

Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission

8149 Kennedy Avenue Highland, Indiana 46322 (219) 923-1118

MEETING NOTICE

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

JOHN DEMEO, Chairman
Governor's Appointment

DOYLE NIEMEYER, Vice-Chairman
Governor's Appointment

ARLENE COLVIN, Treasurer
Mayor of Gary's
Appointment

CLYDE BAUGHARD, Secretary
Governor's Appointment

CHARLES AGNEW
Governor's Appointment

GEORGE CARLSON
Mayor of Hammond's
Appointment

MICHAEL DOYNE
Governor's Appointment

JERRY PAGAC
Dept. of Natural Resources'
Appointment

DAVID SPRINGMAN
Governor's Appointment

JACK SWIKE
Lake County Commissioners'
Appointment

WILLIAM TANKE
Porter County Commissioners'
Appointment

DAN GARDNER
Executive Director

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Arlene Colvin, Chairperson

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March 3
10 members

late
Don Ewen
& wife

C. Land Acquisition/Management Committee -
Charles Agnew, Chairman

- Land Acquisition Committee meeting at 5:30 p.m.
- Appraisals, offers, acquisitions, recommended actions
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Arlene Colvin, Chairperson

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*DD to check
Cons approval*

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
HELD AT 6:30 P.M. THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 1988
AT THE COMMISSION OFFICES
8149 KENNEDY AVENUE, HIGHLAND, INDIANA

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by Chairman Michael Doyne. Nine Commissioners were present. Guests were recognized and quorum was declared.

Development Commissioners:

Michael Doyne
George Carlson
Jack Swike
Charles Agnew
William Tanke
Arlene Colvin
John DeMeo
Doyle Niemeyer
Jerry Pagac

Visitors:

Jacqueline Swike
Dorothy Swike
Rickey Austin - Black Oak
Citizens for Better
Government
J. Blee - Black Oak
Barry Saunders - Post Tribune
John Jage - WLTH

Staff:

Dan Gardner
Bruce Stouffer
Lou Casale
Sandy Mordus

The minutes of the December 3, 1987 meeting were approved by a motion from John DeMeo; motion seconded by George Carlson; motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Doyne announced a new Commission member, Mr. David E. Springman from Crown Point, has been appointed by the Governor's Office. He will serve the unfilled term left by the death of Don Duran through 12/31/89.

Chairman Doyne also announced the receipt of two letters from the Governor's Office announcing the reappointments of Charles Agnew and Doyle Niemeyer. Both terms are four-year appointments through December 31, 1991.

The 1988 Nominating Committee consisting of William Tanke, Arlene Colvin and Chairman Charles Agnew presented the slate of officers for 1988. Mr. Agnew made a motion to elect John DeMeo for Chairman; Jerry Pagac seconded the motion; motion passed. Mr. DeMeo proceeded to take over the chair.

Newly elected John DeMeo presented an outgoing plaque to Mike Doyne for his outstanding service as Chairman for 1986 & 1987.

Mr. Agnew made a motion to elect Doyle Niemeyer as Vice Chairman; Mike Doyne seconded the motion; motion passed. Mr. Agnew made a motion to elect Arlene Colvin as Treasurer; Jerry Pagac seconded the motion; motion passed. Mr. Agnew made a motion to elect Clyde Baughard as Secretary; motion seconded by Mike Doyne; motion passed. There were no other nominations for any office. George Carlson made a motion to declare all votes unanimous; seconded by Jack Swike; motion passed unanimously.

Dan Gardner distributed a summary of the progress highlights for 1986-87. Through the team effort and dedicated service of this existing Commission Board, he reported the significant progress that has been made. Mr. Swike suggested that these progress highlights be put in the form of a news release and sent to area news media.

Finance/Policy Committee - Doyle Niemeyer presented the financial report for November as well as the claims for November. Mr. Niemeyer made a motion to approve the claims as presented; seconded by Mike Doyne; motion passed unanimously. Mr. Niemeyer presented the current interest rates that area banks in Lake and Porter county were offering. The Commission now has two banks; Mercantile National Bank in Lake county and the Northern Indiana Bank in Porter county. Since Gainer Bank has now taken over the Northern Indiana Bank and, at present, is offering a lower interest rate, it was recommended that a meeting be scheduled to discuss the feasibility of changing banks to maximize interest payments.

Mr. Niemeyer presented the 1988 Operating Budget and pointed out changes to the Board. Administrative Budget remains the same. Under Land Acquisition/Development Budget, Line 411 (Legal Services) is \$50,000. Line 413 (Land Purchase Costs) shows the full appropriated funds. Line 416 (Structures Capital Improvements) is \$40,000. Line 417 (Property/Structures Insurance) is \$25,000. \$10,000 was transferred from Line 416 to 417 to anticipate possible higher insurance rates. Doyle Niemeyer made a motion that the 1988 Operating Budget as presented be adopted; seconded by Charles Agnew; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Niemeyer then presented the contract for general services with NIRPC. Changes that differ from the 1987 contract include (1) an increase from \$14 to \$15 per hour for printing and graphic support, (2) an increase from 5 cents to 7 cents per xerox copy and (3) establishing a \$150 per month fee for financial accounting services. Mr. Niemeyer made a motion to accept and sign the

1988 contract with NIRPC; motion seconded by Mike Doyne; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Niemeyer stated that evaluations were performed on staff using NIRPC evaluation forms and the Finance/Policy Committee met and recommended an 8% increase in staff's salaries.

Legislative Committee - Committee Chairman George Carlson announced the passage of the Federal Appropriations Bill for FY88. It contains provisions of \$250,000 for final planning and design of the Little Calumet River flood control and recreation project and \$100,000 for the Burns Small Boat Harbor. Both were requested by the Corps.

Mr. Carlson stated that the draft of the Local Cooperation Agreement will be forthcoming very shortly from the Corps. This agreement must be signed with the Corps prior to the construction project beginning. It will contain our financial responsibilities and legal obligations necessary to act as local sponsor for the project.

Mike Doyne stated that he had attended a meeting in Indianapolis concerning the boat excise tax. A House Bill has been submitted establishing the tax on the length of a boat. Discussion ensued.

Land Acquisition/Management Committee - Committee Chairman Chuck Agnew gave the land acquisition report. He reported that properties DC71-75 (Foster Trailer Court) and DC125 (Monarch Oil Company) have closed.

Mr. Agnew presented a property report of land acquisition for 1987. There were 41 tracts (31.17 acres) for a total of \$77,932 that closed. 13 tracts (22.23 acres) for a total of \$24,474 are in the acquisition process. Special acquisition includes 2 tracts (8.5+ acres). Five quit claim deeds were recorded to establish north line at Lake Etta and one property exchange with IXL. Four contract projects totaling \$33,550 were managed in 87 and thirteen leases for 1988 were signed for a total revenue of \$42,264.

Mr. Agnew referred to a letter from Mobile Communications requesting leasing Commission property for construction of a tower. Two sites are being considered.

Mr. Agnew stated that tenants on Mrs. Foster's Trailer Park wish to remain through the winter. Committee feels this is acceptable as it is to our advantage that someone be on the premises.

Interim Flood Control Planning Committee - Committee Chairman Arlene Colvin reported that a 1987 progress summary report is listed in the packet along with a report of the recommended 1988 priorities.

Discussion was held on the Erie R.R. bridge ownership. Lou Casale has received copies of quit claim deeds from the title company and details are being sought to identify valid ownership. Attorney will contact Jerry Pagac who will explore DNR records. Determination of ownership is underway; will report at next month's meeting.

Breakwaters/Marina Committee - Committee Chairman Bill Tanke stated that Lefty's Coho Landing is in arrears for \$3,500 in regard to lease we assumed on Brock property. Mr. Tanke made a motion that attorney take necessary legal action to collect the \$3,500 from the Frum's; motion seconded by Doyle Niemeyer; motion passed. Mike Doyne abstained from voting.

Dan Gardner reported that he has been in communication with the Coast Guard this week. They report they are unable at this point to furnish a written response to the Commission. Their initial response was that they thought the lights on the breakwaters were sufficient. However, they will be responding in writing. The Coast Guard does have the sole responsibility in determining the brightness of the lights and their replacement if needed.

Mr. Gardner reported that handrails on the breakwaters have been stored for the winter. Mr. Zak had informed staff that some parts had to be replaced due to damage over the season; he will proceed with replacement so the handrails will be ready for installation in the spring.

Members of the audience, John Blee and John Jage, addressed the Board with questions and statements they had.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, February 4, 1988. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned 8:00 p.m.

/sjm

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46204-2707

ROBERT D. ORR
GOVERNOR

October 28, 1987

Mr. David E. Springman
510 East Franciscan
Crown Point, Indiana 46307

Dear Mr. Springman:

It is my pleasure to appoint you as a member of the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission effective immediately. You will serve as such for the remainder of a four-year term which will expire December 31, 1989.

Thank you for your willingness to serve the citizens of the State of Indiana in this capacity. This should be an opportunity for you to enjoy an involvement in an area of personal interest to you. I trust you will find your tenure on the commission a challenging and rewarding experience.

Sincerely,



ROBERT D. ORR
Governor

RDO:mlm

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MERCANTILE NATIONAL BANK

JANUARY 1, 1987 - DECEMBER 31, 1987

CASH POSITION - JANUARY 1, 1987

Checking Account	
Land Acquisition	\$ 15,096.80
General Fund	39,355.18
Tax Fund	10,020.23
Investments	<u>935,000.00</u>

\$999,472.21

RECEIPTS: January 1, 1987 - December 31, 1987

Lease Rents	\$ 62,435.49
Interest	55,633.47
Land Acquisition	285,193.62
Travel & Mileage	192.60
Taxes	2,369.56
Meeting Expense	150.00
Income re: Billboards	880.00
Income re: Sand Mining	<u>3,997.70</u>

*Foster taxes
8/1, 957*

TOTAL RECEIPTS:

\$410,852.44

DISBURSEMENTS: January 1, 1987 - December 31, 1987

1986 Expenses paid in 1987	\$ 31,254.81
Per Diem	4,100.00
Legal Service	3,356.63
NIRPC	52,706.75
Bonds & Insurance	5,727.76
Printing & Advertising	433.94
Meeting Expense	388.71
Tax Payments	11,422.66
Travel & Mileage	1,759.37
L/A Legal Services	48,322.24
L/A Professional Services	
(a) Appraisal Services	16,577.00
(b) Surveying Services	1,500.00
(d) Land Purchase Contractural	25,181.91
(e) Operational Contractural	21,176.69
L/A Land Purchase Cost	82,508.96
L/A Land Capital Improvements	139,673.38
L/A Property/Structures Insurance	<u>12,016.30</u>

*Foster + Merrill
20,000 Villanova Fence*

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:

\$458,107.11

CASH POSITION - DECEMBER 31, 1987

Checking Account	
Land Acquisition	\$ 43,310.08
General Fund	38,699.96
Tax Fund	1,707.50
Investments	<u>868,500.00</u>

\$952,217.54



**NORTHWESTERN INDIANA
REGIONAL
PLANNING COMMISSION**

8149 Kennedy Ave.
Highland, Indiana 46322

219-923-1060
312-731-2646

DATE: January 27, 1988

ORGANIZATION:

LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN
DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

CONTRACT NO: 87.10

CONTRACT CODE: 952

PROJECT:

FOR SERVICES PERFORMED DURING DECEMBER 1987

INVOICE NO: 87.10.12

I N V O I C E

Project Salaries (Dan Gardner/Sandy Mordus) @ 75%	\$ 3,493.80
Associated OH Charges @ 35% of Project Salaries	1,222.83
Staff Mileage/Expenses	155.40
Room Rental (Separate Billing)	-0-
Graphics/Printing Time @ \$14/hr. (Attachments)	210.00
Telephone: Local Service	60.00
Telephone: Billable Charges (Attachments)	69.67
Postage	55.44
Copying Charges @ \$.05 per copy	32.15
Material Costs (Attachments)	45.92
Other Costs (Attachments)	<u>79.34</u>
Total December 1987 Due	\$ 5,424.55
Outstanding Payment Due	-0-
Total Payment Due	\$ 5,424.55

Robert B. Stouffer

14803 GERRY PLACE, CROWN POINT, INDIANA 46307

January 7, 1988

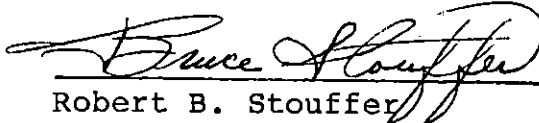
TO: Dan Gardner, Executive Director
Little Calumet River Basin
Development Commission
8149 Kennedy Avenue
Highland, Indiana 46322

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.

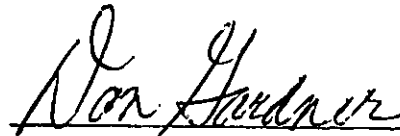
January 4	-	7 hours	-	\$112
January 5	-	4 hours	-	\$ 64
January 6	-	7 hours	-	\$112
January 7	-	<u>10 hours</u>	-	<u>\$160</u>

Total hours. . . 28 hours

Total payment due \$448


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APPROVED:


Dan Gardner
Executive Director
Little Calumet River Basin
Development Commission

Robert B. Stouffer

14803 GERRY PLACE, CROWN POINT, INDIANA 46307

January 29, 1988

TO: Dan Gardner, Executive Director
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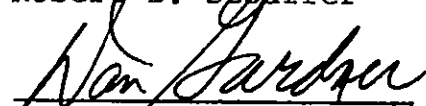
January 11	-	7 hours	-	\$112
January 12	-	7 hours	-	\$112
January 13	-	5-1/2 hours	-	\$ 88
January 14	-	7 hours	-	\$112
January 15	-	7 hours	-	\$112
January 19	-	7 hours	-	\$112
January 20	-	7 hours	-	\$112
January 21	-	7 hours	-	\$112
January 22	-	7 hours	-	\$112
January 25	-	7 hours	-	\$112
January 26	-	5 hours	-	\$ 80
January 27	-	7 hours	-	\$112
January 28	-	7 hours	-	\$112
January 29	-	7 hours	-	\$112

Total hours. . .94-1/2 hours

Total payment due \$1,512


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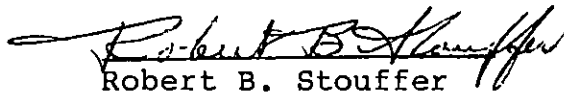
January 29, 1988

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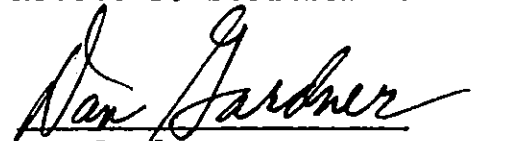
Please accept this statement as billing to the Development Commission for reimbursement of mileage at \$.25 per mile as per contract for travel incurred for work performed as Land Acquisition/Management Agent for the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission. Mileage vouchers enclosed.

January 1 - January 29, 1988:

Total miles - 164 miles @ \$.25 = \$41.00


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Little Calumet River Basin
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Flood control plan neglects Black Oak, resident says

By Barry Saunders

Staff writer

HIGHLAND — John Blee of Gary's Black Oak neighborhood feels the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission is all wet because of its plans to implement an \$80 million, federally funded flood control project without draining several hundred acres of land in Black Oak.

Blee, a member of Black Oak Citizens for Better Government, accused the commission of treating Gary, and specifically Black Oak, like unwanted stepchildren.

"We've been neglected for a long time," Blee said. He said he is optimistic the city will be treated more fairly by the commission now that Mayor Thomas V. Barnes has succeeded Mayor Richard G. Hatcher.

His main complaint, he said, is that none of the money earmarked for the flood control project will be spent on bridges, levees or drainage systems for Black Oak residents.

Blee said he would like some of the federal money used to drain land in Black Oak, especially from Grant to Chase streets, and to widen two bridges on Burr and Colfax streets.

Under the development commission's plans, he said, "They're using Gary as a retention basin to store water. That land could be used for some kind of development."

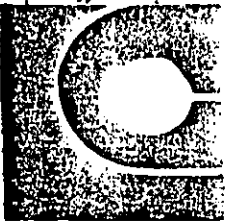
Dan Gardner, executive director of the commission, said Black Oak residents will benefit from the flood control project, construction of which is scheduled to begin in 1990.

"All residential areas will receive full and equal drainage protection," Gardner said. He said the federal project will include pumping stations to remove flood water and "it'll stop the Calumet River from overflowing from Hammond into Black Oak." In order for the pumping stations to have any effect on Black Oak, though, the county or city has to put a drainage system and storm sewers in the area.

Black Oak at present has no sewers or levees, he said.

The meeting at the commission's office in Highland was the first of the year and the first under new chairman John De Meo.

De Meo, who served as vice chairman last year, was elected unanimously at the start of the meeting.



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January 11, 1988

Mr. Howard V. Waters
Local Assistance Coordinator
LaPorte District
Indiana Dept. of Highways
P. O. Box 429
LaPorte, IN 46350

Dear Mr. Waters:

It has been brought to the attention of the Development Commission by several sources that the culvert under the Borman Expressway located at Fairbanks Street in the Black Oak section of Gary is severely clogged and direly in need of maintenance cleaning. This culvert functions to drain an extensive area north of the Borman to its outlet with the Little Calumet River south of the expressway.

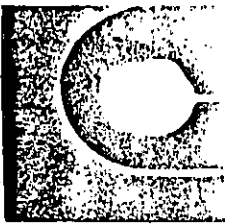
We request that this much needed maintenance project be scheduled at the Department's earliest possible opportunity.

I have included a general location map identifying the problem area. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 923-1118. Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Dan Gardner
Executive Director

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encl.



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Mr. Rickey J. Austin
Black Oak Citizens for Better
Government
5119 West 26th Avenue
Gary, IN 46406

Dear Mr. Austin:

Enclosed is a letter we have sent to the Indiana Department of Highways asking for cleaning of the culvert under the Borman Expressway. We would suggest that you and your community association contact this gentleman also to support the need for scheduling maintenance cleaning. Contact with your city council representative for additional support for State Highway action may prove helpful.

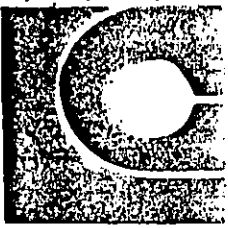
We will continue to pursue this cleaning project from the Commission. As we stated to you at the meeting, the long range flood control project will construct levees and pump stations to protect the Black Oak area, as well as all of Gary from flood waters of the Little Calumet River. I must stress, however, that the area must continue to pursue local drainage improvements to street drainage ditches or new storm sewers to handle water which will fall in the area and not be aided by the new levees. Our Commission is committed to full protection to the Gary area and will work with the city officials as well as the citizen groups to achieve this.

Please call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Dan Gardner
Executive Director

/sjm
cc: Arlene Colvin



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Hammond Street Department
601 Conkey Street
Hammond, IN 46324

Dear Sirs:

The Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission wishes to express gratitude for a job well done by the Hammond Street Department personnel in clearing debris from the abandoned Erie R.R. bridge crossing of the Little Calumet River at Indianapolis Blvd. Through the leadership of former Hammond Councilman and Development Commission member George Carlson, this situation was pursued and successfully addressed.

Sincerely,

Dan Gardner
Executive Director

/sjm

Council Meeting: January 14, 1988

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF WATER
Indianapolis, Indiana

Docket No. B-10198

Application Date: October 12, 1987

TITLE: HARRISON STREET BRIDGE OVER LITTLE CALUMET RIVER
NEAR GARY

OWNER: Lake County Commissioners

ENGINEER: Congdon Engineering
8777 Purdue Road, Suite 113
Indianapolis, Indiana 46268-3104

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant proposes to replace an unsafe crossing for Harrison Street near Gary.

Existing Structure: A 52 foot single span precast concrete beam structure approximately 47 feet in width. Low structure is at elevation 595.8 feet, M.S.L. The existing bridge and wing-walled abutments are skewed 25 degrees which does not align the bridge with the stream flow. The structure has an effective waterway opening of 410 square feet below the low structure elevation 595.8 feet, M.S.L. The existing structure will be removed.

Proposed Structure: A 52 foot single span prestressed composite box beam bridge with a low structure elevation of 596.0 feet, M.S.L. The proposed bridge will be skewed 0 degrees to be aligned with the stream flow and will have 480 square feet of effective flow area below the 100-year frequency flood elevation of 596.0 feet, M.S.L. The new structure will maintain the same roadway width of 47 feet. There will be no in-channel excavation as part of this project.

LOCATION: Harrison Street bridge near Gary, Lake County
NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 21, Township 36 North, Range 8 West
Gary Quadrangle Map
UTMN = 600150, UTME = 470100

DRAINAGE AREA: Indeterminate, due to unique conditions in this area.

HYDROLOGY: Recorded historic flood information indicates that the October 1954 and April 1947 floods reached elevations of 593.5 and 592.0 feet, mean sea level, (M.S.L.), respectively, at the site. Based on detailed studies, it has been determined that the 100-year frequency flood would reach an elevation of about 596.0 feet, M.S.L., at the site. The 100-year frequency discharge is 495 cfs.

COMMENTS BY DIVISIONS: The following review comments have been submitted concerning the above-referenced project:

Division of Water: The applicant proposes to replace an existing, deteriorating structure which has insufficient load carrying capacity. The new structure will provide an additional 17% flow area by aligning the bridge with the stream flow. The dimensions of the new structure are nearly the same as the existing structure, however, the new alignment will provide more effective flow through the bridge. The low structure member of the proposed bridge is at an elevation equal to the 100-year frequency flood elevation, 596.0 feet, M.S.L. The applicant indicated that the bridge is currently elevated above the surrounding area and raising the structure would require the raising of additional roadways within the bridge construction limits.

The proposed structure will have 495 cfs passing the site at a velocity of nearly 1 foot per second, with no significant surcharge. The hydrologic conditions of this area provide a flood with low velocity. The proposed structure should be properly anchored to prevent dislodging during flood conditions. The proposed structure will maintain the efficiency of the floodway and will not increase flood stages.

Division of Fish and Wildlife: Fish, wildlife and botanical resource losses as a result of this project should be minimal and reasonable if the following conditions are met: There should be a minimum of bank clearing and removal of woody vegetation in the area. There should be no excavation in the low flow channel except for the placement of piers, foundations, rip-rap or removal of old structure. During construction, measures should be taken to prevent erosion and siltation of the stream due to runoff. All bare and disturbed areas should be revegetated with a suitable mixture of grasses and legumes at the close of construction to prevent erosion.

Division of Forestry: No significant impact upon commercial timber resources anticipated.

Division of Nature Preserves: The Nature Preserve and Natural Heritage Program data base shows that there are no dedicated nature preserves, no known high quality natural areas, and no species of plants or animals that are considered rare, threatened or endangered that will be affected by this project.

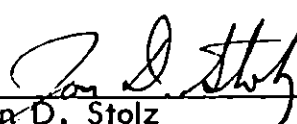
Division of Outdoor Recreation: This project will not directly affect any component of Indiana's Natural and Scenic Rivers System. No Land and Water Conservation Fund projects are affected by this action.

CONCLUSIONS:

The proposed project, with conditions specified in the RECOMMENDATION, will not unduly restrict the capacity of nor adversely affect the efficiency of the floodway, will not constitute an unreasonable hazard to the safety of life or property, and will not result in unreasonably detrimental effects upon the fish, wildlife or botanical resources.

December 8, 1987

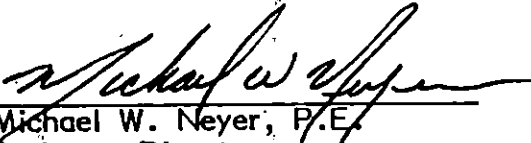
Date



Jon D. Stolz
Hydraulic Engineer

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the application be approved with the conditions that:

- (1) no felled trees, brush or other debris be left in the floodway of the stream
- (2) all disturbed areas be effectively protected from erosion during the construction period
- (3) disturbed areas be suitably revegetated or otherwise provided with permanent protection upon completion
- (4) the superstructure should be properly anchored to the substructure
- (5) no excavation in the low flow channel except for the placement of piers, foundations, or rip-rap
- (6) have the concurrence of Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission.


Michael W. Neyer, P.E.
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MARINA DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES

- Raise Midwest Steel railroad bridge allowing additional 4-5 feet of clearance for boat access.
- Complete sewer service extension to marina development site boundary.
- Cause relocation of General Telephone line located under Crisman Road within marina development site. Line needs to be lowered some 20-30 feet to allow for construction of marina basin.
- Abandon remaining public rights-of-way (city rights-of-way) within marina development site.
- Cause removal of remaining surplus sand from development site.
- Re-solicit and select marina development/operating entity (private/public).
 - Support selected entity with design & engineering funding
 - Developer responsible for design, construction, operation & maintenance through long term lease of land from Development Commission
- Work with Developer, City to achieve NIPSCO agreement with plan to allow more active use of NIPSCO right-of-way within development site boundaries.
- Have loan fund available for potential use by qualified marina development entity.
- Make road improvements to marina access route from Midwest Highway (249 spur) by construction of acceleration and deceleration lanes.

Marina funding appears safe

Planned Indianapolis Saks store may kill bill aimed at projects

By RICHARD BRYANT
Times Staff Writer

INDIANAPOLIS — State marina funding was kept afloat for at least another year today, thanks in part to Saks Fifth Avenue.

When the chic New York clothier announced Monday it would build an anchor store for Indianapolis' proposed Circle Centre Mall, it quelled doubts that private developers were serious about investing in

Indiana.

Saks announcement today led to the tabling of Senate Bill 182, which had sought to repeal state aid for many public-private economic development projects, including Centre City Mall and five Lake Michigan marinas.

Ironically, leading the fight to repeal those economic grants was Sen. Lawrence Borst, D-Indianapolis. Borst, who last year fought hard to approve the grants, in recent

days had questioned the need for such assistance since most of those appropriations have sat idle for a year, including almost \$12 million for marinas.

But Borst was wrong. Today the Senate Finance Committee heard plenty of requests to keep intact the state aid program, including pleas from Indianapolis Mayor William Hudnut III and several Northwest Indiana marina officials.

Public planners and private developers from across the state testified before the Senate panel that marinas are as important as malls and airports for Indiana's economic future, but all take time to get off the ground.

Lt. Gov. John Mutz attended the reception Tuesday hosted by the Lake Michigan Marina Development Commission, and praised the East Chicago and Michigan City lakefront developments as symbols of a "new era of cooperation" between cities, counties and state government.

Mutz also told Northwest Indiana lawmakers to oppose Borst's bill.

Although Borst tabled his own bill, he did promise to amend it so that there would be a time limit for cities and counties to apply for the these special state grants. If local officials didn't apply by that deadline, probably in one or two years, the money would revert back to the state.

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Threat to repeal loan authority softened



Borst

By Bob Ashley
Staff writer

INDIANAPOLIS — The chairman of the Senate Finance Committee softened his threat Wednesday to repeal state loan authority for five Lake Michigan marinas and a major downtown shopping mall in the state capital.

State Sen. Lawrence Borst, R-Indianapolis, concluded hearings into repealing the loan authority saying he intends instead to establish a deadline by which communities will have to apply for \$55.3 million in state loans.

Borst proposed in Senate Bill 182 to repeal loan authority of communities that had not applied by Jan. 1.

The legislation brought into question \$8.6 million scheduled for use by the Lake Michigan Marina Development Commission and \$30 million the city of Indianapolis wants to borrow to help

General Assembly

finance the Circle Center Mall project.

Other communities affected by the repeal measure included Evansville, Anderson, Decatur County and Terre Haute.

Representatives of the communities appeared Wednesday before Borst's committee to object to the repeal legislation.

"It's obvious the bill's intent was to get people's attention," said Robert Farag, chairman of marina commission. "He was trying to get some specific projects off dead center, whether that was the marinas, or the Indianapolis mall, I'm not going to say.

"But it made the communities aware (that loan authorization) is not something that's going to be there forever."

Although the loan applications will be submitted to the State Board of Finance by the individual communities, they must first be cleared by the Lake Michigan Marina Development Commission. East Chicago, Hammond, Gary, Portage and Michigan City have been chosen for marina funding.

The commission has established a July 1 deadline date for applications.

The loans were authorized by the 1987 General Assembly during a one-day special session in April.

The city of East Chicago received a \$3.7 million 10-year interest-free loan last fall to make up for the property taxes it lost through the bankruptcy of LTV Corp.

Borst said his threat to repeal

the loan authority was "a legislative technique to see if anybody is paying attention."

Borst said he worries that other communities might try to "piggyback" loans from a \$165 million state rainy day fund, thus hurting the state's standing with the national finance community. The fund's intent is to keep surplus tax revenue on hand to be used to balance the state's books during downturns in the national economy.

Borst also said that the failure of all but the city of East Chicago to apply for the loans caused him to wonder if the communities were still interested.

Farag said loan applications were slowed by a change in administration in three of the five cities that make up the marina development commission.

The marina cities, Farag said, "are moving deliberately and with speed to access these loans."

BOAT EXCISE TAX

H.B. 1109, which imposes a boat excise tax to replace the personal property tax on boats, was not afforded a hearing by the Chairman of the Ways & Means Committee, Rep. Patrick Kiely.

It could still be amended to a bill, whose sponsor is willing, during hearings of the Senate Finance Committee. Senator Dennis Neary has pursued this course of action with Finance Chairman, Senator Larry Borst. Lt. Gov. Mutz has also been asked to appeal to Senator Borst.

If the amended bill passes the Senate, it will be sent to the House for concurrence.

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January 29, 1988

REPLY TO

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PHONE 219-362-6125

Mr. Wilfred Sanchez
6th District City Councilman
Gary Common Council Office
401 Broadway (Room 209)
Gary, IN 46402

Dear Councilman Sanchez,

This letter is to confirm our telephone conversation of this morning with reference to the problems in the Borman Expressway area. The matter has been referred to the District Assistant Maintenance Engineer, John Perryman for appropriate action. The District Maintenance Engineer, William M. Stine is abreast of the problem also.

Please advise me of the progress of the situation.

Very truly yours,

Howard V. Waters
Local Assistant Coordinator

HVW:tlh

cc: Mr. Dan Gardner
Mr. Ricky J. Austin
File

STATE OF INDIANA

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INDIAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
166 North Senate Avenue
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Mr. Arthur A. Fendrick, Division Administrator
Federal Highway Administration
Room 254, Federal Office Building
575 North Pennsylvania Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Re: Project I-80-1(31)6, Structure Nos. 45, 46, and 47, Des. No. 75490,
Structures over the Little Calumet River on Grant Street at the south end
of the I-80/94 Interchange in Lake County.

Dear Sir:

The above referenced project involves the replacement of the structures which carry Grant Street and associated frontage roads over the Little Calumet River in Lake County. This letter discusses the project and is written as part of the early coordination phase of the environmental process. We are requesting your input and comments in your area of expertise regarding any environmentally damaging effects of this project in order to prepare an environmental study.

The existing structure consists of twin 72 inch diameter bituminous coated C.M. pipes which are continuous under Grant Street and the adjoining ramps, with separate pipes of the same size under the frontage road 120 feet east and 395 feet west of the Grant Street centerline. The pipes, built in 1962, are skewed slightly to the left under Grant Street but square under the frontage roads. The pipes are in good condition except for a 1 to 2 inch settlement indicated by transverse cracks in the Grant Street pavement at the pipes. Previous plans indicate peat excavation in this location. The structure's estimated remaining life is 15 to 20 years.

The existing approaches include on-and-off-ramps to I-80/94 which tie into Grant Street at the structure. The horizontal alignment of Grant Street is tangent and the vertical alignment is a standard sag curve. The pavement is concrete within the interchange. The mainline has four lanes at 12 feet each, with a four foot wide concrete median curb. South of the structure the mainline changes to a bituminous section with four lanes at 12 foot each, no median, no shoulders, a merging lane and ramp turning lane. Grant Street was resurfaced recently but the edges are deteriorated in some areas. The ramp in the northwest quadrant appears to have sunken 3-5 inches below Grant Street and provides an uneven ride at the connection to Grant Street. Shoulder treatment is irregular along the project length.

The west frontage road is 20 feet wide, bituminous at the channel, gravel beyond the channel, built on a crest curve at the channel, and centered 395 feet from the Grant Street centerline. The east frontage road is 20 feet wide, bituminous, level, and centered 120 feet from the Grant Street centerline. Its west sideslope and bituminous edge are undercut and failing.

Two project alternatives are being considered. Alternate number one, the preferred alternate, calls for a project length of 450 feet to be centered at the channel, plus 100 feet of incidental construction at each end. The existing alignment and roadway width will be maintained using wedge and leveling. The proposed structure is a multiple box culvert providing a 224 square foot waterway opening, as recommended by the 1985 U.S. Army Corps of Engineer's Little Calumet Drainage Study. Equivalent sized steel plate pipe arches may be an alternate, but would require more channel widening. The NIPSCO property within the clear zone of the SW quadrant will be protected by a guardrail requiring a headwall with concrete barrier rail at the culvert. Ditches in the northwest, northeast, and southeast quadrants will be required. A five foot sidewalk or a five foot railing offset at the west ramp may be required. A clear zone safety slope is required on the east side.

The east frontage road project length will be 250 feet plus 100 feet incidental for providing the required safety shoulders and multiple culverts. The use of 2:1 sideslopes at the channel will enable the ditches to tie into the channel between Grant Street and the frontage road; or, the culvert may be made continuous from Grant Street to the east frontage road which would require relocation of the ditches on this side of the structure. Roadway width will be two lanes at ten feet each, with two foot graded shoulders.

The west frontage road project length will be 300 feet plus 100 feet incidental for providing vertical alignment, safety shoulders, and multiple culverts. The required roadway width is two lanes at ten feet each, with two foot graded shoulders. Reasons for the removal of pipes and closure of access north of the channel on the west side of the structure, per the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers 1985 Little Calumet River Drainage Study, will be investigated.

The existing field entrance in the NE quadrant and the utility access road in the SW quadrant will be maintained.

Total new right-of-way required for this alternate amounts to less than one half acre. Because about .05 acre of parkland will be needed (from Gleason Park), a 4(f) statement will be prepared.

Alternate number two will replace the existing pipes at Grant Street with a slab structure 70 - 75 feet long with a clear roadway of approximately 120 feet on the north end and 102 feet on the south end. This structure type is required only if soil conditions are unsuitable for culverts. The frontage roads will be the same as in alternate one because they are not required to carry the same loads as at Grant Street.

It is anticipated that this structure will be constructed in 1993. A decision concerning the method of maintenance of traffic during construction has not yet been made, however, phase construction of Grant Street and temporary closure or temporary runaround of the ramps is being investigated. If a temporary runaround is to be used, it will be placed on the east side of the structure.

Land use in the project area is commercial, agricultural, wooded, and recreational.

There are three types of wetlands present in and around the project area. The Little Calumet River is classified as a riverine, lower perennial, unconsolidated bottom, water regime-permanent, dredged wetland. Associated areas are classified as palustrine, emergent, narrow-leaved persistent, water regime-semipermanent wetland of cattail, and, palustrine, forested, broad-leaved deciduous, water regime-saturated wetland of quaking aspen and Salix spp.

There are no natural areas within a five mile radius of the project area. Within Gary there are five properties listed on or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. These are the Gary Land Company Building, the Miller Town Hall, the John Stewart Settlement House, the Gary Knights of Columbus Hall, and the West Fifth Avenue Apartments Historic District. As none of these properties is located in the vicinity of the project area they will not be affected by this project.

Your assistance with the development of this project is appreciated. If no response is received within 60 days, it will be assumed that your agency has no comments regarding this project. Should your agency find it necessary to request a reasonable extension of time, it shall be granted.

Sincerely,

Linville R. Sadler

Linville R. Sadler, Chief
Division of Location and Environment

FOR: John P. Isenbarger
Director

JPI/LRS/FNB/bf

attachments

cc: Mr. John P. Isenbarger

ATTENDANCE ROSTER

Name of meeting: LCRBDC

Date: 2/4/88

	NAME (please print)	Organization and/or Address	
1	TERRY MC CLOSKEY	12 AAK WALTON LEAGUE	1
2	Tom Webber	Lefty's Coho Landing	2
3	Robert T Frum Jr.	" " "	3
4	Pete Zak	So. Shore Marina	4
5	Mary Jane Zak	South Shore Marina Inc	5
6	STEPHEN F. DAVIS	INDIANA DNR	6
7	Richard J. Bundy	Salmon Unlimited of Ar	7
8	RICKEY S. AUSTIN	BLACK OAK CITIZENS FOR BETTER GOVERNMENT	8
9	John Blee	BLACK OAK 2365 SHERMAN ST GARY Ind	9
10	Don & Elinor Ewen	2250 W 35TH AVE GARY	10
11	Ernie Davis	LCRBC	11
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Chairman: John DeMeo

Location: 8149 Kennedy Ave.
Highland, IN 46322

LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

M O N T H L Y B U D G E T R E P O R T F O R F E B R U A R Y M E E T I N G

BUDGET CODE	BUDGET CATEGORY	BUDGET AMOUNT	AMOUNT PAID PREVIOUSLY	UNPAID BALANCE	AMOUNT READY FOR PAYMENT	PROJECTED BALANCE
119	PER DIEM EXPENSES	16000.00	0.00	16000.00	0.00	16000.00
311	LEGAL SERVICES	7500.00	283.33	7216.67	283.33	6933.34
312	NIRPC SERVICES	94000.00	200.00	93800.00	5624.55	88175.45
323	TRAVEL & MILEAGE	6000.00	0.00	6000.00	76.77	5923.23
331	PRINTING & ADVERTISING	2500.00	0.00	2500.00	28.00	2472.00
341	BONDS & INSURANCE	7500.00	0.00	7500.00	0.00	7500.00
361	EMERGENCY MAINTENANCE COST	3500.00	0.00	3500.00	0.00	3500.00
399	MEETING EXPENSES	3000.00	0.00	3000.00	0.00	3000.00
411	LEGAL SERVICES - ACQUISITION	50000.00	0.00	50000.00	2640.00	47360.00
412	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	100000.00	1005.64	98994.36	18786.00	80208.36
413	LAND PURCHASE COSTS	2627412.00	2462.62	2624949.38	175.00	2624774.38
414	LAND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	150000.00	0.00	150000.00	0.00	150000.00
415	BURNS BREAKWATER CONSTRUCTION	2128.00	0.00	2128.00	0.00	2128.00
416	STRUCT. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	40000.00	0.00	40000.00	0.00	40000.00
417	PROPERTY/STRUCTURES INSURANCE	25000.00	0.00	25000.00	0.00	25000.00
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BUDGET CODE	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	EXPLANATION OF CLAIM
311	LOUIS CASALE	283.33	ATTORNEY RETAINER FEE JANUARY 1988
312	NIRPC	5424.55	ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES INCURRED DECEMBER 1987
312	NIRPC	200.00	ROOM RENTAL FEBRUARY 1988
323	EMBASSY SUITES HOTEL	76.77	COST INCURRED RE: LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING ON 1/12/88
331	HAL LIEBER'S TROPHY	28.00	PURCHASE PRICE FOR PLAQUE RE: OUTGOING CHAIRMAN
411	LOUIS CASALE	2640.00	LAND ACQUISITION LEGAL SERVICES INCURRED JANUARY 1988
412	ROBERT B. STOUFFER	1803.00	LAND ACQUISITION/MANAGEMENT SERVICES RENDERED DECEMBER 1987
412	WILLIAM T. DAVIES	180.00	SURVEYING SERVICES PERFORMED ON TRACT 12 OF BURNS DITCH
412	CHICAGO TITLE INSURANCE	150.00	TITLE WORK INCURRED ON DC 60 E.J. & E RR CO.
412	HARRIS WELSH & LUKMANN	2700.00	LEGAL FEES INCURRED DURING TRIAL LCRBDC VS. FRUMM
412	IN DEPT. NAT. RESOURCES	13500.00	COST OF OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF STREAM GAGING STATIONS
412	ROBERT B. STOUFFER	448.00	LAND ACQUISITION/MANAGEMENT SERVICES 1/4-7/88
412	CHICAGO TITLE INSURANCE	5.00	TITLE WORK INCURRED ON DC125 MONARCH OIL
413	TEMPLE ISREAL	175.00	PURCHASE PRICE OF PROPERTY DC 112 0.43 ACRES
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