim Kroll – COE, Tom Deja – COE, Curt Vosti – LCRBDC, George Carlson – LCRBDC, Lou Casale – LCRBDC attorney, Judy Vamos – LCRBDC

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May 17, 2001

RE: US Army Corps of Engineers
Little Calumet River
Flood Control Project, Stage VIII
SEH No. A-USCOE9902.00

Mr. James Mandon / DOSTATNI / KNESEK
Town Engineer
Town of Munster
1005 Ridge Road
Munster, IN 46321

Subject: Meeting to discuss local drainage issues related to the Little Calumet River Flood Control and Recreation Project, Stage VIII.

Dear Jim:

The purpose of this letter is to confirm our meeting on June 6, 2001 at 10 AM at SEH to discuss the referenced project. We anticipate the meeting will take approximately two hours.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 219.554.4004.

Yours very truly,

Michael J. Hickey

Michael J. Hickey, P.E.
Project Principal

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Date: Tuesday, May 22, 2001 3:51 PM
Subject: Pump Station Rehab Status 5/22/01

Hi Jim,
As you have requested.

Pump Rehab 1B Contract C-0035 (Thieneman Const.)
81st Station - 70%+- complete to date.
1. Both dry weather pumps are 100%, accepted, and have been placed in service.
2. No Change... Wet well access cover installation (concrete work) is 95%+- complete.
3. No Change... Discharge box modifications (concrete work) are 20%+- complete.
4. Installation of SWP-2 pump, motor, and piping is (90%+-) complete, and is now scheduled to be turned over to Highland on May 29, 2001. The removal of existing SWP-1 pump, motor, and it's discharge piping should begin May 30, 2001.

5. Standby pumps have been installed and are inspected daily.
6. Previous delay due to DWP motor rotating in the wrong direction has been resolved. Both DWP pumps and motors have been accepted, by COE and Highland, and placed in service.

7. Heating and Ventilation installation is continuing.

S.E. Hessville Station - 25%+- complete to date.
(Very little change since last month)
1. Discharge box modifications (concrete work) are 95%+- complete.
2. New pumps have been manufactured, tested, and are stored at the Manufacturers yard.
3. Electricians are making required changes to the existing MCC and new station lighting has been installed.
4. Existing mechanical trash rack has been inspected by manufacturer and no additional repairs are required. One half of the trash rack has been rehabilitated. The other 1/2 remains to be completed.

5. Removal operations of SWP 1-4 pumps and their motors have begun.

Pump Rehab 1A Contract C-0001 (Overstreet Electric Co.)
Baring Ave Pump Station - 0%+- Complete.
South Kennedy Ave Pump Station - 0%+- Complete.
Hohman/Munster Pump Station- 0%+- Complete.
Walnut Ave. Pump Station - 0%+- Complete.

1. Various submittals are being prepared.
2. No on-site construction activity.
3. Coordination meeting, scheduled on May 21, 2001 went well.

North 5th Pump Station Rehab (Overstreet Engineering & Const.)
N.5th. Pump Station - 0%+- Complete.

1. No activity.
2. Pre-Construction Meeting was held on May 21, 2001.

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See ya,
Bob

From: Plachta, Jan S LRC <Jan.S.Plachta@lrc02.usace.army.mil>
To: 'Little Calument' <littlecal@nirpc.org>
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Date: Tuesday, May 22, 2001 2:21 PM
Subject: RE: Meeting Notice

Jim,
Draft agenda is enclosed for your input.
Jan

Agenda for the Utility Coordination Meeting

June 14, 2001 – LCRBDC Conference Room

1. Introduction.

2. Review of schedule of activities. Burr Street Betterment Phase 2, Stages VI, V-2 and V-3.

3. Discussion on how to implement the relocation plan. One utility, one contractor, or one contractor for all utilities, Stage V-2. Other ideas?

4. Discussion on coordination between the A/E's, utilities and the Corps.

5. Utilities concerns.

6. Closing remarks.

-----Original Message-----
From: Little Calument [mailto:littlecal@nirpc.org]
Sent: Tuesday, May 22, 2001 10:13 AM
To: Plachta, Jan S; jmflora@netnitco.net
Subject: Meeting Notice

A utility coordination meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 14th at 10:00 a.m. here at the Little Cal office. Let me know if that date is OK with you and give me a call when you get a chance in order to put an agenda together for that meeting.
Thanks,
Jim Pokrajac

LAND MANAGEMENT REPORT
For meeting on Thursday, May 31, 2001

(Information in this report is from April 27, 2001 – May 25, 2001)

NON-PROJECT LAND MANAGEMENT

A. Handicapped-Accessible Park

1. The playground equipment will be delivered the week of May 21st. Removal of existing equipment and installation of new equipment will begin the week of May 28th. This schedule may interrupt the last week of school at River Forest Elementary School; however, the next removal/installation date is for late July. Construction could then interfere with the school fall session. School Corporation and LCRBDC are starting to coordinate a groundbreaking ceremony for a June date.

B. Chase Street to Grant Street land management issues

1. LCRBDC confirmed that we own the land (Don Ewen parcel DC83), and have an easement agreement with INDOT for the property necessary to construct a new pump station west of Grant and south of the Little Calumet River.
   - Refer to Engineering Report for engineering/land acquisition information
2. **We received a letter from Professor Kenneth J. Brock, Interim Dean, College of Arts & Sciences of Indiana University Northwest on May 18, 2001 requesting our consideration to dedicate land between levees (Chase to Grant) for a shorebird management site for migrating birds.**

PROJECT RELATED LAND MANAGEMENT

A. O&M (Project manual review/accepting completed segments)

1. It is anticipated to start accepting levee segments (after inspections are completed and found acceptable) as early as July 2001.
2. The LCRBDC agreed that we would initially inspect and accept the projects on an individual basis to relieve the contractor of his obligations. However, we will require a procedure to mutually sign off with the COE to accept O & M responsibility. (Ongoing)
3. We sent a letter to the COE on February 14, 2001 enclosing information from IDEM on controlled burns dated January 31, 2001. We have been awaiting written response from the COE on this issue for over 2 years. **(No response as of May 25, 2001.)**

B. Mitigation (entire project area)

1. No action on mitigation until funding crisis is resolved.

C. Emergency Management/River Monitoring

1. It is our intent to update the current computer equipment for the city of Hammond and to install the new equipment for monitoring for Gary at the Gary Sanitary District

no later than July, 2001. COE will provide equipment, hook-up, and training at their cost.

- It is our understanding that the GSD will expect compensation for monitoring river levels as part of the emergency response participation plan. This will be discussed at the upcoming coordination meeting with Gary/GSD/and WREP.
- **Currently, the LCRBDC is reviewing GSD/WREP concerns that have not been addressed and will incorporate these as an item of discussion on the agenda. We intend on having this meeting no later than the end of June.**

2. LCRBDC has reviewed COE mapping which shows locations of road closings, sandbagging, and emergency response locations. A plan to coordinate each community flood event response needs to be formulated.
   - LCRBDC will break this down by community and then have a coordination meeting. (Ongoing)

D. Lake Erie Land Company (The Great Konomick)

1. Northwest Indiana River Corridor Partnership is waiting on information from the Grand Cal Task Force to finish mitigation maps. **No next meeting date has been scheduled.**

E. A meeting was held with Ed Marcin of the Lamar Advertising Company (formerly WHITECO) on January 28, 2000 to review turnover of WHITECO signs to LAMAR Advertising.

1. LCRBDC is accountable for costs incurred by LAMAR to remove signs on previously acquired properties. The amount of $124,825 needs to be re-calculated.
   - We received a letter from LAMAR on April 23, 2001 providing information, and cost breakdown, of what the LCRBDC owes them for sign removal.
   - **We completed review of this letter and concur with their balance of $93,352.56 and will submit the check to them. This leaves the LCRBDC a balance of $31,472.44 from money previously set aside.** 2
2. We have closed on two properties (DC816 & DC707) that have LAMAR signs. They want new leases on these signs. **(We will negotiate agreements on May 30th)**
3. A field inspection was held with FOCUS Sign Company on April 18th to review the installation of two of their signs in the area of I-65 and I-80/94.
   - They do not obstruct our roadway access. FOCUS installed extra stone to improve the roadway, and we will review an agreement to allow them to use some of our property to gain access to their signs. **(Ongoing)**

F. Gary Sanitary District (White River Environmental Partners (WREP)) O&M

1. A field meeting was held with Dean Button (WREP) on August 24, 2000 to review security for all (4) east reach pump stations. The LCRBDC has agreed to install fencing and locks as necessary to secure the stations and their equipment.
   - Agreements were signed with the Hammond Fence Company for $5,000 to provide security for the Broadway, Burr and Grant Streets pump stations.
   - **Work was completed on May 1st and an inspection was done on May 2nd. Minor punch list items have been completed on May 15th and WREP was notified to inspect and comment.**

G. **The Griffith levee west of the EJ&E RR to Cline Avenue has been completed as well as the Colfax road raise. We will be scheduling a meeting with Griffith to discuss their participation in maintaining and operating these items in the future no later than mid-May (See Engineering Report)**

H. **Portions of west reach pump stations in Hammond and Highland are being turned over to their respective communities. Representatives of the Hammond and Highland Sanitary Districts are inspecting with the COE and Contractor and signing off as owner.**

   1. **The LCRBDC needs to get respective agreements acknowledging their acceptance of these pump stations for all future operations and maintenance.**

INDIANA UNIVERSITY
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18 May 2001

Mr. Dan Gardner, Director
Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission
6100 Southport Road
Portage, IN 46368

Dear Dan,

This is an informal proposal for the establishment of a shorebird management site within the Little Calumet River Basin. It involves the field inside the flood control levee between Grant and Chase Streets (south side of I-94), in Gary. Over the past three springs, when the field is flooded, I have noted that it attracts substantial numbers of migrating shorebirds.

As you might recall from our previous discussions about the Gleason Park site, shorebirds are extremely long-range migrants. Many Western Hemisphere species make annual round trips between Arctic breeding grounds and wintering areas in the Caribbean and South American. More than 30 species regularly pass through the Midwest. Decades ago a network of wetlands spanned the mid-continent providing ample stopovers for feeding and resting. Today, however, wetland destruction has drastically limited available habitat for migrating shorebirds. This habitat depletion underscores the importance of managing the limited remaining wetlands for migrating shorebirds.

The Grant Street field has great potential as a site that could be managed for migrating shorebirds. These birds require shallow water or mudflats for feeding. Based on the number of shorebirds observed during recent springs, the Grant Street field currently provides these requirements. I propose that this property be permanently managed as a shorebird migration site. There are two primary components of a shorebird management plan: 1. the area must be periodically flooded to generate biota for forage, and 2. vegetation must be controlled to prevent overgrowth of the site.

The current farming practice, which draws the down the water in mid-may, works reasonably well, though a more extended draw-down period would be preferable. Farming also restricts vegetation development. Accordingly, I recommend that, for the short term, the farming be allowed to continue. Indeed there are many areas along Mississippi River in which shorebird management is regularly conducted in concert with farming.

For the long term, however, I suggest that a grant be submitted to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, to develop the Grant Street field into a permanent management site. I would be delighted to participate in developing the grant and in working with the management team.

Sincerely,

Kenneth J. Brock, Interim Dean
College of Arts and Sciences

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May 24, 2001

Mr. Ed Marcin
Real Estate Manager
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Gary, IN 46408

Dear Mr. Marcin:

We received your letter dated April 23, 2001 with a breakdown of the costs and credits regarding the money due the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission from the existing LAMAR signs. We concur that the amount, including interest for just compensation of signs removed due to our previous construction, amounts to $93,352.75, as stated in you letter, and is the correct amount due to LAMAR.

Prior to issuing the final check, we would request that the modifications to the existing agreements be completed, which would include the renumbering of the signs as well as increasing the annual rentals paid to the Development Commission by LAMAR. We are aware that the next annual land rental to be paid to us will be in the amount of $665.24 on December 9, 2001 for LAMAR Sing #1050. We are looking forward to updating these agreements and working with you in the future.

Under separate cover, a purchase order for the amount of $93,352.75 will be sent to you for your signature. This amount will also be placed on the claim sheet for approval at the next Board meeting on May 31, 2001

In regard to new agreements for LAMAR signage at I-65 and I-80/94, we will begin the agreement process after these issues have been completed.

Sincerely,

CASALE, WOODWARD & BULS, LLP

Louis M. Casale
Attorney at Law

LMC/amo

cc: Chuck Agnew, Land Acq./Mgmt. Committee
Jim Pokrajac, LCRBDC
Judy Vamos, LCRBDC

LAND ACQUISITION REPORT
For meeting on Thursday, May 31, 2001

(Information in this report is from April 27, 2001 – May 25, 2001)

STATUS (Stage II Phase I) – Harrison to Broadway – North Levee:

1. Project completed July 10, 1992.
   Dyer Construction – Contract price $365,524

STATUS (Stage II Phase II) – Grant to Harrison – North Levee:

1. Project completed December 1, 1993
   Dyer/Ellas Construction – Contract price $1,220,386

STATUS (Stage II, Phase 3A (8A) – Georgia to Martin Luther King – South Levee:

1. Project completed January 13, 1995.
   Ramirez & Marsch Construction – Contract price $2,275,023

STATUS (Stage II, Phase 4) – Broadway to MLK Drive – North Levee:

1. Project completed September 15, 1998.
   Rausch Construction – Contract price $4,186,071

STATUS (Stage II, Phase 3B) – Harrison to Georgia – South Levee:

1. Project currently 98% complete.
2. Additional land will be required to temporarily extend a recreation trail along both the sidewalks east and west of Broadway to allow recreation trail continuation. (Refer to Recreation Report.)
   - **Upon completion of I.U. Northwest modifications on, and adjacent to, Broadway, we will install a permanent trail crossing south of the river and along the line of flood protection.**
3. University Park Medical Center (DC-538)
   - Wrote a letter to the COE on December 29, 2000 enclosing the new location & topographical survey. The Med Center added approximately 2' of fill to expand their parking facilities that would also raise it above the 100-year event. We requested eliminating this acquisition. (Awaiting response from COE as of **May 25**)

STATUS (Stage II, Phase 3C2) – Grant to Harrison:

1. The final inspection was made on May 18th, 2000 – completion and turnover of O&M manuals was done on November 21, 2000.
2. The re-location of the recreation trail due to the crossing at Grant St. would require agreements with the city of Gary to be able to cross Grant St. at the light at 32nd Ave.
   - A meeting was held on April 12, 2001, to review our proposals for trails at Broadway & East of Grant. (See Recreation Report)
   - **A proposal was sent to city of Gary to review & comment on our alignment on May 18th.**

STATUS (Stage III) – Chase to Grant:

1. Levee construction completed on May 6, 1994.
   Kiewit Construction – Contract price $6,564,520
2. Final acquisitions for flowage easements east of Chase and north of the river are ongoing (DC209 to DC213)

STATUS (Stage IV – Phase 1-North) – Cline to Burr (North of the Norfolk Southern RR):

1. All easements obtained, utility re-locations completed, and construction started. Anticipated substantial completion of project is **June 2001.**

STATUS (Stage IV – Phase 1-South) – Cline to Burr (South of the Norfolk Southern RR):

1. Bids were reviewed and Dyer Construction is the contractor. Work started on May 23rd, 2000 – 450 days to complete project (see Engineering Report).

STATUS (Stage IV – Phase 2A) – Lake Etta – Burr to Clark:

1. All construction is currently completed. Pump test has been completed. (Refer to Engineering Report)

STATUS (Stage IV – Phase 2B) – Clark to Chase:

1. Construction is complete. (Refer to Engineering Report)

STATUS (Stage V – Phase 1) – Wicker Park Manor:

1. Project completed September 14, 1995
   Dyer Construction – Contract price $998,630

STATUS (Stage V – Phase 2) – Indianapolis to Kennedy – North Levee:

1. Modified legal descriptions for the Tri-State Bus Terminal are anticipated for completion by **May 30, 2001.** Appraisal process will begin then.
2. Wicker Park appraisal is ongoing. **(See letter from Appraiser John Snell)** 2-3
   - **We received copies of title work on May 22nd indicating that North Township owns the property west of Hart Ditch to Hawthorne Street. This additional land appears to be part of the parcel combination comprising the golf course & may have to be added to the appraisal.**
3. COE Engineering will move the K-Mart recreation trail as far west as possible to minimize taking of parking spaces and reducing impact to tire center at southwest corner of property.
   - As of **May 25, 2001**, we are awaiting the modifications from the COE.

STATUS (Stage V – Phase 3) – Northcote to Indianapolis – (Woodmar Country Club):

1. **Tim Nugent, golf course architect for Woodmar appraisal, is still requiring information. Additional information sent April 6, 2001. A conference call with the COE took place on May 16, 2001.**
   - **The four (4) bridges on the golf course will not be part of our flood control project; cost will be considered in the appraisal. Design information to be provided to Dale Kleszynski for appraisal.**

STATUS (Stage VI-Phase 1) – Cline to Kennedy – North of the river, and Kennedy to Liable – South of the River:

1. Dale Kleszynski has assigned the second batch of appraisals. This Stage, VI-1, has 11 corporate appraisals. Land values are high in this section and could be a future problem. Offers cannot be made due to our funding crisis.
2. Surveys and legal descriptions for properties owned by Highland (parks, public works, and the town) total approximately 66 acres that will be needed for our project.
   - We received legal descriptions for these properties on April 18 and are currently reviewing the final set.
3. **A letter was sent to Stan Dostatni (Hammond City Engineer) requesting information on the 75' drainage easement on the KROSAN ENTERPRISES property east of the Carlson Oxbow Park.** 4-7

STATUS (Stage VI – Phase 2) Liable to Cline – South of the River:

1. We received a letter from Komark Business Co. on November 17th, 2000, regarding concerns of preliminary real estate design from the COE West of Cline and South of NIPSCO R/W.
2. We are still awaiting final engineering drawings to review.
3. **We will be having a recreation coordination meeting with Highland and Hammond and Griffith to determine trail re-locations which allow us to cross at Cline Avenue at Highway Avenue**
   - **This will require additional easements.**

STATUS (Stage VII) – Northcote to Columbia:

1. Review of the real estate AE drawings was completed on December 8th, 2000, and drawings were found to be totally inadequate.
   - The COE submitted Stage VII real estate drawings for us to review on April 11th with a request to complete by April 23rd.
   - We submitted comments to the COE on April 24th.

STATUS (Stage VIII – Columbia to State Line (Both Sides of River)

1. Muta Advertising is concerned about possible project impacts to his property (letter dated 8/22/00). We'll meet with him after COE completes hydrology review in this area (Ongoing)

STATUS (Betterment Levee – Phase 1) E.J. & E. Railroad to, and including, Colfax North of the NIPSCO R/W – Ditch is South of NIPSCO R/W from Arbogast to Colfax.

1. Construction started on July 28, 2000 (Refer to Engineering Report for details) **Anticipated completion is August, 2001 – Approx. 90% completed.**

STATUS (Betterment Levee – Phase 2) Colfax to Burr Street, then North N.S. RR, then East (North of RR R/2) ½ between Burr and Clark, back over the RR, then South approx. 1,400 feet:

1. Current schedule is to advertise by August 2001; award contract by September 2001; and a construction start of November 2001 – 360 days to complete. (14 acquisitions remaining.)
2. Administrative settlement for DC595 has not been returned from COE. It was submitted on December 29, 2000. Still awaiting response.
3. **A letter was sent to the COE on May 18th requesting <u>final</u> real estate information for the Norfolk Southern RR in order that we may do the legal descriptions & begin the appraisal process.** 8

- **We received a letter from the COE (dated May 17th) on May 21st enclosing modified real estate drawings that included NSRR information (These are finals).**
- **LCRBDC assigned DLZ the task to do plats & legals for the RR on May 22nd.**

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EAST REACH REMEDIATION AREA – (NORTH OF I-80/94, MLK TO I-65):

1. Due to the funding crisis and Burr Street levee and in-project mitigation acquisitions being priorities, the 27 flowage acquisitions in the ERR are "On Hold" for now.

WEST REACH PUMP STATIONS – PHASE 1A

1. These stations include Baring, Hohman-Munster, Walnut and South Kennedy.
2. Refer to Engineering Report.

WEST REACH PUMP STATIONS – PHASE 1B

1. These stations include 81st Street (Highland) and S.E. Hessville (Hammond)
2. Refer to Engineering Report.

MITIGATION

1. **On hold.**

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May 18, 2001

Mr. Roland Elvambuena
City of Gary Engineer
Gary City Hall
401 Broadway
Gary, Indiana 46402

Dear Roland:

Enclosed is a map showing our proposed location for a recreational trail between Harrison and Grant Streets that was discussed at our meeting at Indiana University Northwest on April 12, 2001. This is a tentative location that we would like you to review. Would you also facilitate the review with representatives from other departments representing the city of Gary in order that we may finalize the location that would best fit in with the comprehensive plan as proposed by the city of Gary, Indiana University, and the Gary Parks & Recreation Dept.

As was also discussed at our meeting on April 12th, was our recreational trail crossing at Broadway north of I.U. It was our understanding that we would temporarily be able to use the sidewalks on both sides of the Broadway right-of-way and the crossing at 32nd Avenue for a temporary recreational trail that would tie in our existing trails on either side of Broadway to allow for a continuity of trails. Upon completion of the proposed improvements by the university in this area, including a 11' wide island along the center of Broadway, we will then relocate our final recreational trail to cross directly south of the Little Calumet River using this island as a midpoint to allow the safe crossing of recreational trail users.

Upon completion of your review, we would suggest having a coordination meeting to finalize the trail location in order that we could proceed with real estate agreements that would be necessary to complete both of these recreational trail requests. If you have any questions regarding this alignment, please contact me at the above number. We are looking forward to meeting with you to finalize this at your earliest convenience in order that we can complete this construction no later than the end of 2001 construction season.

Sincerely,

James E. Pokrajac

James E. Pokrajac, Agent
Land Management/Engineering

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cc: Arlene Colvin, Spike Peller, Kim Lyles, William Staehle, Imad Samara, Tim Kroll, Bob Huffman, Curt Vosti

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May 17, 2001

Attn: Judith Vamos
Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission
6100 Southport Road
Portage, Indiana 46368

Re: Wicker Memorial Park Golf Course

Dear Judy:

The appraisal of Wicker Memorial Park Golf Course continues to be an interesting assignment. I spent two days on site this week, delving into the potential site impact and continuing my market research. As we move ahead, we are now in position to pursue certain key issues within the "after" valuation and to clarify the most efficient method of completing the appraisal in light of new information.

Based upon our discussion last week and your indication that the levee may be moved, it is my judgment that the most expeditious way to proceed is for me to continue to develop and complete the "before" value of the assignment, which is not otherwise impacted by the location of the levee project. Relative to the after value analysis, I will continue to develop my work file and documentation only, and hold off on the final preparation of the written appraisal until the location and impact of the levee is finalized. Otherwise, the extent of work required to complete an initial report and later re-develop the valuation under alternative levee assumptions would be excessive. Key issues must be resolved within the specific levee boundaries - like the impact of the fee or easement acquisitions on tees, fairways and greens, fence line, paved roadway/trail and trees. Some of this may clearly require a detailed analysis of the area impacted, lineal feet of fencing and the number and species of trees lost. This portion of the appraisal should only be done once, with the final determination of the levee location and resulting fee and easement areas.

If you agree with this format, I will continue to work on every aspect of the appraisal, with the exception of the final inventory of detailed issues to be determined by the exact levee location. With the appraisal file fully developed, I should be able to complete the final appraisal within about 30 days of provision of the final documentation on the levee, fee and easement areas. If the time between file development and revision of the levee location is extended, I would ask for 50% of the remaining fee to cover my work to date.

As we move ahead with this project, I am now focused upon some of the issues noted above. Since the fee and easement areas are not openly staked, we ultimately need to determine who will be responsible for the exact inventory of impacted trees and site improvements. If you look to me to accomplish this without additional professional input, I will need to derive estimates only, from final mapping.

While on site, I noted an apparent pipeline easement from the east approaching the Wicker Park property line. Do you have any knowledge of the location of this pipeline within Wicker Park itself?

What is your position on the inclusion of ancillary Wicker Park improvements (non-golf course) within the appraisal? Namely, the levee impacts only the golf course and perimeter trail and the LCRBDC Scope of Work references only the golf course. However, beyond the golf course, Wicker Park obviously includes a significant number of additional structures reflecting a wide range of utility. These park improvements are significantly, physically removed from the proposed project and yet are under common ownership. It is apparent that they will not be impacted by the levee. Despite the inevitable consistency of before and after values, if they must be included within the appraisal, I will need more detail on each of the building improvements and the scope of work must be re-visited. Ultimately, the highest and best use analysis of the land would then determine the extent to which these buildings would be included within the appraisal.

Let me know how you would like me to proceed.

Best regards,

John

John C. Snell, MAI

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May 22, 2001

Mr. Stan Dostatni
City of Hammond Engineer
5925 Calumet Avenue
Hammond, Indiana 46320

Dear Stan:

We had a meeting with KROZAN ENTERPRISES at the Army Corps of Engineers local office in Griffith on Monday, May 7th to review the upcoming construction in that area. Enclosed is a copy of a letter sent to you on November 10, 1998 providing information regarding real estate requirements and flowage easement delineation. We received proposed plans from KROZAN, and have had surveys of our own performed indicating that the southeast corner of their building furthest to the west is approximately 78.5' from the top of the embankment closest to the river, which is approximately 3.5' outside of the 75' drainage easement. The site plan for KROZAN (performed by Plumb Tuckett & Associates) indicates approximately 20' (by scale) between the same corner of the building and the 75' drainage easement line. It was our understanding from KROZAN and Plumb Tuckett & Associates that you had reviewed and approved these plans; and we would appreciate any information you could provide us as to how the location of the drainage easement line was determined as shown on this drawing.

I have enclosed a partial copy of a print showing this area as well as some miscellaneous survey location information we had performed that show a conflict as to the location of this drainage easement relative to the existing levee embankment adjacent to the river. Also enclosed is a section, and details of their encroachment onto our original real estate easements. It is critical that we determine this exact location because the Army Corps of Engineers is in the process of modifying levee sections in this area to accommodate the building relative to the area that we will need to build and construct the earthen levee.

Will you please review these enclosures and call me in order that we may facilitate whatever real estate and/or engineering concerns need to be performed to allow us to proceed with agreements with KROZAN before construction start.

Sincerely,

James E. Pokrajac

James E. Pokrajac, Agent
Land Management/Engineering

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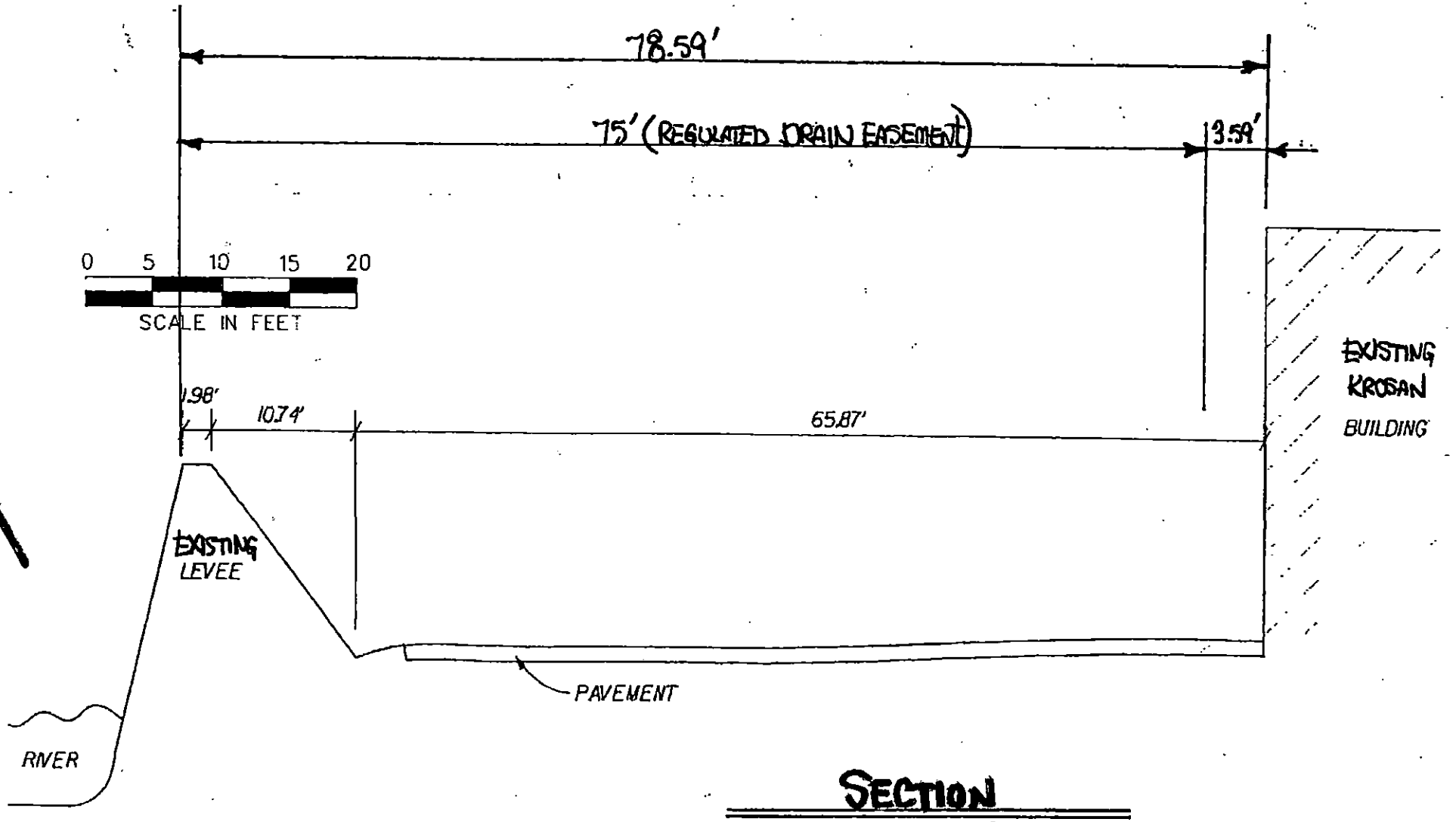
cc: Imad Samara - COE, Tim Kroll – COE, Tom Deja – COE, Curt Vosti – LCRBDC, George Carlson – LCRBDC, Lou Casale – LCRBDC attorney, Judy Vamos – LCRBDC



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LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

MEETING WITH LANDOWNER KROSAN DEVELOPMENT DC 1014 / 1015
(Mercantile National Bank Trust #4385)

Meeting held 7 May 2001 at Corps Field Office in Griffith

Attendees:	George Carlson, LCRBDC	Imad Samara, USACE
	Lou Casale, LCRBDC	Chrystal Spokane, USACE
	Jim Pokrajac, LCRBDC	Tim Kroll, USACE
	Judy Vamos, LCRBDC	Rick Ackerson, USACE
	Don Santacaterina, Krosan Development (Mr. S.)	

Meeting opened with Lou Casale explaining the 75' recorded drainage easement along the Little Calumet River and suggesting a survey be drawn to show its location on this landowner's property and for future use as well. Don Santacatarina (Mr. S.) of Krosan Development represented the company and stated that his firm paid strict attention to the 75' easement and had Plumb Tuckett Engineering redo the survey five times. He also stated he did not know that an earthen levee was to be built. He said that he was told by someone he couldn't recall that an I-Wall could possibly be constructed in place of the proposed levee. Mr. S. then stated that he thought the 75' easement was the only easement that would be needed for the Corps project work. He is certain the building and driveway do not encroach upon the 75'easement.

Jim Pokrajac said that a letter was sent to Hammond City Engineer Stan Dostatni dated 10 November 1998 with copies to Mr. S. The letter along with an earlier meeting between Jim, Dan Gardner, and Mr. S. presented all the real estate requirements, levee sections, and the 75' drainage easement location. In addition Jim suggested that the Krosan drawing and LCRBDC location survey both appear to show his buildings outside the 75' easement. To confirm LCRBDC needs to know at what point (relative to the existing levee) did Plumb Tuckett measure the 75' to establish the easement line.

Imad identified the current real estate needed for the project. Mr. S. asked if he could still use his driveway between the building and the levee? He said his driveway on the temporary easement would actually make the construction and access easier. Tim Kroll stated that the current project alignment conflicts with traffic passage behind the building. Tim said the Corps has a few options that could improve the situation:

1.) removal of the planting zone,
2.) relocation of a portion of the levee embankment riverward (only, if necessary)

The Corps needs to know how much driveway Krosan needs. Mr. Santacatarina said, "We don't want our customers to experience interference. Take the planting zone away and give me as much flat ground as possible (for the semi-trucks)."

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Tim indicated that the maximum distance that can be provided without causing the levee to encroach upon the river floodway is 30 feet. This includes shifting the levee riverward having a 2.5 to 1 slope, and eliminating the planting zone. Tim questioned whether this amount of space was absolutely necessary for semi-truck operation. Mr. S. was uncertain and said he would notify the Corps later.

Mr. S. asked when will the construction take place? Imad answered 10/02 is the date to acquire all the real estate and FY 03 for construction. Mr. S. said he's worried about the noise, dirt, and interference from truck traffic to his customers during construction and could the Corps consider a temporary easement for construction purposes between his two lots rather than using the west easement? Corps responded in the affirmative if the engineering works out. The existing permanent roadway easement will be kept for maintenance but the "new" roadway easement will be temporary and strictly for construction.

Mr. S. stated that Krosan Development in the next 90 days will be starting construction on two new buildings on Lot 2 of the Merrimac Addition. The same kind of buildings will be built and he wants to make sure a similar problem of building into the easement doesn't happen again. Could Corps review the new engineering plans quickly? Imad answered yes.

ACTION:
1.) Lou will contact the Lake County Surveyor to locate the 75' drainage easement.

2.) Mr. S. will provide his existing drawings, his new building plans, and the Plumb Tuckett survey to the Corps and LCRBDC. Jim needs to know from what place did Plumb Tuckett take its 75' drainage measurement.

3.) Tim Kroll will review the Krosan drawings and make real estate changes on Corps drawings. Mr. S. will then review Corps drawings to see what options are best for his business.

Tim Kroll asked Mr. S about the far eastern building set farther away from the levee line. He said he can adjust the drawings to give him 30' there as well. Mr. S. said he'll look at his drawings but it seems that 30' is okay.

Question of drainage was discussed about the area between the building and levee on the west building. There will be a flat span of ground that will store water for a few hours. The manhole belongs to Krosan, not the City of Hammond. The manhole will have to be relocated. Mr. S explained the drainage is discharged into the river, not through a lift station, but a flapgate. Lou mentioned the Compensability of the utility relocation, however, will Krosan be paying for the utility relocation since it's theirs? This was not decided here.

ACTION:
Mr. S. will also supply the storm drainage plat to Corps and LCRBDC.

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May 18, 2001

Mr. Imad Samara
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
111 N. Canal Street
Chicago, Illinois 60606-7206

Dear Imad:

As per our conversation on Thursday, May 17th, this is to serve as a reminder that we need final real estate information for only the Norfolk Southern crossings for the Betterment Levee Phase 2. I understand that the rest of the real estate has not changed and we are currently proceeding with all other acquisitions. Upon receipt of your real estate drawings with coordinates for the easements on the Norfolk Southern right-of-way, I will do the legal descriptions, an appraisal will be initiated, and the coordination will begin to obtain the necessary construction permits. Also, understand that Dave Orrison from the Norfolk Southern has previously told us on several occasions, **that he will not** recommend any agreements be reviewed and/or approved until he has completed his engineering review in these two areas. We understand that the final engineering drawings will be submitted for final review and comments no later than May 25th.

In addition, will you please provide us with the necessary information in order that we may proceed with the utility relocation agreements for Burr Street Phase 2. The Army Corps of Engineers is the AE for this project and as part of the scope of work, it is your responsibility to provide us with utility relocation drawings, utility costs (reviewed and approved by the Army Corps), and location plans in order that we may proceed with the utility relocation agreements.

We would appreciate receiving the above mentioned information at your earliest convenience in order to try to meet your schedule for right-of-entry by August 1, 2001. Any questions regarding this request may be directed to me.

Sincerely,

James E. Pokrajac

James E. Pokrajac, Agent
Land Management/Engineering

/sjm

cc: William White, COE
Tim Kroll, COE
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Jan Plachta, COE
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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
CHICAGO DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
111 NORTH CANAL STREET
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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

17 May 2001

RECD. FROM
IMAD ON MAY 21

Real Estate Division
Acquisition Branch

SUBJECT: Little Calumet River, Burr Street Betterment, Phase II, Real Estate Maps

Mr. James E. Pokrajac
Little Calumet River Basin
Development Commission
6100 Southport Road
Portage, Indiana 46368

Dear Mr. Pokrajac:

Enclosed for your review are the final Real Estate Maps dated 9 May 2001 (RE-01 through RE-08) for the Little Calumet River Flood Control Project, Burr Street Betterment Levee, Phase 2. Please do not hesitate to call me should you have any questions. I may be reached at 312-353-6400 ext 5010.

Respectfully,

Chrystal Spokane

Chrystal Spokane
Realty Specialist

Enclosures

Copy Furnished (w/o encls):
Imad Samara, PM-PM
J. Murphy O'Riley, ED-DC

BUDGET LINE TRANSFER

Transfer $100,000 from Budget Line 5860 (Project Land Purchase Expense) to Budget Line 5840 (Professional Services)

Transfer $10,000 from Budget Line 5882 (Utility Relocation Expense) to Budget Line 5881 (Property/Structure Insurance)

RECREATION REPORT

For meeting on Thursday, May 31, 2001

(Information in this report is from April 27, 2001 – May 25, 2001)

GENERAL STATEMENT:

Currently, the joint recreation venture with the Army Corps is completed; **90%** of the completed east reach levees have stoned trails completed; the remainder of east reach trails should be completed by the **summer** of 2002.

- A supplemental contract will be released as part of the Stage III remediation project in the late summer of 2001 that will include the paving of all ramps.

RECREATION - PHASE 1.

(This contract includes recreational facilities for Lake Etta, Gleason Park, Stage III (trails), and the OxBow area in Hammond.

A. OXBOW (Hammond)

1. October 28th, 1998 was the date that this facility was turned over to the City of Hammond.

B. GLEASON PARK (Gary Parks & Recreation)

1. October 28th, 1998 was the date this facility was turned over to the Gary Parks and Recreation Department.

C. LAKE ETTA (Lake County Parks)

1. October 27th, 1998 was the date that this facility was turned over to the Lake County parks department.

D. CHASE STREET TRAIL (City of Gary)

1. October 27th, 1998 was the date that this facility was turned over to the City of Gary.

EAST REACH RECREATION

A. Recreation trail re-alignments will be required in the east reach due to conflicting land use plans with City of Gary, I.U. Northwest, or other regulatory groups.

1. Broadway and Grant Street Crossings:

- We received a letter of response from INDOT on October 18 indicating no concerns regarding the crossing as long as we coordinate with the locals, and that a right-of-way permit with them would be required.
- A meeting was held with the City of Gary, Indiana University, LCRBDC, and the COE on April 12, 2001 (at Indiana University) to review our proposals for recreation trail re-alignment at Broadway Street and at Grant Street.
- **A letter was sent to the City of Gary, Gary Parks and Rec, I.U. Northwest, and the Gary Planning Dept. on May 21st with our proposals for trail installations and requesting their input for both Grant St. and Broadway.**

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- **Upon completion of I.U. Northwest modifications on, and adjacent to, Broadway, we will install a permanent trail crossing south of the river and along the line of flood protection as originally proposed.**

WEST REACH RECREATION

A. Cline Avenue Crossing:

1. A meeting was held with INDOT and the COE on April 11, 2001, to review this situation.
2. INDOT agreed we could cross further south at the existing light at Highway Avenue.
3. **A follow-up conference call was held on May 17th with INDOT to assure there could be no re-consideration to cross at our original location or if any other alternate methods of crossing at that location could be implemented.**
   - **Their response remained the same.**
4. **We will be having a recreation coordination meeting with Highland and Griffith to determine trail re-locations which allow us to cross at Cline Avenue at Highway Avenue**
   - **This will require additional easements.**

B. Tri-State recreational trail tie-in for the Highland/Wicker Park/Erie Lackawanna Trail Systems.

1. The COE will modify the engineering and real estate drawings. It is still the intent to have this recreation trail on the land side. (Refer to Land Acquisition & Engineering Reports).
2. North Township – Wicker Park recreational trail alignment is being evaluated.
   - It was mentioned to re-locate the trail from between the golf courses to the existing trail along the West and South boundaries.
   - North Township would not have a problem, but are awaiting information from INDOT for impacts to Indianapolis Blvd. R/W which would cause their existing trail to be re-located. (Ongoing)
   - **We had a meeting with Highland to discuss Highland/INDOT plans for drainage in this area (See Engineering Report).**

C. A letter was sent to the Lake County Highway Dept. on December 28, 2000 requesting permission, and comments, to cantilever a walkway on the east side of the Kennedy Avenue bridge to allow our trail to be contiguous.

1. It was approved at our February 1 Board meeting to contract with R.W. Armstrong to do a feasibility study for the pedestrian walkway and get an agreement at a cost not to exceed $7,000.
   - R.W. Armstrong (Indianapolis) made a presentation at our April 5, 2001 Board Meeting. We will have a discussion with the Engineering/Recreation Committee to review the different options. **(Ongoing)**

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Gary, Indiana 46402

Dear Roland:

Enclosed is a map showing our proposed location for a recreational trail between Harrison and Grant Streets that was discussed at our meeting at Indiana University Northwest on April 12, 2001. This is a tentative location that we would like you to review. Would you also facilitate the review with representatives from other departments representing the city of Gary in order that we may finalize the location that would best fit in with the comprehensive plan as proposed by the city of Gary, Indiana University, and the Gary Parks & Recreation Dept.

As was also discussed at our meeting on April 12th, was our recreational trail crossing at Broadway north of I.U. It was our understanding that we would temporarily be able to use the sidewalks on both sides of the Broadway right-of-way and the crossing at 32nd Avenue for a temporary recreational trail that would tie in our existing trails on either side of Broadway to allow for a continuity of trails. Upon completion of the proposed improvements by the university in this area, including a 11' wide island along the center of Broadway, we will then relocate our final recreational trail to cross directly south of the Little Calumet River using this island as a midpoint to allow the safe crossing of recreational trail users.

Upon completion of your review, we would suggest having a coordination meeting to finalize the trail location in order that we could proceed with real estate agreements that would be necessary to complete both of these recreational trail requests. If you have any questions regarding this alignment, please contact me at the above number. We are looking forward to meeting with you to finalize this at your earliest convenience in order that we can complete this construction no later than the end of 2001 construction season.

Sincerely,

James E. Pokrajac

James E. Pokrajac, Agent
Land Management/Engineering

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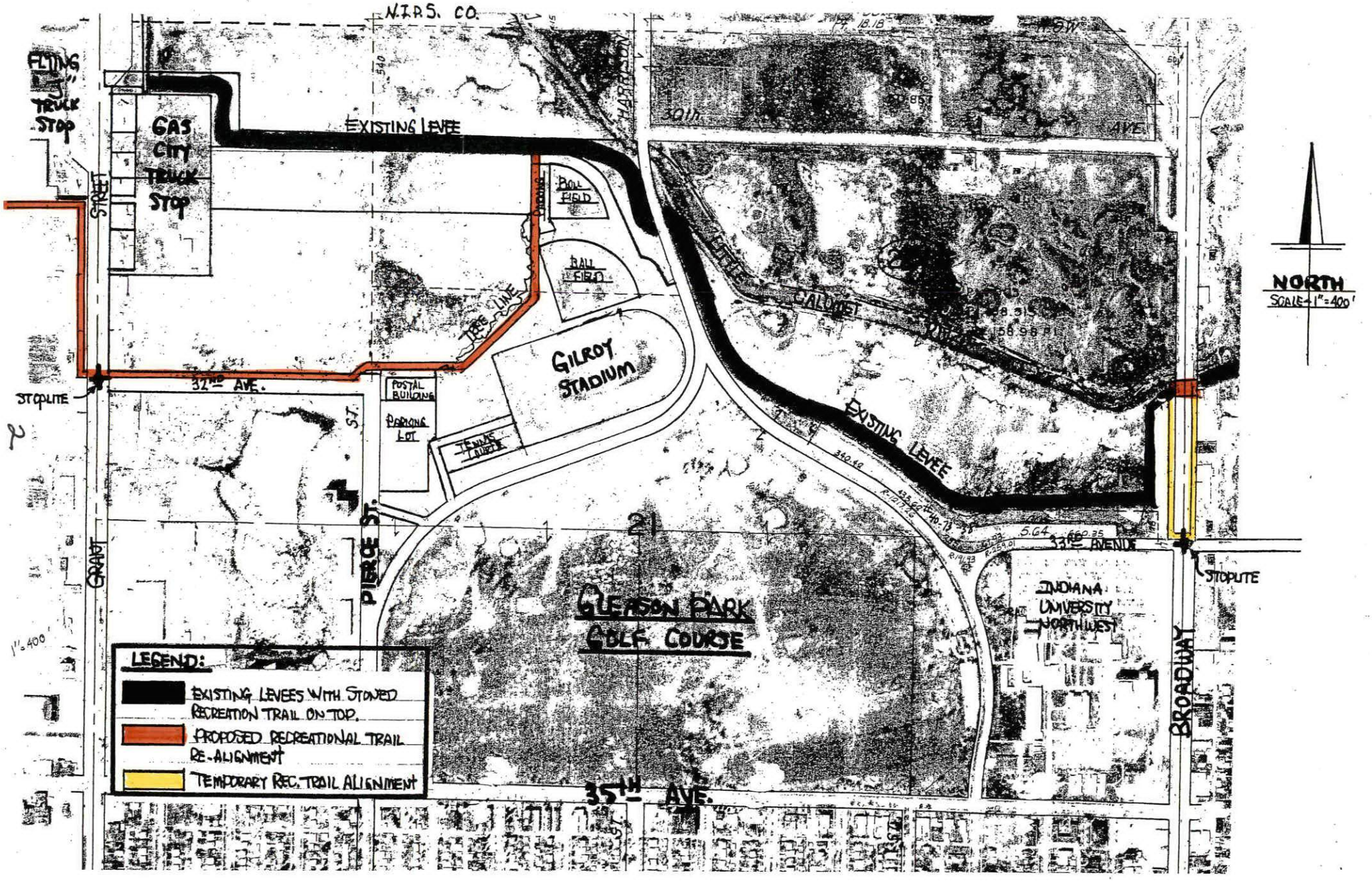
cc: Arlene Colvin, Spike Peller, Kim Lyles, William Staehle, Imad Samara, Tim Kroll, Bob Huffman, Curt Vosti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1" = 400'
LEGEND:
EXISTING LEVEES WITH STONED RECREATION TRAIL ON TOP.
PROPOSED RECREATIONAL TRAIL RE-ALIGNMENT
TEMPORARY REC. TRAIL ALIGNMENT

PROPOSED (not draft)

CREDITS STRATEGY

SITUATION: **The Indiana General Assembly has appropriated $24.2 million for the Little Calumet River flood Control/Recreation Project from 1975/77 to the 2001/03 biennial budget sessions. As of May 1, 2001, $11,211,126 has been "credited" by the Corps of Engineers toward the non-federal share of the $181 million project. 25% of the total cost would mean some $45.25 million of "credited items" must be secured. With about $80 million in federal dollars currently appropriated/spent, some $20 million should be credited in non-federal items to remain in proportion to the required 25% share.**

The task is to develop and implement a strategy to accelerate the amount of non-federal credits to keep proportional pace with the Federal appropriations and to close the gap between State appropriations and credits granted.

STRATEGY: **To identify by category of credit an approach to maximize non-federal credits. Strategy will include amount possible for credit, estimate of success (or percentage of credit projected), and timeframe to accomplish receiving credit.**

STEPS TO INCREASE CREDITING

1. **Speed up process to get all "pending credit" items into credited column.**
   - **Amount in question - $3,544,953**
   - **Estimate successful – 90% to 95%**
   - **Timeframe – 3 to 6 months**

2. **Work through Steve Cecil (Deputy Commissioner, INDOT) to assign state project engineer & accountant to prepare comprehensible list of Borman interchange/bridges improvements (acceptable to COE as "project needed" and therefore, creditable.**
   - **Get INDOT Commissioner (Cris Klika) letter of support of credit by Federal Highway Administration (FWA)**
   - **With input and congressional support, get current Federal Highway Administrator (John Baxter) to sign updated letter granting credit for design, engineering, construction)**
     - **Amount in question - $7-8 million**
     - **Estimate successful – 100% or 0 if rejected**
     - **Timeframe – 6 months to prepare – 1 year for COE acceptance**

3. **Submit all "in process for filing credits" to COE as soon as possible**
   - **Amount in question - $1,984,249**
   - **Estimate successful – 90% to 95%**
   - **Timeframe – 1 year**

4. **Review all "denied credit" items by category and amount to prioritize which to pursue first. Analysis to include how much benefit for effort/time/cost expended will be made.**
   - **Amount in question - $500,000 to $1 million**
   - **Estimate successful – 0 to 25%**
   - **Timeframe**

5. **Review major "policy" credit denials and determine if any appeal/Washington review/or congressional language inserted in the next WRDA is feasible to obtain full credit.**
   Examples:
   - **Burr Street "Betterment Levee"**
     Total Cost Estimate $5.7 million
     - **Federal % - 47% (cost of "floodproofing" brought current)**
     - **Non-Federal % - 53%**
     - **Potential "credits" – 28% cost - $1,596,000**
   - **East Reach Remediation Area**
   - **Wetland mitigation lands**
     - **Get other funding to purchase (IDNR, Conservation Foundations, etc.)**
     - **Potential funds - $1,000,000**
   - **Amount potential for credit**
     - **Burr Street levee - $1,596,000**
     - **East Reach Remediation – $800,000**
     - **Wetland mitigation lands - $1 million**
   - **Estimate successful – ?**
   - **Timeframe – 1 year**

6. **Identify large parcels of land purchased for the project by IDNR that are now not needed/creditable and sell land at market price, using the money from the sale to buy additional project lands that will be creditable.**
   Examples:
   - **80+ acres south of 35th Avenue/Gary**
   - **20 acres west of Grant Street/Gary**
   - **4 acres north of 35th Avenue/Gary**

   - **Total potential $ recovery - $300,000 - $400,000**

7. **Repay from surplus revenues, the monies expended by the Commission on the land and infrastructure costs toward implementation of the Portage Public Marina**
   - **Amount potential - $1,069,500**
   - **Estimate successful – 100%**
   - **Timeframe – Long term repayment, perhaps $40,000/year for 27 years**

INITIATIVE FOR FUTURE CREDITS

In order to ensure future state fund allocations receive credit (including $5.5 million appropriation for FY2001/03), Corps of Engineers will review and sign "commitment for substantial credit" prior to Commission sending claim draw-down to State Budget Agency for payment. Items seeking draw-down payment that are not creditable, but approved by the Commission Board, will be so noted in a separate category with an explanation for the requested payment without credit. these circumstances will be kept to a minimum.

EXPENDITURES

CATEGORY	FISCAL YEAR BUDGET	AMOUNT
IDNR Expended for Initial Project Plan	1975/76 - 1976/77	$60,000
Expended for Project Land Acquisition	1975/76 - 1976/77 thru 1979/80 - 1980/81	$4,655,649
Development Commission - Capital $ Invested to Generate Operating Fund	1981/82 - 1982/83	$700,000
Development Commission Expended for Lands/Easements/ Rights-of-Way & Utilities Relocation (Credited or Pending Credit)	1981/82 - 1982-83 thru present (99/00 - 00/01)	$5,860,323
Development Commission Lands Purchased, To Be Submitted for Credit		$1,000,975
Escrow Cash Deposited (7% of Project Construction)	1989/90 - 1990/91 thru present (99/00 - 00/01)	$7,978,600
Year 2000 Drawn for Project Purposes (Lands, Utilities, & Professional Services to Acquire)	1999/00 - 2000/01	$983,270
Remaining State funding Committed to Pending Bills	1999/00 - 2000/01	$652,000
Portage Marina Land Acquisition, Development (Not Creditable)	1983/84 - 1984/85 thru 1991/92 - 1992/93	$1,069,500
Lake Etta Park Matching funds, Expense (Not Creditable)	1983/84 - 1984/85 thru 1985/86 - 1986/87	$568,478
Burr St. Betterment Levee Commitments (Not Creditable)		$406,049
Required Environmental Remediation on Acquired Lands	1997/98 - 1998/99	$37,765
Land Maintenance, Drainage Pumping	1995/96 - 1996/97 thru present (99/00 - 00/01)	$167,545
Land Maintenance, Expenses, Mowing, Clearing	1991/92 - present (99/00 - 00/01)	$42,816
Land Capital Improvements	1995/96 - present (99/00 - 00/01)	$17,030
	TOTAL	$24,200,000

EXPENDITURES BY CATEGORY

I.	CREDITED	
	• IDNR Lands	$ 1,200,000
	• Development Commission lands	1,110,515
	• Utilities credited	922,011
	• Cash Escrow	7,978,600
		$11,211,126
II.	SUBMITTED/INPROCESS FOR CREDIT	
	• Currently submitted for credit	$ 3,544,953
	• Year 2000 yet to be submitted for credit	774,380
	• Other to be submitted – Seeking credit	1,209,869
		$ 5,529,202
III.	NON-CREDITABLE EXPENDITURES	
	• IDNR expenditures not creditable	$ 4,715,649
	• Development Commission base capital invested for operating revenue	700,000
	• Portage Marina land, expenditures	1,069,500
	• Lake Etta matching funds, park development	568,478
	• Burr Street Betterment costs – non-creditable	406,045
		$ 7,459,672

CREDITS

I.	DNR Credited (Land)	$ 1,200,000
II.	Development Commission Credited (Land)	$ 1,110,515
III.	Utilities Credited	$ 922,011
IV.	Cash Escrow to date – Credited	$ 7,978,600
V.	Pending Credit (Submitted)	$ 3,738,312
VI.	Year 2000 yet to be submitted for credit	$ 774,376
	TOTAL	$ 15,723,814

OTHER PROJECT CREDITS

- Previously performed credited work by other units of government – prior to project start

> Hammond levee – City of Hammond	$ 334,250
> Hohman Ave. Pump Station – Hammond Sanitary District	$ 997,616
> River dredging, clearing – Lake County Drainage Board	$ 335,334
TOTAL	$ 1,667,200

IDNR NOTABLE NON-CREDITABLE EXPENDITURES

- Initial Planning Studies
  - Corridor Land Acquisition Plan
  - Conceptual Design Plan for Project Lands
- All Professional and IDNR staff charges involved in Corridor Land Acquisition – Staff time, appraisals, surveys, title work, legal work on 43 parcels of land
- Lands Acquired not deemed Creditable by Corps of Engineers:
  - 179 acres West of Clay St. (Gary) – Not in Final COE Project Lands
  - 32 acres East of Clay St. (Lake Station) – Not in final COE Project Lands
  - 100 acres South of 35th Avenue (Gary) – Not needed for Channel Dredge Material
  - 38 acres West of Cline Avenue (Highland) – Not needed in Fee Ownership
  - 80 acres for Lake Etta Park (Gary) – Not needed for Flood Control

LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
ATTENDANCE ROSTER

NAME OF MEETING: LCRBDC DATE: 5-31-01

LOCATION: 6100 Southport, Portage CHAIRMAN:

PLEASE SIGN IN

	NAME (PLEASE PRINT)	ORGANIZATION, ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER
1	JIM FLORA	R.W. ARMSTRONG
2	Mary Crary	DNR-Water
3	Bill Petrites	Highland resident
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Improved marina set for season

Low water levels cause some concerns as Port Authority waits for dredging permission.

BY JOYCE RUSSELL
Times Staff Writer

PORTAGE – The lines around the steel walls of the Portage Public Marina tell the story.

Water levels have dropped the last few years, leaving their distinctive rings around the marina's basin.

Still, the 124 slips at the marina are full and there continues to be a waiting list of boaters wanting to dock their boats there.

The water in the marina basin is 6 to 7 feet deep, said John Smolar, chairman of the Port Authority, which took control of the public marina about a year ago.

That's enough for most boats docked there, but the

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Portage residents Bob Monroe and his son, Mark, 14, load their boat onto a trailer Saturday morning at the Portage Marina after fishing on Lake Michigan. Behind the Monroes is their friend, Danny Shaw, also of Portage.

Smolar, adding that Abonmarche, the original contractor, is being held responsible to correct those deficiencies.

Some of them are as simple as placing foam insulation around pipes. Others are more extensive, such as reconstructing some of the side-

Marina

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of customers last year before the Corps dredged the mouth, but hasn't lost any yet this year.

Pete Zakutansky of South Shore Marina, the farthest inland on the west branch of the river, is also struggling with low water levels.

"They can get here when the wind is from the north," he said about boaters reaching his marina.

He has however, lost the use of some docks because of the low levels.

Both Doyne and Zakutansky said this is the worst since 1964, when lake levels were even lower and the waterway had to be dredged.

Next year will be the earliest the rest of the Burns Waterway will be dredged.

The Corps, city, DNR and Indiana Department of Environmental Management are working to secure permits for the city to dredge, said Smolar, but by the time all necessary permits are secured, the dredging probably won't come in time for this year's boating season.

Smolar said they have plans for other improvements at the marina.

"Mayor (Doug) Olson has asked us to look into the feasibility of expanding the marina," he said, adding they have two financial concerns – increasing fuel prices and the instability of the area steel industry – which would affect any decision.

"We are kind of looking at all that to see if it is a sound move," he said.

Any additions would m likely be financed through r enue bonds. Some 100 or slips could be added to the r rina, depending on the size slips added.

Smolar said they also ho to add a small playground t year with the help of the cit park department.

"We are hoping to pick the facility as far as main nance and appearance are co cerned. We're trying to cle things up a little bit," sa Smolar.

He added that officials a are considering an addition boat ramp lane and building shelter for workers to colle fees at the launch.

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Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission

WORK STUDY SESSION
ENGINEERING COMMITTEE
May 31, 2001

Bob Huffman, Committee Chairman

1. **Meeting with KROSAN and COE on May 7th**
   - **Building is approximately 3.5' outside of the 75' drainage easement**
2. **Pre-construction meeting for North 5th Pump Station held on May 21st**
   - **Construction to start in late summer; pumps scheduled for delivery December, 2001; should be completed in summer, 2002**
3. **Utility coordination meeting scheduled for June 20th**
4. **Technical review meeting with COE scheduled for June 12th** — share agenda w/Mark to see if he wants to attend.
5. **Griffith levee completed May 10th**
   - **Flood protection now completed in its entirety from Cline Avenue to the EJ&E RR**

CALUMET AREA OFFICE
CONTRACT STATUS REPORT
29 APR – 26 MAY 2001

CONT. NO. PR&C NO. (CO-S MGR.) (CO-S QA) (CO-C MGR.)	DESCRIPTION	CONTRACTOR	CONTRACT ORIGINAL CURRENT OBLIGATED EARNED AMOUNT	CONTRACT ORIGINAL CURRENT SUBSTANTIAL FINAL W/O D. COMPLETION	% COMPLETE SCH	 ACT
95-0071 959776 (GARCES) (KARWATKA) (TURNER)	STA. II-PHS 3B	RAUSCH	$3,293,968.00 $3,477,249.66 $3,477,249.66 $3,280,112.42	- 05 DEC 98 05 DEC 98	100	100

COMMENTS:
Due to weather conditions, Contractor to complete punchlist in summer.

Awaiting PP-PM/ED-D responses to following issues: None at this time.

95-0073 71759328 (GARCES) (RUNDZAITIS) (TURNER)	STA. IV-PHS 2A	DYER	$2,473,311.50 $3,504,445.80 $3,367,842.64 $3,192,046.22	- 29 SEP 01	100	100

COMMENTS:
P00034 (FC-73.36) – Awaiting delivery of pre-fab building to proceed with electrical/generator work.

Awaiting PP-PM/ED-D responses to following: None at this time.

95-0076 71608714 (GARCES) (KARWATKA) (TURNER)	STA. II-PHS 4	RAUSCH	$3,089,692.00 $4,186,070.75 $4,182,688.98 $4,175,000.00	- 22 SEP 98 22 SEP 98	100	100

COMMENTS:
Due to weather conditions, Contractor to complete punchlist in summer.

Finalizing quantities on all unit priced items. Awaiting final supporting data from Contractor.

CITY OF HOBART ROAD REPAIR – Contractor yet to resolve with City.

FC-76.XX - LEVEE QUANTITY OVERRUN EXCEEDING 115%. – Received revised final cross-section from Contractor. Provided Contractor CO-S review comments. Contractor reviewing.

FC-76.XX - Contractor requesting additional cost due to wet material from Deep River Borrow Site. CO-S has completed review, and presented results of review to Contractor. Contractor reviewing CO-S information.

Awaiting PP-PM/ED-D Responses to the Following Issues: None At This Time.

CONT. NO.	CONTRACT ORIGINAL	CONTRACT ORIGINAL

PR&C NO. (CO-S MGR.) (CO-S QA) (CO-C MGR.)	DESCRIPTION	CONTRACTOR	CURRENT OBLIGATED EARNED AMOUNT	CURRENT SUBSTANTIAL FINAL W/O D. COMPLETION	% COMPLETE SCH	ACT
97-0026 71769388 (GARCES) (KARWATKA) (TURNER)	IV-2B	DYER CONSTR.	$1,530,357.50 $1,938,357.86 $1,938,357.86 $1,938,357.86	16 NOV 98 30 SEP 00 30 SEP 00	100	100

COMMENTS:
Monitoring turf establishment.

Punchlist completed. Anticipate scheduling final inspection in JUN/JUL.

Preparing Contract Closeout.

Awaiting PP-PM/ED-D responses to the following items: CO signature of As-Built Drawings, and return of requested file and Sponsor paper/reproducible copies.

99-C-0040 %355539 (DEJA) (LEE) (TURNER)	EAST REACH REMEDIATION	DYER CONST. CO.	$1,657,913.00 $1,873,784.68 $1,873,784.68 $1,873,784.68	03 OCT 00 03 OCT 00 03 OCT 00	100	100

COMMENTS:
Anticipate scheduling final inspection by Sponsor and District in JUN/JUL.

Awaiting PP-PM/ED-D responses to the following: CO Signature of As-Built Drawings and return of requested file and Sponsor paper/reproducible copies.

99-C-0027 %465861 (GARCES) (NEWELL) (SMITH)	C. SHORELINE I-55 TO 30th	AMERICAN MARINE CONST.	$10,819,641.25 $13,298,542.87 $13,191,117.87 $13,100,000.00	13 DEC 00 13 DEC 00 30 NOV 00	100	100

COMMENTS:
Awaiting as-built drawings, replacement of dead trees and CPD direction on seed at articulating mat.

Finalizing all earthwork quantities.

(FC-27.XX) – Offsite Disposal Quantity Overrun – Conducted preliminary negotiations.. Awaiting revised proposal from Contractor that reflects revised final quantities and preliminary negotiations.

P00028 (FC-27.29) – Contractor VECP on waler/SSP connection; $33,315.17 DECREASE and no change in time. CO-S (CEMVR) preparing modification.

P00027 (FC-27.28) – Additional cost of reconstruction of manhole at Sta. –10+64; $25,071.96 and no time. Preparing modification.

P00025 (FC-27.26) – Purchase of work limits fence. $7,425.00 and no time; Executed and Distributed.

Preparing to forward information to CO-C/OC/PM on Contractor's initial request for collateral savings beyond savings in this contract.

Awaiting PP-PM/ED-D responses to the following items: None at this time.

Awaiting STS response to the following items: None at This Time

CONT. NO. PR&C NO. (CO-S MGR.) (CO-S QA) (CO-C MGR.)	DESCRIPTION	CONTRACTOR	CONTRACT ORIGINAL CURRENT OBLIGATED EARNED AMOUNT	CONTRACT CURRENT REQUIRED SUBSTANTIAL FINAL W/O D. COMPLETION	% COMPLETE SCH.	 ACT
99-C-0037 %465863 (GARCES) (RUNDZAITIS) (SMITH)	C. SHORELINE 33RD - 37TH	RAUSCH CONSTRUCTION CO., INC.	$8,567,457.00 $9,983,579.82 $8,540,382.19 $6,250,000.00	12 JAN 01 25 JUN 01	62	62

COMMENTS:
Issued letter requiring removal of proposed earth fill material brought in from Midway.

Rubble Fill – Continued placing from DL47-DL48; Continued fine grading rubble fill.

SOUTH	NORTH
Concrete – Prominade A poured up to DL44A.	Prominade A DL4-DL4A
Prominade B poured up to DL44A.	Prominade B DL3-DL3A
Step 1 poured to DL42-DL43.	Step 1 DL1 to DL2
Step 2 poured to D40-41.	Shear Key DL1 to DL2
Step 3 poured to DL39-DL40.	
Shear Key poured to DL42-43 –6' Deep	

Continued placing "A" stone – DL29 20 DL40 and "C" Stone – DL14 to DL40.

P00018 (FC-37.26) – VIEQ's Vertical H-Piles; $81,352.18 and no time. Executed and Distributed.

P00019 (FC-37.07) – Box Piles – $49,063.63 and no time. Executed and Distributed.

P00020 (FC-37.28) – SSP @ Concrete Haunch – $51,766.83 and time. Executed and Distributed.

FC-37.11 – Manhole Revisions. Awaiting Contractors proposal.

FC-37.14 - Revised Concrete Promenade cross section, jointing/chords, reinforcing steel etc.. Awaiting Contractor Proposal.

FC-37.23 – Clearing of Obstructions DL 23/24, DL 29/30, DL 32/33. Included in DSC proposal.

FC-37.25 – Drainage Gap – DOE revisions, Waler in Lieu of Studs. Awaiting Proposal.

FC_37.27 – Painting Ladder Wells and Rungs Yellow. Awaiting Proposal.

FC-37.29 – Pin Piles/Wider Toe Stone Berm; Probe Pipes; Deeper Shear Key and Revision of Stone Quality Requirements. Preparing Pre-Negotiation Objectives.

Received Contractor summary of Differing Site Conditions claim and costs. Beginning preliminary evaluation.

Awaiting PP-PM/ED-D responses to the following: None at this time.

Awaiting STS response to the following items: None at this time.

CONT. NO. PR&C NO. (CO-S MGR.) (CO-S QA) (CO-C MGR.)	DESCRIPTION	CONTRACTOR	CONTRACT ORIGINAL CURRENT OBLIGATED EARNED AMOUNT	CONTRACT ORIGINAL CURRENT SUBSTANTIAL FINAL W/O D. COMPLETION	% COMPLETE SCH.	 ACT
00-C-0003 %422358 (ANDERSON) (KARWATKA) (TURNER)	STAGE IV – PHASE 1 NORTH	DILLON CONTRACTORS INC.	$2,708,720.00 $3,013,910.52 $3,013,910.52 $2,900,000.00	7 JAN 2001 1 MAY 2001 1 MAY 2001	100	100

COMMENTS:
Working on punchlist Items.

Received redline as-built drawings.

Awaiting PP-PM/ED responses to the following: None at this time

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00-C-0021 %198030 (ANDERSON) (WALDROM) (TURNER)	BURR BETTERMENT PHASE I	DYER CONST. CO.	$2,074,072.70 $2,074,072.70 $1,775,700.00 $1,625,000.00	24 JUN 01 24 JUN 01	78	78

COMMENTS:
Continued work on 72" gatewell structure.

Continuing work on levees and ramps.

Completed concrete I-Walls.

Completed Colfax Road raise.

Continued ditch construction.

FC-21.04 – Addition of access ramp, change in riprap thickness, increase in access ramp width. Evaluating Contractor's proposal.

FC-21.06 – Design modification to 72" gatewell structure. Evaluating Contractor's Proposal.

FC-21.10 – DSC's related to sewer by pass work. Evaluating proposal.

FC-21.11 – Adverse Weather.

Awaiting PP-PM/ED response to the following items: None at this time.

CONT. NO. PR&C NO. (CO-S MGR.) (CO-S QA) (CO-C MGR.)	DESCRIPTION	CONTRACTOR	CONTRACT ORIGINAL CURRENT OBLIGATED EARNED AMOUNT	CONTRACT ORIGINAL CURRENT SUBSTANTIAL FINAL W/O D. COMPLETION	% COMPLETE SCH.	 ACT
01-C-0001 %015179 (ANDERSON) (CRAIB) (TURNER)	PUMP STA. 1A	OVERSTREET ELECTRIC COMPANY	$4,638,400.00 $4,638,400.00 $ 100,000.00 $ 26,500.00	08 OCT 02 08 OCT 02	0.5	0.5

COMMENTS:
Contractor is preparing submittals.

Contractor is planning to install temporary facilities in JUN 2001.

P0000X (FC-01.01) – Partnering Conference – Preparing modification for $1,592.50

23- 00-C-0002 %924789 (DEJA) (LEE) (TURNER)	MICHIGAN CITY DREDGING	M.C.M	$608,585.00 $839,798.67 $839,798.67 $839,798.67	28 JUL 2000 28 JUL 2000 28 JUL 2000 01 DEC 2000	100	100

COMMENTS:
Closeout file routing District for approval..

Awaiting PP-PM response to following items: Correction/Completion of As-Built Drawings.

00-C-0019 %496849 (DEJA) (NEWELL) (TURNER)	CAL. RIVER DREDGING	LAKE MICHIGAN CONTRACTORS	$1,922,680.00 $3,032,390.00 $3,032,390.00 $2,692,289.10	08 NOV 00 15 APR 01 15 APR 01	100	100

COMMENTS:
Demobilized. Contractor preparing As-Built Drawings.

Initiating closeout activities.

P00009 (FC-19.08) – Final Quantities. Initiating preparation; USCG Deduct = $20,150.51 & USACE deduct = $319,950.39.

Awaiting PP-PM/ED-D responses to the following: None at this time.

CONT. NO. PR&C NO. (CO-S MGR.) (CO-S QA) (CO-C MGR.)	DESCRIPTION	CONTRACTOR	CONTRACT ORIGINAL CURRENT OBLIGATED EARNED AMOUNT	CONTRACT ORIGINAL CURRENT SUBSTANTIAL FINAL W/O D. COMPLETION	% COMPLETE SCH.	ACT
00-C-0015 %476674 (ANDERSON) (KARWATKA) (TURNER)	IV – 1 SOUTH	DYER CONST. CO.	$3,862,736.65 $4,013,117.78 $3,520,381.13 $3,050,000.00	09 AUG 2001 30 AUG 2001	76	76

COMMENTS:
Preparing to drive sheet pile wall across EJ&E and NS tracks at Sta. 16+00.

Continuing levee & ramp construction.

Drove Sheet Pile wall across, NS Railroad and & EJ & E Railroad @ Sta. 4+50.

Completed I-Wall at Colfax Street.

Worked on gatewell structure.

FC-15.10 – Concrete slab in railroad ballast storage area, WIND access ramp, widening of levee crest. Awaiting redesign of concrete slab by ED-DC.

FC-15.11 – Change in riprap placement area. Evaluating Contractor proposal.

Awaiting PM-M/ED-D responses to the following items:
A. Redesign of slab and drains along wind facility.
B. Recommendation on Value Engineering Proposal.

01-C-0008 (ANDERSON) (CRAIB) (TURNER)	PUMP NORTH 5th AVENUE	OVERSTREET ELECTRIC COMPANY	$2,387,500.00 $2,387,500.00 $ 500,000.00 0.00	17 MAR 2003 17 MAR 2003

COMMENTS:
Sent Contractor initial letters.

Pre-Construction Conference was held on 21 MAY 2001.

Preparing FC-08.01 – Installation of Metering Transformer Cabinet and Electrical Connections to NIPSCO Transformer.

00-C-XXXX ( ) ( ) (TURNER)	IN HARBOR CDF CUTOFF WALL

COMMENTS:
CELRC-PP-PM resolving several outstanding issues (Real Estate; Cost; ARCO) that potentially impact advertisement.

P&S being finalized in response to backcheck #2, and may require further revision based on cost discussions, and independent panel review.

CONT. NO.	CONTRACT ORIGINAL	CONTRACT ORIGINAL

PR&C NO. (CO-S MGR.) (CO-S QA) (CO-C MGR.)	DESCRIPTION	CONTRACTOR	CURRENT OBLIGATED EARNED AMOUNT	CURRENT SUBSTANTIAL FINAL W/O D. COMPLETION	% COMPLETE SCH.	 ACT
00-C-0033 %649564 ( ) ( ) (SMITH)	BURNS HARBOR NORTH B/W REPAIR	AMERICAN MARINE	$1,727,500.00 $ 200,000.00 $ 200,000.00 $ 200,000.00	16 SEP 2001	11.5	11.5

COMMENTS:
Stone source approved. Contractor indicates placement will start mid JUN.

01-C-0002 %774164 (GARCES) (LEE) (TURNER)	CAL. HARBOR CDF RPR.	HOLLY MARINE TOWING	$1,388,898.00 $1,388,898.00 $ 100,000.00 $ 0.00	10 OCT 01 10 OCT 01	0	0

COMMENTS:
Preparing QA/QC Coordination Meeting Agenda.

Contractor preparing submittals.

Attempting to arrange for quarry inspection.

00-C-0035 %160517 (ANDERSON) (CRAIB) (TURNER)	PUMP 1B	THIENEMAN CONSTRUCTION INC.	$1,963,400.00 $1,979,539.56 $1,601,871,86 $1,080,000.00	24 JUL 01 07 AUG 01	68	55

COMMENTS:
Started 1st SWP pump at 81st Street Pump Station.

Continued discharge Box modifications at Hessville.

Rebuilding trash racks at SE Hessville.

FC-35.08 – S.E. Hessville Power Conductors Modification. Priced NTP $55,721.96 and 28 calendar days. Preparing Modfication.

FC-35.09 – Disposal of Mercury containing comminutor. Priced NTP $51,364.79 and 0 calendar days. Preparing Modification.

PC-35.10 – Installation of Gantry Crane receptacles, awaiting Contractors proposal.

Awaiting PP-PM/ED-D responses to following items:
A. 81st Street Stairway Modification.

00-C-0002 %366315 (GARCES) (NEWELL) (SMITH)	ACCESS RETROFIT	K&S	$1,672,816.47 $1,672,816.47 $ 500,000.00 $ 300,000.00	

COMMENTS:
Conducted Pre-Con.

Work completed at 31st Street Beach. Initiating work at I-55 to 30th.

CONT. NO. PR&C NO. (CO-S MGR.)	CONTRACT ORIGINAL CURRENT OBLIGATED	CONTRACT ORIGINAL CURRENT SUBSTANTIAL

(CO-S QA) (CO-C MGR.)	DESCRIPTION	CONTRACTOR	EARNED AMOUNT	FINAL W/O D. COMPLETION	% COMPLETE SCH.	ACT
01-C-00XX %27039 ( ) ( ) ( )	INDIANA SHORELINE					

COMMENTS:
Advertised. Bid Opening scheduled for 28 JUN 2001.

01-C-00XX % ( ) ( ) ( )	CAL. HARBOR DREDGING					

COMMENTS:
Preparing for advertisement

GRANT STREET - RECREATION TRAIL CROSSING

From: Samara, Imad LRC <Imad.Samara@lrc02.usace.army.mil>
To: 'Little Calumet River B.D.C.' <smordus@nirpc.org>
Cc: Spokane, Chrystal L LRC <Chrystal.L.Spokane@lrc02.usace.army.mil>; Kroll, Tim LRC <Tim.Kroll@lrc02.usace.army.mil>; O'riley, James M LRC <James.M.O'riley@lrc02.usace.army.mil>
Date: Thursday, May 31, 2001 10:11 AM
Subject: Response to Letters

Planning Programs and Project
Management Division

Mr. Jim Pokrajac
Little Calumet River Basin
Development Commission
6100 Southport Road
Portage, Indiana 46368

Dear Jim,

I have received a copy of a letter that you send to Roland Elvambuena dated May 18, 2001. In the letter you included a proposed layout alternative of the recreation trail at Grant. I was not at the meeting that you mentioned in the letter where a discussion of this alternative took place. And I do remember seeing a letter from you that included the minutes of that meeting. What is apparent to me now is that the trail proposed alignment in the letter at Grant Street is a significant change. The one thing that came to my mind while I was reading your letter is did any one conducted a study to what would be the most economical alternative to the trail crossing Grant Street. This change appear to be a lot more costly than what was in the approved project documents. So I suggest that before we finalize this layout we need to be sure that we are implementing the most cost effective alternative. I still can't see why we can't go around the Gas City property. I would like to have a discussion on this with you so we can come up with a plan that is comparable to what is in the approve project documents. If the communities like to modify the most economical plan to a preferred plan, this can be done as a betterment just like we have done at Lake Etta in Gary.

If you have any questions please call me at 312-353-6400 ext. 1809.

Imad Samara
Project Manager
111 N. Canal Street
Chicago, IL 60606

WORK STUDY SESSION 31 MAY 2001

LAND ACQUISITION / LAND MANAGEMENT
CHUCK AGNEW, CHAIRMAN

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* 1.) There is one increased offer: DC 595 Lot 2 Burr Acres $43,000
There is one condemnation: DC 574 PT. SW NW Lot 5 Sec.24,T36N, R9W

2.) Handicapped-Accessible Park at River Forest: The Lake Station Park Board removed the existing playground equipment on Wednesday, 30 May 2001. Installation of the new equipment begins immediately. A groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled for 7 June 2001 at 2 PM at the park site at the River Forest Elementary School. Commisioners are invited. School corporation officials, elected officials, LCRBDC staff, LEL officials will attend.

LAMAR FOCUS MEDIA SIGN

3.) We've acquired two (2) outdoor signs with Lamar Outdoor Advertising as part of landowner negotiations on DC 707 and 816 at the junction of I-65 and 80/94. New lease payment is $3300 each year with 3.5% annual increase implemented each third year. Lamar also has plans for two (2) more signs at the same intersection.
* Discussion with a motion to sign the two or four leases?

check w/ city position

Let have investigate

2 existing signs $3300 x 3.5% ($115.50)=$3415.50 per year x 2 signs = $6,831 per year
2 more signs (4) total = $6,831 x 2 = $13,662 per year income.

4.) Professor Kenneth Brock of I.U.N has requested we consider a shorebird sanctuary in the 200 acre area of Chase to Grant. If Professor Brock is referring to the strip that's part of the Stage III Remediation area, plans are now to add pumping capacity. The area will not be wet for birds. If his proposal includes the areas inside the levees, that area is committed to LEL. The area outside the levees has selling or leasing potential for future income.
* Discussion with a motion to allow a shorebird sanctuary?

letter to him share ltr w/LEL Call Brock per Mark

5.) FYI - An informative neighborhood meeting was held 24 May at Ms. Ruth Mores house at 234 Southmoor Drive. Fifteen (15) neighbors attended along with LCRBDC staff and Commissioner Curt Vosti. These kinds of meetings are successful because of the personal, one-to-one communication between landowners and LCRBDC staff. Another meeting is planned for later in the year when the Corps delivers Stage VIII mapping.

6.) FYI - The Boy Scouts camp-out to beautify the levees will be held this week-end Friday through Sunday, June 1, 2, 3. LCRBDC will supply 25 pizzas for Saturday lunch. Commissioners are all invited to attend.

RESULTS OF REAL ESTATE MEETING HELD 9 APRIL 2001
ARMY CORPS & LITTLE CALUMET RIVER FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT

IN ATTENDANCE:

LCRBDC	COE
Lou Casale	Chris Borton
Dan Gardner	Imad Samara
Lorraine Kray	Chrystal Spokane
Sandy Mordus	Bill White
Angie Ogrentz	
Jim Pokrajac	
Judy Vamos	

1. STATUS OF ACQUISITIONS

a. DC 1002 (owner George Mickow) – The owner has visited the LCRBDC and the COE. He wanted a topography map and expressed his displeasure with a future acquisition of his property. He has obtained wetland permits from the Detroit COE to develop the land as a upper-end residential community. Final mapping is not available to show Mr. Mickow the placement of the levee. When mapping is available LCRBDC will call him for a meeting.
(ACTION: COE and LCRBDC)

b. (29th and Hanley) – Discussion centered again on the appropriateness of this acquisition and it was agreed that the "discussion is over." Agreed to have LCRBDC send out the offer because it could take a long time in negotiation or condemnation. Dan has heard of a company petitioning the plan commission for a trucking company along 29th and Hanley. This is what the owner wanted to do with the property. Judy will provide survey and appraisal information to Lou for the offer.
(ACTION: Judy and Lou/LCRBDC)

c. Burr Street Phase 2 - Judy reported that there are 9 acquisitions remaining and all offers are out except the Dale Nimetz take. In respect to his family the appraisal was put on hold during their mourning time over his death. Imad reported that the pre-final engineering drawings will be available on 5/11. COE wants to advertise this contract on 1 October 2001 and Judy is working toward a 1 August 2001 deadline. Imad has instructed his staff "no more missing sheets" on information passed to the LCRBDC. COE engineering should be more accurate.
(ACTION: COE and LCRBDC)

d. Stage VI-1 (priority) - Judy reported that appraisals are continuing under the new system. She mentioned again that the acquisition prices for land in the West Reach are coming in higher than budgeted for. She used Wendy's Restaurant ($38,000 for the acquisition) and the Lake County Visitor's Center ($62,000) as examples.
(ACTION: Judy/LCRBDC)

e. Stage V-2 (priority) - LCRBDC waiting on drawings for Tri-State and K-Mart. Jim reported that North Township Trustee Greg Cvitkovich has requested a levee line change to allow more golf play area in the park. He wants the levee more toward Hawthorne Drive, however, 200 feet must be left between that levee and the one in Wicker Park. Imad said he is not going to change the drawings unless Munster and the residents enter the discussion. He is willing to have a meeting. Jim can make arrangements.
(ACTION: Jim/LCRBDC)

f. Stage V-3 Woodmar (priority) - A conference call was held on 26 April 2001 with the COE, LCRBDC, and golf course architect Tim Nugent. Nugent needed more information to continue his report. He will submit his findings to appraiser Dale Kleszynski.
(ACTION: LCRBDC)

g. Tract DC 59 - Lou had sent the easement offers but no response came from WIND (Tichenor Media Systems). WIND had signed a right-to-construct only, but their attorneys are now requesting a new set of demands before the easement agreements will be signed. Lou is working with the attorneys while construction remains ongoing.
(ACTION: Lou/LCRBDC)

2. TRACTS TO BE DELETED AT LCRBDC REQUEST

a. Tract DC 618 (37th Avenue) LCRBDC has requested an elimination of this take because it's a street, a City of Gary platted but undeveloped street. It consists of two dirt paths for vehicles used by local residents. The COE did not know the owner at the time of old mapping. The new mapping will show it as a platted street with no acquisition.
(ACTION: COE)

b. Tract DC 538 (University Park Medical Center) LCRBDC has requested elimination of this tract because the owner has built up the parking lot over the project required elevation. Chrystal will review the new mapping elevations and confer with Chief of Acquisition Bill White for a decision.
(ACTION: Chrystal and Bill/COE

3. REAL ESTATE TRACKING SYSTEM CREDITING

Chrystal has located about 90% of the crediting files from a list Lorraine gave her at the last real estate meeting. Lorraine, Angie, Sandy, Judy, and Chrystal have all noticed the increased speed on the program, but Chrystal said the COE has nothing to do with it. No one can explain the speed increase. Discussion centered on the ineffectiveness of the program. Complaints about the discrepancies in the addition and subtraction on the crediting amounts complaints about the slowness, too many screens in the menu, and the program's unadaptability to the project were once more discussed.

The problem now: 250 utility relocations in the West Reach are to be entered on this data base which already contains over 1400 separate property tracts. Problems will compound. Bill said the COE is also concerned. The firm in Las Vegas who wrote the program (under the COE contract) has no support or repair clause. COE has a quote from the Las Vegas firm of $64 @ hour ($7,000 to $10,000 total) to redo the program. Mary Carson (who has left the COE) has volunteered to return on a part-time basis to do consultation on the program. Mary and the COE's Mary Martin will prepare a scope of work, including a list of problems, and submit it to the LCRBDC to review. A separate "computer tracking program/crediting" meeting will be scheduled to discuss the problem.
(ACTION: Mary's/COE and LCRBDC staff)

4. REVIEW LETTER SENT BY IMAD SAMARA REGARDING THE $5.5 MILLION BREAKDOWN AS DISCUSSED AT 27 FEBRUARY 2001 REAL ESTATE MEETING.

Lou is concerned that the figures cited in Imad's letter will be used as "final" figures and work against the LCRBDC budget. He suggested the information be distributed as an "Internal Memo." Imad stated that the figures were agreed upon at the 27 February meeting and could be changed as circumstances change.

5. FEDERAL DOLLARS SPREADSHEET

Imad has provided the spreadsheet requested by LCRBDC. It's confusing to read and he suggested a meeting to explain the figures. He will keep a running total of information purposes.
(ACTION: Imad/COE)

6. NEXT REAL ESTATE MEETING

Monday, 4 June 2, 2001 at LCRBDC office

JV 5/10/01