MEETING NOTICE

THERE WILL BE A MEETING OF THE
LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
AT 6:30 P.M. THURSDAY, AUGUST 4, 1988
AT THE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION OFFICE
8149 KENNEDY AVENUE, HIGHLAND, INDIANA

AGENDA

1. Call to Order by Chairman John DeMeo

2. Recognition of Visitors, Guests

3. Approval of minutes of July 7, 1988 meeting

4. Reports of Standing Committees

A. Finance/Policy Committee - Arlene Colvin, Chairperson
   • Financial status report
   • Approval of claims for July, 1988
   • Other issues

B. Legislative Committee - George Carlson, Chairman
   • Status of Corps presentation to Sec. of Army Page
   • 3A/3B plan analysis
   • State Budget request preparation for 1989-91 biennium
   • Other issues
C. Land Acquisition/Management Committee -
   Charles Agnew, Chairman
   - Land Acquisition Committee meeting at 5:30 p.m.
   - Appraisals, offers, acquisitions, recommended actions
   - Presentation by Lake County Park Dept. staff
   - Other issues

D. Interim Flood Control/Planning Committee -
   Clyde Baughard, Chairman
   - Update of river maintenance projects
     - River clearing Indpls Blvd - Kennedy Ave
     - Report of burning violation - Hammond area
     - Report on status of jet fuel spill
   - Other issues

E. Breakwaters/Marina Committee -
   Bill Tanke, Chairman
   - Resolution of breakwater construction contract - 16-17
     - C-Way contractors
   - Response letter to Midwest Steel by Corps regarding water intake pipe
   - Marquette Yacht Club communication to staff
   - Other issues
   - Development solicitation advertisement

5. Other Business

6. Statements to Board from the floor

7. Set date for next meeting, adjournment

- 1. West of waterway construction
- 2. Snow fence
- 3. IDEM
- North Cove
MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
HELD AT 6:30 P.M. THURSDAY, JULY 7, 1988
AT THE COMMISSION OFFICES
8149 KENNEDY AVENUE, HIGHLAND, INDIANA

Chairman John DeMeo called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. There were nine Commissioners present. Guests were recognized and quorum was declared.

Development Commissioners:
William Critser
George Carlson
Charles Agnew
Jack Swike
Clyde Baughard
Doyle Niemeyer
John DeMeo
Arlene Colvin
David Springman

Staff:
Dan Gardner
Bruce Stouffer
Lou Casale
Sandy Mordus

Visitors:
Mitchell Montgomery - Forum
Rob Pleva - Lake County Parks
Planning Dept.
George Gossard - The Times
Jim Stankiewicz - Attorney for
Keith Eller
Ed Lukowski - Hammond
Robin Bieser - Post Tribune
Stephen Davis - IN. DNR
Pete & Mary Ann Zak - South Shore Marina
Harold Mauger - Gary
Howard Marion - Gary
L. Hutchinson - Griffith
Keith Eller - Bob's Fishing Lake
Roland Elvambuena - Gary City Engineer
Clemmons Allen - Gary City Council

A motion was made by Clyde Baughard to approve the minutes of the June 2nd meeting; seconded by Chuck Agnew; motion passed unanimously.

Finance/Policy Committee - Treasurer Arlene Colvin presented the financial report for May as well as the claims. Ms. Colvin made a motion to approve the claims as presented; seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously.
Legislative Committee - Committee Chairman George Carlson referred to a Senate Congressional record where the Senator from Idaho is proposing an amendment to be placed in the bill mandating the Director of the Office of Management and Budget and the head of each Federal agency for which funds are appropriated under this Act to comply with the instructions and the specific allocations and earmarking of funds contained in the joint statement of managers accompanying the conference report of this Act. What this amendment does is to point out that these joint statements and conference reports are in fact binding. Mr. Carlson also referred to an article stating that the $240,000 for the final study on the Little Calumet River flood control project was intact in a bill approved by the House.

Mr. Gardner stated that we have written to area legislators providing them with a brief status report of progress of the Little Calumet River flood control project. Mr. Gardner also stated he has met with the N.W. Indiana Forum to seek their support.

Mr. Gardner informed the Commission that Col. Franco will address Senator Page in Washington at the end of July or early August to give an analysis of 3A vs. 3B plans. The Chicago Corps is in support of full levee protection for Gary. Mr. Gardner felt confident that he and representation from the Commission would be able to accompany Col. Franco in Washington in order to testify in behalf of the 3A plan.

Land Acquisition/Management Committee - Committee Chairman Chuck Agnew reported a letter had been received from the town of Schererville supporting the proposed purchase of the borrow site property.

The attorney stated that L. B. Foster does not want to quit claim the Erie R.R. bridge to the Commission. He stated that, other than condemning the property or encouraging the Lake County Drainage Board to purchase it, he felt the easiest and fastest method to acquire now would be obtaining a quit claim deed from DNR. He will pursue. Mr. Carlson repeated that there is money available in the Hammond budget for the removal of three piers from that bridge.

Mr. Agnew stated that July 14th was set for an eviction hearing for Charles Rose personal property left on DC57.

It was reported that the seal coat on the roadway at Lake Etta has been completed.
Charles Agnew made a motion that the existing lease the LCRBDC has with Ensweiler (Keith Eller now sub-leasing) which expires October 31st, 1988 be renewed for an additional year (through October, 1989) with Keith Eller with the provision that no further extensions of this lease will be available; motion seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously. The attorney will draw up the necessary contract stating such.

Interim Flood Control Planning Committee - Committee Chairman Clyde Baughard referred to a letter from Lake County Highway Dept. to the Chicago Corps office addressing the replacement of the existing three culverts at Chase Street. Mr. Gardner added that the Little Calumet River Basin Commission is considering the possibility of adding an additional three culverts and just leaving the present three, thus gaining maximum benefit. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Baughard announced the approval of construction for the new bridge replacement at Northcote Avenue.

Mr. Gardner briefly the Commission on a recent meeting he had with Gary city engineer & staff, Lake County Highway Dept. & Lake County Surveyor's Office to discuss the issue of improving drainage in Black Oak.

Breakwaters/Marina Committee - In Committee Chairman Bill Tanke's absence, Dan Gardner reported that the Request for Proposals for marina development has been revised and updated; the attorney is doing a final review and then it will be ready for advertisement.

Mr. Gardner stated that Cole Engineering is doing a profile for the Commission which will determine how the existing road access will affect NIPSCO lines on right-of-way.

Mr. Gardner referred to a letter received from GTE (telephone company) discussing the relocation of the telephone line on the marina property. It was being considered that the relocation cost could be equally shared between GTE, city of Portage and the LCRBDC.

The matter of boat excise tax replacing the existing personal property tax on boats is still being pursued. A bill introduced in the 1988 General Assembly by Rep. Dobis will hopefully pass this session.
Mr. Gardner stated that NIRPC is in the process of signing a contract with the National Park Service and DNR which would assist in the development of a Northern Indiana Regional Trail and Greenway Master Plan linking Lake, Porter and LaPorte County.

Statements from the floor - Pete Zak stated that there has been unauthorized swimming at the mouth of Burns Waterway off the breakwaters. Mr. Gardner will investigate and see what entity would be responsible for posting "No Swimming" signs.

Harold Mauger of Black Oak spoke on the culverts at Chase Street and Grant Street, urging the Commission to clean them. He was told that the State Highway Dept. has Grant St. culvert replacement listed in their 1991 construction program and that Chase St. culvert replacement is in the process of being pursued by the Little Calumet River Basin Commission.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, August 4.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned 7:45 p.m.

/sjm
MERCANTILE NATIONAL BANK

JANUARY 1, 1988 - JUNE 30, 1988

CASH POSITION - JANUARY 1, 1988
Checking Account
  Land Acquisition $ 43,505.08
  General Fund 38,699.96
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Investments 868,500.00

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Taxes 2,054.29

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TOTAL RECEIPTS:

DISBURSEMENTS: January 1, 1988 - June 30, 1988
1987 Expenses paid in 1988 $ 22,874.98
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NIRPC 27,660.52
Taxes 2,816.01
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Printing & Advertising 251.08
Bonds & Insurance 701.00
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  (b) Surveying Services 3,830.00
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L/A Land Purchase Cost 65,788.54
L/A Land Capital Improvements 4,540.00
L/A Insurance 342.50

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TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:

CASH POSITION - JUNE 30, 1988
Checking Account
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**Total June 1988 Costs** $4,157.71

**Outstanding Payment Due** $0.00

**Total Payment Due** $4,157.71
July 22, 1988

TO:  Dan Gardner, Executive Director
     Little Calumet River Basin
     Development Commission
     8149 Kennedy Avenue
     Highland, IN  46322

Please accept this statement as billing to the Development Commission for reimbursement of mileage at $.25 per mile as per contract for travel incurred for work performed as Land Acquisition/Management Agent for the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission. Mileage vouchers enclosed.

June 1 - 30, 1988:

Total miles - 464 miles @ $.25 = $116.00

Robert B. Stouffer

APPROVED:

Dan Gardner
Executive Director
Little Calumet River Basin
Development Commission
July 29, 1988

TO: Dan Gardner, Executive Director
Little Calumet River Basin
Development Commission
8149 Kennedy Avenue
Highland, IN 46322

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July 1 - 30, 1988:

Total miles - 377 miles @ $.25 = $94.25

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Development Commission
July 22, 1988

TO: Dan Gardner, Executive Director
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   8149 Kennedy Avenue
   Highland, Indiana 46322

Please accept this statement as billing to the Development Commission for payment of $16.00 per hour as per contract for work performed as Land Acquisition/Management Agent for the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission.

June 29  -  7 hours  -  $112
June 30  -  7 hours  -  $112
July 1   -  7 hours  -  $112
July 5   -  7 hours  -  $112
July 6   -  7 hours  -  $112
July 7   -  10 hours -  $160
July 8   -  4 hours  -  $ 64
July 11  -  7 hours  -  $112
July 12  -  7 hours  -  $112
July 13  -  7 hours  -  $112
July 14  -  7 hours  -  $112
July 15  -  7 hours  -  $112
July 18  -  7 hours  -  $112
July 19  -  9.5 hours -  $152
July 20  -  7 hours  -  $112
July 21  -  7 hours  -  $112
July 22  -  6 hours  -  $ 96

Total hours... 120.5 hours
Total payment due...... $1,928

[Signature]
Robert B. Stouffer

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July 25 - 7 hours - $112
July 26 - 7 hours - $112
July 27 - 7 hours - $152
July 28 - 10 hours - $160
July 29 - 5 hours - $ 80

Total hours... 36 hours
Total payment due ............. $ 576

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Robert B. Stouffer

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Dan Gardner
Executive Director
Little Calumet River Basin
Development Commission

APPROVED:
Jet fuel spilled
Tanker overturns on Borman-Cline interchange

By PHILLIP BRITT
Times Staff Writer

HAMMOND — A tanker truck spilled some 3,500 gallons of jet fuel at the southbound Cline Avenue ramp to the westbound Borman Expressway at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

State police said Steven P. Cicero, of Chicago, was taking the fuel from Citgo Petroleum Corp. in East Chicago to Midway Airport in Chicago when he allegedly took the ramp too quickly. The Alton Transportation Co. tanker overturned, ripping off the top cap and spilling fuel over the entire island of the interchange, including some into a nearby drainage ditch.

Cicero was ticketed for speeding.

Ron Novak, Hammond's hazardous material response team coordinator, said the drainage ditch sewer isn't connected to the Little Calumet River or the Hammond Sanitary District. But crews sand-dug the area and blocked the sewers as a precautionary measure.

The Cline Avenue ramp and the 169th Street entrance ramps to Cline were also closed because "a lit cigarette or a firecracker tossed from a car would have caused a major problem," Novak said.

The ramps were reopened at 10:30 p.m. Fumes were another major concern. Novak said there was an explosive concentration of fumes around the tanker, so the Indiana Department of Environmental Management was "very concerned.

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that the problem be quickly cleaned up.

While hazardous materials crews did the initial cleanup Wednesday, the trucking company was responsible for final cleanup today.

State police said the ramps would be closed for up to two hours this morning so the area around the drainage ditch could be cleaned and so that the fuel could be pumped out of the sewer.
Gaseous soil
Crews gather to haul to the Wheeler Landfill some of 543 cubic yards of soil that was contaminated after a truck carrying highly flammable jet fuel overturned Wednesday on an exit ramp from Cline Avenue to Interstate 94. Related story on Page B1.

Cleanup of spilled jet fuel will continue until Tuesday

HAMMOND — The cleanup of jet fuel that spilled from a truck which overturned on a Cline Avenue exit ramp Wednesday will continue into next week, state officials said Thursday.

SET Environmental of Wheeling, Ill., will dig up about 550 square feet of grass area surrounding the ramp and will replace the soil, said SET officials. The project should be completed by Tuesday, SET officials said.

SET was hired by Altom Transportation Co. of Chicago, which owned the truck that carried the highly flammable fuel. Indiana State Police officials said Altom is responsible for cleaning up the grass area which was affected by the spill.

The truck driver, Steve P. Cicero of Chicago, was ticketed for speeding by the state police.

Cicero said Wednesday he didn’t know why the accident occurred. He said he drives the route four times a night, five days a week.

The truck, containing 7,600 gallons of fuel, was on route to Midway Airport from Citgo Petroleum Corp. in East Chicago when it overturned on the exit ramp from southbound Cline Avenue to westbound Interstate 94. About 3,500 gallons of jet fuel spilled, officials said.

Ron Novak, coordinator of Hammond’s hazardous materials team, described the spill and fumes as very dangerous.

Immediately after the accident, Novak said the hazard posed by the spill was increased because of the hot, dry weather. He said much of the spilled fuel drained into a ditch and into a sewage system, but posed no threat to the surrounding area.

Officials closed the ramp for more than three hours Wednesday night while workers cleaned up the spill by spraying water and spreading sand on the area. The ramp reopened at 10:30 p.m.

It was closed again Thursday from shortly after 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., while SET began work on soil removal, officials said.

The soil was taken to the Wheeler Sanitary Landfill in Porter County, said Tim Greenwood of the Indiana Department of Highways.
Spill brings warning of contaminated fish

GARY — City officials are warning people against eating fish taken from the Little Calumet River because of possible contamination from jet fuel that seeped into the river from an overturned tanker truck.

Some of the spilled fuel has seeped into the water table and dead fish have been found in a tributary of the Little Calumet River, according to Mayor Thomas V. Barnes.

An estimated 3,500 gallons of jet fuel seeped into the ground from a tanker truck that overturned at Interstate 94 and Cline Avenue July 6.

Although a cleanup took place at the time of the spill, an undetermined amount of fuel seeped into the water table, Barnes said Wednesday.

The dead fish were found in a ditch along Cline Avenue that feeds into the river, said Gary police Detective William Burns, the department's hazardous materials emergency coordinator. Police and health department officials are requesting that citizens refrain from fishing in the river because of the possibility that fish were contaminated by the fuel.

State and local authorities are conducting tests of the water and the dead fish in an attempt to confirm the cause of the fish kill, said Barnes.

The cleanup at the site of the spill on a Cline Avenue exit ramp which was to be completed Tuesday involved the excavation and removal of the grass area surrounding the ramp and replacement of the soil, according to officials of SET Environmental of Wheeling, Ill.

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Flood control project could be less than two years away

By GEO GOSSARD
Times Correspondent

HIGHLAND — A late July meeting could signal the start of a long-awaited flood control project.

Members of the Little Calumet River Basin Commission hope to accompany area Corps of Engineers officials to Washington D.C. to determine which of two plans will be approved.

"We want to be sure that what gets built is what is authorized," said Dan Gardner, commission executive director.

Members received this information at the July meeting Thursday evening. Also discussed was drainage on Chase Street, a new bridge on Grant Street, just south of the Borman Expressway, drainage problems, and a $1.67 million credit from COE.

Construction could begin in early 1990 on the 13-mile stretch of river from the Illinois state line to Cline Avenue. The price tag is $86 million and it is expected to take seven years to complete.

Plans for flood control along the Little Calumet have been in the making since the 1954 flood. State and local officials strongly support Plan 3A, as does the area COE. However, Washington officials favor 3B.

Gardner said that Congress authorized construction in 1986 and that the legislation has specific language that COE has disregarded in favor of internal guidelines, based on economic justification.

If 3B was approved, existing levies from the state line to Cline Avenue would be rebuilt in Hammond, Munster and Highland. This plan, Gardner said, fails to address the severe problems in Gary and its Black Oak area.

Gardner said the overall benefits would justify total reconstruction and new levies all the way to Martin Luther King Boulevard.

"If you treat the river as a whole, the overall benefits will meet the criteria," Gardner said. "If we ever are going to revitalize we must help those who need help."

Gardner said the overall project includes channelization, pumping stations and new levies.

Indianapolis Boulevard is a dividing point for the river which flows both west and east, according to Gardner. "Normal high flows will be allowed into Illinois, but flood level flows will be diverted east," he said. Amount that the river can't handle will be diverted into retention areas that will double as wetlands and recreational areas.

There is another apparent benefit for property owners in the flood area who now are required to pay for flood insurance. Once the project is complete and certified, that requirement will be removed.

The commission received reports that three, six-foot steel pipes will be replaced on Chase and three more are to be installed. A new bridge is to be built on Grant just south of the Borman by the state.

It also was announced that COE has granted the commission credits for about $1.67 million for work already done that will go toward this area's $19 million share of the project. Gardner feels that land acquisition eventually could bring in another $9 million in credits.

Negotiations continue with Department of Natural Resources for a former Erie Railroad bridge southwest of Indianapolis at the Borman.
Little Cal agency extends lake lease

The private operator of a two-acre fishing lake in Gary will continue operations there until October 1989. Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission members unanimously approved a lease extension to Keith Eller for the fishing lake along Clark Street south of the Little Calumet River. Negotiations are under way with the Lake County Park Department to take over an expanded role managing the site after the 1989 summer fishing season, said Daniel Gardner, executive director of the commission. The lake, which is owned by the commission, will be leased to Eller for $100 for 1989, under terms of the agreement.
Project Management Branch

SUBJECT: Burns Waterway Small-Boat Harbor, Section 107, P.L. 86-645 as Amended. Required Non-Federal Contributed Funds - Request for Final Payment

Mr. Dan Gardner  
Executive Director  
Little Calumet River Basin  
Development Commission  
8149 Kennedy Avenue  
Highland, Indiana 46322

Dear Mr. Gardner:

We are pleased to inform you that we have concluded the negotiation of all outstanding claims on the subject project with the construction contractor and have reached an equitable settlement. As you are aware, the contractor submitted claims in the amount of $891,511.63. We thoroughly reviewed these claims and determined that the contractor was only entitled to one item, the hand railing repair, for the amount of $3,964.70. After extensive negotiations, the contractor agreed.

We have computed all of the costs associated with the project and have itemized the breakdown of the cost and computed the final cost allocation as shown on the enclosure. Based on an initial apportionment of all costs, the Federal share would be $2,008,687.09 (which includes the cost of the Detailed Project Report of $349,864.55), and the Commission's share would be $1,761,870.48. However, since the Federal share is limited by law to $2,000,000.00 for Section 107 projects, the Commission's share increases to $1,770,557.57. To date the Commission has provided $1,766,672.00. Thus the Commission's unpaid balance is $3,885.57. This amount will constitute the final payment and no additional funds will be requested from the Commission. Upon receipt of this amount we will be able to close-out the contract.
Please prepare a check in the amount of $3,885.57 payable to Finance and Accounting Officer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, North Central Division and mail to the Chicago District Office, ATTN: Mr. Shamel Abou-El-Seoud, NCCED-P. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

[Note:]

Jess J. Franco, Jr., P.E.
LTC, Corps of Engineers
District Engineer

Richard E. Carlson
Deputy District Engineer (PM)

Enclosure
Mr. Michael L. Terry  
Director  
Engineering and Construction  
Midwest Division  
National Steel Corporation  
U.S. Route 12  
Portage, Indiana 46368-1287  

Dear Mr. Terry:

This is a response to your letter of April 13, 1988, in which you reiterated your concerns about the stability of the sheet pile bulkhead section of the north breakwater at Burns Waterway Small Boat Harbor.

Our staff engineers inspected the north breakwater on 7 July 1988 and concluded that there has been no apparent change in the condition of the sheet pile bulkhead since the inspection conducted in the summer of 1987. There was no evidence of scour or undermining of the buried intake pipe on either side of the bulkhead. Displaced armor stones were seen on the lake bottom and may be lying above the buried intake pipe.

Consequently, we plan to remove these displaced armor stones and rework the ends of the stone breakwater abutting the sheet pile bulkhead to prevent future displacement due to strong wave action. We will keep you advised on the progress of this work. We will continue to inspect and monitor the structure on a regular basis.

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact me at 353-6461.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

JOHN P. D'ANIELLO, P.E.  
Chief, Engineering Division

cc. Mr. D. Gardner  
Little Calumet River Basin  
Development Commission  
8149 Kennedy Avenue  
Highland, Indiana 46322
### ATTENDANCE ROSTER

**Name of meeting:** LCRBDC  
**Date:** 8-4-88

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**Chairman:** John DeMeo  
**Location:**
## Budget Report for August Meeting

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