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MEETING NOTICE

**THERE WILL BE A MEETING OF THE
LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT
COMMISSION**

**AT 6:30 P.M. THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 1995
AT THE HIGHLAND TOWN HALL
3333 RIDGE ROAD
HIGHLAND, IN**

A G E N D A

1. Call to Order by Chairman Charles Agnew
2. Recognition of Visitors, Guests
3. Approval of minutes of March 2, 1995
4. Executive Director's Report

- Status report on Gary Park/City of Gary/LCRBDC agreement
- ~~Oxbow Park~~ development
- Report on property lease discussions
- Letter of appreciation to Dave Hunter

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5. Reports of Standing Committees

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

- Appraisals, offers, acquisitions, recommended actions
- Corps Real Estate meeting held 2/24/95
- Urban League land acquisition - WHITECO sign commitment
- Other issues

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B. Project Engineering/Construction Committee - Robert Huffman, Chairman

- Wicker Park Manor construction progress report
- Notice of draft Environmental Impact Study distribution
- Update on FEMA status
- Other issues

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C. Legislative Committee - George Carlson, Chairman

- State General Assembly Update
 - Communication to legislators
 - Letter of support from Representative Ralph Ayres

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D. Marina Development Committee - Bill Tanke, Chairman

- Marina update from Abonmarche
- Sheetpiling completed - Permit modification
- Sand removal status -
- Other issues

E. Finance/Policy Committee - Nathaniel Leonard, Treasurer

- Financial status report
- Approval of claims for February, 1995
- Other issues

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6. Other Business

7. Statements to the Board from the floor

8. Set date for next meeting; adjournment

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MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
HELD AT 6:30 P.M. THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 1995
AT THE COMMISSION OFFICES
6100 SOUTHPORT ROAD
PORTAGE, INDIANA

Chairman Chuck Agnew called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. Nine (9) Commissioners were present. Quorum was declared and guests were recognized.

Development Commissioners:

George Carlson
Charles Agnew
Steve Davis
Robert Huffman
Robert Trelo
Emerson Delaney
Nathaniel Leonard
William Tanke
Arlene Colvin

Staff:

Jim Pokrajac
Dan Gardner
Lou Casale
Sandy Mordus
Judy Vamos

Visitors:

Sandy O'Brien - Sierra
Jim Flora - R.W. Armstrong
Ken Smith - Div. of Water, DNR
Pete Zak - South Shore Marina
Mary Jane Zak - " "
Bill Petrites - Highland
Earl Robertson - Lake Station
Liz McCloskey - U.S. Fish &
Wildlife
Terry McCloskey - Izaak Walton
Denis Buksa - Munster
Herb Read - Izaak Walton
Charles Siar - Izaak Walton
Richard Comer - Deputy Mayor, Gary
Shew Linsenmans - Valparaiso
Macarthur Drake - City of Gary
Mara Candelaria - Congressman
Visclosky's Office
Courtney Van Lopik - Portage
Journal
Robert Frum - Lefty's CoHo

The minutes of the February 2, 1995 meeting were approved by a motion from George Carlson; motion seconded by Nathaniel Leonard; motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director's Report - Mr. Gardner spoke on the ongoing progress in working with the city of Gary in trying to secure a resolution from them, thereby authorizing the easements the Commission needs for the levee construction. A resolution has been passed at the Gary Park Board meeting and a similar one needs to be passed at the Gary Council meeting on March 7th.

Mr. Gardner reported on the meeting held in Indianapolis with INDOT on 2/8/95. Meeting with Stan Smith, INDOT Commissioner, were Dave Hunter from the Corps office, Mara Candelaria from the Congressman's Office, Mayor Barnes of Gary and Arlene Colvin, Commission member and himself. The primary issue was Grant St. interchange reconstruction issue. Mr. Gardner and Arlene both felt the meeting went very well and Arlene added she anticipates that INDOT will move up Grant St. on their list of projects.

Attorney Lou Casale talked on his progress in drafting a revised lease to submit to the city of Gary relative to the property they wish to lease at Clay Street for a riverboat casino. Last month the Commission directed him to draft up a revised lease and he is in the process of doing that and will share it with the Commission as soon as he can. Mr. Gardner added that the city's lease did not cover all the areas that need addressing - environmental, being one. It will be back before the Board at a later date for final approval.

Mr. Gardner referred to the Corps letter to Mayor Dedelow regarding the development of the Hammond-owned Oxbow area. Because of the Mayor's keen interest in the development of this area, Mr. Gardner would recommend that we pursue it with the Corps and participate in development up to our maximum which is 50% cost shared with the Corps. Mr. Carlson stated he desired the project park development to be taken out of sequence and directed staff to write a letter back to the Corps requesting such and stating that the Commission would cost share up to the maximum (capped in at about \$200,000). Mr. Carlson made a motion to that effect; motion seconded by Emerson Delaney; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Tanke referred back to the motion made at the last Commission meeting authorizing the Chairman and attorney to further negotiate with the City for a lease for the Clay Street property and that it be accomplished within the next 30 days. Mr. Tanke would like to extend that 30 day time limit. He also indicated that the Commission has not received a hold harmless from the City yet. Mr. Tanke then made a motion to extend the agreement for another 30 days contingent upon the city of Gary furnishing to the Commission a hold harmless agreement immediately; motion seconded by George Carlson; motion passed with one abstention from Steve Davis. Deputy Mayor Comer informed the Commission that negotiations and talk has been ongoing with the appropriate people they were told to work with and that a hold harmless clause has been a part of the lease but the city will separate that hold harmless clause out of the lease and deliver it tomorrow to the Commission.

Land Acquisition Committee - Committee Chairman Arlene Colvin reported that motions and current activities involving land acquisition have already been reported on. Grant Street interchange reconstruction and Gary Park land issues have already been addressed. Any other land acquisitions issues are ongoing.

Project Engineering Committee - Committee Chairman Bob Huffman reported that actual construction at Wicker Park Manor in Highland (Stage V-1) has not begun yet after the winter but should be restarting very shortly. He referred to the revised schedule and cost estimation for the east reach construction segments that was provided in the agenda packet.

Legislative Committee - Committee Chairman George Carlson talked about the meeting co-hosted by Rep. Chet Dobis and Rep. Tim Fesko and the Congressman on 2/17. Commissioners Chuck Agnew, Emerson Delaney, Bob Huffman, Bill Tanke and George Carlson were in attendance. There were several legislators in attendance. Mr. Carlson commended Dan on doing his usual excellent and thorough job in stating the reality of the repercussions regarding federal dollars being lost if the \$8 million is not appropriated. Mr. Carlson stated he has been in communication with newly elected Senator Sandy Dempsey and stressed the importance of the needed monies to her. Mr. Gardner added that a mailing has gone out to all legislators and mayors/council presidents. He also indicated that he has since talked to Rep. Dobis who had talked to Jean Blackwell, State Budget Director, and had indicated that the \$4 million of Build Indiana Funds has not been lost. We still are able to access it. If that is the case, then only \$4 million of new money in this biennium would be necessary. Mara Candelaria from the Congressman's Office inquired about the time frame as to whether those funds would be still available and Mr. Gardner answered that he was told they would be. They are not lost.

Marina/Breakwater Committee - Committee Chairman Bill Tanke referred to the weekly construction report letter from Abonmarche listing up-to-date marina progress. Sheetpiling is completed. A meeting was held last week with Dyer & Superior, with Abonmarche and the city present, to re-negotiate for the remaining sand removal. Dyer will also clean up the north slope; maybe planting some grass.

Attorney Casale reported that the Commission has received a notice of claim (not a lawsuit) from four property owners along the shoreline alleging that certain damages has occurred to their property caused by the breakwater construction. Lou has notified the Commission's insurance carrier.

Mr. Tanke made a motion authorizing Abonmarche to proceed with Task #9 for a total cost not to exceed \$19,840 subject to review by himself, staff and attorney. It was questioned whether the amount is an estimate or the actual cost. Staff will verify. Motion was seconded by Nathaniel Leonard; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Tanke then made a motion authorizing Task #7I for \$1,840 per month for a total of 8 months not to exceed \$14,720 total based on itemized statements from Abonmarche; motion seconded by George Carlson; motion passed unanimously.

A marina committee meeting needs to be scheduled shortly. There needs to be further discussion on what work needs to be done next.

Finance/Policy Committee - Treasurer Nathaniel Leonard gave the treasurer's report. Mr. Leonard made a motion to approve the financial status report for January as well as the claims amounting to \$42,997.69; motion seconded by Bob Huffman; motion passed unanimously. Mr. Huffman inquired about the claim for \$17,200 for IDNR and Mr. Gardner responded that it is a yearly claim we receive for the maintenance of the gaging stations.

Other Business - Mr. Gardner introduced Judy Vamos, recently hired on contract by the Commission as a land acquisition agent.

He then proceeded to thank Mara Candelaria for her help in arranging the Congressman to be at the legislative briefing held in Rep. Dobis' office.

He also referred to the letter received from Bill Dull, State Director in Washington from the Senate office.

Mr. Gardner referred to the letter received from Chuck Siar, President of the Izaak Walton League, stating their environmental concerns with the site selection of a riverboat casino at Clay Street. He reiterated that environmental concerns were important to the Commission also and they would be addressed accordingly. Any action taken must be taken at a public meeting.

Bob Huffman asked Deputy Mayor Comer if the city has received any thing back yet as to soil boring results. Mr. Comer said he did not think so but would check and make sure the Commission received a copy of their findings when they were available.

Nathaniel Leonard inquired about the yearly lease fee. Attorney Casale stated that the lease income would come to the Commission and our rationale would be that it be used for maintenance costs for the flood control/recreation project.

Statements from the floor - Chuck Siar from the Izaak Walton League thanked Mr. Gardner for his remarks in addressing the Izaak Walton League's concerns. He stated that they do not want to see any lease dollars going to the General fund but want to see them stay within the Commission and be used for maintenance.

Herb Read asked that the minutes of the last meeting be corrected to clarify his statement that the old DNR recreation plan that was created in the mid-70's that is on file was developed as part of the total flood control/recreation plan and not as it was implied that it was a previous separate project. That plan has not been abandoned. He suggested a copy of the organized 1976 League resolution be made part of the minutes to clarify their position.

Terry McCloskey asked attorney Lou Casale about sites that were used as dump sites at one time. He asked whether any environmental impact studies have been performed on these sites? He feels this should be the Commission's #1 priority. Mr. Huffman stated that is some of the reason for the soil borings on the Clay St. site - to determine the soil conditions to see if the site is even compatible before we would grant any lease.

Bob Frum from Lefty's Coho Landing asked the Commission to ask the contractor at the marina site to not start sand removal before 8 a.m. (last summer, he stated they started as early as 5 a.m.). Mr. Gardner informed him we would request that of the contractor.

There being no further business, the next Commission meeting was scheduled for Thursday, April 6, 1995. That meeting will be held at the Highland Town Hall in Highland.

/sjm



The Izaak Walton League of America

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RESOLUTION 1976

RESOLUTION No. 7

1976 State Convention
Indiana Division, Izaak Walton League of America
Gary, Indiana June 13, 1976

LITTLE CALUMET RIVER

The preservation and restoration of American rivers, wetlands, and flood plains for purposes of flood control, water-related recreation and esthetic enhancement is one of the basic objectives of the Izaak Walton League of America. It has been proposed to develop the Little Calumet River in Lake and Porter Counties into a multiple-purpose flood control, recreational navigation and regional park project, as described in the publication, "A Regional Park Conceptual Development Plan for the Little Calumet River in Northwestern Indiana," dated January, 1976, prepared by Environmental Planning and Engineering, Inc., for the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, as part of a joint project with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Now,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Indiana Division, Izaak Walton League of America, in convention assembled this 13th day of June, 1976, at Gary, Indiana, fully supports the concept of a continuous linear park along the length of the Little Calumet River from the Illinois State line eastward to its outlet at Lake Michigan, and that navigation be improved to the extent of providing for recreational boating. The Indiana Division, Izaak Walton League of America further states that its support for the project is contingent upon a development plan that provides maximum protection for the flood plain, natural river course, wetland and environmental considerations in accordance with the previous statement prepared by the Northwestern Indiana Inter-Chapter publication. The Indiana Division, Izaak Walton League of America also re-states its opposition to any industrial barge usage of the project and that the presently proposed width and depth of the navigation channel identified as Segment A, from Deep River to Lake Michigan be materially reduced. The Indiana Division, Izaak Walton League of America support of the project is also contingent upon the Corps of Engineers incorporating these dimensional changes prior to authorization.

The Indiana Division, Izaak Walton League of America commends the State of Indiana for its efforts to assure development of the project consistent with the aims and objectives of the League, and urges continued leadership and involvement to assure development which is sensitive to environmental consideration.

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Exhibit "A"

THIS LETTERHEAD PRINTED ON RECYCLED PAPER TO SAVE FOREST RESOURCES

DUANE W. DEDELOW, JR., MAYOR
SHARON M. DANIELS, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT



CITY OF HAMMOND, INDIANA 46320

5925 CALUMET AVENUE

PHONE (219) 853-6301

March 6, 1995

Robert E. Slockbower, P.E.
Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army
District Engineer, Project Management Branch
Chicago District, Corps of Engineers
111 N. Canal St.
Chicago, Illinois
60606-7206

Dear Lt. Col. Slockbower:

I have received your response letter dated Feb. 13, to my request 11 months earlier, and repeated in January, that the Corps accelerate its recreational funding to dovetail with our plans for passive development of the Hammond Oxbow. there are several points I want to stress:

We are asking you to make an affirmative evaluation March 15 regarding our request a year ago for the Corps to accelerate its recreational spending along the Little Calumet River flood Control project. Our numerous meeting with your representatives over the past two years led us to make this formal request in March of 1994, and we have delayed our implementation plans awaiting your response. As I understand it, if a positive evaluation is not made on March 15, then we will have to wait four years for your participation. This is not acceptable.

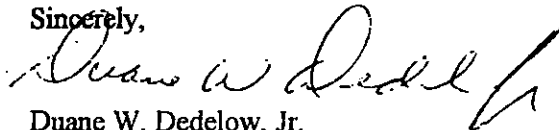
The City of Hammond is ready to move swiftly to coordinate its efforts with your participation in the development of a passive park implement the passive development. We have built upon the land use feasibility study you participated in the late 1980s with our own design development report last year.

I have been informed the Little Calumet River Basin Commission reaffirmed at its March 2 meeting its intent to cost share with you and to move swiftly and cooperatively to meet your requirements for the land control issues.

I want to stress that we have been and are working with our local statehouse senators and representatives to ensure continued funding for the flood control project. This beneficial project has been years in the waiting.

We in Hammond are ready to move forward. It would be a shame if the Corps decided it would not participate in this project for another four years.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Duane W. Dedelow, Jr.", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Duane W. Dedelow, Jr.
Mayor, City of Hammond

DWD,JR: cpv

pc: Hon. Richard Lugar
Hon. Daniel Coats
Hon. Peter Visclosky
Dan Gardner, LCRBDC



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March 6, 1995

Robert E. Slockbower, P.E.
Lieutenant Colonel
U. S. Army District Engineer
111 N. Canal Street
Chicago, Illinois 60606-7206

Dear Col. Slockbower:

I am writing you in response to your letter dated February 13, 1995 to Mayor Duane Dedelow of Hammond regarding the Oxbow park development. The Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission, at its March 2, 1995 board meeting unanimously passed a resolution reaffirming the Commission's interest and support for pursuing the cost shared recreational development in the 1995 contract versus the 1999 contract for recreational improvements at the Oxbow Park in Hammond.

The Development Commission further urges the Corps of Engineers to favorably find this feasible in its March 15, 1995 review, as it is the Commission's position that the recreational improvements will provide visible Federal project commitment to the Hammond/Highland area, thus bolstering community support and interest in the flood control project and support for continued State funding to keep the Federal flood control construction on schedule. We also believe the improvements can stand alone in the intervening period until the Oxbow is connected to the improved levees/trail system.

To respond to the issues raised regarding financial commitment to cost sharing and property ownership; (1) the Development Commission commits the availability of required matching funds for the project; and (2) the Development Commission understands the requisite property will be transferred in fee title to

Col. Slockbower
March 6, 1995
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the Development Commission by the Hammond Park Board/City of Hammond. It is my understanding that this commitment letter will be forwarded to the Corps by the Mayor's office to document the land ownership issue. Confirmation and questions can be directed to myself or Mr. Curt Vosti, the Grants Coordinator for Mayor Dedelow.

I hope this letter conveys our active interest and we eagerly await your review. Thank you for your past cooperation in addressing project related local community preferences.

Sincerely,



Dan Gardner
Executive Director

/sjm

cc: Honorable Duane Dedelow, Mayor of Hammond
Curt Vosti, city of Hammond
Mara Candelaria, Congressman Visclosky's Office
Tim Sanders, Senators Lugar and Coats Office
Dave Hunter, A.C.O.E.
George Carlson, LCRBDC member
Emerson Delaney, LCRBDC member



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
CHICAGO DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
111 NORTH CANAL STREET
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60606-7206

Project Management Branch

16 MAR 1995


Honorable Duane W. Dedelow, Jr.
Mayor of Hammond
5925 Calumet Avenue
Hammond, Indiana 46320

Dear Mayor Dedelow:

In reference to our letter to you dated February 13, 1995 regarding the Hammond Oxbow Park, we regret that we were not able to meet our March 15, 1995 deadline to complete our evaluation of the acceptability of integrating the Oxbow Park design into the recreation phase of our Little Calumet River Flood Control and Recreation Project. Presently our priorities must be to prepare certain levee construction contract documents for projects which are scheduled for award prior to this recreation phase. We will continue with this evaluation and plan to complete it by the end of May 1995. The first recreation phase of our project is scheduled for advertisement on July 30, 1995.

The Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission must own this park property in fee title, and the property must be used solely for recreation in order for the Corps to participate in this development. The Corps must perform the actual construction of the facilities that are a part of our project. If the above criteria are met and the results of our evaluation show economic justification for these recreational features, we will include them as part of the federal project.

If you have any questions please call Captain Tom Chapman at (312) 353-8574.


Richard E. Carlson
for Deputy District Engineer
for Project Management

Copy Furnished:

Honorable Richard Lugar, U.S. Senator
Honorable Daniel Coats, U.S. Senator
Honorable Peter Visclosky, U.S. House
of Representatives
Dan Gardner, Little Calumet River Basin
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THE OFFICE OF MAYOR THOMAS V. BARNES

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March 24, 1995

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Re: Acquisition by the City of Gary of the
179 acre Development Commission property at I-65

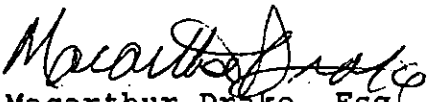
Dear Sirs:

Please be informed that the negotiations regarding the referenced property, which was the subject of your and my respective February 8, and March 7, 1995 letters, have now been rendered moot, or inoperative, due to substantial changes in the underlying circumstances.

As you are no doubt aware, the Gary Riverboat Developers, whose offer of \$500,000.00, up-front, etc., have since withdrawn their interest in using the referenced property as a riverboat gaming site. Nonetheless, the City of Gary is still interested in acquiring the referenced property, although on much different terms.

We look forward to meeting with you as soon as possible under these new circumstances. Please notify us as to the earliest possible date for us to meet.

Sincerely,



Macarthur Drake, Esq.
SPECIAL COUNSEL TO THE MAYOR

cc: Thomas V. Barnes, Mayor
Richard J. Comer, Deputy Mayor
Gilbert King, Jr., Esq.



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March 16, 1995

Mr. David Hunter
U. S. Army Corps of Engineers
111 N. Canal Street
Chicago, Illinois 60606-7206

Dear Dave:

On behalf of the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission staff and Commissioners, we wish to express to you our deep appreciation for your personal dedication and commitment to the Little Calumet River flood control project in your capacity as Corps of Engineers project manager. We were very saddened to hear the news of your leaving the Corps of Engineers at the end of March, but at the same time, we recognize the opportunity that lies ahead of you in your new job.

On a personal basis, I have always felt that you presented a very understanding and cooperative attitude in our dealings while at the same time, maintaining high professional standards communicating the Corps of Engineers position. In my view, you embodied the true spirit of Federal and Sponsor cooperation and you will be greatly missed.

We wish you well in your new job and again express our gratitude for all of your efforts.

Sincerely,


Dan Gardner
Executive Director

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Rev. (Dr.) Norman L. Hairston
Chairman, Board of Directors
Urban League of Northwest Indiana, Inc.
3101 Broadway
Gary, IN 46409

Dear Rev. (Dr.) Hairston:

I am writing you and the Urban League regarding the property required from the League for the flood control project levee discussed at the two meetings held March 20 and 21 in your office. Relative to the discussions, I am providing the Urban League written commitment regarding the following items:

1. The Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission has urged WHITECO to support the establishment of a suitably sized advertising billboard on Urban League property north of the Little Calumet River. This will allow continued advertising for WHITECO and a continued source of income for the Urban League. We have also urged WHITECO to renegotiate lease of that sign at an appropriate amount based on current valuation procedures and acceptable to the Urban League. A business decision for WHITECO to agree to this new billboard has been urged to be made no later than Friday, March 24, 1995.
2. The Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission also commits to the Urban League that an appropriate landscaping plan will be developed after the property is transferred to the commission to be reviewed and to be suitable to the Urban League for the flood control levee area covered by the Development Commission's offer. This plan, once accepted by all parties, will be incorporated for implementation by the Corps of Engineers contractors as part of the project sequence for this levee segment.

Rev. (Dr.) Norman L. Hairston
March 24, 1995
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The Development Commission commits these items as evidence of good faith efforts toward achieving an acceptable after-project condition to the Urban League and in consideration of the Urban League transferring the needed property by quit claim deed to the Commission identified by no later than March 31, 1995.

Sincerely,



Dan Gardner
Executive Director

cc: Eloise Gentry, Executive Director, Urban League

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21 MAR 1995

Planning Division
Environmental and Social
Analysis Branch

Dear Recipient:

Enclosed is a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement which addresses potential impacts of project design changes proposed for the Little Calumet River, Indiana, Local Flood Control and Recreation Project in Lake County, Indiana. These changes, which have not been covered in previous environmental documentation, include additional levees, changes in levee alignments and an excavated ponding area.

All comments on this Draft received within 45 days of the date published in the Federal Register will be considered in the preparation of the Final SEIS and will be considered when a Record of Decision (ROD) is issued. The ROD will identify the final decisions on this Project and explain the rationale behind those decisions.

If you are aware of any additional information which may affect the final decisions on this Project, or if you have any comments or questions, please direct them to Ms. Barbara J. Williams of my staff at 312/353-6464.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Robert E. Slockbower".

Robert E. Slockbower, P.E.
Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army
District Engineer



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

CHICAGO DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS

111 NORTH CANAL STREET

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60606-7206

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

Planning Division
Environmental and Social
Analysis Branch

21 MAR 1995

PUBLIC NOTICE

LITTLE CALUMET RIVER, INDIANA LOCAL FLOOD CONTROL AND RECREATION PROJECT

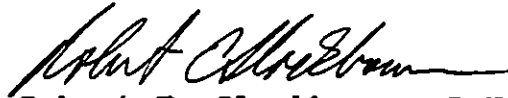
The Chicago District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, recommends both the excavation and fill of waters of the United States for the purpose of floodwall and earthen levee construction adjacent to the Little Calumet River within the area of the above mentioned project in Indiana. The proposed activity represents changes from the work previously covered in the 1982 Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS), subsequent environmental documents and Section 404 (b) (1) evaluations. These changes include levee realignments, levee segment additions and the addition of an excavated interior ponding area.

An evaluation of these activities has been completed according to the guidelines developed under Section 404 (b) (1) of the Clean Water Act. A copy of this evaluation is enclosed as Appendix B in the accompanying draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS).

This notice has been published in compliance with Title 33 CFR 325.3. This activity is being coordinated with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the Indiana State Historical Preservation agency, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. The proposed action will not affect threatened or endangered species.

Interested parties who wish to express their views concerning the proposed project must do so by responding in writing within 45 days from the date of this notice. By a lack of response, it shall be inferred that there are no comments or objections. Any person who has an interest which may be affected by the proposed project may request a public meeting. Such a request must be submitted, in writing, to the District Engineer within the 45 day review period and must clearly state the interest which may be affected and the manner in which this interest may be affected by the proposed activity.

Questions concerning this public notice or the proposed activity in general should be directed to Ms. Barbara J. Williams at 312/353-6464.



Robert E. Slockbower, P.E.
Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army
District Engineer

Enclosure



Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission

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LOUIS CASALE
Attorney

TO: Bob Trelo, LCRBDC member

FROM: Dan Gardner, Executive Director, LCRBDC

DATE: March 28, 1995

RE: Current status of FEMA situation at Wicker Park Manor, Highland

Following is the current status as I understand it regarding the FEMA declaration:

1. I had heard that the Indiana Department of Natural Resources felt that the FEMA declaration was going slow and may not be completed until next year.
2. In light of this, I called Ken Mika at the Town of Highland and Dave Hunter at the Corps of Engineers and explained my concern and urged them to contact FEMA to first determine whether that was true and second, find out why if it was true.
3. I have heard nothing from these subsequent inquiries so to get a definite answer, I contacted Congressman Visclosky's Office and talked to Mara Candelaria and asked her to make a direct Congressional inquiry as to the status. A Congressional inquiry will get a quick and accurate response. (If you wish to call yourself, you may call Mara at Pete Visclosky's office in Gary at 884-1177.) *I am awaiting her response.*

/sjm

... INFORMATION BY ERROR, PLEASE NOTIFY US BY
TELEPHONE AT THE ABOVE NUMBER, AND RETURN THE ORIGINAL MESSAGE TO
THE ABOVE ADDRESS VIA THE POSTAL SERVICE. THANK YOU!!



Federal Emergency Management Agency

Region V
175 West Jackson Blvd, 4th Floor
Chicago, IL 60604

November 2, 1994

Mr. James J. Hebenstriet, PE
Assistant Director
Division of Water
Indianapolis Department of Natural Resources
402 W. Washington Street, Room W264
Indianapolis, IN 46204-2748

Dear Mr. Hebenstriet:

We are in receipt of your October 21, 1994 letter requesting revision of the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) documents for the Town of Highland. Documents forwarded with the letter included as-built plan and profile sheets of the main stem levee section and temporary sheetmetal wall serving as levee tie-back. The letter also referenced the U.S. Army District Corps of Engineers (USACE) report entitled "Technical Report for FIRM Revision, Wicker Park Manor..." (August, 1994).

Based on statements included within the USACE report, however, freeboard provided by this levee will not be adequate until the Indianapolis Boulevard bridge is raised. Despite some remaining concerns regarding public accessibility and version-to-version compatibility for UNET, we believe it advisable to support the USACE data as derived from their modelling of this watershed using UNET. UNET appears uniquely suited for a channel with slopes as flat as the Little Calumet River. Moreover, it is our hope that USACE will request map revision on behalf of the five Lake County communities protected by the Little Calumet River project as completion is neared in 1998.

It is understood that your staff compiled data in 1991 to establish conformance to floodway impact standards and freeboard based on HEC2 data obtained from the currently effective FIS as compiled in 1980. Your review and concurrence to the new USACE existing conditions model is requested at this time. If the new USACE data is found appropriate for use in defining freeboard adequacy, an as-built statement of map revision from this agency could not be delivered to the Town of Highland prior to the reconstruction of the Indianapolis Boulevard bridge. We therefore continue to recommend that FEMA's Conditional map revision procedure be used, one which represents proposed conditions, in so much as it allows us the opportunity to conduct a detailed review concurrent to construction.

We thank you for your continued interest in serving as revision applicant for the Wicker Park Manor Subdivision. Please provide comment regarding the above concerns at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Janet M. Odeshoo
Director, Mitigation Division



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TO: Senator Morris Mills, Chairman Budget Subcommittee,
Senate Finance Committee
Senator Sandy Dempsey

FROM: Dan Gardner, Executive Director

DATE: March 22, 1995

SUBJECT: Funding Requirements for the Little Calumet River Basin Flood Control/Recreation Project

As previously presented in testimony to the State Budget Committee on October 19, 1994, the Little Calumet River Basin Flood Control/Recreation Project requires a total of \$8 million to fully allow the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to commit Federal flood control construction of some \$30.3 million in the period of time covered by the 1995/97 State Biennial Budget. The State appropriations will be utilized to continue project land acquisition, utility reconstruction/relocation, and contribute non-Federal cash share. This \$8 million figure is critical because the Federal construction capability has dramatically accelerated fueled by a yearly Federal budgeting process and strong support by Senators Lugar and Coats and Congressman Visclosky and Meyers for construction appropriations.

This General Assembly session is the most critical in the project's life for a number of reasons:

(1) This project has achieved construction capability and it needs to be recognized that the time window for Federal construction funding is now here in earnest - with this and the next State biennium as the time for the vast majority of the Federal funding and construction. These Federal appropriations for the 4-6 years of principal construction will total some \$52 million. This key period of Federal funding availability is the entire reason we have pursued the Federal Corps of Engineers project and we must not lose that funding availability/opportunity.

(2) An expeditious Federal construction schedule and appropriation is the best way to minimize project cost increases forced by schedule extensions giving rise to inflation and other cost increases.

(3) The Federal government is critically looking at Federal funding of programs as never before. Those programs and projects that are languishing in Federal scheduling are subject to funding recision and eventually Federal withdrawal.

(4) The \$8 million State funding is being requested to be achieved from

(a) \$4 million from the 1989/91 and 1991/93 Build Indiana appropriations to the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission being allocated during the upcoming biennium.

(b) \$4 million in new 1995/97 biennium appropriations also available for allocation within the upcoming biennial period.

The Development Commission strongly believes that the full \$8 million will be needed for allocation within the 1995/97 biennial period to meet the expeditious construction capability/schedule of the Corps of Engineers.

As evidence of this Federal capability and Development Commission need for the \$8 million allocated this biennium, I have included the schedule chart presented by the Corps of Engineers and included in the Development Commission's Budget committee testimony in October. While the letting dates have slipped somewhat, the capability to have a vast majority of the remaining Federal construction underway within the 1995/97 biennium is still valid.

One additional item of discussion was a listing of local project commitments made by other entities to help carry the project responsibilities. Below listed is a compilation of the current local entities contribution to offset non-Federal costs requested of the State of Indiana and qualify for credit to the project by the Federal government.

ITEMS OF LOCAL CONTRIBUTION

● City of Hammond	Levee from Hohman to State Line built in 1982/83 to Corps of Engineers standards	\$ 334,250
● Hammond Sanitary District	Hohman Ave. Pumping Station Improvements	997,616
● Lake County Drainage Board	River channel dredging and bank improvements from Chase St. to ConRail (Gary)	270,569

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● Lake County Drainage Board	Channel improvements made at Indianapolis Blvd. bridge (Highland/Hammond)	64,765
● Lake County Park Board	East project reach borrow site for clay material (1,000,000 cubic yards available) for levee construction at no cost. Project excavation will create 30 acre recreation lake for county park site.	2,000,000 value
● Lake County Redevelopment Board/Lake County Drainage Board	Commitment of borrow site clay material made available for levee construction at no cost. Project will help create flood storage areas in developing tributary areas.	1,000,000 est. value
● Lake County Park	Land and Water Fund used to co-develop Lake Etta Park with Development Commission	150,000
Total estimate for local "credits"		<hr/> \$4,817,200

We believe this graphically illustrates the effort and cooperation ongoing by local municipal and county entities to support and implement the needed flood control project at the least cost to the State and to ensure the commitment of the Federal construction funds.

Thank you for the past support given to this project with continuous State appropriations. We ask your support in this critical period of Federal construction to appropriate \$4 million new monies and make available for allocation the \$4 million in Build Indiana Funds from 1989/91 and 1991/93 bienniums.

Please advise if additional information is needed to assist you in your deliberations.

/encl.

PETER J. VISCLOSKY
1ST DISTRICT, INDIANA

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March 22, 1995

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The Honorable Morris H. Mills
Chairman, Budget Sub-Committee
Senate Finance Committee
Senate Post Office
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Dear Senator Mills:

I write in strong support of the Little Calumet River Basin Flood Control Project.

This Project has reached a critical stage and to date the State budget does not include plans for continued funding. Completion of the Little Calumet River Flood Control Project will bring much needed protection from flood damage to the communities of Gary, Hammond, Munster, Griffith and Highland. While I have worked to secure \$30.3 million dollars in Federal construction funds over the last two years, these funds cannot be accessed without the State of Indiana's commitment to provide the local match.

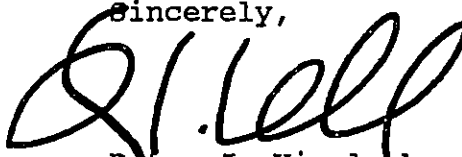
As is clear from the information provided by the United States Army Corps, serious construction is well underway and would be jeopardized without all of the requested \$8 million dollar appropriation being included in the State's 1993/1995 Capital Budget. The State must make a serious and long-term commitment. Without this commitment, Indiana will lose a key opportunity to access \$80 million dollars in Federal funds and further contribute to Indiana's ranking as 50th in the nation in return of federal dollars per person.

It is my strong hope that the State will continue to recognize the importance of a project that will protect human life, save millions of dollars in annual flood damage and put 1,100 people in Northwest Indiana to work.

The Honorable Morris H. Mills
March 22, 1995
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After nearly three decades of negotiating, compromising, and planning, the Little Calumet River project is now under construction. It is my intention to continue to bring the necessary federal funds to the project and am confident of my abilities in this regard. A true State and Federal partnership can make successful completion a reality.

Sincerely,



Peter J. Visclosky
Member of Congress

PJV/mc



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
CHICAGO DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
111 NORTH CANAL STREET
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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

Project Management Branch

22 MAR 1995

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Mr. Dan Gardner
Executive Director
Little Calumet River Basin
Development Commission
6100 Southport Road
Portage, Indiana 46368

Dear Mr. Gardner:

I am concerned that the Governor's proposed budget for the Indiana 1996-1997 fiscal biennium does not include funding for the Little Calumet River, Indiana Local Flood Control and Recreation project. The Federal-Local Sponsor program that has been developed to continue the implementation of the project during from July 1996 through September 1997 is based upon the Commission receiving the \$8 million that you have requested. These funds are needed for the Commission to provide the required cash contribution and continue with land acquisition and utility relocations.

The non-Federal contributed funds available in the escrow account are sufficient only to cover the Fiscal Year (FY) 1995 work of the new construction contracts to be awarded by September 1995; the account does not contain sufficient funds to continue these contracts in FY 1996. I will not award these contracts if sufficient funds are not available for the FY 1996 work.

COL Robert W. Craig, North Central Division Commander, recently provided testimony on the programmed work for the project for the President's proposed Federal Fiscal Year (FY) 1996 budget. This program assumes that non-Federal funds are available in FY 1996.


I understand that Ms Jean S. Blackwell, Director, State Budget Agency has indicated that funds from a previous appropriation of \$4 million dollars are still available. The estimated cash contribution for Fiscal Year 1996 is \$1,356,000 as reported to you on January 13, 1995. \$301,000 of this amount is required to continue construction contracts awarded in FY 1995 and \$379,000 is required for the award of new contracts in FY 1996.

Our office is initiating preparation of the Fiscal Year 1997 budget program which will include work that can be accomplished during that year, based upon the Commission having funds to provide your cash contribution. The current estimate of the required cash contribution for FY 1997 is \$761,000.

I am requesting that you provide me with a proposed source of funding for the non-Federal FY 1996 and 1997 requirements in order that I can proceed with the preparation of my program. This information is needed by April 15, 1995.

Please contact Mr. Richard E. Carlson at 312-353-6402, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


Robert E. Slockbower, P.E.
Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army
District Engineer



STATE OF INDIANA
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THIRD FLOOR STATE HOUSE,
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March 13, 1995

Dan Gardner, Executive Director
Little Calumet River Basin Commission
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Dear Mr. Gardner,

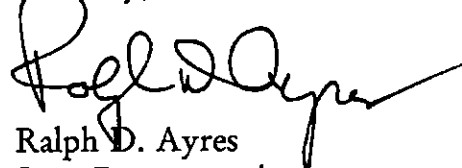
Thank you for recently contacting my office regarding continued funding of the Little Calumet River Flood Control/Recreation project. I appreciate you taking the time to share your thoughts with me on this important issue.

I will continue to work for the extension of funding for the above noted project. This project's support by the State is essential so that it may continue on smoothly and reach culmination soon.

As a citizen legislator, I welcome your thoughts on this matter as well as others. I will keep your thoughts with me as we work during the 1995 Legislative Session.

Once again, thank you for contacting me. If I may ever be of assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely,



Ralph D. Ayres
State Representative

RDA:BEB/jh



LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
JANUARY 1, 1995 - FEBRUARY 28, 1995

CASH POSITION - JANUARY 1, 1995

CHECKING ACCOUNT

LAND ACQUISITION	99,950.97
GENERAL FUND	69,492.66
TAX FUND	2,171.58

INVESTMENTS	1,016,000.00
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ESCROW ACCOUNT INTEREST	61,317.58
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----- 1,248,932.79

RECEIPTS - JANUARY 1, 1995 - FEBRUARY 28, 1995

LEASE RENTS	7,572.53
INTEREST INCOME	810.00
LAND ACQUISITION	73,480.36
ESCROW ACCOUNT INTEREST	3,821.36
KRBC REIMBURSEMENT RE: TELEPHONE CHARGE	187.55
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	1,913.02

TOTAL RECEIPTS

----- 87,784.82

DISBURSEMENTS - JANUARY 1, 1995 - FEBRUARY 28, 1995

1994 EXPENSES PAID IN 1995	37,441.61
LEGAL SERVICES	283.33
PRINTING & ADVERTISING	88.89
TELEPHONE EXPENSE	670.34
MEETING EXPENSE	161.72

LAND ACQUISITION

LEGAL SERVICES	5,617.78
APPRAISAL SERVICES	3,475.00
LAND PURCHASE CONTRACTUAL	3,523.18
LAND MANAGEMENT SERVICES	5,232.00
UTILITY RELOCATION	1,822.90
STRUCTURE CAP IMPROVEMENTS	1,462.50

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:

----- 38,645.89

CASH POSITION - FEBRUARY 28, 1995

CHECKING ACCOUNT

LAND ACQUISITION	126,277.13
GENERAL FUND	67,350.71
TAX FUND	2,171.58

INVESTMENTS	1,016,000.00
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ESCROW ACCOUNT INTEREST	65,138.94
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----- 1,276,938.36



**NORTHWESTERN INDIANA
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To: LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN
DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

For: SERVICES PERFORMED DURING FEBRUARY, 1995

Date: MARCH 01, 1995

Contract Code: PARTP215

Internal Code: 215

Invoice No: 2/2

INVOICE	
SALARIES AND FRINGE BENEFITS: DAN GARDNER & SANDY MORDUS	\$ 6,000.00
ROOM RENTAL FOR ADDITIONAL LCRBDC STAFF	500.00
ACCOUNTING SERVICES	435.00
FACSIMILE MACHINE @ \$5.00/MO PLUS ATTACHMENTS	9.87
POSTAGE: FEBRUARY, 1995	235.29
COPYING CHARGES @ \$5.00/MO PLUS \$.06/COPY (5,082)	309.92
GRAPHICS PRINTING TIME @ \$20/HR (ATTACHMENTS) (6.5 HRS)	130.00
STAFF MILEAGE/EXPENSES:	0.00
OTHER CHARGES (ATTACHMENTS)	0.00
SECRETARIAL @ 20.00/HOUR (28.25 HOURS)	565.00
TOTAL: FEBRUARY 1995 COSTS	\$ 8,185.08
OUTSTANDING PAYMENT DUE:	\$ 7,263.75
TOTAL DUE:	\$ 15,448.83

LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT
MARCH 27, 1995

ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	BUDGET AMOUNT	AMOUNT PAID PREVIOUSLY	UNPAID BALANCE	AMOUNT READY FOR PAYMENT	PROJECTED BALANCE
5801 PER DIEM EXPENSES	\$16,000.00	0.00	16,000.00	0.00	\$16,000.00
5811 LEGAL EXPENSES	7,500.00	566.66	6,933.34	283.33	6,650.01
5812 NIRPC SERVICES	125,000.00	7,263.75	117,736.25	8,185.08	109,551.17
5821 TRAVEL & MILEAGE	7,500.00	271.70	7,228.30	28.00	7,200.30
5822 PRINTING & ADVERTISING	2,000.00	167.05	1,832.95	0.00	1,832.95
5823 BONDS & INSURANCE	7,500.00	41.00	7,459.00	330.00	7,129.00
5824 TELEPHONE COSTS	6,000.00	753.98	5,246.02	482.92	4,763.10
5825 MEETING EXPENSES	7,500.00	281.21	7,218.79	304.61	6,914.18
5838 LEGAL SERVICES	75,000.00	11,611.34	63,388.66	7,073.88	56,314.78
5840 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	350,000.00	33,704.77	316,295.23	51,221.89	265,073.34
5860 PROJECT LAND PURCHASE COSTS	3,510,000.00	98.27	3,509,901.73	0.00	3,509,901.73
5881 PROPERTY/STRUCTURES INSURANCE	25,000.00	518.00	24,482.00	18,735.00	5,747.00
5882 UTILITY RELOCATION COSTS	1,000,000.00	1,822.90	998,177.10	4,178.20	993,998.90
5883 PROJECT LAND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	150,000.00	250.00	149,750.00	2,500.00	147,250.00
5884 STRUCTURES CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	40,000.00	2,874.50	37,125.50	1,412.00	35,713.50
5891 DNR/SHORELINE SAND FUND	(1,053.00)	0.00	(1,053.00)	0.00	(1,053.00)
5892 ESCROW ACCOUNT	750,000.00	0.00	750,000.00	0.00	750,000.00
TOTAL:	\$6,077,947.00	\$60,225.13	\$6,017,721.87	94,734.91	\$5,922,986.96

CLAIMS READY FOR PAYMENT

ACCOUNT	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	EXPLANATION OF CLAIM
5811	LOUIS M. CASALE	283.33	ATTORNEY RETAINER FEE FOR MARCH 1995
5812	NIRPC	8,185.08	FOR SERVICES PERFORMED DURING FEBRUARY 1995
5821	SANDY MORDUS	28.00	MILEAGE EXPENSE INCURRED MARCH 1995
5821	JUDITH VAMOS	34.50	MILEAGE EXPENSE INCURRED MARCH 1995
5821	MELISSA STEFANOVICH	3.75	MILEAGE EXPENSE INCURRED MARCH 1995
5823	HARLEY SNYDER CO., INC.	289.00	COST INCURRED RE: TREASURER'S BOND
5823	LAKE COUNTY RECORDER	2.00	COST INCURRED RE: RECORDING DEEDS
5823	LAKE COUNTY RECORDER	39.00	COST INCURRED RE: RECORDING DEEDS
5824	G T E	266.57	TELEPHONE CHARGES FOR FEBRUARY 1995 (KRBC TO PAY A PORTION)
5824	M C I	216.35	TELEPHONE CHARGES FOR FEBRUARY 1995 (KRBC TO PAY A PORTION)
5825	SPRING HOUSE INN	185.12	MEETING EXPENSE INCURRED ON MARCH 11, 1995
5825	WAGNERS	119.49	MEETING EXPENSE INCURRED ON MARCH 11, 1995
5838	LOUIS M. CASALE	6,953.88	FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RENDERED 2/21 - 3/21/95
5838	LUCAS HOLCOMB & MEDREA	120.00	LEGAL SERVICES RENDERED RE: LCRBDC VS. BENTON DC 293
5843	NIPSCO	30.64	UTILITY BILL/PUMPING EXPENSE FOR MARCH 1995
5841	MILO F. VALE & CO., INC.	15,400.00	APPRAISAL SERVICES ON GARY-OWNED LANDS
5841	MILO F. VALE & CO., INC.	75.00	APPRAISAL SERVICES RENDERED FOR DC 448
5841	GEORGE WILKES	125.00	FOR APPRAISAL SERVICES RENDERED ON DC 378(a)
5841	GEORGE WILKES	700.00	FOR APPRAISAL SERVICES RENDERED ON DC 340, 344, 347 & 350
5841	GEORGE WILKES	1,600.00	APPRAISAL SERVICES RENDERED FOR DC 362
5842	COLE ASSOCIATES	21,720.00	ENGINEERING SERVICES THROUGH FEBRUARY 18, 1995
5843	CHICAGO TITLE	345.00	TITLE WORK INCURRED ON DC 319 & DC 446
5843	R. W. ARMSTRONG	591.60	FOR SERVICES RENDERED FEBRUARY 1995
5843	R. W. ARMSTRONG	1,020.80	FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RENDERED THROUGH 3/17/95
5844	JUDITH VAMOS	672.50	LAND ACQUISITION/MANAGEMENT SERVICES RENDERED 2/21 - 28/95
5844	JAMES E. POKRAJAC	1,951.25	LAND ACQUISITION/MANAGEMENT SERVICES RENDERED 2/16 - 28/95
5844	MELISSA STEFANOVICH	178.35	LAND ACQUISITION SERVICES RENDERED 2/3 - 24/95
5844	MELISSA STEFANOVICH	189.50	LAND ACQUISITION SERVICES RENDERED 3/1/95 - 3/15/95
5844	MELISSA STEFANOVICH	119.00	LAND ACQUISITION SERVICES RENDERED 3/16 - 31/95
5844	JUDITH VAMOS	1,305.00	LAND ACQUISITION SERVICES RENDERED 3/16 - 31/95
5844	JAMES E. POKRAJAC	2,415.00	LAND ACQUISITION/MANAGEMENT SERVICES RENDERED 3/1 - 15/95
5844	JUDITH VAMOS	1,275.00	LAND ACQUISITION SERVICES RENDERED 3/1 - 15/95
5844	JAMES E. POKRAJAC	1,470.00	LAND ACQUISITION/MANAGEMENT SERVICES RENDERED 3/16 - 24/95
5881	VALPARAISO INSURANCE	18,735.00	LIABILITY INSURANCE ON LCRBDC PROPERTY
5882	R. W. ARMSTRONG	2,105.70	UTILITY RELOCATION SERVICES RENDERED FEBRUARY 1995
5882	R. W. ARMSTRONG	2,072.50	UTILITY RELOCATION SERVICES RENDERED THROUGH 3/17/95
5883	DYER CONSTRUCTION CO.	2,500.00	COST INCURRED RE: DEMOLITION OF FORMER ERIE RAILROAD
5884	STEVE ALEXANDER	1,412.00	FOR CARPENTRY SERVICES RENDERED @ CHASE ST. MARKET
		<u>94,734.91</u>	

Hope for Little Cal project?

By Frederick Ott

Signs are that the \$8 million needed in the state budget to continue the levee construction on the Little Calumet River will be there.

That's according to Dan Gardner, executive director of the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission.

Gardner told the Munster News that State Budget Director Jean Blackwell had informed him that the \$2 million appropriated for the years 1989 and 1991 for the "Build Indiana" project were still there. The funds were allocated in those years, but never disbursed, and the commission has been attempting to get them released ever since.

Gardner is expecting written confirmation from Blackwell later the week of March 19. In the meeting held at State Rep. Chester

Dobis's office Feb. 18, Rep. Peter Visclosky had told a group of assembled state legislators that, unless funding for the project gets into the state budget, the \$30 million in federal funding earmarked for construction stood in jeopardy.

At that time, all of the area legislators who attended pledged support.

The \$4 million in "Build Indiana" funds--\$2 million for each of the years 1989 and 1991--still leaves the project's state funding \$4 million short of the commission's original request made last year.

Currently there is no money in the state budget for the project, and Visclosky had warned that, given the current federal legislative climate, Congress would need tangible proof that the state was interested in the project enough to commit funds of its own.

"I expect Blackwell's letter to explain in

detail what we have to do to get these funds released," Gardner said.

Rep. Tim Fesko said that the current state budget is still before the House, and while no funds have been allocated for the Little Calumet project at this writing, the needed extra \$4 million will get into the budget in conference committee, held after the state legislature closes its action on the matter at the end of April.

Fesko said that all the legislators who met with Visclosky in Dobis's Merrillville office have been pushing for the additional funding.

And, while there's nothing in the budget yet, he feels confident that the conference committees will take care of the situation.

Gardner had submitted an \$8 million funding request in September, 1944, and had testified before the state budget committee last Oct. 19.

The project, which is aimed at constructing flood control levees from east of Gary to the Illinois/Indiana state line, has reached I-65, but unless work continues on the construction, the communities of Highland, Hammond and Munster are in jeopardy, Gardner said.

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Highland News
Wednesday,
March 22, 1995

FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 1995

Visclosky supports area water projects

Times Staff Report

WASHINGTON - If approved by Congress, Northwest Indiana would receive \$13 million in funding for flood control and other water projects.

Rep. Pete Visclosky D-Ind., requested the federal funds Thursday in testimony before the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Energy and Water.

The projects include:

■ **Burns Waterway Harbor** - \$5.54 million. Some of the funds would be used for maintenance, but the majority would be used for a major rehabilitation project of the breakwater.

■ **Little Calumet River flood control project** - \$5 million. The funds would allow work on levee construction and levee planning along the river to continue.

■ **Indiana shoreline erosion project** - \$1.5 million. This money authorized in the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 would fund the Army Corps of Engineers erosion mitigation and beach nourishment program.

■ **Indiana Harbor project** - \$320,000 for dredging studies and design of a facility to hold the dredgings.

■ **Lake George fish and wildlife restoration project** - \$212,000 to complete design and start removing silt from the lake to provide flood control.

■ **Cady Marsh Ditch project** - \$150,000 for designs to prevent flooding in Calumet Township.

■ **Little Calumet River Basin-Calumet Township study** - \$100,000 to study an area including 170 homes in a flood zone.

■ **Burns Waterway Small Boat Harbor** - \$95,000. The harbor in Portage would use funds for maintenance and a condition survey.

■ **Little Calumet River-Dyer study** - \$60,000 for an initial project management plan and feasibility agreement.

■ **Beverly Shores flood control project** - \$35,000 for repairs and operations of the stone erosion barricade.

Post-Tribune

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Saturday, March 25, 1995

GOVERNMENT

Visclosky seeks \$13 million for water projects

Post-Tribune Staff Report

U.S. Rep. Peter Visclosky on Thursday asked the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Energy and Water for \$13 million for 10 Northwest Indiana water projects.

Visclosky, D-Merrillville, a member of the Appropriations Committee, requested:

■ \$5 million for the ongoing Little Calumet River flood control project. The project, when completed, is expected to prevent an estimated \$11.8 million in annual flood damage.

■ \$1.5 million for the Indiana Lake Michigan shoreline erosion project.

■ \$212,000 for the Lake George fish and wildlife restoration project. It is the same amount appropriated last year.

■ \$150,000 for the Cady Marsh Ditch project.

■ \$5.5 million for the Burns Waterway harbor project. Most is for the rehabilitation of the existing breakwater. Visclosky also requested \$95,000 for the waterway's small boat harbor.

■ \$100,000 for the Little Calumet River flood zone study in Calumet Township.

■ \$60,000 to complete the management plan and to execute the feasibility cost-sharing agreement for flood control on Dyer and Hart ditches.

■ \$320,000 for the Indiana Harbor project for dredging studies and a confined disposal facility plan.

■ \$35,000 for the Beverly Shores shoreline flood control project.

Several of the projects are included in the Clinton Administration's 1996 budget proposal.

March 31, 1995

LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

"HOT" Items

- 1) **City of Gary/Gary Park Lands Easement Update**
- 2) **Request Made to Lake County for Transfer of Auditor's Tax Sale Properties.**
- 3) **Borrow Sites**
 - A. Kennedy Borrow - Awaiting COE real estate requirements.
 - B. Deep River Borrow - Need COE analysis for clay availability, modifications to increase amount of clay for East reach, and Lake County Parks proposal (clay available).
 - C. Merrillville Crossing- COE to review draft agreements and comment (particularly schedules with dates).
- 4) **Betterment Levee**
 - A. Need location, design and cost data (Need to minimize costs).
- 5) **O/M Manuals**
 - A. Need specific information to begin coordination with communities for assigning responsibilities for maintenance, clean-up, security, inspections, emergency response, etc.
- 6) **Establish GPS Points**
 - A. Ongoing field locates with utilities to stake out levee positions could be simplified for establishing points along the East reach. We would like to have the Corps establish these points.

7) **Pipe Casings**

- A. Need a general decision by the Corps to allow pipelines to not use casings. After the Corps would accept this method, each location could be reviewed on an individual basis.

8) **Utility Coordination**

- A. Corps needs to follow up on providing information to utilities regarding ~ soil borings, pump flow capacities, etc.

9) **Norfolk Southern Corporation**

- A. Are any real estate requirements going to change due to restrictions for embankment sealing?
- B. Are we still using embankment sealing in STAGE II - PHASE 4?

10) **E. I. S. Coordination**

- A. When will this be completed and "on the street", and when can we expect the DNR permit?

11)) **"Oxbow"**

- A. Need COE response to recreation participation for the current (1995) contract vs. 1999 contract. Colonel Slockbower promised Mayor Dedelow of Hammond a decision by March 15, 1995.

12) **Gary Sanitary Items**

- A. Corps should keep us informed of cost justification and if they are creditable. How to be handled or commission cost (refer to letter from GSD on March 15, 1995).

THE ABONMARCHE GROUP

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Affiliated Offices: Mishawaka, Indiana and Michigan City, Indiana

April 4, 1995
Revised: April 5, 1995

Robert Tucker
Compliance & Enforcement Section
Regulatory Functions Branch
U. S. Army Corps of Engineers
P. O. Box 1027
Detroit, Michigan 48231-1027

Re: Portage Municipal Marina: Permit No. 92-075-009-1

Dear Mr. Tucker:

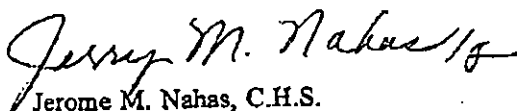
The subject permit requires that construction of the Portage Municipal Marina be accomplished in two phases. Phase II of the permit includes sheet piling along the western portion of the project, roadway and parking, piers, and lawn landscaped areas. This phasing plan was instituted so that the USCOE could assure that the required natural landscaped area plantings have been properly constructed and maintained, prior to authorization of Phase II.

However, by not completing the 610 l.f. of seawall between Phase I and Phase II of the project, potential soil erosion could occur. This erosion could reduce the usable fairway width/depth in the marina, as well as eroding towards Burns Ditch. Due to the erosion concern in the basin, we request that the permit be modified to allow installation of the remainder of the sheeting at this time. The balance of the Phase II work (piers, roadway and parking) would still need to be authorized by the USCOE, as required in the permit.

If required, the Owner could provide a construction bond and maintenance bond for the natural area plantings. This bond would assure the USCOE that the work will be constructed and maintained after construction.

Your quick response to this letter is appreciated. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact John Hannon, P.E., City Engineer or Dan Gardner, Executive Director, LCRBDC, or the undersigned.

Very truly yours,



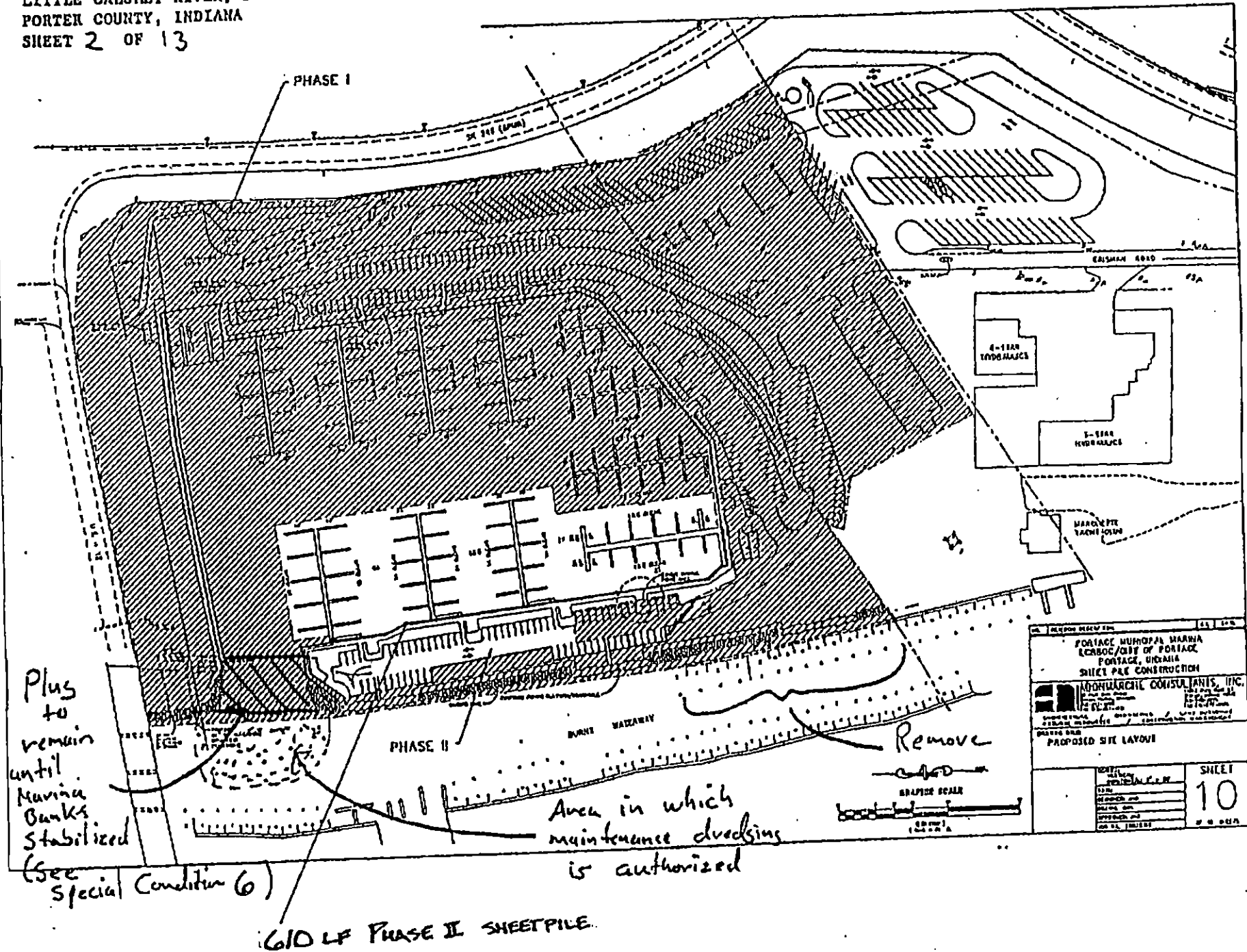
Jerome M. Nahas, C.H.S.
Director, Regulatory Functions and Natural Resources
General Manager, Detroit Area Office

cc: John Hannon, P.E., Portage City Engineer
Dan Gardner, Executive Director, LCRBDC
Ronald E. Schults, P.E., Abonmarche
Jeffrey A. Bartoszek, P.E., Abonmarche

Attached drawing to replace drawing previously sent.

BY: HANNON JOHN
 LITTLE CALUMET RIVER, PORTAGE
 PORTER COUNTY, INDIANA
 SHEET 2 OF 13

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PORTAGE, INDIANA		PROJECT NO.	10
SHEET PILE CONSTRUCTION		DESIGNED BY	10
ARCHITECTURAL CONSULTANTS, INC.		ENGINEERED BY	10
1000 N. 10th St.		CONSTRUCTED BY	10
PORTAGE, INDIANA		DATE	10
PROPOSED SITE LAYOUT		SCALE	10
SHEET		NO. OF SHEETS	10

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** MEMORANDUM **

DATE: April 1, 1995
TO: Dan Gardner
John Hannon, P.E.
FROM: Ronald E. Schults, P.E. *RES*
RE: Meeting of March 31, 1995
CC: Mr. Lou Casale, Attorney

The following is intended to briefly summarize our meeting of today as follows:

1. Permits.

Bill Tanke would like us to pursue the following:

Check with Dave Gesl, USCOE, to see if we can modify the permit to allow construction of the sheeting between Phases I and II. A Performance Bond was also suggested as assurance to complete the natural area plantings.

2. Sand.

Ron Schults/Jeff Bartoszek to discuss with Tom Largura if they will extend their current agreement, and if so, to obtain a schedule as to when they will complete the sand removal. LCRBDC can then act on a contract extension at the upcoming board meeting.

3. Abonmarche contract Addendum.

Enclosed is a copy of an amended contract addendum in addition to a page summary of the addendum. It was discussed that the tasks in this addendum could be authorized individually, (authorize final engineering for Phase I now), and authorize the construction later. Cancellation clauses per the current agreement would still apply.

Dan Gardner
John Hannon
April 1, 1995
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4. Schedule.

Enclosed is a preliminary Phase I implementation schedule, based upon authorizing final engineering at the April meeting. If the final engineering is delayed, it will be difficult to complete Phase I by spring, 1996.

5. Monthly Meeting.

In order to clarify issues and project direction, it was suggested that a monthly meeting one or two weeks before LCRBDC's regular board meeting should be held. This meeting should be a joint meeting with the City and LCRBDC.

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**** MEMORANDUM ****

DATE: April 1, 1995
TO: John Hannon, P.E., Portage City Engineer
Dan Gardner, Executive Director, LCRBDC
FROM: Ronald E. Schults, P.E., President, Abonmarche Consultants, Inc. *RES*
RE: Portage Municipal Marina

As requested by Bill Tanke, the following will serve as a quick reference summary of our proposed Addendum for Professional Services Agreement.

1. **Final Engineering Design - Phase I of Project (Task #10)** \$113,900
This would include final design for Phase I of the project (\$2 million)
2. **Pre-final Design - Phase II, III of Project (Task #11)** \$11,680
This would include completing a partial design for Phases II and III of the project to assure continuity between the Phases.
3. **Contract Bidding (Task #12)** \$9,200
This includes bidding of 3 construction contracts; site and general construction, buildings, and dock system.
4. **Construction Administration of Phase I of the Project (Task #13)** \$105,340
This includes on-site construction observation on a full-time and a part-time basis for a total construction schedule estimated at 11 months.
5. **Additional Services (Task #14)** \$0

Additional Services may include the following:

- Administration of IDNR, USCOE, NIPSCO permits, etc.
- Preparation of grant or funding agency applications.
- Preparation of public-private partnership proposal.
- Other services as mutually agreed.

These services would be proposed on an hourly basis, with an estimate prepared at the time of authorization.

ABONMARCHE CONSULTANTS, INC.		PROJECT MEMO	
PROJECT: <u>PORTAGE MUNICIPAL MARINA</u>		PROJECT NO. <u>93-294</u>	
CLIENT: <u>LCRBDC / CITY OF PORTAGE</u>		DATE: <u>04/05/95</u> TIME: <u>4:05 PM</u>	
Telephone <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Meeting <input type="checkbox"/>	Note <input type="checkbox"/>	
To: <u>JOHN LARGURA</u> <u>SUPERIOR CONSTRUCTION</u>		Attendees: _____	
From: _____			
SUMMARY:			
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ACTION REQUIRED MENTION WHETHER THEY WANT THEIR AGREEMENT AMENDED DUE TO THE ADDITIONAL SAND QUANTITIES. THEREFORE, SINCE NOTHING WAS SAID, I ASSUME THAT THEY ARE CONTINUING TO REMOVE THE SAND AT THE CURRENT PRICES.			
cc: <u>JOHN HANNON</u> <u>DAN GARDNER</u>		SIGNED: <u>[Signature]</u>	



Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission

6100 Southport Road

Portage, Indiana 46368

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Executive Director

LOUIS CASALE
Attorney

April 5, 1995

Mr. George Johnson
Division Director
Div. of Physical & Economic Development
City of Gary
504 Broadway, Suite 625
Gary, IN 46402

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Regarding your letter dated April 3, 1995, the following is the best response that I can give to you at the present time.

(1) The Little Calumet River Flood Control/Recreation Project was authorized by Congress in 1986 with the first Federal construction beginning in late 1990.

The current completion of the total project (to the Illinois State line) is estimated to be year 2000 at best. The Gary construction (to Cline Avenue) is hoped to be finished by 1997-98.

(2) The Chicago District Corps of Engineers has \$9.2 million available to construct the remaining flood control levees to protect the Gilroy Stadium area. Construction is scheduled to begin this year, but will be completed next year. The process to cause the "regulatory removal" from the floodplain can only begin after construction is complete (Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)).

(3) The Corps will award the contracts for the levee segments (including the Gilroy Stadium area) later this year.

(4) The estimated construction segment schedule as it now stands is attached. Some of the construction award dates will be pushed back and the cost estimates are undoubtedly higher (Most current information available at present).

Mr. George Johnson
April 5, 1995
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(5) The Corps will give us an updated letter regarding their construction schedule and monies available with estimated completion dates. At present, the contracts have not been awarded yet. We have information of past contracts only.

At your time frame, a meeting can be scheduled with the Corps of Engineers to confirm some of my statements and establish revised dates.

Please let me know if you need any further information.

Sincerely,

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

Dan Gardner
Executive Director

/sjm
attach.

PENDING ORD. NO.
ORDINANCE NO.
As amended
Certification Date
Certified By
Favorably
Unfavorably

95-14
4/25/95 Sat

CITY OF GARY COMMON COUNCIL ORDINANCE
APPROVING TRANSFER OF PARK
DEPARTMENT AND CITY OF GARY LAND TO THE
LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

WHEREAS, tracts of land consisting of 400 acres on the North and South side of the Little Calumet River, and along the South side of I-94 have been held for years in the name of either the City of Gary and/or the Gary Park Department; and,

WHEREAS, the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission is presently developing and implementing a plan for flood control and recreation along the Little Calumet Corridor; and,

WHEREAS, the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission needs easement rights or title to certain of the lands held by the City of Gary and the Gary Park Department for such purposes; and,

WHEREAS, the Gary Park Department has negotiated an agreement with the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission for the transfer of the lands either by deed or easement to the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission as set forth in the attached contracts and exhibits thereto, which contracts and exhibits thereto are made, a part of this Ordinance; and,

WHEREAS, the attached agreement between the Gary Park Department and the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission will be of benefit to the citizens of Gary for years to come because:

- a) It will preserve and protect those lands included in Exhibit "A" as part of the Little Calumet River Basin

RESOLUTION OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER
BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission (hereinafter the "Commission") owns, in the name of the State of Indiana, certain real property generally described as follows:

Approximately 179 acres South of the Indiana Toll Road, North of Central Avenue, East of I-65 and West of Clay Street in the City of Gary, County of Lake, State of Indiana; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Gary, by and through its Common Council did on the 4th day of April, 1995, approve the disposition of approximately Four Hundred (400) Acres of easements to the Commission for use in the Little Calumet River Flood Control and Recreation Project, the proper and timely transfer of which will allow the Construction by the Commission of approximately \$9.2 Million Dollars in flood control and recreation development within the City of Gary; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Gary by its Mayor and Common Council, have requested that the Commission dispose of its above described approximately 179 Acre parcel of real estate to the City of Gary for economic and recreation development; and,

WHEREAS, the Commission, when disposing of real property held by it in the name of the State of Indiana, must follow the procedures set out in the Indiana Disposition of Property Act (I.C. 4-20.5-7-1 through 19).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

The Commission, subject to the proper and timely transfer of the approximately Four Hundred (400) acres of Easements owned by the City of Gary and the Gary Park Department which property is needed by the Commission for the construction of approximately \$9.2 Million in flood control and recreation development in the City of Gary, hereby authorizes and directs its chairman, vice chairman, executive director and attorney to investigate the process required under the Indiana Disposition of Property Act (I.C. 4-20.5-7-1 through 19) to dispose of said 179 Acre parcel to the City of Gary and report back to the Commission at its next regularly scheduled meeting with their findings and recommendations of such further action, if any, needed to be taken by the Commission.

The Commission further resolves that the above described actions be taken in cooperation with, and with the assistance of, the City of Gary.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 1995.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SECRETARY

**CITY OF GARY****THOMAS V. BARNES
MAYOR****DIVISION OF PHYSICAL & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT****GEORGE L. JOHNSON, JR.
DIVISION DIRECTOR****504 BROADWAY, SUITE 625
GARY, INDIANA 46402****(219) 881-0601
FAX (219) 881-1092****April 3, 1995**

Mr. Dan Gardner
Executive Director
Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission
6100 Southport Road
Portage, Indiana 46368

RE: Little Calumet River Flood Control/Recreation Project

Dear Mr. Gardner:

The U.S. Postal Service has voiced some concerns regarding the project and its impact on the Remote Encoding Center. We would like answers to the following questions that address these issues, and would appreciate your immediate response.

- How long has the Federal Little Calumet Flood Control/Recreation Project been ongoing? What is estimated completion, in total?
- Are the current fiscal year funds sufficient to construct the structures necessary to cause removal of the site from the floodplain this year?
- Has the Corps of Engineers awarded the necessary contracts to construct the structures required to remove this area from the floodplain?
- What is the contract completion date for such contracts?
- Will the Corps give you a letter stating the money is sufficient, contracts have been awarded and the completion date?

Your answers will assist in securing the Gilroy Stadium site as an approved location for the Remote Encoding Center project.

Please fax your response to me at (219) 881-5235. Needed by end of day on Tuesday, April 4, 1995, if at all possible.

Thank you.

Sincerely,


George L. Johnson Jr.
Division Director

THE OFFICE OF MAYOR THOMAS V. BARNES



MACARTHUR DRAKE, Esq.

Special Counsel to Mayor
401 Broadway • 2nd Floor
Gary, Indiana 46402Office
(219) 881-1302
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March 24, 1995

Mr. Charles Agnew, Chairman
Mr. Dan Gardner, Executive Director
Little Calumet River Basin
Development Commission
6100 Southport Road
Portage, IN 46368Louis M. Casale, Esq.
Casale & Faley
Attorney at Law
8300 Mississippi Street
Suite E.
Merrillville, IN 46410Re: Acquisition by the City of Gary of the
179 acre Development Commission property at I-65

Dear Sirs:

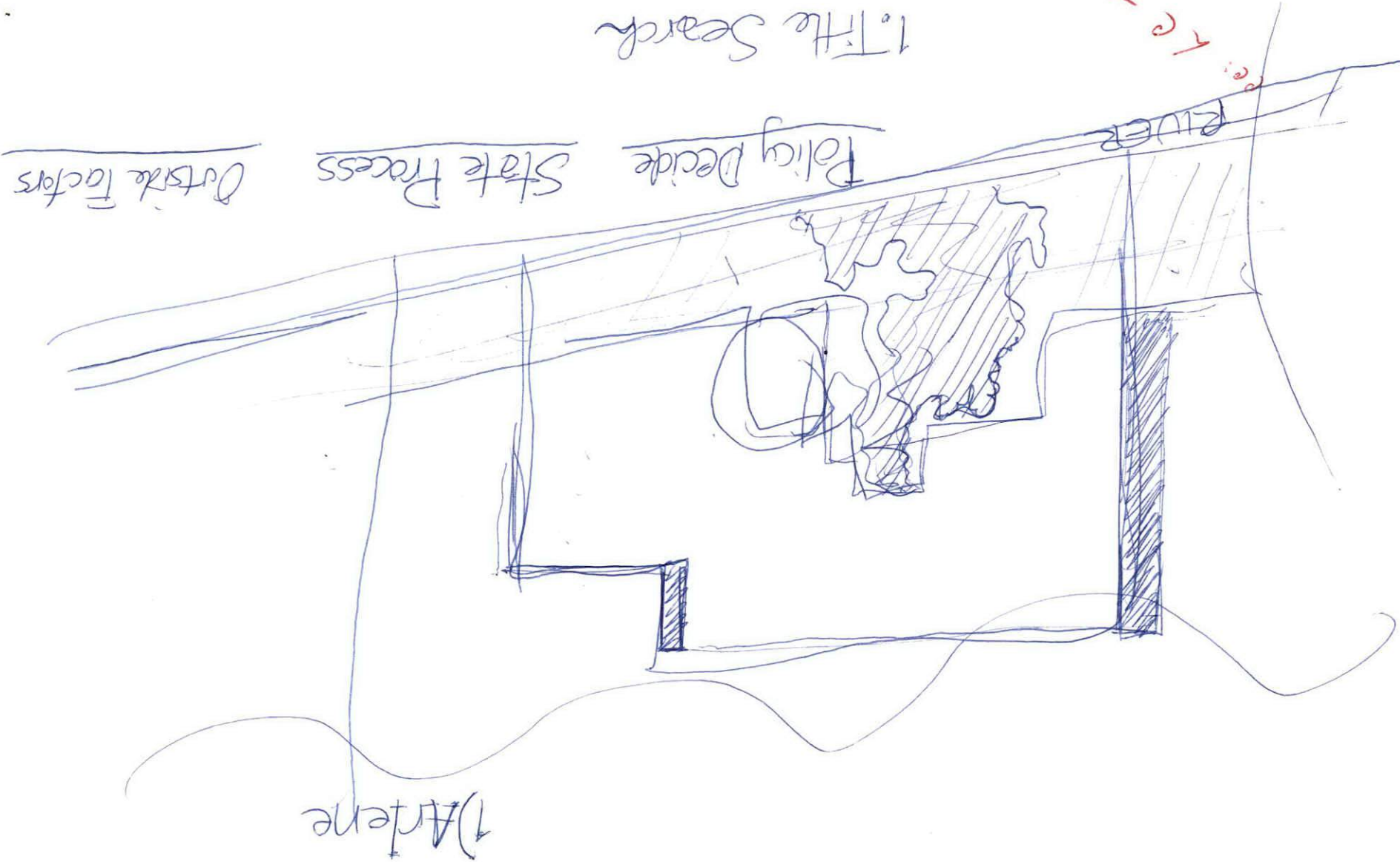
Please be informed that the negotiations regarding the referenced property, which was the subject of your and my respective February 8, and March 7, 1995 letters, have now been rendered moot, or inoperative, due to substantial changes in the underlying circumstances.

As you are no doubt aware, the Gary Riverboat Developers, whose offer of \$500,000.00, up-front, etc., have since withdrawn their interest in using the referenced property as a riverboat gaming site. Nonetheless, the City of Gary is still interested in acquiring the referenced property, although on much different terms.

We look forward to meeting with you as soon as possible under these new circumstances. Please notify us as to the earliest possible date for us to meet.

Sincerely,

Macarthur Drake, Esq.
SPECIAL COUNSEL TO THE MAYORcc: Thomas V. Barnes, Mayor
Richard J. Comer, Deputy Mayor
Gilbert King, Jr., Esq.



1. Title Search
2.

10-3-27/95

Outside Factors

State Process

Policy Decide

river

- ① Sell Nothing
- ② Leave all or Part 30

P. 1. Sell



CITY OF GARY

THOMAS V. BARNES, Mayor

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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(219) 881-1301
FAX: 9219) 881-1397

March 31, 1995

Mr. Charles Agnew, Chairman
Little Calumet River Basin
Development Commission
6100 Southport Road
Portage, IN 46368

Dear Mr. Agnew:

This letter is a follow up to Attorney Drake's letter dated March 24, 1995, a copy is attached for your reference. The Gary Riverboat Developers have abandoned their interest in your 179 acre, I-65 property. While this material development makes the previous lease terms obsolete, the City remains committed to use of the site for economic and recreational development.

The City requests that the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission, at its April 6, 1995 meeting, adopt a resolution approving the transfer of the I-65 property to the City, subject to all legal requirements.

Please be mindful that the 400 acres which the City will recommend to the City Council for conveyance to the Little Cal represents significant, valuable land forever lost to full economic development. The 179 acres we seek in exchange, can provide a reasonable replacement for the city to pursue economic development plans. I suggest we look at mutual resolutions commonly utilized by governmental bodies for the transfer of property.

The City, in developing its plans regarding the I-65 property, will be sensitive to environmental and public policy considerations previously expressed by the Development Commission.

Kindly put this request on the executive session and public meeting agendas of the April 6th meeting of the Development Commission and notify us accordingly.

Sincerely,


Thomas V. Barnes, Mayor
City of Gary

Enclosure

cc: All LCRBDC Commissioners
Dan Gardner, LCRBDC Dir
Louis Casale, LCRBDC Atty

Richard J. Comer, Deputy Mayor
Macarthur Drake, Special Counsel
Gilbert King Jr., Atty

PLEASE SIGN

ATTENDANCE ROSTER

Name of meeting: LCRBDC

Date: 4-6-95

	NAME (please print)	Organization and/or Address	
1	Donald R Shays in	8230 Wicker Park Rd	1
2	J Mitchell	8222 Woodlawn Ave	2
3	MACARTHUR DRAKE, Atty	City of Gary; 401 Belmont, 2d Fl.	3
4	Veral Meyers	Highland	4
5	Herbert L. Harris		5
6	RICHARD J. CONER	Deputy Mayor / City of Gary	6
7	Pam Seebser	WJOB / Hammond	7
8	Pete Zak	South Shore Marina, Inc	8
9	Mary Jane Zak	" " " "	9
10	STANLEY PETRITES	HIGHLAND, IND.	10
11	Bill Petrites	" "	11
12	Mike Vander Heyden	Dager Const Co	12
13	REX SHERRARD	SEN, GRIFFITH IN	13
14	JAMES FLORA	R.W. ARMSTRONG	14
15	Joann Mitchell	8222 Woodlawn Ave, 1st	15
16	Michael A. Puente	Post-Tribune	16
17	James Castle	Castles & Sons, Inc	17
18	Ron Biersen	The Times	18
19	Melanie Ellison	IDNR	19
20	John Bach	Highland	20
21	MIKE GRIFFIN	PLEKK- TRCAS, Highland	21
22	Mara Candelaria	Congressman Visclosky	22
23	Glen Wesson	Gary 5th Dist	23
24	Barclay Diller	Dary Common Council	24
25	Dave Taboriski		25
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Chairman:

Location: