

Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission

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Appointment

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Appointment

DAN GARDNER
Executive Director

MEETING NOTICE

THERE WILL BE A MEETING OF THE
LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
AT 6:30 P.M. THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 1988
AT THE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION OFFICE
8149 KENNEDY AVENUE, HIGHLAND, INDIANA

A G E N D A

1. Call to Order by Chairman John DeMeo
2. Recognition of Visitors, Guests
3. Approval of minutes of May 5, 1988 meeting.
4. Reports of Standing Committees
 - A. Finance/Policy Committee -
Arlene Colvin, Chairperson
 - Financial status report
 - Approval of claims for May, 1988
 - Other issues
 - B. Legislative Committee - George Carlson,
Chairman
 - News Articles on Congressional funding
 - Update of legislative issues
 - Other issues

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yellow knit jacket*

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

- Land Acquisition Committee meeting at 5:30 p.m.
- Appraisals, offers, acquisitions, recommended actions
- Bids received for road paving at Lake Etta
- Erie R.R. bridge improvements update
- Report on meeting with Lake Station Park Sup't.
- Other issues

D. Interim Flood Control/Planning Committee -
Clyde Baughard, Chairman

- Tour of river project areas on 5/21
- Meeting with Lake County Surveyor, Lake County Highway Dept.

E. Breakwaters/Marina Committee -
Bill Tanke, Chairman

- Committee meeting promptly at 5:30 p.m.
- Meeting with Mayor Maletta on May 6
- Meeting held at Midwest re: "green belt" on May 10
- Other issues

5. Other Business

6. Statements to Board from the floor

7. Set date for next meeting, adjournment

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MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
HELD AT 6:30 P.M. THURSDAY, MAY 5, 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 ten Commissioners present. Guests were recognized and quorum was declared.

Development Commissioners:

John DeMeo
William Critser
George Carlson
Charles Agnew
Jack Swike
Arlene Colvin
Clyde Baughard
Doyle Niemeyer
Jerry Pagac
David Springman

Visitors:

Harold Mauger - Gary
Barry Saunders - Post Tribune
Rob Pleva - Lake County Parks
Planning Dept.
Larry Illingworth - Munster
M/M Pete Zak - South Shore
Marina, Portage
Jerry Pearson - The Times

Staff:

Dan Gardner
Bruce Stouffer
Lou Casale
Sandy Mordus

A motion was made by Clyde Baughard to approve the minutes of the April 7th meeting; seconded by Chuck Agnew; motion passed unanimously.

Finance/Policy Committee - Treasurer Arlene Colvin presented the financial report for March as well as the claims. Arlene Colvin made a motion to approve the claims as presented; seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously.

Legislative Committee - Committee Chairman George Carlson reported on his attendance, along with Dan Gardner and attorney Lou Casale at a meeting in Indianapolis on April 28th with the State Budget Agency staff. Also in attendance were representatives from the Governor's Office, DNR, Dept. of Commerce, Senator Lugar & Qualye's Office and the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers. The topic was discussing the implications of the Commission's signing of the Agreement and discussing the future non-Federal financial requirements. Since the State Highway Dept. was not represented, another meeting will be scheduled to stress their much needed support and commitment.

Regarding the Local Cooperation Agreement, language is still in the process of being worked out to both the Corps and the Development Commission's satisfaction.

Mr. Carlson referred to the testimony given by Congressman Peter Visclosky before the House Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development Committee on Appropriations held April 12, 1988 (testimony was contained in agenda packet).

Dan Gardner spoke on the critical need to obtain a commitment from the State Highway Dept. on the scheduling of bridge replacements. These bridge replacements must be phased in at the same time as the levee systems are constructed. Mr. Gardner will work toward scheduling a meeting with the Highway Dept.

Staff was directed to do a mailing to legislators informing them of the latest project developments and status which was discussed at the meeting with the Budget staff.

Mr. Gardner referred to the handout distributed at the meeting in Indianapolis (contained in packet). He continued to explain the amount of monies needed over the next four bienniums, which will be a minimum of \$2 million each biennium. Jerry Pagac commented that right now the legislators are putting together their budget for the next two years. Therefore, contact with them should be made as soon as possible.

Mr. Gardner met with the Northwest Indiana Forum to update them on the project and enlist their support.

Land Acquisition/Management Committee - Committee Chairman Chuck Agnew reported the property closing of DC65 and announced the upcoming closing of DC208 (EJ&E) on May 27th.

Attorney is working toward obtaining quit claim deeds to assume ownership of the Erie R.R. bridge at Indpls. Blvd. George Carlson stated that \$6,000 is remaining in Community Block Grant funds that may still be available to remove 3 piers from the Erie bridge. Mr. Carlson will pursue this possibility with the city of Hammond.

Mr. Agnew reported that a reply has been received from the Gary Park Dept. attorney, Julian Allen, in regard to lands that have been acquired by Gary Park Dept. and those lands remaining to be acquired needed for the flood control/recreation project.

Mr. Agnew reported that the small pump on farm land previously owned by Don Ewen has been repaired at a cost of \$900 and is now working satisfactorily.

A motion was made by Chuck Agnew to authorize staff to send Permission to Appraise forms to those property owners in Tolleston Club Properties and to assign an appraiser to perform those appraisals.

Interim Flood Control Committee - Committee Chairman Clyde Baughard reported that the Northcote Avenue bridge will be replaced, probably this year. Congdon Engineering Associates is the engineering firm performing the preliminary plans for the new bridge structure. Jerry Pagac inquired about sidewalk width. The proposed sidewalk structure is 5'6". Since the trail width is 8', he suggested that possibly the sidewalk should be the same. Staff will investigate the possibility of making the sidewalk wider.

Mr. Baughard reported that the Lake County Drainage Board is pursuing obtaining a Corps permit for the dredging from Indianapolis to Kennedy.

Mr. Baughard also reported that the project of securing a Corps permit for Penn Central culverts removal is ongoing. This project is spearheaded by the Little Calumet River Basin Commission.

Breakwaters/Marina Committee - Dan Gardner reported that he and Bill Tanke met with Mayor Maletta. Discussion was centered on the city's position concerning Portage money from the Lake Michigan Marina Development Commission, NIPSCO lots and relocation of telephone lines. (A copy of a letter has been received from the Portage attorney that was sent to General Telephone requesting relocation of the line.)

The city of Portage has engaged a firm, TESKA, to perform a land use study for the Portage marina zone.

Doyle Niemeyer reported that he attended a reception sponsored by the Lake Michigan Marina Development Commission hosted for the State Budget Committee on April 21st. The Committee met in northwest Indiana and toured a few of the sites that were funded with State money. The reception was held at the new Pastrick East Chicago marina. Northwest Indiana legislators were invited. The mayors each spoke in support of marinas; Mayor Maletta represented the Development Commission as well as Portage.

Mr. Gardner indicated his desire to organize a briefing/update session on the flood control/recreation project for the legislators late this summer.

Mr. Gardner reported that Lefty's Coho Landing petitioned the Portage Plan Commission to have rights-of-way vacated west of the waterway and was granted the petition. The Development Commission is not affected at all by this vacation of rights-of-way.

A letter is contained in the packet from Midwest Steel relating their concern regarding the water intake pipe that goes under the breakwater to their plant.

Mr. Gardner announced he would attend an informational meeting concerning the recent activity at National Steel's green belt landfill.

Mr. Gardner stated that Dave Hunter, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, informed him that Congressman Visclosky had met with Sec. of Army for Civil Works Page and had strongly voiced spending dollars only for design of the 3A plan. Sec. Page is concerned about reducing the overall cost of the project; Congressman Visclosky is concerned about implementing the plan which was authorized and signed by the President, that being 3A, which provides complete flood protection for Gary.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, June 2.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned 7:30 p.m. by a motion from Clyde Baughard; seconded by George Carlson.

/sjm

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JANUARY 1, 1988 - APRIL 30, 1988

CASH POSITION - JANUARY 1, 1988

Checking Account	
Land Acquisition	\$ 43,505.08
General Fund	38,699.96
Tax Fund	1,707.50
Investments	<u>868,500.00</u>

\$952,412.54

RECEIPTS: January 1, 1988 - April 30, 1988

Lease Rents	\$ 10,183.89
Interest	19,967.30
Land Acquisition	63,050.18
Taxes	<u>1,197.22</u>

TOTAL RECEIPTS:

\$ 94,398.59

DISBURSEMENTS: January 1, 1988 - April 30, 1988

1987 Expenses paid in 1988	\$ 22,874.98
Per Diem	212.00
Legal Service	1,283.32
NIRPC	17,652.76
Taxes	2,764.88
Travel & Mileage	141.27
Printing & Advertising	208.00
Bonds & Insurance	481.00
Meeting Expense	337.03
L/A Legal Services	10,191.00
L/A Professional Services	
(a) Appraisal Services	150.00
(b) Surveying Services	3,830.00
(d) Land Purchase Contractural	16,264.67
(e) Operational Contractural	9,606.89
L/A Land Purchase Cost	<u>31,055.31</u>

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:

\$117,053.11

CASH POSITION - APRIL 30, 1988

Checking Account	
Land Acquisition	\$ 23,129.31
General Fund	17,988.87
Tax Fund	139.84
Investments	<u>888,500.00</u>

\$929,758.02



**NORTHWESTERN INDIANA
REGIONAL
PLANNING COMMISSION**

8149 Kennedy Ave.
Highland, Indiana 46322

219-923-1060
312-731-2646

DATE: May 13, 1988

ORGANIZATION: LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN
DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

PROJECT: FOR SERVICES PERFORMED DURING April 1988

CONTRACT NO: P1.01

CONTRACT CODE: 952

INVOICE NO: P1.01.04

I N V O I C E

Project Salaries (Dan Gardner/Sandy Mordus) @ 75%	\$ 2,460.41
Associated OH Charges @ 35% of Project Salaries	861.14
Staff Mileage/Expenses	217.98
Room Rental (June 1988)	200.00
Accounting Service	150.00
Graphics/Printing Time @ \$15/hr. (Attachments)	48.75
Telephone: Local Service	60.00
Telephone: Billable Charges (Attachments) (Estimate March-April Sprint)	88.54
Postage	56.97
Copying Charges @ \$.07 per copy	37.59
Material Costs (Attachments)	13.87
Other Costs (Attachments) (Petty Cash)	50.71
Total April 1988 Costs	\$ 4,245.96
Outstanding Payment Due	-0-

Total Payment Due \$ 4,245.96

Robert B. Stouffer

14803 GERRY PLACE, CROWN POINT, INDIANA 46307

May 20, 1988

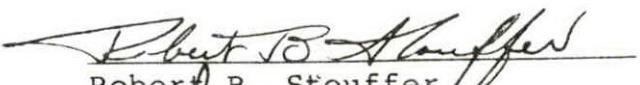
TO: Dan Gardner, Executive Director
Little Calumet River Basin
Development Commission
8149 Kennedy Avenue
Highland, Indiana 46322

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.


May 2	-	7 hours	-	\$112
May 3	-	7 hours	-	\$112
May 4	-	7 hours	-	\$112
May 5	-	9.5 hours	-	\$152
May 6	-	7 hours	-	\$112
May 9	-	7 hours	-	\$112
May 10	-	7 hours	-	\$112
May 11	-	5 hours	-	\$ 80
May 12	-	7 hours	-	\$112
May 13	-	7 hours	-	\$112
May 16	-	7 hours	-	\$112
May 17	-	7 hours	-	\$112
May 18	-	7 hours	-	\$112
May 19	-	7 hours	-	\$112
May 20	-	7 hours	-	\$112

Total hours. . .105.5 hours

Total payment due \$1,688


Robert B. Stouffer

APPROVED:


Dan Gardner
Executive Director
Little Calumet River Basin
Development Commission

Robert B. Stouffer

14803 GERRY PLACE, CROWN POINT, INDIANA 4

May 27, 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.


May 23	-	7 hours	-	\$112
May 24	-	7 hours	-	\$112
May 25	-	7 hours	-	\$112
May 26	-	7 hours	-	\$112
May 27	-	7 hours	-	\$112

Total hours. . . 35 hours

Total payment due \$560


Robert B. Stouffer

APPROVED:


Dan Gardner
Executive Director
Little Calumet River Basin
Development Commission

U.S. water project funding hits dry spell

WASHINGTON (AP)—The budget crunch hit the congressional pork barrel Wednesday as the House Appropriations Committee decreed there would be no money next year to start construction of new water projects.

Committee members and staffers said it was the first time in their memory that all requests for new dams, harbors and irrigation systems—costly items that give lawmakers bragging rights back home—had been refused by the panel.

Another major casualty in the House appropriations bill is the administration's request for \$363 million to start construction of the superconducting supercollider, a multibillion-dollar physics project that would explore theories of matter.

The Appropriations Committee voted \$100 million to keep planning alive but said the next president should decide whether to proceed and how to pay for the huge project.

The no-new-starts position was adopted when the committee approved its first fiscal 1989 spending bill, a \$17.8 billion plan to finance the Department of Energy, Army Corps of Engineers, Bureau of Reclamation and a handful of other agencies.

The unusual austerity resulted from last year's budget summit at which the White House and con-

gressional leaders agreed on a two-year blueprint designed to cut mounting federal deficits, said Rep. Tom Bevill (D., Ala.).

"This has been the most difficult appropriations bill we've ever put together," said Bevill, chairman of the energy and water development subcommittee.

Rep. Vic Fazio (D., Calif.) said the action could spell an end to an old Capitol Hill juggling act that funded new projects at low levels in order to get them started and satisfy as many member requests as possible.

"Those days are over," Fazio said. "Maybe the 'T' word—taxes—needs to be mentioned. We've run out of room."

Bevill said the committee's hands were tied by the budget summit's targets and an agreement that there would be no reductions for defense-related nuclear activities by the Energy Department.

Because those costs total about \$8.1 billion, Bevill said, there was little discretionary money for new projects after financing other activities, such as continued work on some 400 water projects already under construction and the expense of operating and maintaining hundreds more.

"There just isn't a dollar left," added Rep. John Myers of Indiana, the ranking Republican on Bevill's subcommittee. "This is by far the toughest year we've had."

Indiana digest

Congress OKs \$1.8 million for water projects in region

The U.S. House of Representatives has approved more than \$1.8 million in funding for Army Corps of Engineers water projects in Northwest Indiana. Funding for the projects still faces a vote in the Senate.

The projects were part of a \$17.8 billion appropriation for corps water projects, Department of Energy programs, and the Bureau of Reclamation.

The largest appropriation, \$1.37 million, was for continued breakwater repair, dredging and stone placement at the Port of Indiana/Burns International Harbor in Portage.

The bill includes \$240,000 for the final study on the Little Calumet River flood control project. The study must be completed before construction can begin, said Rudy Murrieta, a spokesman for Rep. Peter Visclosky, D-Merrillville.

Also, \$165,000 was approved for a beach monitoring program and surveys in the Portage-Burns Waterway small boat harbor. Another \$55,000 will go for repair of the east breakwater at the harbor in Michigan City. The bill contains \$30,000 for continued revetment repair in Beverly Shores.

House approves funding

By JOYCE HACKEL
States News Service

WASHINGTON — The House approved nearly \$2 million for Northwest Indiana water projects Tuesday.

The projects were part of a massive \$17.8 billion Energy and Water Development Appropriations bill for fiscal 1989.

Area projects to be funded include:

- ☐ \$1,373,000 for continued breakwater repair, dredging and stone placement in Burns Harbor.
- ☐ \$240,000 for the final study on the Little Calumet River flood control, prior to the beginning of construction.
- ☐ \$165,000 to carry out a beach monitoring program and survey in the Burns Waterway Small Boat Harbor.
- ☐ \$87,000 to provide budget authority for the Corps to complete studies on dredging the Indiana Harbor Ship Canal.
- ☐ \$55,000 for the repair of the east breakwater at the harbor in Michigan City.
- ☐ \$30,000 for continued revetment repair in Beverly Shores.

The House bill virtually eliminates funding for new civilian projects in 1989, including no funding for construction starts by the Corps of Engineers, Bureau of Reclamation, or any civilian Department of Energy projects. The legislation must be passed by the Senate and signed by the president before it becomes law.

Area officials map needs for flood control projects

By JERRY PEARSON
Times Staff Writer

HIGHLAND — Area officials have penciled in bottom line costs to control flooding along the Little Calumet River.

The Little Calumet flood control plan will need \$6 million to finish 20 years of planning, members of the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission said Thursday.

The figures are part of a new analysis that examines what it will take to complete the flood control project. Commission members hope to get the money from the state.

The commission discussed contacting the Northwest Indiana

Forum and area legislators to line up support for the money.

"I think we're in pretty good shape," said Dan Gardner, executive director of the commission. "We'll probably need \$2 million (of that \$6 million) in the next biennial period of the legislature," he said.

Seven years ago, a flooded Little Calumet shut down the Borman Expressway and left millions of dollars in damages to area property owners.

The plan calls for building higher embankments, dredging and widening the river, adding pumping stations and improving drainage.

Much of the project's \$80 mil-

lion cost will be shouldered by the state and federal government, Gardner said, but federal laws call for local officials to pay 5 percent of the overall project cost to get the federal project money.

A total of \$3.5 million has already been allocated for the project by legislators, Gardner said.

He said the local portion of the cost will call for \$9 million, including:

- \$1.5 million to buy riverfront land for the project. Some land, already undeveloped, will be used for recreational purposes, he said.
- \$2.8 million to rebuild bridges and culverts.
- \$1.5 million to relocate utility lines and facilities along the river.

Marina developers win prelim petition okay

By Greg Lenburg

Two Portage marina developers won preliminary approval of an amended joint petition Tuesday night (April 26), even though they failed to present preliminary plans for their project.

The Portage Plan Commission had asked Lefty's Coho Landing, Inc., and Robert Rupert to present the plans, at the city engineer's recommendation, after it delayed action April 13 on the developers' street vacation petition.

An attorney representing a property owner had charged if planners vacated the undeveloped streets, his client and others would not be guaranteed access to their land.

The developers had never presented preliminary plans to planners showing new roads to be dedicated for the project. He wanted the petition denied.

At Tuesday's special meeting, Attorney John Peters, representing the developers, told the planners his clients were unable to

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Marina

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return with the requested plans because the engineer hired to draft them had to be hospitalized for tests.

Instead, on behalf of the developers, he offered an amended petition to vacate portions of five undeveloped streets. The amended petition excluded the undedicated streets that surround the land owned by Dr. Leo Cooper of Griffith and the estate of Katherine Deck, said Peters.

Cooper's and Deck's property is located north of a Northern Indiana Public Service Company right-of-way between U.S. 12 and the Burns Waterway.

Peters assured planners the petition would not deny Cooper or Deck's estate access to their properties. "Our intention is still to replat the area (showing new roads to be dedicated)," he said.

Later, in the meeting, Bobby Frumm, Jr., of Lefty's, said the developers want to dig a basin for a marina on property, south of the right-of-way.

Two property owners have signed agreements, saying they do not object to the developers' plans, and the developers have agreed to construct new roads, providing them with access, he said.

The developer's lack of plans, however, upset many planners, specifically David Highlands, and Attorney William Suarez, who represents the Deck estate.

"This (lack of specific plans) has been dragging on for months. I'm not voting in

favor of anything," said a livid, disappointed Highlands.

Suarez charged the developers' petition would still "landlock" his client, and asked for the amended request to be denied.

Again, Suarez requested planners have the developers' present preliminary plans, showing new roads to be dedicated for the marina and access to existing land not owned by them.

Ray, too, said he still wanted to see the plans.

Developers' representatives countered the commission perhaps wasn't interested in a marina in Portage in view of their reluctance to approve the amended petition.

By a 6-3 vote, planners gave preliminary approval to vacating the streets, south of right-of-way, pending the developers' presentation of plans to the board.

Final approval of the street vacation request was recommended to Portage City Council.

Highlands, Ingrid Curtiss, and Kenneth Kendall voted to deny the petition since the developers failed to produce the plans as requested.

Developers cannot begin construction until after planners and the council approve the preliminary plans, and the city issues permits, however.

Almost all planners said they supported a marina, but want to see concrete plans other than conceptual drawings.

Public access coming to port fishing area

Portage area residents will soon have easier access to public fishing land sites at the Port of Indiana.

The State Budget Committee recently appropriated over \$111,000 for rehabilitation of public access sites and public fishing areas around the Port of Indiana, State Representative Ralph Ayres (R-Chesterton) announced last Friday, April 22.

"We have worked for many years to make access to these areas easier for the public," said Ayres. "Water-related activities are very popular in this part of the state, so this was an important project to residents in the area."

Although funding for the project was included in the 1987 biennial budget, a recommendation was needed from the State Budget Committee before any action could, Ayres said.

The committee recommendations goes to the governor, whose expected approval will give the green light to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources to begin the project.

"I am very pleased that money was available to pay for the materials needed to make this project a reality," said Ayres.

State Senator William Costas (R-Valparaiso) and State Representative Esther Wilson (D-Portage) helped Ayres in getting funding approved, according to him.

"We had to sort of baby this thing all the way along," Ayres said.

The money will be used to build access roads and parking areas, to install safety devices and to provide for handicap access, according to Ayres.

Indiana's lopsided tax on boats may be changed soon

By Rich James
Staff writer

New Buffalo, Mich., is just up the road a piece from Hammond or Portage or Michigan City.

It is a short, rather picturesque ride, whether it be by car or boat. But, despite their proximity, the towns are worlds apart to the Indiana boat owner.

Owning a boat in Indiana is an expensive pastime, compared to what it costs in Michigan, Illinois, Ohio and Kentucky. The May property tax bills can put a damper on summer fun in the sun on the water in Indiana.

However, there may be a change coming.

Indiana, unlike its neighbors, levies a personal property tax on boats. Michigan, Illinois and Ohio impose minimal registration fees on boats. Kentucky uses a modified property tax.

The Indiana tax is considerably more expensive.

A Lake County resident, for example, would pay a minimum of \$1,000 annually in boat tax on a 25-foot boat. Registering and storing the same boat in Michigan would cost about \$60.

The Lake Michigan Marina Development Commission and the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission say the Indiana tax will restrict development of the marine industry in Lake, Porter and LaPorte counties.

Indiana must tax its boat owners. The constitution requires either a property or excise tax.



Wolek

Dobis

While the tax doesn't necessarily restrict people from mooring in Indiana waters, it does force many to store boats out of state, taking substantial storage and winter repair fees and jobs away from Indiana marina commission officials say.

A variety of state and local officials will convene in Indianapolis June 9 to work out differences over a proposal to impose an excise tax in lieu of the property tax.

The working model is a bill introduced by state Rep. Chester Dobis, D-Merrillville, during the 1988 General Assembly. It didn't get a hearing.

Dobis said it appears the two sides are coming together.

According to the proposal, the \$1,000 personal property tax on a 25-foot boat in Lake County, which has the highest average

Boat tax

tax rate in the state, would be converted to a \$150 excise tax.

Township assessors and legislators from areas where there are heavy boat registrations have been the prime opponents of change, fearing loss of tax revenue.

There are substantial numbers of boats registered in popular northern Indiana vacation spots near Lake Shafer in White County, Lake Maxinkuckee in Marshall County and Lake Wawasee in Kosciusko County, said longtime Hobart Township Assessor Paul Leon Wolek.

Wolek said that while it is still expensive to store boats in those areas, the tax rates are considerably lower than in Northwest Indiana counties. Wolek said many boaters who use Lake Michigan and other local lakes store their craft in Michigan or Illinois. If a boat is not in Indiana on March 1, it isn't taxed.

Wolek, once an opponent of the tax change, said he now favors it because of guarantees that counties won't lose revenue.

"Why have a personal property tax law that is uncollectible and unenforceable," Wolek said. "The best enforcement of collection is an excise tax."

Although individual boat owners would pay less with an excise system, proponents say revenue would increase because Hoosiers storing boats outside Indiana would return and that the boats now missed by township assessors would be caught by the excise tax.

Boat tax

Number of registered boats:

	12' or less	13-15'	16-19'	20-25'	26-39'	40-49'	Over 50'	Total
Lake	1814	3706	3307	743	99	1	0	9670
Porter	880	1391	1296	416	77	2	1	4063
LaPorte	770	1110	1056	534	101	1	0	3572
State	42,957	73,768	60,947	16,531	2,188	166	35	196,592

Comparison of aggregate fees and taxes by state

	\$200	\$10,000	\$25,000	\$50,000	\$100,000
	12'	20'	25'	30'	42'
Indiana	\$14.50	\$236	\$572	\$1,135	\$2,261
Kentucky	\$12.50	\$139	\$327	\$645	\$1,274
Michigan	\$9	\$22.50	\$60	\$90	\$150
Ohio	\$7.50	\$10	\$10	\$15	\$15
Illinois	\$4	\$4	\$4	\$4	\$4

* The Indiana costs are based on statewide county property tax average of \$9.54 per \$100 of assessed valuation. In Northwest Indiana the cost would be higher. The average tax rate for Lake County is \$18.71; Porter County \$8.85; LaPorte County \$10.19. The dollar values are based on new boats.

Source: State Office of Fiscal and Management Analysis

sors would be caught by the excise tax.

Dobis added, "Enforcement is very difficult. There are too many loopholes."

The following are the boat taxation and registration programs for Indiana and neighboring states.

■ Indiana — Besides the personal property tax, there is an annual registration fee of between \$10 and \$20.

■ Michigan — The registration fee ranges from \$7.50 to \$90 every three years. There is no tax.

■ Illinois — The registration fee is \$4 every two years, al-

though there may be local mooring fees. There is no tax.

■ Ohio — There is a registration fee of between \$7.50 and \$15 every three years. There is no tax.

■ Kentucky — There is an annual assessment fee ranging from \$12.50 to more than \$1,200, depending on the value of the boat.

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LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

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BUDGET CODE	BUDGET CATEGORY	BUDGET AMOUNT	AMOUNT PAID PREVIOUSLY	UNPAID BALANCE	AMOUNT READY FOR PAYMENT	PROJECTED BALANCE
119	PER DIEM EXPENSES	16000.00	212.00	15788.00	0.00	15788.00
311	LEGAL SERVICES	7500.00	1722.65	5777.35	0.00	5777.35
312	NIRPC SERVICES	94000.00	23414.56	70585.44	4245.96	66339.48
323	TRAVEL MILEAGE	6000.00	101.27	5898.73	72.81	5825.92
331	PRINTING ADVERTISING	2500.00	208.00	2292.00	43.08	2248.92
341	BONDS INSURANCE	7500.00	762.45	6737.55	342.50	6395.05
361	EMERGENCY MAINTENANCE COST	3500.00	0.00	3500.00	0.00	3500.00
399	MEETING EXPENSES	3000.00	377.03	2622.97	0.00	2622.97
411	LEGAL SERVICES - ACQUISITION	50000.00	10191.00	39809.00	0.00	39809.00
412	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	100000.00	33189.45	66810.55	2013.50	64797.05
413	LAND PURCHASE COSTS	3945519.00	65648.08	3879870.92	0.00	3879870.92
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
		4452647.00	135826.49	4316820.51	6717.85	4310102.66

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BUDGET CODE	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	EXPLANATION OF CLAIM
312	NIRPC	4245.96	ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES RENDERED DURING APRIL 1988
323	MARCUS AUTO LEASE CORP.	72.81	COST INCURRED TO RENT VAN RE: TOUR OF LCRBDC PROJECT
331	MAC TAVISH	43.08	COST INCURRED RE: OFFICE SUPPLIES
341	DON POWERS AGENCY INC.	342.50	FIRE POLICY FOR FARM & PRODUCE STAND LOCATED @ 3490 TAFT ST.
412	CHICAGO TITLE INSURANCE	200.00	DOCUMENT PREPARATION RE: E J & E R.R. PROPERTY CLOSING
412	CHICAGO TITLE INSURANCE	100.00	TITLE WORK INCURRED ON MARINA SITE
412	ROBERT B. STOUFFER	1688.00	LAND ACQUISITION/MANAGEMENT SERVICES RENDERED 5/2-20/88
412	LAKE COUNTY RECORDER	25.50	RECORDING FEES INCURRED ON DC 60, 86 & 115
		6717.85	

ADDITIONAL CLAIMS READY FOR PAYMENT

<u>BUDGET CODE</u>	<u>VENDOR NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>EXPLANATION</u>
311	LOUIS CASALE	\$ 283.33	ATTORNEY RETAINER FEE MAY 1988
311	LOUIS CASALE	12.00	GENERAL & MISCELLANEOUS LEGAL FEES MAY 1988
411	LOUIS CASALE	2,106.00	LEGAL FEES FOR LAND ACQUISITON MAY 1988
	ADD-ON TOTAL.....	\$2,401.33	
	CLAIM SHEET TOTAL.....	6,717.85	
	GRAND TOTAL.....	\$9,119.18	

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ATTENDANCE ROSTER

Name of meeting: **LCPBDC**

Date: **6-2-88**

	NAME (please print)	Organization and/or Address	
1	JERRY PEARSON	THE TIMES	1
2	Jim Stankiewicz	Atty. Keith Eller's Petition	2
3		7870 Broadway, Men 2nd 46480	
4	EDU. A. LUKOWSKI JR	252 SOUTHWIND RD HAMDEN CT 46404	4
5	Rob Pleva	Lake Co. Parks & Rec./Planning	5
6	Stephen Davis	IND. DNR	6
7	Mary Joe Zak	Fourth Shore Marina Inc	7
8	Bete Zak	" " " "	8
9	HAROLD MAUGER	3379 CALHOUN ST GARY 46406	9
10	Howard K. MARION	3302 Co FAX ST, GARY 46406	10
11	Ernie Davis		11
12	Carl Fisher	Portage Park Dept Supt.	12
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Chairman: **John DeMeo**

Location: **8149 Kennedy**