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DAN GARDNER
Executive Director

THERE WILL BE A MEETING OF THE
LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
AT 6:30 P.M. THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 1989
AT THE OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
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 March 2, 1989 meeting
4. Reports of Standing Committees

A. Finance/Policy Committee - Arlene Colvin, Chairperson

- Financial status report
- Approval of claims for March
- Request for Budget Committee approval for
drawdown availability of \$1,500,000
- Other issues

B. Legislative Committee - George Carlson, Chairman

- Federal issues:
 - Report of project approval by Federal Office
of Management & Budget and Secretary of Army
office
 - Articles on project approval
 - Discussion of Federal actions schedule
legislative/appropriations
Corps project requirements
- State legislative issues:
 - 1989-90 budget request status
- Other issues

+ Jim Sanders

Thursday
May 4

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

- Committee meeting at 5:30 p.m.
- Appraisals, offers, acquisitions, recommended actions
- Other issues

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

- Report of projects progress

E. Breakwaters/Marina Committee - Bill Tanke,
Chairman

- Marina Development Update
 - NIPSCO meeting on property use
 - GTE North permit
 - Sand removal update
 - Financial plan procurement
- Legislative Issues
 - Boat Excise Tax Bill (HB 1579)
 - Public Access Bill (HB 1089)
- Other marina issues

5. Other Business

6. Statements to Board from the floor

7. Set date for next meeting, adjournment

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
HELD AT 6:30 P.M. THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 1989
AT THE COMMISSION OFFICES
8149 KENNEDY AVENUE, HIGHLAND, INDIANA

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In Chairman John DeMeo's absence, Vice Chairman Doyle Niemeyer called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. There were nine (9) Commissioners present. Guests were recognized and quorum was declared.

Development Commissioners:

William Critser
George Carlson
Charles Agnew
Jack Swike
Doyle Niemeyer
William Tanke
David Springman
Clyde Baughard
Jerry Pagac

Visitors:

Pete Zak - South Shore Marina
Mary Jane Zak
Jodi Bauer - Lake County Parks
Frank Wiget - Post Tribune

Staff:

Dan Gardner
Lou Casale
Sandy Mordus

A motion was made by Clyde Baughard to approve the minutes of the February 2nd meeting; seconded by William Critser; motion passed unanimously.

Finance/Policy Committee - In Treasurer Arlene Colvin's absence, Dan Gardner presented the financial report for January as well as the claims. Clyde Baughard made a motion to approve the claims as presented; seconded by Charles Agnew; motion passed unanimously.

Legislative Committee - Dan Gardner stated that he attended a NARC (National Association of Regional Councils) Federal briefing in Washington on February 8-10. Several elected officials were in attendance and he was able to meet with Congressman Visclosky and the Senators to talk on the project.

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Mr. Gardner reported that another delay has been incurred in the final decision from OMB in regard to the support of full levee protection in Gary. OMB must concur with the Corps' recommendation of the 3A plan. An announcement is expected shortly. It appears that the decision will be favorable. A press conference will be held by the Congressman when the announcement is made.

Mr. Gardner referred to a joint letter contained in the agenda packet signed by the Congressman and Senators Lugar and Coats written to the Director of OMB, Mr. Richard Darman, urging the support and approval for the 3A plan. The Congressman has also met with Governor Bayh.

Mr. Gardner referred to a letter from Senator Morris Mills, Chairman of the Budget Committee, stating that a hearing before the Senate was not planned for the Development Commission. The Commission's response letter reiterated the budget request of \$3 million for this biennium and stated the critical need for continued funding and support by the State now that the project has become a reality and construction is slated to begin shortly.

It was reported that the House Ways and Means budget did not contain any money for the Little Cal. An amount has been amended on the floor to include \$2 million in the House version of the budget and the budget has been sent over to the Senate.

Land Acquisition/Management Committee - Committee Chairman Chuck Agnew reported the Commission owned property formally known as the Foster Trailer Park has been cleaned up and the house demolished. He also reported that staff has a meeting scheduled tomorrow with the three appraisers who will be appraising the Tolleston Club properties. Mr. Curran has reported to staff that the barrels and trailer has been removed from the property. A court date had been scheduled for his eviction but the date will be continued to allow him further cleanup time.

Mr. Agnew also reported that the Lake County Parks Dept. is in the process of preparing a bid specification package for the Lake Etta maintenance building. Advertisement should be in about 30 days.

Interim Flood Control/Planning Committee - Committee Chairman Clyde Baughard referred to several newspaper articles concerning the fining of a Gary truck stop for pollution and the pending cleanup of Sandy Jo.

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Mr. Gardner reported he had attended the Munster Plan Commission meeting and gave a status update on the Little Calumet River project. He stated that he plans to appear at meetings of all the communities affected by the project to keep town and city officials knowledgeable of all aspects.

Breakwaters/Marina Committee - Committee Chairman William Tanke reported some disagreement with the State Highway Dept. regarding GTE telephone line relocation. Staff will contact the Highway Dept. to resolve the problem.

Mr. Tanke stated that Cole Engineering has provided us with the necessary information so that we are now able to set up a meeting with NIPSCO to obtain ownership of some of their lots needed for the marina project.

Mr. Tanke also reported that we will continue discussions with Indiana Bond Bank. They will furnish the Commission with detailed information and requirements necessary for a financial feasibility study to be undertaken.

Mr. Gardner stated that the boat excise tax bill is currently up for its third reading in the House.

Doyle Niemeyer took the opportunity to publicly praise and thank our Federal legislators for their loyal support and continued efforts in seeing that the 3A plan be allowed.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, April 6, 1989.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

/sjm

MERCANTILE NATIONAL BANK

JANUARY 1, 1989 - FEBRUARY 28, 1989

CASH POSITION - JANUARY 1, 1989

| | | | |
|------------------|----|-------------------|--------------|
| Checking Account | | | |
| Land Acquisition | \$ | 17,248.62 | |
| General Fund | | 21,502.53 | |
| Tax Fund | | 1,126.60 | |
| Investments | | <u>896,500.00</u> | |
| | | | \$936,377.75 |

RECEIPTS: January 1, 1989 - February 28, 1989

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|------------------|----|------------------|--------------|
| Lease Rents | \$ | 26,468.02 | |
| Interest | | 9,975.46 | |
| Land Acquisition | | <u>52,595.92</u> | |
| | | | \$ 89,039.40 |

DISBURSEMENTS: January 1, 1989 - February 28, 1989

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|--------------------------------|----|---------------|--------------|
| 1988 Expenses paid in 1989 | \$ | 9,945.02 | |
| Legal Services | | 343.33 | |
| Emergency Maintenance Costs | | 106.97 | |
| Meeting Expense | | 821.12 | |
| L/A Legal Services | | 2,832.00 | |
| L/A Professional Services | | | |
| (a) Appraisal Services | | 600.00 | |
| (b) Land Purchase Contractural | | 1,813.64 | |
| (c) Operational Contractural | | 15,336.75 | |
| L/A Land Purchase Cost | | 1,082.14 | |
| L/A Land Capital Improvements | | <u>134.40</u> | |
| TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: | | | \$ 33,015.37 |

CASH POSITION - February 28, 1989

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|------------------|----|-------------------|--------------|
| Checking Account | | | |
| Land Acquisition | \$ | 47,850.25 | — |
| General Fund | | 26,852.07 | — |
| Tax Fund | | 1,199.46 | |
| Investments | | <u>916,500.00</u> | — |
| | | | \$992,401.78 |



**NORTHWESTERN INDIANA
REGIONAL
PLANNING COMMISSION**

8149 Kennedy Ave. 219-923-1060
Highland, Indiana 46322 312-731-2646

DATE: MARCH 16, 1989

CONTRACT NO: P1.01

ORGANIZATION: LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN
DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

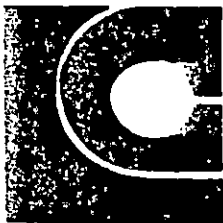
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PROJECT: FOR SERVICES PERFORMED DURING FEBRUARY 1989

INVOICE NO: 02

I N V O I C E

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|---|-------------|
| SALARIES AND FRINGE BENEFITS: DAN GARDNER & SANDY MORDUS | \$ 3,600.00 |
| ROOM RENTAL FOR ADDITIONAL LCRBDC STAFF | 200.00 |
| ACCOUNTING SERVICES | 150.00 |
| TELEPHONE: LOCAL SERVICE | 60.00 |
| TELEPHONE : BILLABLE CHARGES (ATTACHMENTS) (2/10/98-3/6/89) | 36.62 |
| POSTAGE | 50.55 |
| COPYING CHARGES @ \$.05 PER COPY (2000) | 100.00 |
| COPYING CHARGES @ \$.025 PER COPY (465) | 11.63 |
| GRAPHICS/PRINTING TIME @ \$16.00 PER HOUR (ATTACHMENTS) | 16.00 |
| STAFF MILEAGE/EXPENSES | 110.88 |
| OTHER CHARGES (ATTACHMENTS) | -0- |
| TOTAL FEBRUARY 1989 COSTS | \$ 4,335.68 |
| OUTSTANDING PAYMENT DUE | -0- |
| TOTAL PAYMENT DUE | \$ 4,335.68 |



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DAN GARDNER
Executive Director

March 21, 1989

Mr. Frank Sullivan
Director
State Budget Agency
212 State House
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

The Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission respectfully requests to be placed on the next regular agenda of the State Budget Committee. The purpose of this request is to seek Budget Committee approval to allocate for claim drawdown the remaining unallocated \$1,500,000 appropriated to the Development Commission in the 1985/86 State Capital Budget.

This request is necessitated by continuing project land acquisitions by the Development Commission depleting the fund balance available to \$415,150 as of March 20, 1989. Also, on March 6, 1989 a significant advance toward Federal project construction took place in Washington as the Federal Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and the Office of the Secretary of the Army announced approval of the project for construction. This long awaited decision allows the Federal scheduling and funding of actual project construction. This decision clears the project past the final Federal bureaucratic hurdle to Congress appropriating \$46,000,000 of Federal construction funds over a 7-8 year period. With O.M.B. approval, Senators Lugar and Coats and Congressman Visclosky will seek budget inclusion this session of Congress to initiate this Federal construction. A major implication of these actions is that the needed non-Federal project funds and commitments will be required on a fast track schedule to anticipate the accelerated Federal program. This necessitates the approval of the remaining \$1,500,000 for claim drawdown by the Development Commission.

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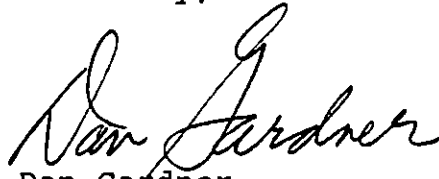
To approve this \$1,500,000 would also aid the Development Commission in negotiating the legal document prescribing construction - the "Local Cooperation Agreement". This negotiation must prove legal and financial ability to meet project construction schedules and this fund availability would provide this through the early stage project scheduling.

Included to provide informational documentation of this project advance are press releases of Senator Lugar and Congressman Visclosky.

We urge your favorable consideration of this request and would be happy to answer any questions you may have and are prepared to be present at the Budget Committee meeting to detail project status.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Dan Gardner
Executive Director

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cc: B. Patrick Bauer, Chairman
Garland Ferrell
Jeff Hoffman

Dick Lugar Reports

U.S. SENATOR FOR INDIANA

AFTER 10-YEAR FIGHT INDIANA INTERESTS PREVAILS

March 6, 1989

Contact: Andy Fisher 202-224-7438

The Indiana Congressional delegation and Lake County leaders have finally prevailed in a 10-year fight with the federal government over the flood control plan for the Little Calumet River.

The news came today that the Office of Management and Budget has accepted the 3A alternative for the Little Calumet River Project. This was the only plan that provided full and equitable flood control protection and was acceptable to the non-federal interests who must share the cost of the project.

"This is the culmination of years of hard work by the Indiana Congressional delegation," said Lugar. "We are absolutely delighted that the Administration has now decided to support the 3A plan which I obtained Senate support for in 1983."

"Providing needed flood control is an important step for the economic development and the development of recreational opportunities in the area," said Sen. Dan Coats, who worked on the project as a college student. "I plan to actively seek funding for the project in the Energy and Water Appropriations bill."

Lugar, Coats and Cong. Peter Viscloskey met earlier this year with Army Corps of Engineer officials, and persuaded them to endorse the 3A plan. In addition to providing better protection to Lake County communities, the 3A plan is \$14 million less expensive than other alternatives. The federal cost of the project is expected to be \$47 million. Additional funding of \$22.8 million will be required.

The Little Calumet River Project provides flood protection for Gary, Griffith, Hammond, Highland and Munster. The project:

- replaces and builds levees and floodwalls;
- modifies pumping station, culverts and a bridge on Indianapolis Blvd. (U.S. Route 41);
- constructs hiking trails and recreation facilities.



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PETE VISCLOSKY

IMMEDIATE RELEASE

1st Congressional District

Indiana

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DATE: March 6, 1989

CONTACT: RUDY MURRIETA, PRESS ASSISTANT, (202) 225-2461

**VISCLOSKY ANNOUNCES MAJOR STEP IN FLOOD CONTROL PLAN
FOR LITTLE CALUMET RIVER**

Congressman Pete Visclosky, D-Merrillville, announced on Monday that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) have approved a plan which will provide comprehensive flood control for the Little Calumet River.

The next step in the project will be to secure a federal appropriation to start actual construction.

The plan, Plan 3A, provides structural flood control along the Little Calumet River and was advocated by Visclosky. In 1986, Visclosky added an amendment to the Water Resource Development Act which authorized Plan 3A.

Other plans considered by the Army Corps and OMB would not have provided structural flood control East of Cline Avenue.

Since taking office, Visclosky has worked with the Army Corps, local officials and his colleagues in Congress to ensure that a well developed flood control plan was secured for Northwest Indiana.

"This final decision by the Army Corps is certainly very satisfying," Visclosky said. "I have long been advocating Plan 3A because it will provide the best protection for the most people.

"The bottom line as far as I am concerned is that Plan 3A is better for Northwest Indiana because it opens up more land for recreational and economic development. The potential here is enormous. This project will be a catalyst for growth and development and will significantly improve the quality of life for residents of Indiana's First Congressional District."

It has been estimated that Plan 3A will provide about \$2.1 million worth of recreational and economic benefits per year. It will also prevent about \$8.9 million in flood damages each year and \$2.6 million in transportation delays per year.

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Government approves Little Cal flood control

By Jim Procter

Staff writer

GARY — After 24 years of study, planning, arguing and meeting, the federal government Monday sanctioned a plan to control flooding along the Little Calumet River and develop it for recreational use.

The approval by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the federal Office of Management and Budget means Indi-

ana's congressional delegation can claim Bush administration backing in seeking some \$47 million in needed federal money for the project.

"As of today there is no money in the fiscal 1990 budget for construction," said U.S. Rep. Peter J. Visclosky, D-Merrillville. But Visclosky said he and U.S. Sens. Rich-

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ard Lugar and Dan Coats, both R-Ind., are "fully prepared to ask for an addition" to the 1990 budget now under consideration.

Visclosky announced the federal agencies' decision at Indiana University Northwest, located just south of the flood-prone river. He was joined by more than a dozen federal and local officials who have been involved with the project.

"This will provide full protection from the state line to Lake Michigan," Visclosky said. Among the project's features are construction of new levees, flood-proofing of 38 homes in Gary's Black Oak section and evacuation of 29 other homes, construction of 16.8 miles of hiking trails and preservation of 788 acres of wetlands.

When completed, the work will prevent estimated annual flood damage of about \$12 million.

During the years of haggling over the project, the Corps of Engineers and the OMB considered plans that wouldn't have provided flood control east of Cline Avenue. Visclosky, Lugar, former Sen. Dan Quayle, members of the Little Calumet River Basin Commission and other officials successfully argued for an amended plan called "Plan 3A" that restored work east of Cline.

Tim Sanders, representing Lugar and Coats, praised the bipartisan effort on behalf of the river project. He and Visclosky noted the work of former U.S. Reps. Adam Benjamin, Katie Hall and Ray Madden, who was North-

west Indiana's congressman when the official work to get project approval began in 1965. Public discussions of the need for flood control along the Little Calumet date to the 1950s.

As local sponsor, the Little Calumet River Basin Commission is responsible for coming up with about \$22 million in local money for the work.

Dan Gardner, executive director of the commission, said the state has spent \$12.4 million on it during the last 14 years, much of it for land acquisition, which is credited toward the local share. Local government units also donated publicly owned land along the river toward the project, he said. And a \$2 million appropriation is pending in the Indiana

General Assembly.

But the approval from the two federal agencies was seen as crucial to obtaining appropriation of construction money.

"This authorized project has the full support of the (Bush) administration, the Secretary of the Army, Engineers and the OMB," said Lt. Col. Jess Franco of the Army Corps' Chicago District. "We are now so close to seeing construction start."

In a prepared statement distributed by Sanders, Lugar said he was "absolutely delighted that the administration has now decided to support the 3A plan." In the same statement, Coats said he would "actively seek funding for the project in the Energy and Water Appropriations bill."

Calumet flood plan backed

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Little Cal project money released by government

By PHIL WIELAND

Times Staff Writer

GARY — The plan for a series of levees and other improvements to halt flooding on the Little Calumet River has the Bush administration's support but, so far, no money in the budget.

At a press conference Monday at Indiana University Northwest, those involved with the project praised the bipartisan cooperation that finally has won approval of the \$70 million project, first proposed about 24 years ago.

Rep. Peter J. Visclosky, D-Ind., Tim Sanders, representing

Republican Sens. Dan Coates and Richard Lugar, Lt. Col. Jesse Franco, of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and Dan Gardner, executive director of the Little Calumet River Basin Commission, said administration approval was a major hurdle to overcome, but not the last one.

Visclosky said the project finally received the support of the assistant secretary of the Army and the Office of Management and Budget, but there is no money in the 1990 federal budget prepared by outgoing President Ronald Reagan and

altered by newly elected President George Bush.

"I do not make the representation today that the administration will include it in the 1990 budget, but I hope it does happen," Visclosky said. "If it doesn't, we are going to ask for an add-on so work can begin in 1990."

Gardner said several plans were considered over the years but the plan finally approved is the only one that will protect everybody equally. The federal share of the project is about \$47 million. The project is expected to take eight years to complete, greatly reducing the amount needed for 1990, Visclosky said.

Franco said much of the planning already has been done and, if funding is approved, the corps would begin in 1990 by raising 36 houses above flood level, relocating six others, building levees around several electric transmission stations and building the first 400 feet of the Black Oak levee.

Eventually, the corps will build 22 miles of levees from the Illinois line to the eastern edge of Gary, install a diversion device at the Hart Ditch to limit water flowing in one direction, relocate 23 families, floodproof 38 homes, modify four bridges, build 16.8 miles of hiking trails and preserve 788 acres of wetlands.

Gardner said about \$12.5 million has

been spent in anticipation of federal approval. The Lake County Park Board, the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission and communities along the river have donated about 2,500 acres for the project.

The state funds, the land and other work done by the Lake County Drainage Board will count toward the required local match to acquire the federal money. A bill in the Indiana Legislature would provide another \$2 million for the project, he said.

"We will be buying land and anticipating construction," Gardner said. "To this point we have been getting money for studies and planning. Now we will be getting money for construction. In the next few years, we are going to see the great potential for recreation."

Franco said the project will eliminate \$13.6 million in annual flood damage along the river. He said the project is being coordinated with work under way on the river in Illinois.

Visclosky said the obstacle to obtaining federal funds for 1990 will be "the tremendous amount of pressure for deficit reduction," but added, "there's a reasonable opportunity to get the money."

The exact amount needed for 1990 should be known in about two weeks. Visclosky said the House Appropriations Committee will complete its hearings on the federal budget in mid-April and by June 1 "we will know whether we've been successful."

Little Cal backers stood firm

Hurrah! Lots of hard work and longtime planning paid off for the area. An "all or nothing at all" strategy was successful.

Funding has been approved for the full structure plan to clean up the Little Calumet River.

Twenty-four years ago Sen. Birch Bayh and Rep. Ray Madden helped get the ball rolling. Ten years later, State Senator Adam Benjamin saw the need for state funding and was able to obtain dollars to keep the project alive.

When Benjamin was elected to Congress, he continued his efforts on behalf of the Little Cal project. Others kept the state funding coming — Jerome Reppa, Chester Dobis, Earline Rogers, John Bushemi and Ernest Niemeyer among them.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers finally recommended funding half of the project with most of the flood control ending at Cline Avenue. Local community leaders and politicians stood firm. The Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission, formed in 1980 to coordinate the project, went out on a limb — all or nothing at all. If the project couldn't be done right then it wasn't worth having.

It was the right decision. And it paid off.

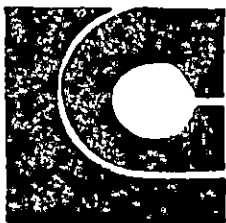
The original COE recommendation was sheer folly. It would have left Gary and the area eastward unprotected in the event of flooding. Do it right the commission insisted.

Dan Gardner, the commission's executive director, worked tirelessly on behalf of the project. There was support from the Northwest Indiana Regional Planning Commission. As expected Rep. Peter Visclosky and Senators Richard Lugar and Dan Quayle played key roles in Washington.

Strong support came from an unexpected source. Lt. Col. Jess Franco, COE district engineer in Chicago, was convinced on the merits of the full-structural plan. He proved willing to buck his superiors and worked diligently to convince them to go along with the preferred plan.

The Times believes the \$70 million project is vital. We are glad Washington finally gave the green light.

Hats off to so many who gave so much for so long. The area owes them a debt of gratitude and sincere thanks for a job well done. When everybody works together, everybody can win. We did.



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Executive Director

March 14, 1989

The Honorable John Bushemi
Indiana State Senator
Member, Budget Subcommittee
Indiana State Senate Post Office
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Senator Bushemi:

I am writing you to inform you of a major Federal advance of the Little Calumet River Flood Control/Recreation Project in Lake and Porter Counties, Indiana. On Monday, March 6, 1989, the Federal Office of Management and Budget and the Office of the Secretary of the Army (Corps of Engineers) announced approval of the project design for construction. This decision allows the scheduling and Federal funding of actual construction of this long awaited project. Federal construction start could be realized by late 1990. This decision passes the final Federal bureaucratic hurdle to Congress appropriating the \$46 million of Federal construction funding for northwest Indiana.

A major implication of this decision is that the needed non-Federal project funds and commitments will be required on a fast track schedule. We feel this greatly impacts the Development Commission's 1989/90 Biennium State Capital Budget request. The Development Commission requested \$3 million in Biennium 1989/90 funding. Currently, the House version of the Budget contains \$2 million and the Senate version recommends 0 funding. We view the current Senate recommendation as extremely damaging to the progress that has taken place the last fourteen years leading to this Federal construction approval, and severely jeopardizes the ability of the non-Federal interests to meet the anticipated construction schedule.

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Also, the Development Commission must negotiate and sign a legally binding "Local Cooperation Agreement" with the Federal government (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers). It is critical in our view that the State funding in the range of \$2 million - \$3 million be contained in the 1989/90 capital budget to demonstrate financial viability and continuity of State support. To do less would jeopardize the previously appropriated \$12,468,800 of State funds at a time of ever increasing Federal commitment to successful construction.

We ask your help in obtaining continued State funding commitment for this worthwhile project at this crucial stage in implementation. We appreciate past support and pledge working with you to achieve successful project construction.

Please call me if you have any questions. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dan Gardner".

Dan Gardner
Executive Director

/sjm
encl.



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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

THIRD FLOOR STATE HOUSE,
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46204

PAUL J. HRIC
7039 NORTHCOTE AVE.
HAMMOND, IN 46324

1989-90

COMMITTEES:

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URBAN AFFAIRS

March 21, 1989

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

Dear Dan:

Thanks for keeping me informed on the Little Calumet River Flood Control/Recreation Project. I will do everything I can to support the necessary funding to support this project.

Sincerely,

Paul J. Hric
State Representative

PJH/bmt



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March 28, 1989

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

Dear Mr. Gardner,

Thank you for your recent letter in which you expressed your concerns regarding matching funds for federal dollars committed to the Little Calumet River Flood Control/Recreation Project.

I am fully supportive of efforts to secure matching funds for this worthwhile venture. This project would be a valuable asset to Northwest Indiana. I believe that the House funding proposal is more likely to come to fruition than the Senate proposal.

Once again, thank you for your thoughts on this matter. Please feel free to contact me again if I may be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Ralph D. Ayres
State Representative

RDA:CQ/cb



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March 28, 1989

Mr. Dan Gardner, Executive Director
Little Calumet River Basin Development Comm.
8140 Kennedy Avenue
Highland, Indiana 46322

Dear Mr. Gardner:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Little River
Flood Control/Recreation Project. I appreciate the
information.

I fully support the project and will do what I can to
continue the state funding of the project. Please keep me
updated on how it is doing.

Again, thank you for contacting me. If I may be of
service in the future, please let me know. I stand ready to
assist you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Kay".

Mary Kay Budak
Assistant Republican
Caucus Whip

MKB:CG/mw

Interim Flood Control/Planning Committee

Northcote Bridge repair still underway.

Lake County Drainage Board river sediment removal project from Indpls. to Kennedy - work will commence shortly. At the request of Bill Henderson, staff has put Surveyor's Office/Drainage Board in contact with Tony Abidula, Superintendent of Street Dept., to coordinate the removal of debris that has accumulated under Indpls. bridge. There may be some necessity to pay for tipping fees for disposal of debris - funding needs to be identified.

Engineering still being performed by Ten Ech to satisfy Conrail's concerns regarding improvements to Penn Central culverts. The engineering must be structured to Conrail's satisfaction.

The next Little Calumet River Basin Commission meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 19th. (The new Chairman of the Basin Commission is Bob Huffman - he may be in the audience).

LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FOR APRIL MEETING

MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT

| 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 | 626.66 | 6873.34 | 379.33 | 6494.01 |
| 312 | NIRPC SERVICES | 94000.00 | 4433.61 | 89566.39 | 4335.68 | 85230.71 |
| 323 | TRAVEL & MILEAGE | 6000.00 | 0.00 | 6000.00 | 0.00 | 6000.00 |
| 331 | PRINTING & ADVERTISING | 2500.00 | 0.00 | 2500.00 | 0.00 | 2500.00 |
| 341 | BONDS & INSURANCE | 7500.00 | 305.00 | 7195.00 | 0.00 | 7195.00 |
| 361 | EMERGENCY MAINTENANCE COSTS | 3500.00 | 106.97 | 3393.03 | 0.00 | 3393.03 |
| 399 | MEETING EXPENSES | 3000.00 | 867.77 | 2132.23 | 0.00 | 2132.23 |
| 411 | LEGAL SERVICES | 50000.00 | 2772.00 | 47228.00 | 1788.00 | 45440.00 |
| 412 | PROFESSIONAL SERVICES | 100000.00 | 20156.55 | 79843.45 | 5787.30 | 74056.15 |
| 413 | LAND PURCHASE COSTS | 3607916.00 | 32052.14 | 3575833.86 | 0.00 | 3575833.86 |
| 414 | LAND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS | 150000.00 | 134.40 | 149865.60 | 0.00 | 149865.60 |
| 415 | BURNS WATERWAY BREAKWATER | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 416 | STRUCTURES CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT | 40000.00 | 0.00 | 40000.00 | 0.00 | 40000.00 |
| 417 | PROPERTY/STRUCTURES INSURANCE | 25000.00 | 0.00 | 25000.00 | 161.00 | 24839.00 |
| | | 4112916.00 | 61485.10 | 4051430.90 | 12451.31 | 4038979.59 |

CLAIMS READY FOR PAYMENT

| BUDGET CODE | VENDOR NAME | AMOUNT | EXPLANATION OF CLAIM |
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| 311 | LOUIS M. CASALE | 283.33 | ATTORNEY RETAINER FOR MARCH 1989 |
| 311 | LOUIS M. CASALE | 96.00 | GENERAL & MISCELLANEOUS LEGAL FEES FEB. - MAR. 1989 |
| 312 | NIRPC | 4335.68 | FOR SERVICES PERFORMED DURING FEBRUARY 1989 |
| 411 | LOUIS M. CASALE | 1788.00 | LEGAL SERVICES FOR LAND ACQUISITION 2-25 TO 3-30-89 |
| 412 | NIMETZ TRUCKING | 4400.00 | COST INCURRED RE: DEMOLITION ON FOSTER PROPERTY |
| 412 | CHICAGO TITLE INSURANCE | 55.00 | TITLE WORK INCURRED ON DC181 |
| 412 | CHICAGO TITLE INSURANCE | 165.00 | TITLE WORK INCURRED ON DC67 |
| 412 | NIPSCO | 682.30 | UTILITY BILL RE: PUMPING EXPENSES 2-13 TO 3-15-89 |
| 412 | STANFORD K. HESS | 485.00 | APPRAISAL SERVICES RENDERED ON DC220 |
| 417 | DON POWERS AGENCY, INC. | 161.00 | COST INCURRED RE: FIRE POLICY ON LCRBDC PROPERTY |
| | | 12451.31 | |

PLEASE SIGN

ATTENDANCE ROSTER

Name of meeting: LCRBDC

Date: April 6, '89

| | NAME (please print) | Organization and/or Address | |
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| 1 | HAROLD MAUGER | 3379 CALHOUN ST GARY IN 46406 | 1 |
| 2 | C.A. TURNBULL | MARQUETTE YACHT CLUB | 2 |
| 3 | P.G. Tully | " " " | 3 |
| 4 | G.P. BAKER | " " " | 4 |
| 5 | B. Zink | So. Shore MARINA | 5 |
| 6 | STEPHEN DAVIS | IND. DNR | 6 |
| 7 | DICK WAWRZYNIAK | IND. DNR | 7 |
| 8 | ROBERT HUFFMAN | BASIN COMMISSION | 8 |
| 9 | L. ILLINGWORTH | TOWN OF MUNSTER | 9 |
| 10 | Jody Melton | NIRPC | 10 |
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Chairman: John DeMeo

Location:



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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

MAR 29 1989

Honorable Richard G. Lugar
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Lugar:

Thank you for your letter of February 15, 1989, regarding the proposed Army Corps of Engineers Little Calumet River in Indiana.

On February 15, we received a letter from the Secretary of the Army concurring with the Chief of Engineer's recommendation that Alternative 3A was the appropriate plan to implement. Since this was the plan authorized by Section 401(a) of Public Law 99-662, there is not a need for further reporting to Congress.

The planning and policy review by OMB pursuant to Executive Order 12322 was completed on March 6, 1989. I can report that the outcome was favorable and that OMB concurred in the selection of Alternative 3A. Our letter to the Assistant Secretary of the Army is enclosed.

The Little Calumet project is now a candidate for inclusion in a future Army Corps of Engineers construction budget. It should be indicated that the receipt of a favorable review is one of several factors the Administration considers in determining which, if any, proposed Army Corps of Engineers projects will be included in the President's budget.

I appreciate your interest in ensuring that the citizens of Gary, Griff, Hammond, Highland, and Munster, Indiana, are protected from the threat of floods. If I can be of further assistance on this or any other matter, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Thomas A. Scully
Associate Director
for Legislative Affairs

Enclosure

IDENTICAL LETTERS SENT TO PETER J. VISCLOSKEY
AND HONORABLE DAN COATS



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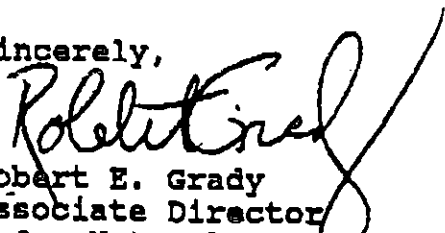
Honorable Robert W. Page, Sr.
Assistant Secretary of
the Army (Civil Works)
Room 2E570 - Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20310-0103

Dear Mr. Page:

We have completed our review of the report on the Local Flood Protection and Recreation Project on the Little Calumet River, Indiana, as required under Executive Order 12322.

The Office of Management and Budget does not disagree with your conclusion that Plan 3A is the National Economic Development Plan. The Administration supports implementation of the project through the budget process in accordance with the report of the Chief of Engineers and the cost-sharing provisions of P.L. 99-662.

Sincerely,


Robert E. Grady
Associate Director
for Natural Resources,
Energy and Science