AGENDA

PORTAGE, IN 6100 SOUTHPORT ROAD AT THE COMMISSION OFFICES AT 6:30 P.M. WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1994

COMMISSION MEETING

LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT

MEETING NOTICE

Fax (219) 762-1553
6100 Southport Road
Portage, Indiana 46368

little Calumet River Basin Development Commission

Call to Order by Chairman George Carlson

2. Reception of Visitors, Guests

3. Approval of Minutes of October 6, 1994

4. Chairman's Report

5. Executive Director's Report

Application of 1995 Nomination Committee


Summary of State Budget Request Hearing held 10/19

DAVID DAVIES
Executive Director

DAVID DAVIES
Commissioner
6. Reports of Standing Committees

A. Land Acquisition/Management Committee - Charles Agnew, Chairman
   - Appraisals, offers, acquisitions, recommended actions
   - Corps Real Estate meeting held 10/20/94 - major issues
   - 1995 Leases
   - Other issues

B. Project Engineering/Construction Committee - Robert Huffman, Chairman
   - Wicker Park Manor construction progress report
   - Federal realignment in Highland/Griffith - status 8-9
   - Black Oak resident meeting held on 10/18/94 10
   - Other issues

C. Marina Development Committee - Bill Tanke, Chairman
   - Site Excavation status
     - Request from Bill Suarez for site sand availability
   - Abonmarche - contract approval status 11
   - Sheertiling contract award/construction start
     - Groundbreaking November 18, 1994 12
   - Corps of Engineers permit signing approval
     - Receipt of deed restriction as required in permit 13-14
   - Other issues

D. Finance/Policy Committee - John DeMeo, Treasurer
   - Financial status report 15
   - Approval of claims for September, 1994 16-19
   - Other issues

6. Other Business

7. Statements to the Board from the floor

8. Set date for next meeting; adjournment
Chairman George Carlson called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. Six (6) Commissioners were present. Quorum was declared and guests were recognized.

**Development Commissioners:**
- George Carlson
- Charles Agnew
- Steve Davis
- Robert Huffman
- Robert Trelo
- William Tanke

**Visitors:**
- Herb Read - Izaak Walton
- Bill Petrites - Highland
- Ruth Mores - Hammond
- Jim Flora - R.W.Armstrong
- Rick Markley - The Times
- Mike Vander Heyden - Dyer
  - Construction
- Dave Taborski - Black Oak
- Ken Smith - Div.of Water, IDNR
- Pete Zak - South Shore Marina
- Denis Buksa - Munster resident
- Charles Siar - Izaak Walton
- Don Shapiro - Highland
- Stanley Petrites - Highland
- Mara Candelaria - Congressman
  - Visclosky’s staff
- Mike Doyne - Portage

The minutes of the September 1, 1994 meeting were approved by a motion from Chuck Agnew; motion seconded by Robert Huffman; motion passed unanimously.

**Executive Director’s Report** - Mr. Gardner spoke on the upcoming State Budget hearing scheduled for October 19. This next session a key session - we will either keep up with the federal government or fall back. $8 million has been requested in this 95/97 biennium and Mr. Gardner has brought to their attention the $4 million in the Build IN funds previously allocated but never received. Col. Slockbower will be present at the hearing; Congressman Visclosky has been invited (if the Congressman cannot attend, his staff will) It is a 1/2 hour presentation. Ken Smith added that a significant comment he thought Dan Gardner made was the shared amount - some state money to match the federal money. He will portray as strong a case as possible.
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Mr. Gardner spoke on the status of the Gary Park Board easements. Although we have obtained some needed easements for the levee construction from the Park Board, there is still much land to be acquired - much of which will be flowage area. For that significant amount of land, they want compensation in the form of a greenhouse and driving range. We have not come to a definite conclusion to obtain the signed easements. The Corps of Engineers has now stated in a letter that we will obtain credit for what is needed equal to the value of the easements interest only. The easements that have been requested thus far are being appraised to set a value on them. Another coordination meeting needs to take place in which the Commission's committee members of Chuck Agnew, Arlene Colvin and Nathaniel Leonard, staff, Corps officials, and Gary Park Board staff, attorney and board members need to get together. A lengthy discussion was held on the quantity of Gary Park Board property we need and the value placed on them from the appraisal and on the need to bring this to a conclusion to avoid project construction stoppage or legal action.

Land Acquisition Committee - Land Acquisition Chairman Chuck Agnew made a motion to approve and sign the NIPSCO relocation agreement for Stage II - 3B; motion seconded by Robert Trelo; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Agnew then made a motion to authorize a relocation agreement with NIPSCO for the power line on Delaware St. in Stage II Phase 4; motion seconded by Robert Huffman; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Agnew reported that the NIPSCO agreements for electrical and gas lines in Stage II 3B have been signed and received by NIPSCO.

Mr. Agnew made a motion to approve appraisals DC441, DC442, and DC444 and make an offer to the property owners for fair market value and to proceed with condemnation if necessary; motion seconded by Bill Tanke; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Agnew made a motion of intent for staff to pursue the necessary negotiations with Chicago Tower Corp. to produce a satisfactory lease to be ratified at next meeting making sure that Chicago Tower would secure all necessary state, federal and local permits to construct a tower; motion seconded by Bob Trelo; motion passed unanimously.

Project Engineering Committee - Mr. Huffman reported that the construction at Stage II Phase 3A is about right on schedule and anticipated to be done earlier.
He reported that a meeting has been scheduled at Black Oak School at 29th & Burr at 6:30 Tuesday October 18th with the residents whose property is affected by the culvert or drainage ditch that will be constructed from Colfax to Burr. The Corps will also be present to help describe the drainage system to them.

Mr. Huffman made a motion for staff to pursue facilitating a contract with Norfolk & Southern R.R. stipulating the Commission will pay for costs not to exceed $19,727 for them to employ a consultant to review the Corps plans and specs for Stage IV Phase 1 and 2; motion seconded by Bob Trelo; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Huffman spoke on the ongoing levee construction project at Wicker Park Manor. Although originally the Corps stated that the old levee material could not be used for the new levee, it has today been determined by the Corps that some of the material is suitable and can be used for the new levee. The quality of clay became unsuitable at Merrillville Crossing so being able to use the existing clay at the site should expedite the project. It is about 50% complete. He also stated that the paperwork for hydrology review is still the hands of the Dept. of Natural Resources. Staff will contact DNR to check status. The Congressman’s Office has already contacted DNR also to try to rush review through so it can be sent to FEMA for their review. The ultimate goal is to have the area removed from the floodplain area so as to allow residents to rebuild without having to carry flood insurance.

The Erie R.R. bridge at Indianapolis Blvd. and the river has been removed. Mr. Gardner added we have received a bill today from Dyer Construction and it will be listed on next month’s claim sheet for approval. We will contact both Hammond and Highland to receive their share of the funds. 10% retainage will be withheld until the rip-rap can be placed on the banks (that cannot be done until levee construction is complete in that area).

Mr. Huffman made a motion for staff to write a letter to the Corps requesting a benefits analysis be done for the Highland/Griffith levee to bring it up to a 604’ level of protection, as supported by the Commission, instead of the 602’ which currently exists; motion seconded by Chuck Agnew; motion passed unanimously. If the Corps would not agree to such, for us to go ahead with the modification, it would be a betterment cost and therefore be a direct cost to the Commission and not creditable.
Marina/Breakwater Committee - Committee Chairman Bill Tanke gave the marina report. Mr. Tanke reported that approximately 292,431 cubic yards of sand has been removed to date. A letter was received from Dyer Construction requesting an additional 50,000 c.y. for the Port of Illinois project. Mr. Tanke made a motion authorizing the additional amount of sand contingent upon it going to that project only. Any other project must come back before the Board. Motion was seconded by Bob Huffman; motion passed 4-2 with 2 nay votes from Chuck Agnew and Steve Davis.

Mr. Tanke asked Mike Vander Heyden from Dyer Construction, who is doing the sandmining at the site, to clean up the north slope. He replied that Superior originally was going to do it and they have just asked Dyer to do it so it will be done in the very near future.

Mr. Gardner referred to a letter received from J. B. Lawrence in regard to a request for approximately 5,000 c.y. of sand. It was stated that he should work with the contractor and purchase the sand from him. The contractor should allow this. He must work with the contractor and not be on the site on his own. Mr. Gardner will put them in touch with the contractor.

In regard to sand needed by Ogden Dunes before this fall, they have received a release up to $50,000 to be made available to them as settlement with the Port. Mr. Gardner has talked to Ted Illegio from Ogden Dunes and although there is no direct request before the Board tonight, there probably will be very shortly. They are attempting to secure some matching funds, thus allowing them to maximize the $50,000 to the highest extent. Mr. Tanke made a motion to donate the money this Commission would receive from Ogden Dunes subject to them working with the contractor on the site; motion seconded by Bob Huffman; motion passed unanimously.

A request has come to us from Save the Dunes Council to ask Chicago Corps District to use whatever influence they have with Detroit Corps District to modify the NIPSCO dredging permit to allow the disposed sand to be placed as close as possible to the beach and to the west breakwater so it will be beneficial to the Ogden Dunes residents. Mr. Gardner will pursue investigating permit stipulations and see if Corps can assist.

Mr. Tanke stated that Portage has received bids on the sheet piling construction project. The sheet piling work will start upon receiving the Corps permit. Dave Gesl of the Detroit Corps office informed us that the permit went out yesterday to the Congressman's Office. Mr. Tanke made a motion authorizing the city to proceed with the award of the sheet piling contract with no monies coming
from this Commission on that project; motion seconded by Chuck Agnew; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Tanke made a motion to renew the existing lease with Marquette Yacht Club for one more year at the same rate; motion seconded by Chuck Agnew; motion passed unanimously.

Finance/Policy Committee - In Treasurer John DeMeo’s absence, Mr. Gardner presented the financial status report for August as well as the claims amounting to $61,828.28. Mr. Tanke made a motion to approve paying the pending claims; motion seconded by Bob Trelo; motion passed unanimously.

Other Business - Dan Gardner informed the Commission that the Corps held a meeting here this afternoon for those persons who commented against the Corps Environmental Impact Study. Some good issues were brought up and the Corps will address those issues.

Mr. Tanke inquired about the committee that was to be formed to address the issue of maintenance once the levee segments are turned over to the Commission. Mr. Gardner stated that we are still awaiting a maintenance manual from the Corps - then we will meet.

Statements from the floor - Mr. Shapiro brought up the issue of the flap gate on the west side of the Indpls. Blvd. He feels it will not work properly and that water will back up there. Mr. Vander Heyden was in agreement with him. He stated he has talked to the Corps several times about it but the Corps disagrees with them. They stand behind their design. Mr. Gardner informed them that staff will talk to the town officials, the Corps engineers, and investigate the area first hand and report back at the next meeting.

Mr. Taborski asked why the railroad doesn’t clean up all the old ties along the waterway. He was informed that the railroad embankment there will be sealed and whatever cleanup needs to happen for that embankment sealing, it will happen at that time.

Herb Read stated that although he opposes the additional 50,000 c.y. of sand, approved for the Illinois project, he appreciates the efforts the Commission has made in getting the sand to the beach and their continuing willingness to help. Hopefully some additional funds can be found in the future.

There being no further business, the next Commission meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, November 9, 1994.

/sjm
Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission

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October 24, 1994

Mr. Scott Golde
District Director
Congressman Visclosky's Office
215 West 35th Avenue
Gary, Indiana 46408

Dear Scott:

I wish to extend to you my sincere thanks for taking the time to personally appear before the State Budget Committee and offer Congressman Visclosky's testimony in support of the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission's $8 million 1995/97 biennial budget request. Congressman Visclosky's support for federal funding for the project is one of the cornerstones for this effort. His support is truly recognized and appreciated by the Development Commission members and the communities to be benefited by the construction.

As was stated at the hearing, this is truly the most critical state budget session of the project's 25 year history. The amount of state support will greatly determine the construction schedule and the ability of the Corps of Engineers to request and commit sizable federal support for the project construction. In light of the critical nature of this session, the Development Commission intends to work closely with the northwest Indiana legislators and elected officials to strongly lobby for the $8 million state appropriation request.

We appreciate the Congressman's willingness to co-sponsor a reception with our area state legislators whose districts are benefited by the project and will be working with you to establish the date and arrangements in the near future.

Again, thank you and Congressman Visclosky for your past and continued support for the Little Calumet River project.

Sincerely,

Dan Gardner
Executive Director

/sjm
cc: The Honorable Peter Visclosky, Congressman
Dan Gardner, Executive Director
Little Calumet River Basin
Development Commission
6100 Southport Road
Portage, Indiana 46368

Dear Mr. Gardner:

Effective immediately please direct and have directed all correspondence regarding the Little Calumet River Project and the Gary Park Department to:

Attorney Gregory Reising
607 South Lake Street, Suite A
Gary, IN 46403

Attorney Julian B. Allen is no longer the attorney of record to handle this matter for the Gary Park Board of Commissioners. Attorney Reising will contact you in the near future regarding this change. Your cooperation in working with him on this matter is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Alma V. White, President
Gary Park Board of Commissioners

AVW/mlh

c.c. Mayor Thomas V. Barnes
Park Board Commissioners
Arlene Colvin
Edmund Vasquez
Attorney Gregory Reising
October 10, 1994

Mr. Richard Carlson
Deputy District Engineer
Chicago District
U. S. Army Corps of Engineers
111 N. Canal Street
Chicago, Illinois 60606-7206

Dear Mr. Carlson:

Re: Request for economics benefits analysis for the Griffith levee segment

On April 21st of this year, the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission wrote the Chicago District Corps of Engineers requesting a levee realignment in the Highland stretch of the river and the inclusion of levee protection in the Griffith stretch of the Little Calumet River. We are currently writing you based on recent correspondence from the town of Griffith to the Corps requesting levee protection to the elevation of 603.4 for the Griffith stretch of the river. The town of Griffith is requesting equal level of structural protection for their developed areas along the river and requests this section to be constructed as part of the Federal Flood Control Project.

The Development Commission is therefore requesting the Corps of Engineers perform an economic benefits assessment of the area behind the proposed Griffith levee to determine justification for federal cost sharing and inclusion of this segment into the federal project. This request for the economic benefits analysis is forwarded to the Corps by unanimous vote of the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission at its October 6 board meeting. The Development Commission supports the town of Griffith's request and contention that equal flood protection be afforded and that this area for the study contains residential and light industrial facilities eligible for federal cost justification.
Thank you for your consideration of this request and we look forward to hearing from you in this regard. Please call if additional information is required. I am including a copy of the letter from the town of Griffith sent to Dave Hunter dated 8/25/94 for your information.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Dan Gardner
Executive Director

/sjm
encl.

cc: Lt.Col. Robert E. Slockbower, District Engineer
Dave Hunter, U.S.C.O.E. Project Manager
Merle Colby, Griffith Town Council
Black Oak residents learn details of flood-control plan

BY ROBIN BIESSEN
Times Staff Writer

Gary - With less than a year
ago, before construction is slated
to begin, about 25 residents of
Black Oak came to the neighbor-
hood elementary school Tuesday
to hear what the Little Calumet
River flood-control project will
mean to them.

After explaining the history of
the project, representatives from
the U.S. Army Corps of Engi-
ners, along with a spokesman
from the local coordinating
agency, answered a litany of
questions about the project.

In addition, project officials at-
tempts to quell a trail of misin-
formation that has preceded con-
struction of new levees east of
Cline Avenue.

The portion of the Little
Calumet flood-control project in
Black Oak will span from Chase
Street west to Cline Avenue and
will include the construction of a
series of levees along the unpro-
tected stretch of river.

Don Gardner, executive direc-
tor of the Little Calumet River
Basin Development Commission,
the coordinating agency for the
project, said the increased pro-
tection afforded by the project,
along with a coordinating storm
sewer project in the area, should
mean an end to widespread
flooding in the low-lying area.

"There is going to be protec-
tion where you don't have any
now," Gardner said. "Property
values should increase for those
who will no longer be in the flood
plain."

"I think there will be some re-
al benefits to property owners
along the river," he added.

"When this is completed, the
Gary stretch of the river will
have the same level of protec-
tion other communities west of
Cline Avenue now enjoy."

Gardner said the multiyear
project will include new and en-
hanced flood protection along
the Little Calumet from the Indi-
ana/Illinois line to Martin Luther
King Drive in Gary.
October 27, 1994

Mr. Daniel Gardner, Executive Director
LCRBDC
6100 Southport Road
Portage, IN 46368

Mr. John Hannon, P.E.
City of Portage
6070 Central Avenue
Portage, IN 46368

Re: Portage Municipal Marina
    Project No. 93-294

Dear Dan and John:

The following represents the total amount of excavation at the Portage Municipal Marina, as of our October 11, 1994 topographic survey:

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This amount is all above groundwater table (GWT) excavation. However, the contractors are now beginning to perform excavation below GWT. In future surveys and excavation totals, we will differentiate the excavation to above GWT and below GWT.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

ABONMARCHE CONSULTANTS, INC.

Jeffrey A. Bartoszek, P.E.
Director of Engineering

JAB/jeg
October 27, 1994

Mr. Daniel Gardner, Executive Director
LCRBDC
6100 Southport Road
Portage, IN 46368

Re: Portage Municipal Marina
Project No. 93-294

Dear Dan:

This letter will serve as our authorization to proceed with the following:

1. Sand Mining Administration, Sheet Piling Construction $13,400
   Administration, and Permit Processing
   November and December
   2 months @ $6,700/month (not-to-exceed)

Please note that the above includes preparation and revisions (if any) to the boat traffic study, administration of the Superior/Dyer joint venture, and administration/coordination with Hardman Construction. We would anticipate the following services during these months:

   Project Executive 6 hrs/mo @ $85 = $510
   Project Manager 32 hrs/mo @ $65 = $2,080
   Inspector/Technician 80 hrs/mo @ $40 = $3,200
   Survey Crew 14 hrs/mo @ $65 = $910
   $6,700/mo

Please note that the construction administration of the Hardman contract will be authorized on a monthly basis until a final Engineering Agreement is executed.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

ABONMARCHE CONSULTANTS, INC.

Jeffrey A. Bartoszek, P.E.
Director of Engineering

JAB/jeg
October 26, 1994

Mr. Al Hardman  
Hardman Construction  
242 South Brye Road  
Ludington, MI 49431  

Re: Sheet Pile Construction  
Portage Public Marina  

Dear Mr. Hardman:

Transmitted herewith are the executed contract documents for the above referenced project. These documents were approved by the City of Portage Board of Public Works and Safety on October 24, 1994. You are hereby notified to proceed with the project. In accordance with the contract documents the base bid work shall be completed within 120 days; therefore, the completion date for this work is February 23, 1995. If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

John T. Hannon, P.E.  
City Engineer  

pc: Felix Kimbrough, Clerk-Treasurer  
pc w/att.: Dan Gardner, LCRBDC  
Jeff Bartoszek, Abonmarche  

JTH:kj
Marina out of ‘woods’

Construction could start this year on Burns Ditch

by John Reed
The Vidette-Messenger

PORTAGE — With the question of trees apparently resolved, construction of the city marina on Burns Waterway may actually start by this fall.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has finally released a channel-cut permit, after more than a year of haggling over various details.

Approval had been delayed for more than a year while the city kept revising landscaping plans for the site, according to City Engineer John Hannon.

Mayor Sammie Maletta, Hannon and other city officials expressed frustration about the requirements, which they said kept changing.

This summer, the corps said the city should plant 400 trees per acre around the marina. Hannon, in discussions with Dave Geal of the Detroit office, negotiated a 200-tree-per-acre requirement for the sandy site.

Hannon said sustaining large numbers of trees on the sandy hills would be difficult.

“They want us to create a natural setting to provide wildlife habitat where none exists,” Hannon said.

He said Friday he hopes to receive a signed contract from Hardman Construction of Ludington, Mich., by Monday.

If he does, the Board of Works can authorize installation of marina piling at its meeting Monday afternoon.

Hardman was awarded the contract for the work, $419,000 for phase 1, in June.

Hannon said the city is still working toward an opening in the spring of 1996, though a lot of work remains.

About 200,000 cubic yards of sand still needs to be removed from the basin area, from which some 300,000 yards has already been hauled away, according to Dan Gardner of the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission. The project is a joint operation with the city and commission.

When the final four feet of sand are removed, a 10-foot deep basin will be created, he said. Installation of pilings could proceed as sand is removed.

Hannon expects approval next summer of the final design plans and contract awards for the project, including piers. A new service road into the marina has already been cut and the old road removed. The permit allows a cut into Burns Waterway to fill the basin and allow boats to enter.

There are two provisions to the permit, Hannon said — a notarized copy of the deed restrictions on landscaping, and a yearly count of boats.

“...They (the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers) wanted us to create a natural setting to provide wildlife habitat where none exists. The area naturally has no trees.”

John Hannon,
Portage city engineer
LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
JANUARY 1, 1994 - SEPTEMBER 30, 1994

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For: FOR SERVICES PERFORMED DURING SEPTEMBER 1994

Date: OCTOBER 3, 1994

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   - Dan Gardner
     Development Commission Executive Director

II. Federal Construction Status
   - Col. Robert E. Stockbower
     U.S.C.O.E.

III. Federal Appropriations Support
   - Lane Ralph, Asst. State Director
     Senator Richard Lugar's Office
   - Scott Golde, District Director
     Congressman Peter Visclosky's Office

IV. Local Project Support
   - Mayor Duane Dedelow
     City of Hammond
   - Deputy Mayor Richard Comer
     City of Gary

V. Summary
TESTIMONY TO 1995/97 BIENNIAL STATE BUDGET HEARING
OCTOBER 19, 1994

The Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission respectfully submits a request for $8,000,000 in the 1995/97 State biennium budget to meet continuing non-federal project requirements for Federal construction of the Little Calumet River Flood Control/Recreation Project with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. This amount is needed to maintain the schedule the Corps of Engineers has established and the U.S. Congress has supported through past and current Federal budget appropriations. This project is the largest funded Water Resources Development/Corps of Engineers project currently in Indiana in the Federal budget, and is at a critical stage to utilize available Federal Corps of Engineers construction appropriations if the necessary State funding support is available.

The needs, problems and opportunities for the 1995/97 State Biennium Budget are all tied to the $8 million Development Commission appropriation request. Literally, this biennium budget is the most critical in the project’s life.

This statement can be made because the U.S. Congress, with strong support from Congressman Visclosky and Senators Lugar and Coats, have secured a total of $30.3 million in Federal construction funds for the period covering the Federal Fiscal Years of 1993, 1994 and 1995. This period generally covers the State 1993/95 biennial budget period. The crisis is that without all of the requested $8 million appropriation being included in the State’s 1993/95 Capital Budget, significant project delays in construction will be unavoidable. (This is evidenced in part by the $3.3 million Federal appropriation in FY 1995 - due somewhat to reduced capacity of the Development Commission to access all the non-federal funds required to meet our project obligation to allow Federal construction awards.)
The State funding crunch is exacerbated by the inability of the Development Commission to access for allocation by the Budget Committee the $4 million from the 1989/91 and 1991/93 Legislative sessions which were earmarked from Build Indiana Funds.

This unavailability from the Build Indiana Fund is now beginning to impact the Development Commission’s ability to meet the Federal schedule for construction driven by full Federal appropriations to the Corps of Engineers budget in yearly increments vs. State biennial capital budgets.

This situation is reaching a crisis stage and needs direct attention from the Bayh Administration and the General Assembly to protect the ability of the Indiana congressional delegation to continue to secure full Federal construction funding thus allowing Federal construction contracts to be let on time. This would bring needed flood protection in a timely manner and reduce cost increases to the project made inevitable by inflation as construction lettings are put back - not for lack of Federal construction funds, but for lack of State support to meet upfront items of cooperation.

The Development Commission cannot state strongly enough the critical nature of this problem and the potential impact it holds for the successful pursuance of this extremely important flood control, recreation, environmental protection, and economic development project for northwest Indiana.

As documentation of the "funding crisis" for this State budget session, included is the current Federal construction schedule (submitted on August 16, 1994 in our 1993/95 budget request). I have drawn the "boundaries" of the 1995/97 budget period over the current schedule and what is revealed is that the Corps of Engineers can begin construction on all project segments within the 1995/97 budget period. The history of Federal support to date makes a strong case that this schedule, while very ambitious, is attainable from a Federal funding viewpoint. The implications for this schedule are obvious for needed State appropriations of $8 million, at a minimum, to allow over $67.5 million in Federal construction funds to be spent in Indiana.

Thank you for your consideration of this request and stand ready to answer any questions you may have. We appreciate the past support the Indiana General Assembly has given this project in continuous funding support in ten biennium budgets leading to the current Federal Construction and ask for the Budget Agency’s support at this critical project stage.

[Signature]
Dan Gardner
Executive Director
Little Calumet River Basin
Development Commission
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Construction Award Date: (11/16/90)
Actual Completion Date: (12/15/98)
I am pleased to be here today to provided you with the federal perspective on the Little Calumet River, Indiana Local Flood Control and Recreation Project.

The Congressionally authorized project consists of replacing 9.5 miles of existing spoil banks with 12.2 miles of new levees and flood walls, 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 the floodplain, dredging seven miles of river to increase channel capacity, constructing 16.8 miles of hiking trails and preserving 788 acres of wetland.

Federal construction was initiated on the project in September 1990. Through September 1994, we have removed --- structures in the Black Oak area of Gary and have constructed the north set-back levees between Chase Street and Broadway and the south levee between Chase Street and Grant Street, all in Gary. We have under construction the south levee between Georgia and ML King Drive in Gary and, most important, the south bank levee in the vicinity of Indianapolis Blvd. to provide protection to the Wicker Park Manor residential subdivision in Highland, which received substantial flood damages in the November 1990 flood event. We have also installed a flood monitoring system that utilizes the latest in telecommunications to initiate the
implementation of the flood warning plan.

Next summer, we will begin construction of the remaining levee system that are included in the authorized project between Cline Avenue and the existing eastern end of the project.

Construction of the fish and wildlife mitigation features and the recreation features in the Gary area are also scheduled to begin.

However two concerns have developed which will require revisions to the project in the eastern reach. The Commission has requested that the floodproofing measures, which are primarily targeted for the residential area in the Burr Street vicinity of Gary, be replaced by a levee to provide a comparable type of protection as the majority portions of the project. We will be completing the design memorandum on this levee segment in 1995 in order to proceed with construction in 1996. The Commission will be responsible for the incremental cost above the floodproofing costs.

The second concern is that the project will increase flood stages east of the project area through Burns Ditch, which will exceed the requirements of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources flood plain regulations. Mitigation will be required as a condition for the Commission to obtain the necessary flood way construction permit to allow the project to proceed. Both of these elements add to the Federal and local costs.

Our current program schedule has construction of the levee segments in the western reach to be initiated in 1996, principally, the levees between Northcote and Cline Avenues in
Hammond, Munster and Highland. The remaining project construction in the west reach has been extended through the Year 2000. The extension in the project completion date reflects the Commission's request for $8 million for 1995-1996 that is required for land acquisition, utility relocations and cash contribution for the construction of the Federal levees and the non-Federal betterment levee in the East Reach.

Our schedule of future work assumes full funding to meet this new completion date. We are optimistic that Federal funding will be available because the project has been included in the President's FY 1986 through FY 1995 budgets and has strong support of Senators Lugar and Coats and Congressman Viscolsky. Our concern is that the Commission receives the funding it needs provide the lands and utility relocations in accordance to the present schedule. I will begin turning over the portions of the project that have been completed to the Commission next month. The Commission will then need the resources to operate and maintain these features as they are turned over.

The total costs for the project, adjusted for inflation, is now estimated to be $141 million. Of this cost, the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission and the Indiana Department of Transportation will provide a total of $14.6 million in lands, easements and rights-of-way, $17 million in road and utility relocation costs, and $8.4 million in cash. The increase in cost from what we have previously reported includes price level increase for extending the construction schedule.
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Chairman: George Carlson
Location: LCRBDC, 6100 Southport, Portage
This information letter is being distributed to provide you an update on the status of construction of the levee along the Little Calumet River, and adjacent to Wicker Park Manor. Since our last issue, construction activities have continued to progress. Placement of levee embankment continues and is expected to be completed by the middle of November, weather permitting. The installation of the structures is expected to be completed during November and December. Final topsoiling and seeding will not be accomplished until next spring. The overall contract is approximately 65% complete as of the end of October.

Some of you may have noticed that removal of the existing levee east of the pumphouse has been initiated. Although this was not a requirement of the original contract, the Contractor submitted a proposal which the Corps of Engineers subsequently approved to incorporate this work into the contract. The work is being accomplished at a cost savings to the Corps of Engineers and the Commission. As a result, you, the residents, will be provided with a finished product under this contract except for final landscaping to be completed at a later date.

The Corps of Engineers completed a technical report that is required for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to revise the existing Flood Insurance Rate Maps for the Highland Park Manor subdivision. This report was sent to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources on August 26, 1994, and has subsequently been forwarded to FEMA for review.

Again we wish to thank the residents and local community officials for their understanding and cooperation as we continue with the construction of this project. We apologize for any problems caused by the slower than originally scheduled progress. In cooperation with the contractor, and within the limitations of the contract requirements, we are diligently pursuing timely and efficient completion of the work.

Periodic updates will continue throughout the construction of this project.
The Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission is also available for assistance at (219) 763-0696, Chicago, Illinois 60606-7206.

Project Manager, Mr. David Hunter at (312) 333-8809, 111 North Canal Street.

General questions about the Little Calumet River project should be directed to the
Karwacka (219) 838-1099, who is the Corps of Engineers Representative on site.
A. Dela at (219) 923-1763, 906 Griffith Blvd., Griffith, Indiana 46319 or to Mr. Edmond
Thomas Please direct questions of concerns regarding construction activities to Mr. Thomas

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