



# Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission

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

ARLENE COLVIN, Chairperson  
Mayor of Gary's  
Appointment

GEORGE CARLSON, Vice-Chairman  
Mayor of Hammond's  
Appointment

CLYDE BAUGHARD, Treasurer  
Governor's Appointment

WILLIAM CRITSER, Secretary  
Governor's Appointment

CHARLES AGNEW  
Governor's Appointment

NATHANIEL LEONARD  
Lake County Commissioners'  
Appointment

STEVE DAVIS  
Dept. of Natural Resources'  
Appointment

JOHN DEMEO  
Governor's Appointment

DAVID SPRINGMAN  
Governor's Appointment

WILLIAM TANKE  
Porter County Commissioners'  
Appointment

VACANCY  
Governor's 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, DECEMBER 3, 1992  
AT THE COMMISSION OFFICES  
8149 KENNEDY AVENUE  
HIGHLAND, IN

### A G E N D A

Pages

1. Call to Order by Chairperson Arlene Colvin
2. Recognition of Visitors, Guests
3. Approval of minutes of November 5, 1992
4. Selection of Nominating Committee for 1993 officers
5. Executive Director's Report
  - Wicker Park Manor tieback levee project
    - Construction complete - still awaiting needed paperwork before payment release
  - Erie bridge cleanup report
  - Conrail culverts/low-flow control structure additional rip-rap placement.
6. Reports of Standing Committees
  - A. Finance/Policy Committee - Clyde Baughard, Treasurer
    - Financial status report.
    - Approval of claims for November, 1992
    - Schedule meeting to discuss 1993 budget

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B. Legislative Committee - George Carlson, Chairman

- ☐ 1993/95 biennium request
    - ▶ Budget Committee hearing November 19th in Indianapolis
    - ▶ Congressman Visclosky's Testimony
    - ▶ Col. Reed's Testimony
  - ☐ Commission request for Budget Committee approval of \$2 million allocation 1989-91 appropriation
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C. Land Acquisition/Management Committee - Charles Agnew, Chairman

- ☐ Joint Committee meeting at 5:30 p.m.
  - ☐ Appraisals, offers, acquisitions, recommended actions
  - ☐ Meeting held 11/13 with Gary Park officials re: needed Gary properties for project
  - ☐ Letter from North-West Engineering re: Burr Street bridge reconstruction
  - ☐ Other issues
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D. Project Engineering/Construction Committee

- ☐ Joint Committee meeting at 5:30 p.m.
- ☐ Project construction status
- ☐ Utility relocation meeting held 11/18 w/Corps and NIPSCO

E. Marina Development Committee - Bill Tanke, Chairman

- ☐ Project status report
  - ☐ Letter in regard to Build Indiana Funds for marina construction
  - ☐ Other issues
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7. Other Business

8. Statements to the Board from the floor

9. Set date for next meeting; adjournment

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
HELD AT 6:30 P.M. THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1992  
AT LAKE ETTA PARK SITE  
4801 WEST 29TH AVENUE, GARY, IN

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Chairperson Arlene Colvin called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Eight (8) Commissioners were present. Quorum was declared and guests were recognized.

Development Commissioners:

Arlene Colvin  
John DeMeo  
Charles Agnew  
Dave Springman  
Nathaniel Leonard  
Steve Davis  
Clyde Baughard  
William Tanke

Staff:

Dan Gardner  
Lou Casale  
Sandy Mordus  
Bruce Stouffer

Visitors:

Ray Young - L.A. Flowers, Inc.,  
Gary  
Ben Thomas - Air-Rich Cooling  
and Heating, Gary  
Doc Miller - Gary  
Dominic Vasile - 2405 River  
Drive, Highland  
Siavash Beik - DNR, Div. Water  
James Flora - RWArmstrong  
Ola Kennedy - Lake County  
Park Board  
Mike Vander Heyden - Dyer  
Construction Co.  
Pete Zak - South Shore Marina  
Mary Jane Zak - "

*October*  
The minutes of the November 5th, 1992 meeting were approved by a motion from Clyde Baughard; seconded by Charles Agnew; motion passed unanimously after a correction was made to reflect that Arlene Colvin called the meeting to order - not Vice Chairman George Carlson as was stated.

Executive Director's Report - Mr. Gardner gave an update to the Commission regarding Wicker Park tie back levee project. He informed Commission that Dyer Construction has completed the job. Documentation is still needed to satisfy the Dept. of Natural Resources. Before payment is released, the contractor has to produce certain documentation per the specs. The project will be reviewed by FEMA and SEMA so it is important that the paperwork be in order. Although Siavash Biek from DNR stated that the construction and material used looks real good, approval cannot be given until specs are met. Mr. Gardner distributed a copy to members listing out the specs that needed addressing.

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Jim Flora, project engineer from R.W. Armstrong, stated he had paperwork to be signed in regard to the change order. There was an additional \$4,500 charge for topsoil on the levee and an additional \$315 to install a barrier rail at south end of levee to discourage trespassers. Total amount for the levee will be \$37,615.

Mr. Tanke made a motion to approve the change order and the new total amount due contingent upon receipt of appropriate documentation to satisfy DNR; motion seconded by John DeMeo; motion passed unanimously.

Pete Zak from South Shore Marina stated he would clean out the Erie R.R. bridge the beginning of the week. The Commission has retained him for clearing out the debris built up under the bridge.

Mr. Gardner talked about additional rip-rap needing to be placed at the low flow control structure at the Conrail R.R. in Gary near Martin Luther King Drive. Since Dyer Construction had originally done the culvert project at that location, they were authorized to add additional rip-rap for an amount of \$2,000. Mr. Agnew made a motion authorizing Dyer to proceed with the work for an amount not to exceed \$2,000; motion seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gardner spoke on the Commission's continued interest in local minority contracts within the project area. He referred to a letter written to Col. Reed concerning the subject. Mr. Young from L.A. Flowers, Inc., Gary made a presentation to the Board concerning a request for deviation in order that more minorities (blacks) be hired. Mr. Young cited a number of statistics regarding the minority population in Gary and the urban area of northwest Indiana most affected by this project. He also said such factors as the unemployment rate and the crime rate should weigh upon this decision. The Board passed a motion to write a letter to Col. Reed formally requesting a deviation from procurement regulations to address local minority hiring and subcontracting appropriate to conditions in this area. Mr. Gardner stated he would gather statistics that would support a deviation from the roughly 29% figure that is in effect with Lake County being the project catchment area.

Finance/Policy Committee - Committee Chairman Clyde Baughard presented the financial status report for October as well as the claims. One claim was added to the claim sheet - \$12,600 for Area Tree Service. Mr. Baughard made a motion to approve the pending claims; motion seconded by John DeMeo; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Baughard also referred to a letter received from the Corps requesting \$650,000 to be placed in the escrow account. A second letter was referred to showing the withdrawal of \$130,000 from the same escrow account.

Legislative Committee - Mr. Gardner informed the Commissioners that Thursday, November 19th at 1:00 p.m. is the scheduled time for the state budget hearing. Col. Reed will be present. It is hopeful that the Congressman may be present also. Chairperson Arlene Colvin will be in attendance as well as Mayor Barnes. Strong support is needed in order to stay on schedule with the Federal government. Mr. Gardner will start communicating with the area legislators.

Mr. Gardner stated that the new mayor of Hammond, Mayor Dedelow, was in the NIRPC office and he was given a brief overview of the flood control project status. He is in support of the project.

Land Acquisition Committee - Land Acquisition Chairman Chuck Agnew made a motion to increase the offered price of \$560 to \$1100 on DC45 Johnson acquisition; motion seconded by John DeMeo; motion passed unanimously.

Project Engineering/Construction Committee - Mr. Gardner stated we are awaiting a letter from the Corps in response to our proposed procedures regarding project utility relocation/reconstruction. Mr. Gardner also referred to letter in packet for Mayor Barnes concerning the Grant Street bridge project. He also referred to a support letter contained in packet from the Congressman to the Lake County Council on behalf of the Lake County Emergency Management Agency. Mr. Gardner also will write in behalf of the agency. The Commission is in strong support of the agency remaining at their present location in Gary because they will play the lead role in putting the closure structures in place in time of severe flooding.

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Marina/Breakwater Committee - Committee Chairman Bill Tanke announced that the city had selected Abonmarche for negotiation to perform the final engineering for the Portage public marina. The committee will meet in the near future with the city and Abonmarche to discuss hours and dollars. Abonmarche is preparing a cost schedule to submit for discussion.

Mr. Tanke made a motion for Abonmarche to proceed with a preliminary survey of the marina site in consultation with himself and staff; motion seconded by Charles Agnew; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Tanke then made a motion for Abonmarche, in consultation with himself and staff, to proceed with title work necessary to confirm ownership; motion seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Tanke then made a motion to proceed with having the underground storage tank removed from the marina site at a quote of not more than \$1,500; motion seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously.

There was no other business. The next Commission meeting was scheduled for Thursday, December 3, 1992 at 6:30 p.m.

/sjm

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# LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

## MERCANTILE NATIONAL BANK

JANUARY 1, 1992 - OCTOBER 31, 1992

### CASH POSITION - JANUARY 1, 1992

CHECKING ACCOUNT		
LAND ACQUISITION	125,840.40	
GENERAL FUND	68,026.65	
TAX FUND	2,922.85	
INVESTMENTS	1,279,651.49	
	-----	1,476,441.39

### RECEIPTS - JANUARY 1, 1992 - OCTOBER 31, 1992

LEASE RENTS	53,765.14	
INTEREST	41,440.01	
LAND ACQUISITION	309,131.65	
MISCELLANEOUS	25,394.78	
LCRBC - INTEREST FROM INVESTMENT	828.06	
ESCROW ACCOUNT INTEREST TO DATE	17,527.38	
TAXES	46.69	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	-----	448,133.71

### DISBURSEMENTS - JANUARY 1, 1992 - OCTOBER 31, 1992

1991 EXPENSES PAID IN 1992	22,485.67	
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES		
PER-DIEM EXPENSES	2,800.00	
LEGAL SERVICES	2,807.97	
NIRPC	56,054.41	
TRAVEL & MILEAGE	3,171.90	
PRINTING & ADVERTISING	250.17	
BONDS AND INSURANCE	5,426.50	
MEETING EXPENSES	1,173.48	
L/A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES		
LEGAL SERVICES	28,347.58	
APPRAISAL SERVICES	5,570.00	
ENGINEERING SERVICES	40,521.78	
LAND PURCHASE CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	58,818.96	
LAND MANAGEMENT SERVICES	18,111.39	
OPERATIONAL SERVICES	2,588.00	
L/A REAL ESTATE TAXES	1,000.88	
L/A UTILITY RELOCATION	21,108.40	
L/A PROPERTY STRUCTURES ACQUISITIONS	40,526.02	
L/A LAND CAP IMPROVEMENT	22,119.00	
L/A STRUCTURE CAP IMPROVEMENT	33,020.47	
L/A PROPERTY STRUCTURE INSURANCE	17,944.88	
LCRBC FUNDS RE: CULVERT INSTALLATION	220,479.53	
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE RE: BID REFUND	200.00	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS :	-----	604,526.99

### CASH POSITION - OCTOBER 31, 1992

CHECKING ACCOUNT		
LAND ACQUISITION	119,772.19	
GENERAL FUND	120,813.34	
TAX FUND	1,935.20	
INVESTMENTS	1,060,000.00	
ESCROW ACCOUNT INTEREST	17,527.38	
	-----	1,320,048.11



**NORTHWESTERN INDIANA  
REGIONAL  
PLANNING COMMISSION**

8149 Kennedy Ave.  
Highland, Indiana 46322

219-923-4060  
312-731-2646

**DATE:** November 6, 1992

**CONTRACT NO:** PARTP212

**CONTRACT CODE:** 212

**ORGANIZATION:** LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN  
DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

**PROJECT:** FOR SERVICES PERFORMED DURING OCTOBER 1992

**INVOICE NO:** 10/10

**I N V O I C E**

SALARIES AND FRINGE BENEFITS: DAN GARDNER & SANDY MORDUS	\$ 5,250.00
ROOM RENTAL FOR ADDITIONAL LCRBDC STAFF	225.00
ACCOUNTING SERVICES	300.00
TELEPHONE: LOCAL SERVICE	90.00
TELEPHONE: BILLABLE CHARGES (ATTACHMENTS)	33.89
POSTAGE	126.33
COPYING CHARGES @ \$.07 PER COPY (1,444 Copies)	101.08
GRAPHICS/PRINTING TIME @ \$18.00 PER HOUR (ATTACHMENTS) (1.5 hrs.)	27.00
STAFF MILEAGE/EXPENSES	26.00
OTHER CHARGES (ATTACHMENTS)	-0-

**TOTAL OCTOBER 1992 COSTS** \$ 6,179.30

**OUTSTANDING PAYMENT DUE** -0-

**TOTAL PAYMENT DUE** \$ 6,179.30



**PETER J. VISCLOSKY**  
1ST DISTRICT, INDIANA

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS  
CONGRESSIONAL STEEL CAUCUS  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
WHIP-AT-LARGE

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-1401**

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GARY, IN 46408  
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(218) 884-1177

PORTAGE CITY HALL  
8070 CENTRAL AVENUE  
PORTAGE, IN 46368  
(218) 763-2904

**TESTIMONY OF**

**PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

**MEMBER OF CONGRESS**

**IN SUPPORT OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT**

**COMMISSION'S CAPITAL BUDGET REQUEST**

**NOVEMBER 19 1992**

I strongly support the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission's capital budget request for the 1993-1995 State Biennium Budget. The Commission's \$7 million request will provide the funds essential to meet the ambitious Federal Construction schedule that will bring vital flood control and long anticipated flood protection to the communities of Gary, Hammond, Munster, Griffith and Highland.

After 25 years of negotiation, compromising and planning, The Little Calumet River Project is now under construction. I have made clear to Congress that every possible effort must be made to complete this project as quickly as possible to avoid further loss of life and \$11.8 million in average annual flood damage. Today's request will provide the funds needed to match the Federal grants which have already been authorized and appropriated for the Construction of this project. I have worked diligently to secure \$24.6 million since 1986 when the project won authorization in the Water Resources Development Act. In fact, for FY 93, I have already secured Congressional passage of \$11 million for this vital Northwest Indiana water project. This project will improve the quality of life for residents in these communities and open new land for economic development throughout the region.

The Development Commission's budget request of \$7 million is essential to assure the continued Federal construction contracts, which are budgeted and scheduled to increase dramatically in the three Federal fiscal years (93, 94, 95) covered by the 1993-95 State

biennium budget. This project, which took almost 40 years to begin, is now being put on the fast track by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. It is imperative that the State appropriate \$7 million to ensure that the project is near completion within the next three years. In addition, if the State meets the Federal Construction schedule obligations, the effectiveness of the State investment already made and requested will be maximized. The State monies will also work to contain costs from future inflation and provide real flood protection in the shortest time possible.

I am committed to securing \$52.8 million of Federal funding over the next three years to ensure that the last contract is awarded by May 1995. I hope the State also commits to securing the \$7 million necessary to allow this comprehensive project to stay on track and breathe productivity into areas previously drowned by flooding.

Once again, I emphasize the great importance of The Little Calumet River Project and its effect on thousands of people in Northwest Indiana. I therefore conclude by respectfully requesting your approval of this budget item - not only for those who suffer the ravages of flooding, but for all those who would benefit by a rejuvenated local economy.

Budget Testimony Remarks  
Presented for LTC David M. Reed  
House Ways and Means Committee  
Indiana Legislature  
1993-1994 Budget Request

I am pleased to be here this morning to provide you with the federal perspective on the Little Calumet River project.

The Congressionally authorized project consists of replacing 9.5 miles of existing spoil banks with 12.2 miles of new levees and floodwalls, constructing 9.7 miles of levees set-back from the river, installing a control structure at Hart Ditch, floodproofing 39 homes, relocating 29 structures from floodplain, dredging seven miles of river to increase channel capacity, constructing, 16.8 miles of hiking trails and preserving 788 acres of wetland. Construction would extend over a seven-year period.

The construction phase of the project began with the award of a small but important contract for \$12,500 to remove three structures from the floodplain in Gary's Black Oak neighborhood. This contract was completed in December 1990. Other subsequent contracts included a second demolition contract to remove 8 structures which was completed in September 1991 and a contract to construct a levee between Harrison and Broadway, completed in July of this year. The contract to construct a levee between Grant and Harrison was awarded in July of this year and work is in progress. In September, we awarded contract to construct both the north and south levees between Chase and Grant streets and contract to remove 14 more structures in Gary.

## Legislature Testimony

Next summer, we will begin construction of the south levee that will extend from Georgia Street to Martin Luther King Drive. We are fast tracking the design so as to begin construction of the replacement levee at Wicker Park Manor, the area that was severely damaged by flooding in November 1991. During this phase, we will also begin the wetland enhancement features of the project. Despite the current budgetary uncertainties, we anticipate no delay in awarding the contracts because \$11 million for the Little Calumet River project was appropriated in the FY 1993 budget.

Our schedule of future work assumes full funding to achieve a project completion date of September 1996. We are optimistic that funding will be available because the project has been included in the President's FY 1986 through FY 1993 budgets and has the strong support of Senators Lugar and Coats and Congressman Visclosky.

With full project funding, our schedule calls for:

- \*Construction of the remaining levee system from Northcote Avenue to Kennedy Avenue will follow in June 1994. Also included in this phase will be construction of the Hart Ditch control structure, raising the Indianapolis Boulevard bridge and landscaping. The scheduled completion for the work is July 1996.

- \*Next will be construction of the levee from Kennedy Avenue to Cline Avenue. This work is scheduled to begin in May 1995 and to be completed in December 1996.



## Legislature Testimony

The total costs for the project, adjusted for inflation, is 94.3 million. Of this total, the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission will provide 23.4 million in lands, easements and rights-of-way and 5.3 million in cash.

In concluding my remarks, I want to emphasize that the commitment the Commission, the State of Indiana and the Indiana Congressional delegation has made the difference in proceeding with construction of the Little Calumet River project in this period of tight budget constraints. With your continued support, flood relief will become a reality in Northwest Indiana.



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Executive Director

November 12, 1992

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

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

The Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission respectfully requests to be placed on the agenda of the next regularly scheduled meeting of the State Budget Committee. The Development Commission is requesting the approval of the Budget Committee to make available for claim drawdown the \$2,000,000 unallocated appropriation from the 1989-91 General Assembly biennium budget.

This request is made necessary by the approaching depletion of the currently allocated funds available for claim drawdown to meet increasing obligations of the Development Commission as the non-federal sponsor agency with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for construction of the federal flood control/recreation project. As of this writing, the Development Commission has \$777,111.87 remaining available for claim drawdown. The federal construction activity has increased from the initial contract in 1991 and this increase is projected to accelerate dramatically over the next several federal fiscal years. This fiscal year alone Congressman Visclosky and Senators Lugar and Coats have secured over \$11,000,000 in construction funding. Federal funding levels of \$21,000,000 in fiscal year 1994 and \$15,500,000

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in fiscal year 1995 are scheduled. To anticipate these scheduled construction awards, significant land acquisition, utility relocation, bridge reconstruction coordination, and 5% share cost cash contributions must be accomplished. These activities will require access to the requested \$2,000,000 and additional funding beyond the 1989-91 funds to meet the required non-federal obligations. This schedule and resultant non-federal obligations are contained in the Corps of Engineers projected FY93, 94, 95 construction schedule given to the Development Commission for preparations of the 1993-94 State Biennium Budget request and is included as Attachment A for documentation.

As documented evidence of particular items of non-federal cooperation currently before the Development Commission for fund commitment are four NIPSCO utility reconstructions approved by the Corps of Engineers design relief team as needed for project coordination. This cost for required project utility reconstructions is a non-federal cost assigned to the local sponsor. The total commitment for these utility reconstructions is \$246,497.00 as estimated by NIPSCO work order sheets. This documentation is labeled Attachment B.

Also, the Development Commission is in receipt of a Corps of Engineers letter of request for the Burr Street levee segment project betterment, which provides for structural flood protection for the Black Oak area of Gary consistent with the other developed neighborhoods along the river. This drawdown will be requested early in 1993 and the amount will be some \$468,000. This letter is included as documentation and listed as Attachment C.

One additional area of cost concentration is in the request forwarded by the Development Commission to the Corps of Engineers to move forward to early 1993 the federal construction of the north levee line of protection for the Wicker Park Manor subdivision in Highland as part of the agreed-to Federal, State and local strategy to restore 100 year flood protection and regulatory compliance for the subdivision. This subdivision was devastated by flooding in November 1990 and this restoration commitment stems from Governor Bayh's and the State Emergency Management Agency's efforts to remediate the problems caused. The impact to the Development Commission was to construct a tie-back levee to supplement action taken by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources and to commit to accelerating right-of-way acquisition for the some 21 properties upon which the north flood control levee is to be constructed. This will compound our need for financial resources available in late 1992 - early 1993. The letter of request to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is included and labeled as Attachment D.



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In summary, the rapidly accelerating federal construction and resultant related Development Commission responsibilities to meet that schedule and addressing the additional cash flow requirements imposed by the Burr Street levee betterment (Gary) and the Wicker Park Manor subdivision emergency response requires access to the 1989-91 appropriation for claim drawdown. The Development Commission respectfully requests positive action to release these funds as quickly as possible. If you or any of the Budget Agency staff have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to call me.

Thank you for your consideration of this request, and for the excellent support for the Little Calumet River Project by the General Assembly.

Sincerely,

Dan Gardner  
Executive Director

/sjm  
attach.

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



# **North-West Engineering Co., Inc.**

**504 Broadway, Suite 1028**

**Gary, Indiana 46402**

**(219) 882-6856**

November 9, 1992

Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission  
8149 Kennedy Avenue  
Highland, Indiana 46322

Attention: Mr. Dan Gardner,  
Executive Director

CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT  
REQUESTED NO. P 140 705 910

RE: Burr Street Bridge No. 218  
over Little Calumet River  
Gary, Indiana  
Project: STP N-746

Dear Mr. Gardner:

In accordance with the State requirements, you are hereby notified that the Lake County Highway Department has applied for a permit from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources to replace the above bridge.

This has become necessary as the existing bridge, in addition to being very narrow will be below the 100-year flood elevation upon the completion of the Flood Control Project along the Little Calumet River.

The proposed new 4-lane bridge will have two 13' lanes and two 12' lanes and a 5' sidewalks on either side. Burr Street will also be widened from 29th Avenue to Ridge Road from a 2-lane to a 50' wide 4-lane road with 5' sidewalks on both sides, a total of 60'. Because the bridge will be raised by 3' to 3.5' the roadway will also be raised to meet the new grade of the bridge.

This letter notifies you of the proposed changes and offers you the opportunity to ask any questions and to make comments or objections. It is requested that any of the above be submitted in writing within 30 days of the date of this letter, and must include facts demonstrating that you are either affected or aggrieved by this proposed new construction. The letter shall also include:

1. Name and address of person submitting the comments;
2. The interest of the person making the comment or objection;
3. Identification of any person represented by the person making the comment or objection;

**North-West Engineering Co., Inc.**

Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission  
Attention: Mr. Dan Gardner, Executive Director  
RE: Burr St. Bridge #218 over Little Calumet River Gary, IN, Proj: STP N-746

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4. Reasons with particularity for the comments;  
and should be addressed and mailed by Certified Mail to:

Indiana Department of Natural Resources  
Division of Water, Permit Section  
402 W. Washington Street, Room W-264  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46241

A copy of this letter shall also be mailed to:

Mr. Dale Catt, Highway Engineer  
Lake County Highway Department  
1100 Monitor Street  
Crown Point, Indiana 46307

and to: Mr. Roland Elvambuena, City Engineer  
City of Gary  
401 Broadway  
Gary, Indiana, 46402

You may also request an informal hearing on the above project by filing a petition with the Director, Division of Water. The petition must be signed by at least 25 individuals who are at least 18 years of age and who either reside or own real property within 1 mile of the above referenced project (Bridge over Little Calumet River on Burr Street). Any hearing on this project will be limited to the Division of Water's authority under the permitting statutes; therefore, issues relating to zoning, local drainage, floodway fringe construction, burning, etc. will not be discussed.

You may also request that the Division of Water notify you in writing when an initial determination is made to issue or deny the permit. Following the receipt of this notice, you may request administrative review of the determination by the Division of Water under Indiana Code 4-21.5 and 310 IAC 0.6-1.

A request for an informal hearing or notice of initial determination should be addressed as follows:

Division of Water  
Department of Natural Resources  
402 West Washington Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Telephone: (317) 232-4160

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**North-West Engineering Co., Inc.**

Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission  
Attention: Mr. Dan Gardner, Executive Director  
RE: Burr St. Bridge #218 over Little Calumet River Gary, IN, Proj: STP N-746

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Should you have any questions, please feel free to call the undersigned  
at 219/882-6856.

Very truly yours,

*Aravind Muzumdar*

ARAVIND MUZUMDAR, P.E.,  
President

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cc: Dale Catt, Lake County Highway Engineer  
Roland Elvambuena, Gary City Engineer

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STATE OF INDIANA  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

B. PATRICK BAUER  
FOURTH FLOOR STATE HOUSE  
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46204

1307 SUNNYMEDE  
SOUTH BEND, INDIANA 46615

COMMITTEES: 1991-92  
WAYS AND MEANS  
CHAIRMAN

October 26, 1992

Mayor Sammie L. Maletta  
City of Portage  
City Hall  
6070 Central Avenue  
Portage, Indiana 46368

Dear Sammie:

I am responding to your recent correspondence in which you requested \$276,000 in Build Indiana Funds for construction of the Portage Marina.

As you are aware, the recession has impacted lottery sales negatively and therefore constrained the ability of the state to fund Build Indiana projects. However, I am aware that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers funded one-half of improvements to Burns Harbor and in return, expects the marina to be constructed. Consequently, I will consider approval of this project by the Budget Committee as soon as available funding will permit.

Thank you for keeping me informed of the issues in connection with the Portage marina project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "B. Bauer", written over the word "Sincerely,".

B. Patrick Bauer  
Chairman, State Budget Committee

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# Marina development like a boat without paddle

► The problem is a lack of funds already approved.

By Rich James

Staff writer

WHITING — The Lake Michigan Marina Development Commission is in pretty much the same boat as the man dying of thirst in the middle of the ocean.

There is plenty of water, but you don't dare drink.

For the commission, the problem is money. The General Assembly has approved it, but the State Budget Committee won't release it.

Such was the message during the commission's monthly meeting at City Hall Monday.

The commission has yet to receive \$1.1 million approved for the 1989-91 biennium. It hasn't received any of the \$2.5 million approved for the biennium that ends in June 1993.

Thursday, the commission will go before the budget committee to make its pitch for \$13.73 million for the 1993-95 biennium.

Complicating matters is that the commission is sitting on a balance of \$1.1 million.

The culprit, says state Rep. B. Patrick Bauer, D-South Bend, budget committee chairman, is the recession. The marina money is to come from the Build Indiana Fund that is fueled by the lottery.

"As you are aware, the recession has impacted lottery sales negatively and therefore constrained the ability of the state to fund Build Indiana projects," Bauer told Portage Mayor Sammie L. Maletta. Bauer gave the same response to Gary Mayor Thomas V. Barnes's request for \$705,250 from the 1991-93 budget.

Besides the downturn in lottery sales, just 20 percent of the lottery profit is going to Build Indiana this year, compared to 55 percent in previous years. The difference is being used to supplement the state's sagging general fund.

## ► DEVELOPMENT

Bauer's answer came after Maletta asked the budget committee to release \$248,500 approved for the 1989-91 biennium.

Without the money, Maletta said he can't contract for the design work on the city's ma-

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## Cost-cutting plan foiled

Post-Tribune staff report

WHITING — Michigan City Mayor Robert Behler thought he had the answer Monday to saving the Lake Michigan Marina Development Commission \$500.

Close, but no cigar.

New guidelines for membership in the Great Lakes/St. Lawrence Mayors' Conference set fees based on population. The fee for cities or areas with more than 300,000 population is \$1,000. Below 300,000 the fee is \$500.

The population of the six cities making up the marina commission is 302,811.

Behler said he could reduce Michigan City's population by eliminating the state prison population from the city's census count.

But cutting off the 1,650 inmates would still leave the commission's population at 301,161.

The commission also would be under the 300,000 figure if it hadn't added Whiting as a member. Mayor Robert Bercik has said the city has no plans to build a marina. Whiting's population is 5,150.

## Marina

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*(Gary Mayor Thomas) Barnes said the marinas still have an identity problem.*

rina. With the design money and release of other approved money, Maletta said construction could start next spring.

Maletta, Barnes, Michigan City Mayor Robert Behler and Hammond Mayor Duane W. Dedelow Jr. will appear before the budget committee to appeal for 1993-95 money.

Barnes said the marinas still have an identity problem.

"The notion continues to be that it is fun and games and recreation and not economic development," Barnes said. "There is an excellent return on investment."

The breakdown on the \$13.73 million request for 1993-95 is \$2 million for Portage, \$35,000 for Whiting, \$1.2 million for East Chicago, \$5 million for Gary and \$3.5 million for Michigan City.

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## LOCAL/STATE

# State funding latest problem

by Katherine Bieker  
The Vidette-Messenger

**WHITING** — Public marina plans in Portage may be delayed because of deferred state payments.

Portage Mayor Sammie Maletta again requested the release of \$248,500 from a 1989 state appropriation to help fund the city's proposed 250-slip public marina. Earlier this year, Portage asked for the full appropriation, \$776,000, but only received \$500,000. That money was used to fund early site preparations like moving utility lines and raising a low bridge along Burns Waterway.

Barbara Waxman, Lake Michigan Marina Development Commission executive director, said unfortunately when the commission needs the money most, state revenues are declining and the economy is in a downturn.

"The balance we're trying to obtain, \$248,500 ... it's pretty important because the release of

## Finances could delay marina

those funds would allow the city to contract for the marina's final design," Waxman said.

City officials have agreed to enter into negotiations with The Abonmarche Group of Michigan for the final engineering and design work for the marina. The Abonmarche Group also conducted feasibility studies in earlier stages of development.

But without the state funds, negotiating could be delayed and the project could be pushed back. City officials are still hoping to begin construction in the spring. Sand mining has already begun at the site, just south of U.S. 12 on state Route 249 (Crisman Road).

"Without those plans and specifications, it's gonna delay construction, and we want to get that started as soon as possible," Waxman said.

The city of Gary is also asking for release of \$705,000 for marina development from a 1991 appro-

priation. That money would be used for preliminary site preparation, including soil testing, surveys, permits, detailed design plans and dry excavation.

Waxman said it would be difficult to determine which funding is more vital.

"The impetus in Portage is that a lot of work has been done already between the city and the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission. Another impetus is the public marina is required to fulfill an agreement with the Army Corps (of Engineers)," she said.

In 1984, when the Army Corps constructed a breakwall at the mouth of Burns Waterway, the LCRBDC agreed to construct a public marina. Dredging was included in the breakwall project and the state paid \$1.8 million of the cost. If the public marina isn't constructed the state could ask for reimbursement.

"One driving force in Gary is

the Lake County Park Department bond issue. Nearly \$5 million will go for the boat launch, park and other public portions of the marina. Another driving force is there is a private developer on hand bringing cash equity to the project. There still is a funding gap that has to be breached," Waxman said.

In addition to the already appropriated sums, the LMMDC is seeking \$13.7 million for the 1993-95 biennium. The commission's hearing is scheduled at 12:15 p.m. Thursday before the State Budget Committee. Waxman can't estimate what she thinks the actual appropriation will be for marina development. In 1991, the LMMDC sought \$20 million and only \$2.5 million was appropriated.

"This is really the most carefully prepared and most scaled-down budget we've ever submitted. I honestly don't know (what we'll get). It really will be dependent on the state's fiscal health in the next two years."

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## Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission

### BUDGET TRANSFER

Transfer \$1,000 from Line Item 5312 NIRPC Services (decreasing it from \$94,000 to \$93,000) to Line Item 5399 Meeting Expenses (increasing it from \$2,500 to \$3,500)

### RATIONALE

To allow for extra unexpected expense incurred in nine (9) registrations of Commissioners and staff to attend National Association of Flood and Stormwater Management Agencies annual meeting/conference @ \$175 per registration.

LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT  
NOVEMBER 30, 1992

ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET AMOUNT	AMOUNT PAID PREVIOUSLY	UNPAID BALANCE	AMOUNT READY FOR PAYMENT	PROJECTED BALANCE
5119	PER DIEM EXPENSES	\$16,000.00	2,800.00	13,200.00	0.00	\$13,200.00
5311	LEGAL EXPENSES	7,500.00	3,090.64	4,409.36	283.33	4,126.03
5312	NIRPC SERVICES	94,000.00	62,367.34	31,632.66	6,179.30	25,453.36
5323	TRAVEL & MILEAGE	7,500.00	3,171.90	4,328.10	2,749.50	1,578.60
5331	PRINTING & ADVERTISING	2,000.00	300.17	1,699.83	86.21	1,613.62
5341	BONDS & INSURANCE	7,500.00	5,476.50	2,023.50	0.00	2,023.50
5361	EMERGENCY MAINTENANCE COSTS	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
5399	MEETING EXPENSES	2,500.00	1,173.48	1,326.52	1,649.14	(322.62)
5410	LEGAL SERVICES	50,000.00	32,476.03	17,523.97	2,491.75	15,032.22
5420	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	250,000.00	148,029.60	101,970.40	3,246.58	98,723.82
5430	PROJECT LAND PURCHASE COSTS	3,902,705.00	42,435.49	3,860,269.51	3,600.00	3,856,669.51
5440	PROPERTY/STRUCTURES INSURANCE	25,000.00	17,944.88	7,055.12	0.00	7,055.12
5450	UTILITY RELOCATION COSTS	100,000.00	22,557.60	77,442.40	0.00	77,442.40
5460	PROJECT LAND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	150,000.00	22,119.00	127,881.00	4,306.50	123,574.50
5470	STRUCTURES CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	40,000.00	33,020.45	6,979.55	0.00	6,979.55
5480	BURNS WATERWAY BREAKWATER	44,000.00	0.00	44,000.00	0.00	44,000.00
5490	ESCROW ACCOUNT	908,000.00	0.00	908,000.00	0.00	908,000.00
TOTAL:		\$5,609,705.00	\$396,963.08	\$5,212,741.92	\$24,592.31	\$5,188,149.61

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ACCOUNT	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	EXPLANATION OF CLAIM
5311	LOUIS M. CASALE	283.33	RETAINER BILLING FOR NOVEMBER, 1992
5312	NIRPC	6,179.30	FOR SERVICES PERFORMED DURING OCTOBER, 1992
5323	ALL STYLE TRAVEL	189.00	COST INCURRED RE: TRI-STATE TICKETS RE: NAFSMA CONFERENCE
5323	DAN GARDNER	130.50	MILEAGE EXPENSES 10/5 - 11/24/92
5323	ALL STYLE TRAVEL	2,430.00	COST INCURRED RE: AIRLINE TICKETS TO NAFSMA CONFERENCE
5331	POST-TRIBUNE	18.32	COST INCURRED RE: LEGAL AD FOR FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT STAGE III
5331	POST-TRIBUNE	17.89	COST INCURRED RE: LEGAL AD FOR FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT STAGE III
5341	INDIANA DEPT. NATURAL RESOURCE	50.00	PERMIT APPLICATION FEE FOR CONSTRUCTION IN FLOODWAY
5399	BEACH CAFE	74.14	MEETING EXPENSES INCURRED ON 11/13/92
5399	NAFSMA	1,575.00	COST INCURRED RE: REGISTRATION FEES FOR CONFERENCE
5410	LOUIS M. CASALE	2,491.75	LAND ACQUISITION LEGAL SERVICES (10/30 - 11/26/92)
5421	METZ APPRAISALS	850.00	APPRAISAL COST INCURRED ON CONDEMNATION OF DC 168
5423	NIPSCO	393.58	UTILITY BILL FOR PUMPING EXPENSES 10/14- 11/13/92
5424	ROBERT B. STOUFFER	1,803.00	LAND ACQUISITION/MANAGEMENT SERVICES RENDERED 11/5 - 12/2/92
5424	JANE HERSHEY	200.00	TITLE WORK INCURRED ON DC 320 & 230
5431	ROBERT & VELORA JOHNSON	1,100.00	PURCHASE PRICE OF PROPERTY DC 145
5431	LAKE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT	2,500.00	COURT APPRAISAL ON CONDEMNATION OF DC 168
5460	SOUTH SHORE MARINA	970.00	COST INCURRED RE: REMOVAL OF & STORAGE OF HANDRAILS
5460	SOUTH SHORE MARINA	600.00	COST INCURRED RE: ROADWAY REMOVAL @ CALHOUN ST.
5460	MAINTENANCE DYNAMICS	1,691.50	COST INCURRED RE: REMOVAL OF STORAGE TANKS
5460	SOUTH SHORE MARINA	1,045.00	COST INCURRED RE: DEBRIS REMOVAL WEST OF INDIANAPOLIS BLVD.
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## INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PATRICK R. RALSTON, DIRECTOR

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November 30, 1992

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

Re: Temporary Tie Back Levee  
Wicker Park, Highland

Dear Mr. Gardner:

This letter is to inform you that the Indiana Department of Natural Resources confirms that the Temporary Tie Back Levee for the Local Flood Protection Project at Wicker Park has been constructed in such a manner that adequate flood protection against 100 year high water elevation of 599 feet, NGVD 29, plus three feet of free-board from the Little Calumet River between the U.S. 41 road overpass embankment and the existing temporary sheet pile wall is now provided. Based on staff's visits to the site during the placement of the embankment fill, it is our opinion that construction methods were adequate to reinforce the existing railroad fill to a suitable temporary levee system.

Although the integrity of the finished project was not affected, staff believes that the marginal performance of Dyer Construction in following the specifications related to coordination, notification and documentation of the project created difficulties in scheduling the inspections. It also made the conformance verification a very time consuming task. The contractor should be made aware that compliance with all administrative specifications will be expected on any future jobs with state involvement.

We appreciate your efforts in acting as the Contracting Officer in this project. If you have any questions on the above, please contact Mr. Siavash Beik, P.E. at 317-232-4221.

Sincerely,

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John N. Simpson, P.E.  
Director  
Division of Water

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DATE: December 3, 1992

TO: Dan Gardner, Executive Director  
LCRBDC

FROM: Ronald E. Schults, P.E.

RE: Drum Sampling and Disposal

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I have received the enclosed memorandum from Mike Burns regarding costs of analysis of the 55-gallon drum discovered on-site. The identified budget of \$920 would perform services and testing to identify the type of material in the drum. After the material has been identified, we would also identify a proposal to remove and properly dispose of the drum.

If you would like to proceed with this work, please so indicate and I will direct Mike Burns to perform the required testing and analysis.

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# ATTENDANCE ROSTER

Name of meeting: LCRBDC

Date: Dec. 3, '92

	NAME (please print)	Organization and/or Address	
1	VIRGIL MEIER	813 SYCAMORE H, 924	
2	DONALD R. SHAPIRO	8230 WICKER, DPK. Dr H, 924	
3	LEON F. WELLS	LAKE CO. HLY DET	3
4	Pete Zak	South Shore Marine, Inc	4
5	Mary Jane Zak	" " " "	5
6	Alvin Halimik	Highland News	6
7	Gonzales Castellanos	WJOB News - Hammond	7
8	Siavash Beik	IDNR - water Division	8
9	JAMES FLORA	R.W. ARMSTRONG	9
10	BILL PETRITES	HIGHLAND, INDIANA	10
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Chairman: Arlene Colvin

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