

## Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission

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Appointment

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Appointment

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JOHN DEMEO Governor's Appointment

ROBERT TRELO

Governor's Appointment

DAN GARDNER

Executive Director

LOUIS CASALE

**MEETING NOTICE** 

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

AT 6:30 P.M. THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 1995 AT THE COMMISSION OFFICE 6100 SOUTHPORT ROAD PORTAGE, IN

AGENDA

1. Call to Order by Chairman Charles Agnew

2. Recognition of Visitors, Guests

3. Approval of minutes of May 4, 1995 /-4

4. Executive Director's Report

Status report on Gary Park/City of Gary/LCRBDC agreement

· Recommendation for Resolution of Issue

Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement

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5.	Repor	rts of Standing Committees
	A.	Land Acquisition/Management Committee - Charles Agnety, Chairman
		<ul> <li>Appraisals, offers, acquisitions, recommended actions</li> <li>Transfer of Commission property to INDOT required for Indpls.</li> <li>Blvd. bridge raising</li> <li>Corps Real Estate meeting held May 23rd</li> <li>Other issues</li> </ul>
	В.	Project Engineering/Construction Committee - Robert Huffman, Chairman
		Wicker Park Manor construction progress report  Letter received from town of Highland regarding landscaping plans for area  Corps has set new dates for real estate deadlines  Other issues
	C.	Legislative Committee - George Carlson, Chairman
		Project funding status 9-10 Other issues
	D.	Marina Development Committee - Bill Tanke, Chairman
		Marina update punch list from Abonmarche Sand removal status Meeting with Mayor Maletta on May 30th Recommendation Other issues
	E.	Finance/Policy Committee - Nathaniel Leonard, Treasurer
		Financial status report Approval of claims for April, 1995 Other issues  77  8-20
5.	Other	Business
7.	Staten	nents to the Board from the floor

Set date for next meeting; adjournment

8.

## MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION HELD AT 6:30 P.M. THURSDAY, MAY 4, 1995 AT THE COMMISSION OFFICE 6100 SOUTHPORT ROAD PORTAGE, INDIANA

Chairman Chuck Agnew called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. Eight (8) Commissioners were present. Quorum was declared and quests were recognized.

#### Development Commissioners:

George Carlson
Charles Agnew
John DeMeo
William Tanke
Robert Huffman
Robert Trelo
Emerson Delaney
Steve Davis

Staff:
Dan Gardner
Jim Pokrajac
Lou Casale
Sandy Mordus
Judy Vamos

### <u>Visitors:</u>

Jimmie Tibbs - Black Oak
Jim Flora - R.W.Armstrong
Melanie Ellison - IDNR, Div.of
Water
Pete Zak - South Shore Marina
Mary Jane Zak - " "
Bill Petrites - Highland
John Mitchell - Hammond
Denis Buksa - Munster
Ken Smith - IDNR, Div. of Water
Herbert Harris - Black Oak
Rex Sherrard - SEH, Griffith
Dave Taborski - Black Oak
Kim Steele - The Times

The minutes of the April 6, 1995 meeting were approved by a motion from William Tanke; motion seconded by George Carlson; motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director's Report - Mr. Gardner spoke on the unresolved situation in working with the city of Gary in trying to secure the signed easements needed for the levee construction. A resolution was approved at the last Gary City Council meeting but nothing was signed and we now understand that it has to be approved by the Board of Public Works. We are hopeful that the signed easements will be coming very soon. Mr. Gardner stated that the city interest is still there for the 179 acre parcel owned by the will be coming very soon. Commission. The Mayor has met directly with the Governor but no decision has been made on the 179 acres. The Governor has promised a decision no later than Wednesday, May 10th. Attorney Casale added that it is very unfortunate that after we thought we had reached a mutual agreement (after years of efforts) with the Gary Park Board, the city has now added additional requests as a condition for signing the easements. Regarding the 179 acre parcel that the city has an interest in, Mr. Casale reiterated that we are not able to transfer or sell land that was purchased for the

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project. Since the land was bought with state dollars, the Governor must approve the transaction. We have tried to separate the two issues - the signed easements vs. the 179 acre parcel but the city refuses to sign the easements until a declaration is made on the 179 acres. Mr. Gardner added that the Congressman is very concerned about losing the \$9.2 million project construction dollars he fought to obtain. The Corps is also very frustrated that we are not able to move forward. A special meeting may have to be called if timely response is not received and agreeable settlement to the easements reached.

Commissioner Bob Trelo stressed that we should document all letters, phone calls, time spent in all our efforts for our own protection in case there is any flooding.

Commissioner Bill Tanke inquired about the pending postal facility and how plans for it are proceeding. Mr. Gardner answered that the area where the physical postal building would sit is actually above the 100 year flood elevation. The surrounding area is not. Technically, the building could be built because it would not sit in the floodplain.

Mr. Gardner informed the Commission that the Corps held an environmental meeting here in our offices today. One item discussed was the Supplemental Environmental Impact Study. Ken Smith from DNR said that the document is out for review now with April 10th being the deadline for comments. Thus far, there have been no comments received but there is still time for public comment.

Mr. Gardner referred to a letter from the town of Highland sent to INDOT requesting the removal of built-up debris at the U.S. 41 bridge over the river. Since the contractor doing the levee work is still in the area, it would be convenient for INDOT to contract with him to do this removal since equipment is already at the site. George Carlson made a motion for staff to send a support letter to INDOT that we, too, encourage the debris clean-up; motion seconded by Robert Huffman; motion passed unanimously.

Land Acquisition Committee - Vice Committee Chairman Emerson Delaney made a motion to offer \$2,500 for DC463; motion seconded by Robert Trelo; motion passed unanimously. Mr. Delaney then made a second motion to offer \$1,000 for DC385; motion seconded by George Carlson; motion passed unanimously.

The Corps Real Estate meeting was held on April 17.

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Project Engineering Committee - Committee Chairman Bob Huffman reported that construction at Wicker Park Manor in Highland (Stage V-1) is ongoing. Landscaping contract is a separate contract. A meeting is scheduled with the town of Highland regarding the landscaping plan and maintenance in that area. Mr. Huffman asked about the residents having any participation in the landscaping plan. Mr. Gardner replied that they should have review and input. It is understood that only certain kinds of plantings will be allowed on the levee. First, staff will meet just with the town and then later schedule something with the residents whose back yards are affected.

When asked about the FEMA status, Mr. Gardner answered that as it now stands, the last letter received from FEMA stating that the bridge over the river at U.S. 41 must be raised first before the area comes out of the floodplain. That bridge raising, as we now understand it, should happen in 1996. Ken Smith from IDNR is still hopeful that conversations with FEMA will cause them to change their position. Mr. Gardner stated he will talk further with the Congressman's local office regarding this.

Attorney Lou Casale presented to the Commission an agreement for their approval to removal clay material at the Merrillville Crossing site. He explained some of the highlights of the agreement. Mr. Huffman made a motion to enter into the agreement; Emerson Delaney seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously. A second agreement will be forthcoming to sign with a property owner to store the material on his land until needed for the levee construction.

Legislative Committee - Committee Chairman George Carlson deferred to Mr. Gardner for an update of the General Assembly session. Mr. Gardner reported that the Commission received a \$2 million appropriation this session and we just found out today that it is earmarked to come from the Build Indiana Fund. We would have preferred the General Fund. In the past, we were not able to draw from Build IN money. Representatives Dobis and Fesko had indicated earlier that those funds previously received from Build Indiana monies in 1989 and 1991 should now be able to be released. Mr. Gardner indicated that we are currently drawing from \$1.6 million allocated to us. Mr. Gardner also stated that \$1.2 million was received by the Marina Development Commission earmarked for Portage marina.

Mr. Tanke inquired about staff obtaining a listing from the State Budget Agency containing all the amounts of monies that was appropriated and the fund in which they were received.

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Mr. Gardner also commended the area legislators for their help in securing the \$2 million appropriation. He especially appreciated the extra effort that Mayor Dedelow showed in his vocal support to Rep. Turpin on behalf of the Commission's funding.

Marina/Breakwater Committee - Committee Chairman Bill Tanke referred to the marina progress update from Abonmarche. He suggested to Commissioners that if they have not been by the site recently, they should go and see the progress that has been made there; it is now really starting to look like a basin.

Mr. Tanke referred to the Corps marina permit in which he would like to see it modified to include all the sheetpiling installation and not just partial installation. Mr. Gardner referred to the Abonmarche letter sent to the Detroit Corps office regarding the modification request. Communication is ongoing.

Finance/Policy Committee - In Treasurer Nathaniel Leonard's absence, Mr. Gardner gave the treasurer's report. After adding a claim of \$2,400 for the purchase of DC446 to the claim sheet, Mr. Gardner asked for a motion. Mr. DeMeo made a motion to approve the financial status report for March as well as the claims; motion seconded by Bob Huffman; motion passed unanimously. Pete Zak of South Shore Marina informed the Commission that the handrails have been installed on the breakwaters.

Other Business - There was no other business.

Statements from the floor - Bill Petrites, property owner along Indpls. Blvd. in Highland, informed the Commission that he has been dealing with INDOT for some land/ROWs needed from him to do the bridge raising at U.S. 41 and stated that the project is a 2-year project. The east side will be done first and then the west side the next year. The end of 1997 would be the soonest it would be completed.

Chairman Chuck Agnew stated an attempt would be made to hold the next meeting in Gary. Staff will pursue setting up a meeting at I.U. Northwest in Gary for possibly the July meeting.

There being no further business, the next Commission meeting was scheduled for Thursday, June 1, 1995 in Portage.

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## Little Cal panel losing patience with Gary over land swap

■ Official says stalling could cost flood-control project its funding.

BY KIM STEELE Times Correspondent

PORTAGE - The Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission chastised Gary officials Thursday for dragging their feet on providing easements for a \$9.2 million levee project that would protect the city from flooding.

Dan Garner, executive director

of the commission, said the city is endangering the project's funding because, in return for the easements, the city wants a 179-acre tract at Interstate 65 and Clay Street for economic development.

The land, owned by the commission, can't be leased or sold without prior approval from Gov. Evan Bayh. That decision is expected no later than Wednesday.

"Actually, we needed the land in April so the Corps of Engineers could begin bidding the projects," Gardner said. "Our bottom line now is: The easements need to be made available in a timely manner, or we'll lose access to the money the federal government has for construction."

The levee, to be built from the east side of Grant Street east to Broadway, is part of an estimated \$141 million project designed to stop flooding along the Little Calumet. In Gary, the levee will border the Borman Expressway, Indiana University Northwest and Gleason Park.

It will also protect the land at 32nd Avenue and Harrison Street, which recently was earmarked for the city's new postal processing center.

Gardner said the commission

has worked with the Gary Park Department for three years to obtain the easements, which include more than 400 acres appraised at about \$462,000. The Park Board agreed to accept a new greenhouse and golf driving range worth that amount in exchange in January.

The City Council in April approved the plan, provided that the commission exchange its land for the city's easements.

Later, the commission told city officials that the commission did not have the authority to give the city the land without Bayh's approval.



## RESOLUTION NUMBER OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission (hereinafter the "COMMISSION") is currently in control and possession of certain Real Estate, as described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto (hereinafter the "REAL ESTATE"); and,

WHEREAS, the COMMISSION is empowered and authorized by IC 14-6-29.5-6(b) to sell, transfer, or convey to any political subdivision of the state, or to any public agency, department, or agency for such consideration and upon such terms as it deems appropriate any real estate within the project or acquired under its enabling act if such sale or transfer is in furtherance of the purposes of said act; and,

WHEREAS, the Indiana Department of Transportation (hereinafter "INDOT") has found that the REAL ESTATE is necessary for the reconstruction of a bridge and increased traffic safety on U.S.R-41 in Lake County (INDOT Project ST-019-1(H)), and that it therefore should be transferred by the COMMISSION to INDOT; and,

WHEREAS, the COMMISSION finds that the transfer of said REAL ESTATE to INDOT for no monetary consideration is necessary, desirable and in furtherance of the Little Calumet Flood Control Project and of the purposes and intent of the COMMISSION's enabling Act, IC 14-6-29.5-1 et seq.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby declared and resolved that the COMMISSION transfer the said REAL ESTATE to INDOT for the reconstruction of a bridge on U.S.R.-41, in Lake County (INDOT Project ST-019-1(H)) to be held in the name of the Indiana Department of Transportation, and that the Chairman of the COMMISSION be and hereby is authorized and empowered to execute such documents as are necessary to effectuate said transfer.

this matter was considered and adopted by a voice	ce vote by a quorum of the members of the
COMMISSION present at a regular meeting held on the	day of, 1995.
•	LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
1	CHAIRMAN Charles Agnew

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ATTEST:	
SECRETARY Robert Huffman	
Subscribed and sworn to before me this	day of, 1995.
•	Notary Public
	County of Residence



## TOWN OF HIGHLAND

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Attomev

CLERK - TREASURER
MICHAEL W. GRIFFIN

18 May 1995

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Project Management Division 111 N. Canal Street Chicago, Illinois 60606-7206 Attn: Mr. Imad Samara

Dear Mr. Samara:

Pursuant to our meeting on May 8, 1995 regarding the landscaping of the Wicker Park Manor levee, the Town of Highland requests the Corps consideration and ask that turf grasses be planted on the landward side of the levee between the ConRail Railroad and the Tri-State Bus Line.

The Town is sensitive to the facts relating to the Corps desire to plant prairie grasses and wildflowers; however, our experience has shown that areas immediately adjacent to residential properties are best maintained by using turf grasses. The taller prairie grasses tend to encourage dumping (yard waste) and also collect litter that blows through the area. We also receive complaints from persons living near open spaces about insects (mosquitos) and rodents harboring in the taller vegetation from persons living near open spaces with tall vegetation.

Again, on behalf of the Town, please consider turf grasses in the area described above. I am sure that the Town of Highland and the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission can work out an arrangement to maintain this area.

Sincerely,

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Director of Public Works

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Town Council

Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission

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## Legislature's final act gets rave reviews from Bayh

By Thomas P. Wyman

Associated Press Writer

INDIANAPOLIS - Gov. Evan Bayh praised a Republican-drafted state spending plan Sunday, calling it a "historic budget" that is balanced and provides a hefty surplus while spending wisely on education.

"In my view we have taken historic steps toward making Indiana one of the strongest financial states in the United States of America," Bayh said at the governor's residence during his first news conference after the legislative session.

GOP majorities in the House and Senate assured passage of the document late Saturday night, although some Republicans

night, although some Republicans signed only after getting assurances of public spending projects in their districts.

"The public gets turned off by the logrolling, but that's a traditional part of the process," Bayh said. "If they had not been able to get the votes. I would have to get the votes, I would have been here in this room today calling a special session.'

Most of Bayh's fellow Democrats in the House voted against the \$14.6 billion budget, which some said diverts money from urban schools with large enrollments of black students to favor faster-growing suburban and rural schools.

"You target them, and you take the money away," Rep. B. Patrick Bauer, D-South Bend, told Republicans during debate. "This is a mean-spirited budget."

But Bayh noted that public school spending statewide will increase 4.9 percent the first year and 5.2 percent the second, above the anticipated rate of inflation.

"This represents a real investment in the quality of education in our state, and property taxes will grow at a lower rate than in the past few years," he said. The budget will leave Indiana

with an \$829 million surplus, despite a six-year phased-in reduction of auto excise taxes that begins next year.

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## **NWI GETS** its share

The state's twoyear budget includes funding for a few highly sought-after Northwest Indiana projects:

- A \$15.4 million allocation for a classroom building at Purdue University Calumet, which officials there say will help alleviate crowding in the existing classrooms.
- \$2 million for the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission, to prevent flooding.
- \$1.25 million for development of the Portage Marina.
- \$1 million for the NICTD, for new trains and the renovation of stations.
- **■** \$500,000 for renovation of the Memorial Opera House in Valparaiso.
- \$250,000 to provide lowinterest loans to struggling businesses in northern Lake County.

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"Our state will be in such strong financial condition the next two years, barring some unforeseen downturn in the economy, that I believe I can say with certainty that no tax increases will be needed in the foreseeable future." Bayh said.
Senate Democrats proved more

willing to go along, with only four of 17 Democrats present voting against the budget. Only three House Demo-crats voted for the plan.

Bayh said the budget was very nearly like the one he proposed

when the session began.

But for all his praise, the budget rejected a new statewide test for public school students, a program Bayh sold hard at the beginning of the session asking \$100 million over two sion, asking \$100 million over two years to help students who don't meet the tests standards.

The budget instead adds essay. questions to the present multiple choice tests, and spends \$49.6 million on remediation.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 1995

## Flood-control efforts survive competition for funding

■ Little Cal, Kankakee programs included in the Indiana state budget.

BY BETTIE CADOU Times Staff Writer

INDIANAPOLIS – Flood-control projects around Northwest Indiana will benefit from funding under the new two-year state budget.

Gov. Evan Bayh is expected to sign the budget into law this week. It passed the General Assembly late Saturday.

One of the larger allocations – \$2 million – will go to the Little Calumet River flood-control project. The funds will serve as the state's portion of this year's work on the estimated \$141 million federal project.

The state must pay one-quarter of the total bill. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which oversees the project, will fund the remainder.

The project runs about 10 miles from Martin Luther King Drive in Gary west to the Illinois state line. It includes the construction of setback levees in Gary and Griffith, new levees and floodwalls in Hammond, Highland, Munster and Griffith, and the installation of a new diversion structure at Hart Ditch.

Four highway bridges and about seven miles of river channel will be modified to allow for a better flow of water, and 16.8 miles of hiking trails and related recreation will be created. Also, 788 acres of wetland will be preserved to hold floodwaters, purify the river and provide natural

habitat.

The work, which is about onefifth complete, is expected to be done in 1998.

"The only disappointment was we needed \$4 million instead of \$2 million to complete the river basin project," said Rep. Timothy Fesko, R-Munster.

The state still needs to kick in another \$2 million to fund its share of the project. Fesko said Rep. Sam Turpin, R-Brownsburg, head of the House Ways and Means Committee, told him the remainder may be funded next year.

Efforts to control flooding in the Kankakee River basin will

receive \$1 million under the new budget.

Sen. Sue Landske, R-Cedar Lake, who pushed for the funding, said \$250,000 will pay half the price of a Corps of Engineers feasibility study of flood protection needs at Sumava Resorts.

The remainder will be divided among three other projects, she said – stabilizing the banks along portions of the Kankakee and Yellow rivers; removing sediment and repairing drainage systems along the two rivers; and building the proposed Brown levy in the Kankakee drainage in south Lake County.

Other winners in the budget

are:

- Lake Michigan Marina Development Commission \$1.2 million, dedicated to developing the Portage marina.
- Independence Hill Conservancy District \$1 million for repairs to sewers in the former Lincoln Utilities area in Merrillville. The funding was secured by Sen. Rose Ann Antich, D-Merrillville.



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## \*\*\* MEMORANDUM \*\*\*

DATE:

January 4, 1994

TO:

John Hannon, P.E. - City of Portage

Dan Gardner - LCRBDC

Mike Vanderheyden - Dyer Const. Bob Vanderheyden - Dyer Const. Tom Largura - Superior Const.

FROM:

Mark McClellan - Abonmarche Consultants Inc.

RE:

Portage Municipal Marina Weekly Construction Report

5/8/95 - 5/12/95

- At time of inspection the sedimentation basins were extremely cloudy and the discharge into Burns Ditch was creating a large plume of fine sediment. Jeff, operator for Dyer, informed me that he had been excavating in the pumping basin prior to inspection. The discharge had been clean before the excavation. I requested that Jeff check the discharge at the end of the day. If the condition does not improve it will have to be corrected.
- Cantilevered retaining wall Toe support has been maitained. Some additional grading is needed on the upper level.
- 3) The construction plans call for the proposed 24" CMP culvert replacement to include a headwall at the outlet end. Stream bank protection will be needed at the outlet of the culvert.
- Damaged seawall has not been repaired yet. Repairs will be held off until machinery has completed grading work behind the seawall.
- 5) North slope:
  - Reminded Dyer operator of 10'-12' flat lane along seawall.
  - Reminded Dyer operator of proper ditch grade, ditch grade still needs work.
  - North slope not ready for seeding. When it is seeded, it will be mulched, then crimped down to prevent erosion.

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- 6) Standing water is about 95% drained. Pumping is now keeping up with flowing ground water.
- 7) Next meeting 9:00AM Wednesday May 17, on site.

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

MDM/jeg



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## \*\*\* MEMORANDUM \*\*\*

DATE:

May 19, 1995

TO:

John Hannon, P.E. - City of Portage

Dan Gardner - LCRBDC

Mike Vanderheyden - Dyer Const. Bob Vanderheyden - Dyer Const. Tom Largura - Superior Const.

FROM:

Mark McClellan - Abonmarche Consultants Inc.

RE:

Portage Municipal Marina Weekly Construction Report

5/15/95 - 5/19/95

- Sedimentation Basin Discharge sediment had not decreased much with two sediment basins, Dyer has now added a third sediment basin. The discharge into Burns Ditch at the time of the inspection was noticeably clearer than at the previous inspection. The third basin has made a significant improvement in the discharge condition.
- 2) North Slope Grading is final, seed and mulch has been applied.
  - \* Inspection of Grade 3:1 slope above and below the east-west drainage ditch looks good.
  - \* The drainage ditch itself is shaped well, and appears to have a steady drop to the west along its length except in the area of the transformer and panel. This area is too high and somewhat uneven. Repairs will have to wait until panel is removed.
  - \* Mulch was applyed after seeding and was mixed with adhesive to hold in place (Appears to have worked O.K.).
- 3) Excavation in Basin Excavation in front of north and east seawall has exposed approximately 7-8ft. of the sheet pile length (This depth is O.K.). Excavation in basin should be made the <u>first</u> priority. Excavation of the clean sand at the east edge of the site should be limited. This sand <u>will not</u> be removed until design of the retaining walls is complete.
- 4) Discussion of concrete headwall at outlet of 24" culvert Dyer would like to omit

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the concrete headwall and replace with rip-rap. This change in contract items will require approval by the project Engineer - Decision is pending.

- 5) The survey crew will be providing stakes to define the west edge of excavation. Excavation should not proceed west past these limits.
- 6) Dyer has been directed to go ahead with repairs to the damaged seawall. Repairs must be approved by Engineer and Owner before considered complete.
- 7) Standing water is 100% drained. Pumping is now keeping up with flowing ground water.
- 8) Next meeting 9:00AM Tuesday May 23, on site. Please note the change from a Wednesday to a <u>Tuesday</u> meeting time.

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

MDM/jeg

# City marina is no big money-maker

It's a quality of life project: Maletta

#### By Jim Masters

The Portage public marina is expected to turn a profit its first year, but the city administration doesn't expect to get rich off it.

"I don't think the city will realize any sizable revenues," said Mayor Sammie L. Maletta on Monday.

Maletta said the purpose of the marina is more a quality of life issue rather than a money making venture. That's not to say that the city isn't looking to make a few bucks. But more importantly, Maletta reissued his pledge that no local monies will be used to fund the project.

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## Marina

Therefore, control of the marina won't be under some city body like the Portage Port Authority, Board of Works or any newly created "marina authority," but rather a private management firm, said Maletta. Some local marina owners have reportedly expressed interest in managing the development.

"We're going to have to make sure the company selected has (marina management) experience and realizes they're working with a public, not a private, entity," said Maletta. "It will have to be operated with a little extra care."

Early profits will likely be used to pay back its business partner, the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission. Eventually, Portage will have sole ownership of the marina.

Maletta hopes the marina will trigger new development previously outlined in the city's waterfront plan, such as a golf course and upscale housing.

The marina is being built in two phases. Phase I, carrying a price tag of approximately \$2 1/2 million, includes 150 slips, three launch ramps, a harbormaster's office, boardwalk/fishing pier, parking, bathhouses, roadway and landscaping, according to city engineer John Hannon.

Most of the infrastructure work will be done in the initial phase. Phase II will add about 100 more slips.

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The city has the S2 1/2 million in place for the first phase (via state funding), but the S2 million cost to fully complete the marina remains beyond reach.

Revenue bonding based on marina profits could possibly be the funding mechanism for phase II. An arrangement could be made between the city, boaters and a lending institution, similar to deals made on advance rentals of sports stadium skyboxes.

"The key is to get open and operating without any debt," said Hannon. "We can operate with a profit from the start, assuming full rental of slips."

On Monday, the Portage Board of Works paved the way for construction to begin by approving a \$125,580 contract with the Abonmarche Group to prepare final engineering drawings for all phases.

Hannon noted that several contractors will be used for various projects within the marina--slip and pier construction, building construction, seawall installation, landscaping, etc. Thus, a series of bidding processes are forthcoming.

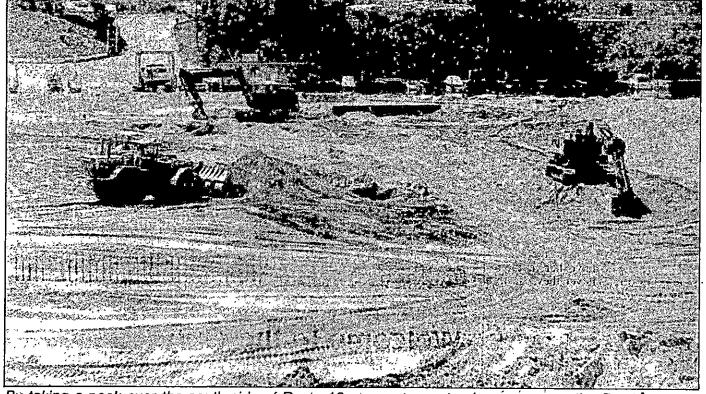
Already, the marina basin's steel retaining walls are in place and below-grade excavation has begun.

The next construction phase will begin late this summer and continue through-next spring when the marina is expected to open.

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## Portage Journal Fress, 5/25/15

## **Clearing the way**



By taking a peek over the south side of Route 12 you can see steady progress on the Portage public marina projects. With the marina basin walls now in place, the site is being excavated below the water level. Excavation will continue throughout the summer, with phase one of the project--150 slips--expected to open for the start of the 1996 boating season.

Photo by Jim Masters

## LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FINANCIAL STATEMENT JANUARY 1, 1995 - APRIL 30, 1995

CASH POSITION - JANUARY 1, 1995		
CHECKING ACCOUNT	00.050.07	
LAND ACQUISITION	99,950.97	
GENERAL FUND	69,492.66	
TAX FUND	2,171.58	
INVESTMENTS	1,016,000.00	
ESCROW ACCOUNT INTEREST	61,317.58	
RECEIPTS - JANUARY 1, 1995 - APRIL 30, 1995	81805080000000000000000000	1,248,932.79
LEASE RENTS	7,972.53	
INTEREST INCOME	41,507.06	
LAND ACQUISITION	171,343.64	
ESCROW ACCOUNT INTEREST	7,778.33	
KRBC REIMBURSEMENT RE: TELEPHONE CHARGE	·	
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	1,913,02	
	1,913,02	004 044 47
TOTAL RECEIPTS		231,214.17
DISBURSEMENTS - JANUARY 1, 1995 - APRIL 30, 1995	-	
1994 EXPENSES PAID IN 1995	37,441.61	
LEGAL SERVICES	849.99	
NIRPC	15,448.83	
TRAVEL & MILEAGE	299.70	
PRINTING & ADVERTISING	167.05	
BONDS & INSURANCE	357.00	
TELEPHONE EXPENSE	1,433.39	
MEETING EXPENSE	466.33	
LAND ACQUISITION	.50.55	
LEGAL SERVICES	18,685.22	
APPRAISAL SERVICES	23,075.00	
	21,720.00	
ENGINEERING SERVICES	-	
LAND PURCHASE CONTRACTUAL	24,114.92	
LAND MANAGEMENT SERVICES	17,287.10	
PROPERTY & STRUCTURE	112,357.21	
TAXES	5,604.27	
PROPERTY & STRUCTURES INSURANCE	21,075,90	
UTILITY RELOCATION SERVICES	5,293.20	
LAND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	2,750.00	
STRUCTURE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	3,849.50	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:		
•		312,276.22
CASH POSITION - APRIL 30, 1995		
CHECKING ACCOUNT		
LAND ACQUISITION	(5,782.34)	
GENERAL FUND	91,141.80	
TAX FUND	(2,584.63)	
INVESTMENTS	1,016,000.00	
ESCROW ACCOUNT INTEREST	69,095.91	
		1,167,870.74

## LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT MAY 26, 1995

		BUDGET	AMOUNT PAID	UNPAID	AMOUNT READY	PROJECTED
ACCOUN'	T DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	PREVIOUSLY	BALANCE	FOR PAYMENT	BALANCE
5801	PER DIEM EXPENSES	\$16,000.00	0.00	16,000.00	0.00	\$16,000.00
5811	LEGAL EXPENSES	7,500.00	849,99	6,650.01	283,33	6,366.68
5812 ·	NIRPC SERVICES	125,000.00	15,469.72	109,530.28	8,391.82	101,138.46
5821	TRAVEL & MILEAGE	7,500.00	370.70	7,129.30	48.50	7,080.80
5822	PRINTING & ADVERTISING	2,000.00	176.55	1,823.45	21.50	1,801.95
5823	BONDS & INSURANCE	7,500.00	5,613.63	1,886.37	0.00	1,886.37
5824	TELEPHONE COSTS	6,000.00	1,322.15	4,677.85	874,34	3,803.51
5825	MEETING EXPENSES	7,500.00	, 281.21	7,218.79	0.00	7,218.79
5838	LEGAL SERVICES	75,000.00	18,197.13	56,802.87	5,403.48	51,399.39
5840	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	350,000.00	42,016.44	307,983.56	27,076.28	280,907,28
5860	PROJECT LAND PURCHASE COSTS	3,510,000.00	117,804.27	3,392,195.73	9,400.00	3,382,795.73
5881	PROPERTY/STRUCTURES INSURANCE	25,000.00	518.00	24,482.00	0.00	24,482.00
5882	UTILITY RELOCATION COSTS	1,000,000.00	1,822.90	, 998,177.10	3,580.50	994,596.60
5883	PROJECT LAND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	150,000.00	454.62	149,545.38	0.00	149,545.38
5884	STRUCTURES CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	40,000.00	2,874.50	37,125.50	0.00	37,125.50
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	\$207,771.81	\$5,870,175.19	55,079.75	\$5,815,095.44

## CLAIMS READY FOR PAYMENT

ACCOUNT	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	EXPLANATION OF CLAIM
5811	LOUIS M. CASALE	283.33	ATTORNEY RETAINER FEE FOR MAY 1995
5812	NIRPC	8,391.82	SERVICES PERFORMED DURING APRIL 1995
5821	SANDY MORDUS	48.50	MILEAGE INCURRED 4/11 - 5/17/95
5822	LAKE COUNTY RECORDER	21.50	COST INCURRED RE: COPIES OF TITLE WORK
5824	MCI TELECOMMUNICATIONS	326.97	TELEPHONE CHARGES FOR APRIL 1995 (KRBC TO PAY A PORTION)
5824	GTE	547.37	TELEPHONE CHARGES FOR APRIL 1995 (KRBC TO PAY A PORTION)
5838	LOUIS M. CASALE	5,403.48	LAND ACQUISITION/LEGAL SERVICES PERFORMED 4/19 - 5/21/95
5842	ABONMARCHE	2,537.78	ENGINEERING SERVICES RENDERED ON TASK 1 A&B & TASK 7
5842	ABONMARCHE	12,140.07	ENGINEERING SERVICES RENDERED ON TASK 1 A&B & TASK 7
5843	NIPSCO	876.13	COST INCURRED RE: UTILITY SERVICES FROM 3/14 - 5/11/95
5843	R. W. ARMSTRONG	3,138.20	UTILITY RELOCATION SERVICES PERFORMED 4/21/95
5843	CHICAGO TITLE INSURANCE	14.00	COST INCURRED RE: WARRANTY DEED & RELEASE
5843	CHICAGO TITLE INSURANCE	270.00	TITLE WORK INCURRED ON DC 389
5844	JAMES E. POKRAJAC	2,262.25	LAND ACQUISITION/MANAGEMENT SERVICES PERFORMED 4/17 - 28/95
5844	JUDITH VAMOS	1,275.00	LAND ACQUISITION SERVICES RENDERED 5/1 - 15/95
5844	JAMES E. POKRAJAC	2,534.60	LAND ACQUISITION/MANAGEMENT SERVICES PERFORMED 5/1 - 15/95
5844	JUDITH VAMOS	1,046.50	LAND ACQUISITION SERVICES PERFORMED 4/17 - 28/95
5844	MELISSA STEFANOVICH		LAND ACQUISITION SERVICES PERFORMED 4/17 - 28/95
5846	SOUTH SHORE MARINA	850.00	INSTALLATION OF HANDRAILS ON BURNS WATERWAY BREAKWATER
5860	URBAN LEAGUE OF N.W. INDIAN	2,400.00	COST INCURRED RE: PURCHASE PRICE OF DC 446
5860	ANNIE LOFTON		COST INCURRED RE: PURCHASE PRICE OF DC 358
5860	INEZ & CANARY GONER	1,500.00	COST INCURRED RE: PURCHASE PRICE OF DC 462
5860	NELLIE JONES	0.4	COST INCURRED RE: PURCHASE PRICE OF DC 365
5860	DOLLY TILLIS	1,000.00	COST INCURRED RE: PURCHASE PRICE OF DC 385
5860	EOLA HOWARD		COST INCURRED RE: PURCHASE PRICE OF DC 367
5860	MERDICE MAE JOHNSON	2,500.00	COST INCURRED RE: PURCHASE PRICE OF DC 463
5882	R. W. ARMSTRONG	3,580.50	GENERAL ENGINEERING SERVICES PERFORMED ON 4/21/95
	-	55,079.75	



## NORTHWESTERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

6100 Southport Road Portage, Indiana 46368 Phone: 219/763-6060 Fax: 219/762-1653

To: DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION	Contract Code:	PARTP215	
For: SERVICES PERFORMED DURING APRIL, 1995	Internal Code:	215	
Date: MAY 8, 1995	Invoice No:	4/4	

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	30.19
POSTAGE: APRIL 1995	150.87
COPYING CHARGES @ \$5.00/MO PLUS \$.06/COPY (3,642)	223.52
GRAPHICS?PRINTING TIME @ \$20/HR (ATTACHMENTS) (3 HRS)	60.00
STAFF MILEAGE/EXPENSES:	0.00
OTHER CHARGES (ATTACHMENTS) (LONG DISTANCE) (PETTY CASH)	69.74
SECRETARIAL @ \$18.00/HR (51.25 HOURS)	922.50
TOTAL:	\$ 8,391.82 °
OUTSTANDING PAYMENT DUE:	-0-
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TOTAL DUE:	\$ 8,391.82



## Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission

6100 Southport Road

Portage, Indiana 46368

(219)763-0696 Fax (219)762-1653

May 26, 1995

## "HOT" Items

- 1. Awaiting final engineering review from the Norfolk & Southern Corporation for agreements for IV-1, IV-2, and V-4.
- 2. Borrow Sites -
  - A. Kennedy Borrow -

Awaiting COE method of appraisal for property (and what will be creditable). Will then pursue meeting with owner, local drainage board, and local communities.

B. Deep River Borrow -

COE designing new footprint for excavation and recalculating new yardage. Upon receipt we will coordinate with lake County Parks for cost sharing for betterments to the site.

C. Merrillville Crossing -

Need COE decision on remaining 50,000 cubic yards for Pond 41 (Nick Petrovsky property). Initial contact with owner indicated \$50,000/year lease to store clay. If money is too high, should we store in another location - is this creditable?

- 3. Utility coordination (See attached "Hot Items" list for ongoing utility concerns for II-3C, II-3B, II-4, and IV-2).
- 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. 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.
- B. In the case pipelines go under levees (as the condition is East of Burr Street), will we be committed to using an I-wall in all scenarios, and if so, how will this be cost shared?

#### 7. "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 May 31, 1995.

## 8. Gary Sanitary Items -

- A. Corps should keep us informed of cost justification and if they are creditable. How to be handled or commission cost (COE needs to respond to letter from GSD on March 15, 1995) (Ongoing).
- B. In addition, with property availability in IV-2 being pushed back, a coordination meeting should be scheduled with Northwest Engineering (Arnie) in order for them to start their construction in the Burr Street (Black Oak) area.

#### 9. E. I. S. Coordination -

A. Still need final state approval for the COE responses to Isaac Walton, Fish & Wildlife, IDNR. Are we concerned with any engineering or real estate changes - Chase Street Auto, Lyles & Sons, ponding areas, levee alignments, etc.?

#### 10. Stage III -

A. Gary Parks & Recreation - we still need property. What is status of Gary request for 179 acres parcel? At what point do we start condemnation?

- 11. Completion of IV-2 and II-4 ownership satisfaction and status (Had meeting with COE for IV-2 on May 17, 1995, and had meeting for II-4 on May 4, 1995).
  - A. It was agreed upon that with a number of parcels not yet acquired, and that they would not be acquired by June 23, that we would try to break up both areas into smaller portions.
- 12. INDOT Properties (I-80/94 & Georgia Street) -
  - A. Had meeting with INDOT and the ACOE on May 24 to review construction coordination in the I-80/94 Georgia Street area. The scheduling of construction in this area depends on this coordination.
- 13. Flap Gate design for under 36" diameter culverts -
  - A. We have a concern for not installing sluice gates on culvert pipes under 36" in diameter, and if we did request gates, would this be cost shared? (Our concern is having a flap gate stuck open and not being able to prevent water from overflowing on the land side of the levee).
- 14. Requested back lease money from Mike Bush (Chase Street Produce), then will coordinate new lease.
- 15. Final review of Stan Stann lease required. Projecting early July start of Construction. (Stan to get all Gary permits).



## LITTLE CALUMET RIVER LEVEE PROJECT UTILITY RELOCATION - EAST REACH HOT ITEMS - MAY 25, 1995

### Stage II Phase 3B

#### NIPSCO

Gas
30" and 36" Gas Lines crossing Georgia Street
Need acknowledgement form to submit to NIPSCO for their execution.

2. Gary Sanitary District

Need to discuss the Corps' explanation of pump station capacity with LCRBDC staff.

3. Wolverine Pipe Line Company

Two 16" pipelines cross Georgia Street

Need acknowledgement form to submit to Wolverine for their execution.

4. Marathon Pipe Line Company

Six-inch pipeline crosses Georgia Street
Need comments and/or acceptance by the Corps of Marathon's March 30, 1995 relocation
plan and cost estimate.

#### Stage II Phase 3C

Gary Sanitary District

Need to discuss the Corps' explanation of pump station capacity with the LCRBDC staff.

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8300 Broadway - Merrillville, IN 46410 - 219.738.2258 - FAX: 219.738.2259

## Stage II Phase 4

- 1. Northwest Indiana Water Company (NIWC)
  - a. Georgia Street south of I-80/94. Need agreement with NIWC.
  - Georgia Street north of I-80/94.
     Need comments and/or acceptance by the Corps of Engineers.
- Gary Sanitary District
   Need to discuss the Corps' explanation of pump station capacity with the LCRBDC staff.

#### Stage IV Phase 2

- NIPSCO
  - Gas
     30th Avenue (west of Calhount Street), Calhoun Street, Tompkins Street, Gerry Street, Burr Street, Clark Road, 31st Avenue, 32nd Avenue, Wright Street, Wallace Street and 30th Place.
     Need agreement with NIPSCO.
  - b. Electric
    - (1) Calhoun Street and Tompkins Street Need agreement with NIPSCO.
    - (2) Burr Street

      Need agreement with NIPSCO regarding service to the Burr Street Pump
      Station.
    - (3) Clark Road, 31st Avenue, 32nd Avenue, Riverside Drive, Wright Street, Wallace Street, 30th Place and Maple Avenue.

      Need agreement with NIPSCO.
- Gary Sanitary District Sanitary Sewers
   Burr Street and Calhoun Streets
   Need comments and/or acceptance by the Corps of GSD's relocation plan and cost estimate.
- 3. Ameritech various locations

  Need relocation plan and cost estimate from Ameritech.

- 4. Northwest Indiana Water Company (NTWC)
  Burr Street, Calhoun Street and Tompkins Street.
  Need agreement with NIWC.
- Wolverine Pipe Line Company
   Need determination by Corps of acceptable and cost-effective relocation method.
- 6. Cablevision Associates of Gary
  Need Cablevision Associates to determine whether they have lines on the NIPSCO/Ameritech
  poles to be removed east of Clark Road. If they do have lines, then we need relocation plan
  and cost estimate.

ATTENDANCE ROSTER Name of meeting: LCRBDC Date: JUNE 1, 1995 NAME (please print) Organization and/or Address REX SHERRARD SEH INC - GRIFFITH Herbert L- Harm immel Liber Area Saylon MEDANIE ELUSON WSOB-WZUN IDNR-WATER DNR - Water POST-TRIBUNE 3145 BURN GARY 13. Chatiman: Location:



## DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

CHICAGO DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS

111 NORTH CANAL STREET CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60605-7206

May 31, 1995

Project Management Branch

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 March 16, 1995 regarding the Hammond Oxbow Park, we have completed our evaluation and have determined that it is acceptable to integrate the Oxbow Park design into the recreation phase of our Little Calumet River Flood Control and Recreation Project. We will incorporate the Oxbow Park recreation features into our Recreation Phase 1 Contract. Our current schedule provides for advertisement of this contract in April 1996. Construction is scheduled to start in June 1996.

As we stated in our previous letter the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission must own this park property in fee title prior to contract advertisement, 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 you have any questions please call Captain Tom Chapman at (312) 353-8574.

Sincerely,

Richard E. Carlem

Richard E. Carlson
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
Development Commission





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Affiliated Offices: Mishawaka, Indiana and Michigan City, Indiana

## \*\*\* MEMORANDUM \*\*\*

DATE:

May 24, 1995

TO:

John Hannon, P.E. - City of Portage

Dan Gardner - LCRBDC

Mike Vanderheyden - Dyer Const. Bob Vanderheyden - Dyer Const. Tom Largura - Superior Const.

FROM:

Mark McClellan - Abonmarche Consultants Inc.

RE:

Portage Municipal Marina Weekly Construction Report

5/22/95 - 5/26/95

- Sedimentation Basin Discharge flow from sediment basin is in good condition. NOTE: Dyer is directed to increase the berm width to 30' between Burns Ditch and the final sediment basin. This may require extra lengths of pipe to be added to the discharge pipe. It would be best to make this change during a time when the dewatering pump is shut down, to limit the sediment discharge.
- Repairs to damaged seawall have not been made. I have directed Jeff Dyer to make repairs as soon as possible. Dyer will remove the sand from behind the bowed section of seawall, tighten the tiebacks to pull the wall back into shape, and then backfill and compact the removed material. The damaged top cap will also be replaced.
- Excavation in Basin Hauling was shut down at the time of inspection. The running total of excavation (approx. 1 week) is 4,500cyd. The goal for completion of excavation in the basin is August. I directed Dyer to continue to limit the excavation on the east ridge.
- The decision has been made to allow the substitution of rip-rap for the concrete concrete headwall, with the following considerations: (1) one metal end section on the outlet end, rip-rap protection sufficient to protect the shoreline from erosion and the culvert pipe from lateral movement or wash out, and the use of geotextile fabric under the rip-rap. This substitution constitutes a deduct in cost to the owner of \$850.00 (using a standard unit price breakdown of Dyer's lump sum bid).

Architecture Engineering Land Surveying Natural Resources Construction Service

Memorandum Page 2 May 24, 1995

- 5) Standing water is 100% drained. Pumping is now keeping up with flowing ground water.
- 6) Next meeting 1:30PM Tuesday May 30, on site. Please note the change from a Wednesday to a <u>Tuesday</u> meeting time.

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

MDM/jeg