MEETING NOTICE

THERE WILL BE A MEETING OF THE
LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
AT 6:30 P.M. THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 1989
AT THE OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
8149 KENNEDY AVENUE
HIGHLAND, INDIANA

AGENDA

1. Call to Order by Chairman John DeMoe
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Recognition of public officials attending, visitors/guests
4. Approval of minutes of May 4, 1989 meeting
5. Business items requiring Board approval
   A. Finance/Policy Committee - Arlene Colvin, Chairperson
      • Financial status report and approval of claims for May
   B. Land Acquisition/Management Committee - Charles Agnew, Chairman
      • Committee meeting at 5:00 p.m.
      • Award of Lake Etta Maintenance Building contract
      • Other required action
   C. Breakwater/Marina Committee - Bill Tanke, Chairman
      • Award of Engineering services contract
6. Special presentation of Little Calumet River Flood Control/Recreation project - Schedule and Implementation
   • Col. Jess Franco, Chicago District Engineer
     U. S. Army Corps of Engineers
   • Statement of Position of Development Commission
     regarding project sponsor commitment - Dan Gardner,
     Executive Director
   • Questions, Statements, Discussion by attending
     public officials

7. Other Business

8. Set date for next meeting, adjournment
MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
HELD AT 6:30 P.M. THURSDAY, MAY 4, 1989
AT THE COMMISSION OFFICES
8149 KENNEDY AVENUE, HIGHLAND, INDIANA

Chairman John DeMoe called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. There were ten (10) Commissioners present. Guests were recognized and quorum was declared.

Development Commissioners:
Dave Springman
George Carlson
Charles Agnew
Jack Swike
Doyle Niemeyer
Clyde Baughard
Jerry Pagac
John DeMoe
Arlene Colvin
William Tanke

Visitors:
Pete Zak - South Shore Marina
Harold Mauger - Gary
Dick Wawrzyniak - DNR, Div. of Water
Stephen Davis - IN DNR
Robert Huffman - Basin Comm.
Sharon Bohling - The TIMES

Staff:
Dan Gardner
Lou Casale, Attorney
Sandy Mordus

A motion was made by Clyde Baughard to approve the minutes of the April 6th meeting; seconded by Arlene Colvin; motion passed unanimously.

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

Mr. Gardner stated that at the April 12th State Budget Committee hearing, the committee approved the remaining $1.5 million from 1985-86 monies be released to the Development Commission for claim drawdown. There is still $2 million in the budget from 1987-88 monies. Another $2 million has just been approved in the recently adopted 1989-90 budget.
Legislative Committee – Committee Chairman George Carlson referred to a letter contained in packet from Senator Dan Coats stating he has submitted written support of the Little Calumet River project to the Senate Appropriations Committee urging them to commit funds in the FY90 Energy and Water Appropriations bill (Corps is requesting $2.4 million to complete engineering and begin construction).

Mr. Carlson stated a meeting was held with Corps personnel (Paul Benkowski and Dave Wallin) and attorney Casale, staff Dan Gardner and himself for the purpose of discussing the Local Cooperation Agreement. The LCA must be mutually agreed upon and signed before the project startup. Issues centered on the financial capability of the Commission; separable elements and separable elemental construction of the project; and concurrence by the Commission in construction contracts and modifications thereof.

Mr. Gardner stated that after the Commission receives a Corps schedule of the project, he will pursue obtaining a letter of support from the Governor's Office stating continued project backing.

Mr. Carlson stated that the Basin Commission was up for review by the Sunset Committee of the Legislature. Mr. Carlson made a motion that the Legislative Committee meet prior to the next regular meeting and review the state sunset report and advise the Basin Commission on their position; seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gardner announced that Col. Jess Franco, District Engineer for the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers will be at the next meeting (June 1) to give a special presentation of the construction schedule and project description of the Little Calumet River Project implementation. A special mailing will go out to Congressional staff, selected State offices, elected city and town officials and others announcing the Corps presentation.

Land Acquisition/Management Committee – Committee Chairman Chuck Agnew reported property closing of DC 181. Mr. Agnew stated that a letter has been received from the Corps approving the real estate appraisers to do the selected project work.
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Attorney Casale read the resolutions prepared for the Tract 12 easement acquisition in Porter County. Appraisals have been received; respective appraisal value is $1,650 for Conrail property and $550 for South Shore RR property. The resolution directs pursuance of offer to be made; if offer is refused, attorney is authorized to commence proceedings to acquire said real estate under eminent domain laws. The other Tract 12 easement is owned by the State Highway Dept. and hopefully, the Commission can negotiate a satisfactory agreement with them. Committee Chairman Chuck Agnew made a motion to accept the resolutions as read; seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Agnew reported that the attorney has sent the Uniform Land Acquisition Offer on the acquisition of the Erie RR bridge to owners and those who have an interest in the property. Notice was also placed in newspapers.

The land liability insurance policy has been received. Cost was contained at $13,500 for the year 1989.

Mr. Agnew made a motion to settle with Maurice Curran on past monies due the Commission. Settlement price is $1,500. Motion seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously.

It was announced that the Notice to Bidders has gone out and has been placed in newspapers for the construction of Lake Etta maintenance building. Bid Opening scheduled for 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 31st.

Interim Flood Control/Planning Committee - Committee Chairman Clyde Baughard reported that the Northcote Bridge reconstruction is almost complete and the road should be opened shortly.

Mr. Gardner referred to letter contained in packet on Grant Street engineering. He has passed on appropriate name and number of Corps personnel who can supply pertinent information to the engineering firm. Mr. Gardner added this is the first commitment from the state on replacing the Grant St. culverts.

Mr. Gardner informed the Commission of the progress thus far that has taken place on the Penn Central RR culvert replacement project. He stated that the Basin Commission has made this project a priority and recently authorized Ten Ech Engineering to meet with Conrail personnel in Philadelphia in order to work out problems and concerns with them. They are concerned about the soil stabilization under the railroad. The cost of replacement
was originally estimated to be about $150,000. Additional modifications that must be made will increase the cost about $70,000. Attorney Casale will research drainage laws in regard to Conrail cost sharing the replacement.

Breakwaters/Marina Committee - Committee Chairman William Tanke reported that a committee meeting was held with Chuck Eckenstahler of ABONMARCHE to discuss engaging in a contract for consulting purposes in order to develop a workable marina plan and financial plan for marina development. Mr. Tanke made a motion to engage Mr. Eckenstahler as a project manager to prepare a Request for Proposals for selected engineering firms and provide other services as needed for marina development; motion seconded by Charles Agnew; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gardner informed the Commission that he has recently met with Mayor Maletta, John Shepherd and John Hannon of Portage and updated them on marina issues. The city will work with the Commission in obtaining the use of NIPSCO right of way. Clyde Baughard added that he and Mr. Gardner met with NIPSCO officials to reopen the pursuance of the NIPSCO lots.

Sand removal on the marina site was discussed. Johnson, Johnson & Roy is doing an analysis on the possibility of sand mining on the site. They will be contacting the Commission after inspecting the site and doing some borings there. Mr. Tanke made a motion to allow JJ&R to do the borings; seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously. Staff was directed to obtain a copy of the results of the borings from JJ&R.

Statements from the floor - Harold Mauger expressed concern that the river was still higher than normal.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, June 1, 1989.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

/sjm
MERCANTILE NATIONAL BANK

JANUARY 1, 1989 - APRIL 30, 1989

CASH POSITION - JANUARY 1, 1989
Checking Account
   Land Acquisition $ 17,248.62
   General Fund   21,502.53
   Tax Fund       1,126.60
Investments    896,500.00

RECEIPTS: January 1, 1989 - April 30, 1989
   Lease Rents $ 27,068.02
   Interest    18,940.43
   Land Acquisition 62,512.42
   Taxes        549.57

DISBURSEMENTS: January 1, 1989 - April 30, 1989
   1988 Expenses paid in 1989 $ 15,117.87
   Legal Services         1,005.99
   NIRPC                   8,769.29
   Bonds & Insurance       305.00
   Emergency Maintenance Costs  106.97
   Meeting Expense        867.77
   L/A Legal Services     2,772.00
   L/A Professional Services
      (a) Appraisal Services 1,085.00
      (c) Engineering       1,181.24
      (d) Land Purchase Contractual 8,340.86
      (e) Operational Contractual 15,336.75
   L/A Land Purchase Cost   32,442.14
   L/A Land Capital Improvements 134.40
   L/A Insurance           161.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: $ 87,626.28

CASH POSITION - APRIL 30, 1989
Checking Account
   Land Acquisition $ 17,046.21
   General Fund   22,526.67
   Tax Fund       1,749.03
Investments    916,500.00

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**TOTAL APRIL 1989 COSTS**  
$4,248.68

**OUTSTANDING PAYMENT DUE**  
$4,289.61

**TOTAL PAYMENT DUE**  
$8,538.29
May 23, 1989

NEWS RELEASE

You are cordially invited to a special presentation of the construction schedule and a project description of the Little Calumet River Project implementation on Thursday, June 1, 1989 at 6:30 p.m. in the conference room of the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission, 8149 Kennedy Avenue, Highland. Making the presentation will be Col. Jess Franco, District Engineer of the Chicago District Corps of Engineers, the agency responsible for the Federal flood control and recreation project construction. This presentation will be the first public opportunity to view the actual construction schedule since the Federal Office of Management and Budget has approved funding the full structural flood protection plan of the river—including the Gary stretch from Cline Avenue to the I-65 area. The project presentation will follow a brief business meeting of the Little Calumet River Development Commission and will allow time for discussion and questions regarding the project.

This project will protect over 9,500 structures in northwest Indiana from flooding, create significant construction jobs, and provide a 2,000 acre linear recreation system. We feel this project will have a major positive impact upon this area for many years to come and we urge your covering this important project kickoff.

Contact person: Dan Gardner, Executive Director
219/923-1118
# Attendance Roster

**Name of meeting:** LCRBDC  
**Date:** June 1

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**Chairman:** John Demeo  
**Location:**
### Monthly Budget Report

**Budget Code** | **Budget Category** | **Budget Amount** | **Amount Paid Previously** | **Unpaid Balance** | **Amount Ready For Payment** | **Projected Balance**
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119 | Per Diem Expenses | 16000.00 | 0.00 | 16000.00 | 0.00 | 16000.00
311 | Legal Services | 7500.00 | 1289.32 | 6210.68 | 367.33 | 5843.35
312 | NIRPC Services | 94000.00 | 13058.90 | 80941.10 | 4248.68 | 76692.42
323 | Travel & Mileage | 6000.00 | 0.00 | 6000.00 | 0.00 | 6000.00
331 | Printing & Advertising | 2500.00 | 0.00 | 2500.00 | 0.00 | 106.23 | 2393.77
341 | Bonds & Insurance | 7500.00 | 5690.50 | 1809.50 | 0.00 | 1809.50
361 | Emergency Maintenance Costs | 3500.00 | 106.97 | 3393.03 | 0.00 | 3393.03
399 | Meeting Expenses | 3000.00 | 1091.51 | 1908.49 | 309.55 | 1598.94
411 | Legal Services | 50000.00 | 7476.00 | 42524.00 | 2268.00 | 40256.00
412 | Professional Services | 100000.00 | 28137.05 | 71862.95 | 15424.00 | 56438.95
413 | Land Purchase Costs | 3607916.00 | 32442.14 | 3575473.86 | 5152.91 | 3570320.95
414 | Land Capital Improvements | 150000.00 | 134.40 | 149865.60 | 0.00 | 149865.60
415 | Burns Waterway Breakwater | 13.96 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00
415 | Structures Capital Improvement | 40000.00 | 0.00 | 40000.00 | 0.00 | 40000.00
417 | Property/Structures Insurance | 25000.00 | 13661.00 | 11339.00 | 342.50 | 10996.50
412916.00 | 103087.79 | 4009828.21 | 28219.20 | 3981609.01

### Claims Ready for Payment

**Budget Code** | **Vendor Name** | **Amount** | **Explanation of Claim**
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311 | Louis Casale | 281.33 | Attorney Retainer for May 1989
311 | Louis Casale | 84.00 | General & Miscellaneous Legal Service May 1989
312 | NIRPC | 4248.68 | For Services Performed during April 1989
331 | Post-Tribune | 39.68 | Legal Notice Publication Fee
331 | The Times | 47.85 | Legal Notice Publication Fee
399 | McAvish Office Product | 18.70 | Cost Incurred Re: Office Supply
399 | The Spa | 293.59 | Meeting Expenses Incurred on 5/23/89
399 | Highland Bakery | 1546.90 | Meeting Expenses Incurred 6/1/89
411 | Louis Casale | 2268.00 | Legal Services for Land Acquisition 4-28 to 5-25-89
412 | NIPSCO | 30.64 | Pumping Expenses Incurred from 4-15 to 5-15-89
412 | Cole Associates, Inc. | 271.52 | Engineering Services 10/1 to 10-28-88
412 | Chicago Title Insurance | 3.00 | Title Work Incurred on DC 181
412 | Chicago Title Insurance | 285.00 | Title Work Incurred on DC 124
412 | Abomarch Development | 13800.00 | Agreement for Consulting Services
412 | Cole Associates, Inc. | 151.84 | Engineering Services thru 3-1-89
412 | South Shore Marina, Inc. | 880.00 | Reinstall Handrails on Breakwater
413 | Porter County Treasurer | 252.91 | 1988 Payable 1989 Real Estate Taxes
413 | Estate of George Homiday | 4900.00 | Purchase Price of Property DC 124
417 | Don Powers Agency, Inc. | 342.50 | Fire Policy on LCRBDC Property

**Total Amount:** 28219.20
Federal Representatives
Congressman Pete Visclosky
Ramón Arredondo – District Director for Congressman
John Laue – Projects Director for Congressman

Lane Ralph – Office of Senator Richard Lugar, Indpls.
Tim Sanders – Area Director for Senators Lugar & Coats

State Officials
Bart Petersen – Executive Assistant to the Governor
Frank Sullivan – State Budget Agency Director
Garland Ferrell – State Budget Agency staff
Jeff Hoffman – State Budget Agency staff
Patrick Ralston – Director of Dept. of Natural Resources
John Simpson – Director of Div. of Water, DNR
Greg Henneke – State Highway Dept.

State Legislators
Senator William Alexa
Senator John Bushemi
Senator Thurman Ferree
Senator Sue Landske
Senator Carolyn Brown Mosby
Senator Frank Mrvan

Representative Ralph Ayres
Representative Anita Bowser
Representative Charlie Brown
Representative Mary Kay Budak
Representative Chester Dobis
Representative Esther Fifield
Representative Earl Harris
Representative Paul Hric
Representative John Matonovich
Representative Jerome Reppa
Representative Earline Rogers
Representative Walter Roorda
Representative Jesse Villalpando
Representative Esther Wilson

County Officials
Lake County Commissioners:
Rudolph Clay
Steve Corey
Ernie Niemeyer

Lake County Councilman:
Ms. Frances Dupey
James Fleming
Andrew Smith
Richard Galambos
George Van Til
Robert Crossk
Sydney Garner

Steve Manich – Lake County Surveyor
Larry McClelland – Lake County Highway Superintendent

Frank DeRisi – Laporte District Engineer – IN Dept. of Highways
Municipalities

Hammond
Thomas McDermott - Mayor
Robert Markovich - City Councilman
Edward Repay - President, City Council
Gerald Mazur - City Councilman
Bernard Strbjak - City Councilman
Pete Torres - City Councilman
Rev. John Parrish - City Councilman
Janet Moran - City Councilwoman
Charles Pettersen - City Councilman
Robert Golec - City Councilman
Stan Dostani - City Engineer
Valerie Dehner - City Planner

Munster
Stanley Jones - President, Town Board
Larry Illingworth - Town Board member
Don Johnson - Town Board member
Hugh Brauer - Town Board member
Tom DeGiulio - Town Manager
James Mandon - Public Works director
Chuck Kessler - Building Commissioner

Highland
Dennis Tobin - President, Town Board
Ray Borowiec - Town Board member
Dominic Noce - Town Board member
Mark Herak - Town Board member
John Oakley - Town Board member
Paul Doherty - Clerk Treasurer
Ron Bradley - Public Works Director

Griffith
Merle Colby - President, Town Board
Ronald Szafarczyk - Town Board member
L. E. Owen - Town Board member
Patricia Schaad - Town Board member
Stanley Dobosz - Town Board member
John Bach - Public Works Director

Gary
Thomas Barnes - Mayor
Richard Comer - Deputy Mayor
Roy Pratt - President, City Council
Clemons Allen - City Councilman
Dharathula Dolly Millender - City Councilwoman
Gardest Gillespie - City Councilman
Gerald Hayes - City Councilman
Frank Ballard - City Councilman
Vernon Smith - City Councilman
Cleo Wesson - City Councilman
Wilfredo Sanchez - City Councilman
Gary, cont'd.
Roland Elvambuena - City Engineer
Taghi Arshami - Director of Planning

Indiana University N.W.
Peggy Elliot - Chancellor
William Staehle - Director of Community Relations
Dr. Mark Reshkin - Dean of Academic Affairs

N.W. Indiana Forum
Ed Bowles, Interim Director
Mitch Montgomery

Margaret Kuchta - Mayor of Hobart

Dewey Lemley - Superintendent of Lake Station Park Dept.

James Ranfranz - Executive Director of Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission

Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission:
John DeMeo, Chairman
Doyle Niemeyer, Vice Chairman
Arlene Colvin, Treasurer
Clyde Baughard, Secretary
Charles Agnew
George Carlson
William Critser
Jerry Pagac
David Springman
Jack Swike
William Tanke

Little Calumet River Basin Commission:
Robert Huffman, Chairman (Munster)
Elizabeth Williamson, Vice Chairman (Lake County)
Don Bengel, Treasurer (Porter County)
Edith Root, Secretary (Crown Point)
Richard Watson (Highland)
Richard Galambos (Regional Planning Commission)
Louis Larson (Griffith)
Steve Collins (Porter County)
Ernest Davis (Gary)
Charles Pettersen (Hammond)
Courtney Van Lopik (Ogden Dunes)
William Leets (Hobart)
Maxie Morris (New Chicago)
C. D. Green (Schererville)
Eileen Hunley (Cedar Lake)
Martin Barich (Portage)
Charles Oliver (Merrillville)
Daniel Murphy (Dyer)
Richard Wawrzyniak (Indiana D.N.R.)
Little Calumet work to start

**Corps to outline schedule.**

By Rich James

Staff writer

Dwight Eisenhour was president and Ray J. Maddern was in the early years of his four-decade career in Congress when the Army Corps of Engineers started looking for a solution to the Little Calumet River flooding problem.

Today, more than 30 years later, the slowly meandering, still-cllogged river still floods. And the Army Corps is still on the job.

But other than for a farmer who illegally dredged a portion of the river under the cover of darkness in 1967, and limited annual maintenance, the river stretches 24 miles virtually undisturbed.

The decades of work—planning, evaluating, fund raising and complaining—are about to pay off. Dwight Eisenhour, the project chairman, said at a Northwest Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NRPC) meeting last week.

"We are out of the planning and engineering stage," Gardener said.

But Highland Clerk-Treasurer Dale Doherty, a NRPC board member, wasn't convinced.

"In 1967 when it was first elected to the Highland Town Board, we were speaking in the same terms," Doherty said.

Nonetheless, Lt. Col. Jess Franks of the Army Corps of Engineers also had a bout of déjà vu.

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will be in Northwest Indiana Thursday to outline the seven-year construction schedule.

Work begins next May, Gardener said, initially for the 150-foot-wide channel from Gary to the Black Oak section of Gary where the first segment of levee will be constructed.

"Although it hasn't been appropriately yet, $25 million in federal money should be coming for next year's work," Gardener said.

The federal government is expected to provide $16 million of the $37 million cost of the project.

The Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission, partly through Gardener's lobbying efforts, has secured about $4.5 million from the Interior Department as a result of the 30th anniversary of the 1972 project.

The history of the project is almost as complex as the river itself. It is one of the few rivers in the country that flows in two directions—heading west into Illinois and east into the Portage/Burns Waterway and Lake Michigan.

The river's course where Hart Ditch empties into the river in Highland.

The project is as much recreational as flood control, something Maddren found out when he went to the Army Corps during severe floods in the 1960s.

The Army Corps asked Maddren if he would have to include a recreational aspect to obtain federal support, Gardener said.

Canoeing, hiking and biking trails, wetlands for laboratory studies, picnic areas and play areas will appear along the project.

Despite Maddren's initial puzzlement, little happened until 1966. Gardener and Ray Maddren carried the first resolution to get the study going in 1965. Gardener said.

In 1972, the Army Corps scrapped the 150-foot-wide channel because it was too costly and environmentally insensitive, Gardener said.

The plan now is for a 60- to 80-foot wide channel.

In 1978, then state Sen. Adam Benjamins Jr. acquired the first state money — a $500,000 appropriation for the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to study a modified levee proposal, with the thinking that an improved channel alone might not prevent flooding.

Between 1979 and 1990, the DNR spent money and began acquiring land. About 2,500 acres along the river were owned by public agencies, the state owning 1,600 of the total.

"The early days funding at the state level was touch and go," Gardener said. "One of the most frustrating things is the planning process the corps imposes. There are always new regulations, and you take two steps forward, one to the side and one back."

The second crucial point was Reagan's intent to make all projects cost effective. That stance essentially divided the project into two, eliminating levee construction in Gary.

"With no Gary levees, we would have dropped out," Gardener said, adding that the original plan remained intact despite the efforts of the Reagan administration.

"We lost the battle, but we fought the fight," Gardener said.

"If recreation is ever going to be used to clean up the water quality," Gardener said, "it is not likely, but it needs to be enhanced. Better flow is needed."