MEETING NOTICE

THERE WILL BE A MEETING OF THE
LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT
COMMISSION
AT 6:30 P.M. THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 1996
AT THE COMMISSION OFFICE
6100 SOUTHPORT ROAD
PORTAGE, IN

AGENDA

1. Call to Order by Chairman William Tanke
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Recognition of Visitors, Guests
4. Approval of minutes of February 1, 1996
5. Chairman’s Report
   - Report of marina bond closing held 2/14/96
   - Meeting held with City of Gary Mayor Scott King on 2/2/96
6. Executive Director’s Report
   - Meeting held 2/21 with City and INDOT regarding Grant St. interchange reconstruction
   - Follow-up meeting held 3/1/96 with new Gary city administration
7. Reports of Standing Committees

A. Land Acquisition/Management Committee - Chuck Agnew, Chairman
   - Appraisals, offers, acquisitions, recommended actions
   - Approval to sign revised R/E for Stage IV Phase 2B
   - Corps Real Estate meeting held February 22, 1996
   - Action needed on filing of condemnations
   - Other issues

B. Project Engineering/Construction Committee - Robert Huffman, Chairman
   - Motion to adopt Resolution 96-1 to enter into relocation agreement with Marathon
   - Radify approved easement request from city of Gary at Burr Street and N&S RR for pump station, stormwater force main and Burr St. bridge
   - Project engineering meetings held this month:
     - Meeting held 2/13 with Town of Munster and North Township Trustee's Office
     - Meeting held 2/20 with Gary School Corporation
     - Pre-construction meeting held 2/27 with INDOT (LaPorte) on Georgia St/I-80/94 culverts
     - Emergency management meeting held 2/28 in Crown Point
     - Gary Parks meeting held on 3/1/96
   - Other issues

C. Legislative Committee - Robert Trelo, Chairman
   - Build Indiana Fund agreement approved and signed by the State Budget Agency
   - Other issues

D. Marina Development Committee - Bill Tanke, Chairman
   - Report on Marina Committee meeting held 2/26/96
   - Report on Portage Board of Public Works project bidding/construction status
   - Other issues

E. Finance/Policy Committee - George Carlson, Treasurer
   - Financial status report
   - Approval of claims for February 1996
   - Report on Finance Committee meeting
   - COE request letter to place $300,000 into construction escrow account
   - Other issues

8. Other Business

9. Statements to the Board from the floor

10. Set date for next meeting; adjournment
MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
HELD AT 6:30 P.M. THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1996
AT THE COMMISSION OFFICE
6100 SOUTHPORT ROAD
PORTAGE, INDIANA

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

Development Commissioners:
Charles Agnew
William Tanke
Robert Trelo
Steve Davis
Robert Huffman
Emerson Delaney
Arlene Colvin
George Carlson

Visitors:
Jim Flora - RWArmstrong
Denis Buksa - Munster
Ken Smith - IDNR, Div.of Water
Pete Zak - South Shore Marina

Staff:
Dan Gardner
Lou Casale
Melissa Stefanovich
James Pokrajac
Judy Vamos
Sandy Mordus

Visitors were recognized and quorum was declared.

A correction to the minutes on page 1 listing the Commissioners
present at the January meeting was made - Commissioner George
Carlson did attend the Jan. meeting but his name was omitted and
Commissioner Nathaniel Leonard was listed twice as attending. The
minutes of the January 4, 1996 meeting were then approved by a
motion from Chuck Agnew; motion seconded by Arlene Colvin; motion
passed unanimously.

Chairman's Report - Chairman Bill Tanke congratulated Commissioner
Steve Davis on his re-appointment letter received from the Dept. of
Natural Resources.

Executive Director's Report - Mr. Gardner reported that the
Community Forum held at I.U.N. on January 11th regarding the
proposed levee in the east remediation area was held. About 25
people were in attendance. The Corps gave a presentation of the
project with a time schedule. The purpose of the meeting was to
allow public input into the COE process to formulate acceptable remediation to obtain an IDNR permit for continued levee construction. No final decision has been reached as to the extent of remediation required.

Mr. Gardner reported that he, along with attorney Casale and Commissioners Tanke and Colvin, will meet with Mayor King tomorrow to brief him on various items involving the Commission, i.e. levee construction, east remediation area, 179 acre plat owned in Gary, timing of the construction, compensation to Gary Park Department, Grant Street interchange reconstruction issue, etc. He will report back at next meeting.

Land Acquisition Committee - Committee Chairman Chuck Agnew referred to attorney Casale who brought the Commission members up to date on the court proceedings of Chase Street Produce. Court action has been taken; we have a judgement against them; a receivership has been appointed and the business is currently operating. A short term lease is in the process of being worked out and we are trying to collect against the judgement. Mr. Agnew made a motion that staff proceed to take whatever action is necessary to satisfy the judgement and release the premises for the short term; motion seconded by Robert Trelo; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Agnew reported that additional exploratory soil testing needs to be done off Chase Street on the Commission-owned property to determine the suitability to use it as a borrow site. Mr. Agnew then proceeded to make a motion approving the signing of a right-of-entry for the COE to do the additional exploratory work; motion seconded by Arlene Colvin; motion passed unanimously. Mr. Agnew then made a motion authorizing the expenditure of $33,000 to pay for the testing; motion seconded by Arlene Colvin; motion passed unanimously.

Project Engineering Committee - Committee Chairman Bob Huffman gave the report. He reported that a meeting had been held on January 25 with staff, R. W. Armstrong and Commissioner Emerson Delaney concerning the issue of value engineering. Value engineering features that can be approved by the COE will ultimately save the Commission money. We have subsequently passed our comments/recommendations onto the COE in hope of their approval.

Legislative Committee - Committee Chairman Robert Trelo gave the Legislative report. He indicated that staff has submitted the forms necessary to secure the $2 million in '89 Build Indiana Funds that were recently approved for release by the State Budget Agency.
Once the forms are approved and signed by the Budget Agency, we can begin drawing on them.

Mr. Gardner informed the Board members that he has recently returned from a trip to Washington where he went on behalf of NIRPC to the NARC (National Assoc. of Regional Councils) convention. He was able to meet with the Congressman and Senator Lugar and Coats staff. He reported that the Little Calumet River project continues to be one of priority Federal projects in N.W. IN. With Federal funds being cut everywhere, the advice he was given regarding the project was to keep the project as close to schedule as possible and close to budget as possible. New construction starts seem more at risk than ongoing projects.

Marina/Breakwater Committee - Committee Chairman Bill Tanke gave the Marina report. He referred to the addendum (copy in agenda packet) to the Inter-local Agreement with the city of Portage and recommended approval. A motion was made by Steve Davis to approve and sign the Addendum; motion seconded by Arlene Colvin; motion passed unanimously. Mr. Tanke then referred to the bid tabulation sheet for the construction of the Floating Dockage System. He reported that Ellas Construction was the low bidder and that the contract had been awarded to them. He indicated that boat slip signing up has been ongoing with the City.

Discussion ensued on signage at the marina site. Staff passed around a few hand-drawn samples of what the sign might look like. Mr. Gardner thought it should be a temporary sign while construction was going on. Mr. Tanke thought it should be more of a permanent V-shaped sign placed at the southeast corner of S.R. 249 and 20. Staff will explore further. City would pay half the cost of the sign.

Finance/Policy Committee - Treasurer George Carlson gave the financial report. Mr. Carlson made a motion to approve the financial status statement; motion seconded by Chuck Agnew; motion passed unanimously. Mr. Carlson then made a motion to approve the claims for payment totaling $60,298.79; motion seconded by Robert Huffman; motion passed unanimously.

Other Business - Commissioner Bob Huffman inquired whether there were any more signups for the marina. Mr. Gardner replied that about 29 people have actually paid money and reserved a boat slip. He said there were about 99 slips in the first phase of marina construction.

Statements from the floor - There being no further business, the next regular Commission meeting was scheduled for Thursday, March 7, 1996 in Portage.
MEMORANDUM

TO: Dan Gardner, Project Manager, L.C.R.B.D.C.
FROM: Roland P. Elvambuena, P.E., City Engineer
SUBJECT: Grant Street Road Raising Project, South I-80/94
DATE: February 12, 1996

I am pleased to inform you that a meeting has been scheduled on February 21, 1996, at 9:00 a.m. with regard to the Grant Street Project, South of I-80/94. The meeting will be held in Gary's City Hall, Suite 300; Engineering Department.

The purpose of the meeting is to resolve several issues to fund this project, which is tied-in to the Little Calumet River Flood Control Levee Project, administered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission as the local sponsor.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

cc: Honorable State Senator Earline Rogers
Honorable State Representative Charlie Brown
Honorable State Representative Dr. Vernon Smith
David Pluckebaum, P.E., Deputy Chief Engineer, I.N.D.O.T.
Mara Candelaria, U.S. Representative Pete Visclosky’s Office
Mike Cervay, Fiscal Advisor, City of Gary – Mayor’s Office
Donald Abraham, P.E., Development Engineer, I.N.D.O.T.

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PUBLIC OFFICE MEANS – PUBLIC SERVICE
February 12, 1996

Robert E. Stockbower, P.E.
Lieutenant Colonel
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
111 N. Canal Street
Chicago, Illinois 60606-7206

Dear Colonel Stockbower:

This letter is to endorse Major Thomas C. Chapman for the Society of American Military Engineers (S.A.M.E.) Sverdrup Medal for 1995.

The local sponsor (Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission) has been extremely pleased with Major Chapman’s management of the complex Little Calumet River flood control/recreation project. Particularly important to the success of the entire project was his coordination to acquire necessary real estate and permits to keep the project on schedule. His engineering expertise together with his coordination skills and commitment have been invaluable assets to us and to the project. His sincerity and openness coupled with his professional expertise has been apparent in public presentations to elected officials, technical representatives, and the general public. These attributes have served the project and the Corps of Engineers’ image well in pursuing this very important project to Northwest Indiana.

Major Chapman is an exceptional young officer of the U.S. Army and his accomplishments on behalf of the Little Calumet River, Indiana Flood Control/Recreation project deserve recognition in the military engineering community.

Sincerely,

Dan Gardner
Executive Director
Officer in an active, inactive, or retired status; or a Coast Guard civilian employee, or retiree, of equivalent grade in recognition of the most outstanding contribution to military engineering through achievement in design, construction, administration, research, or development. The award was made for the first time for 1958.

War I Army Chief of Staff, Gen. Tasker H. Bliss, and to recognize his interest and research in military education which was of such inestimable value in the establishment of the Army War College, is offered as an annual award to the engineering professor or instructor of a college or university, or to an institution or element thereof at which a unit of the Reserve Officer Training Corps of the Armed Forces is established, for the most outstanding contribution to military engineering education, or serving to promote recognition of the importance of technical leadership in the National Defense establishment. The award was made for the first time in 1958.

Sverdrup Medal
The Sverdrup Medal was established by The Society in memory of the distinguished military engineer, Maj. Gen. Leif J. Sverdrup, U.S. Army Retired. The medal is awarded annually to an active duty military engineer member of The Society at the time of nomination and who has not passed his/her 36th birthday in the year for which nominated for the most outstanding engineering contributions, or similar achievement of significance to The Society, the military service, or the Nation. The first award was made for 1950.

Ralph A. Tudor Medal
The Tudor Medal, established by The Society in memory of the eminent civil engineer and builder, Ralph A. Tudor, is offered annually as an award to a civilian member of The Society at the time of nomination and who has not passed his/her 36th birthday in the year for which nominated for the most outstanding contribution to engineering design, construction, research, development, or planning. The award was made for the first time for 1966.

Colbert Medal
The Colbert Medal is named in memory of Rear Adm. Leo O. Colbert, past president of The Society and former Director of the Coast and Geodetic Survey. The medal is offered as an annual award to the member of the National Ocean Service officer or civilian, active or retired, in recognition of the most outstanding contribution to military engineering through achievement in design, construction, administration, research, or development. The award was made for the first time in 1955.

Bliss Medal
The Bliss Medal, established by The Society to perpetuate the memory of the distinguished World

NOTE: Names of award winners are listed by year on pages 24-25 of the First Book. A gold colored clasps will be presented in lieu of a medal to a person who wins a medal more than once.

Toutmin Medals
The Toutmin Medal was founded by Col. H.A. Toutmin in 1902. This silver medal is awarded to the authors of the two best articles published in THE MILITARY ENGINEER each year. One of the awards is presented to an author who is less than 30 years old. Current criteria may be obtained from the Editor.  

A Society Silver Plaque is presented if the winner is an institution.
Real Estate Division

SUBJECT: Revised Final RE Drawings for Stage IV, Phase 2B, Sheet R5, and Updated Right-of-Entry and Attorney’s Certificate

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

Dear Mr. Gardner:

On 25 Apr 94, we transmitted final real estate drawings, (Sheets R-1 thru R-5), Right-of-Entry, and Attorney’s Certification for Stage IV, Phase 2. On 8 Jun 95, after splitting the Stage into two parts, we sent you revised drawings which delineated the lands and estates required for Stage IV, Phase 2A (Sheets R2 & R3). The remainder of this Stage was subsequently identified as Stage IV, Phase 2B Clark Street to Chase Street.

We are now providing you with a change to sheet R-5 which removes Chase Street Auto from acquisition of flowage easements. Enclosed are four copies of the revised Final Real Estate drawing for Stage IV, Phase 2B (Sheet R-5, dated 28 Jan 94, revised 23 Jan 96). Please substitute the revised sheet R-5 for Sheet R-5 dated 28 Jan 94. All other IV/2B (sheets R1 & R4) drawings remain current. Also enclosed is one copy of an updated Right-of-Entry and Attorney’s Certification for IV/2B.

You are requested to proceed, in accordance with Article III of the Local Cooperation Agreement, to acquire these lands for project purposes. The previously transmitted tabulation of estates may be used for your acquisition activities. After acquisition is completed, please execute the Right-of-Entry, cause the Attorney’s Certification to be executed, and return two copies to the Real Estate office.
Further questions may be directed to Emmett Clancy at (312)-353-6400, ext. 5005.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
PAUL H. BENKOWSKI
Chief, Real Estate Division

Enclosures:
Sheet R-5 (4ea)
ROE - IV/2B
Atty's Cert - IV/2B
RESOLUTION 96- [ ] OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission is the local sponsor for the United States of America Army Corps of Engineers Flood Control Project along the Little Calumet River; and,

WHEREAS, as the local sponsor for said Flood Control Project, the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission is charged with the responsibility of relocating utilities, when necessary, to accomplish said project; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary to do certain relocation work upon the Marathon Pipe Line Company within the City of Gary by reason of said Flood Control Project; and,

WHEREAS, the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission and Marathon Pipe Line Company desire to enter into a Relocation Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto and shall be made a part hereof by reference.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission is hereby authorized to enter into an Agreement between the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission and Marathon Pipe Line Company for Relocation of Utilities, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

2. The Chairman of the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission is hereby authorized and directed to sign said Agreement on behalf of said Commission and the Executive Director is hereby authorized and directed to attest to said Chairman’s signature. At present, the duly elected and/or appointed Chairman is William Tanke and the duly appointed Executive Director is Dan Gardner.

Resolved this ______ day of ______________________, 1996 by the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission.

LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION: ATTEST:

WILLIAM TANKE, Chairman

DAN GARDNER, Executive Director
February 29, 1996

Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission
6100 Southport Road
Portage, IN 46368

Attention: Mr. Dan Gardner, Executive Secretary

RE: Burr Street Improvement Project STP-N-746
Burr Street Stormwater Pump Station and Stormwater Force Main
Donation of Permanent and Temporary Right-of-Way

Dear Mr. Gardner:

In accordance with our previous conversations regarding the donation of both permanent and temporary Right-of-Ways for the above project, we are submitting to you the following documents for the permanent easement:

1 - Donation Agreement for a Permanent Easement for the installation of a Manhole and Sluice Gate (Structure #45A) located in the Southeast Quadrant of the Norfolk Southern Railroad and Burr Street for your signature and ask that you return one executed copy;

2 - Permanent Right-of-Way Grant Agreement to be signed, notarized and return one copy;

3 - Map showing a sketch of the structure and the location of the easement.

Also submitted to you are the following documents for the Temporary Easement:

1 - Donation Agreement for a Temporary (working) Easement During Construction of the Pumping Station located in the Southeast Quadrant of the Norfolk Southern Railroad and Burr Street, said property adjoining the pumping station site. Please sign and return one copy.
Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission
Attention: Mr. Dan Gardner, Executive Secretary
RE: Burr Street Improvement Project STP N-746
Burr Street Stormwater Pump Station and Stormwater Force Main
Donation of Permanent and Temporary Right-of-Way

2 - Temporary Right-of-Way Grant Agreement for the Working Easement to be signed, notarized and return one copy.

3 - Map showing a sketch of the Pumping Station site and the location of the Working Easement.

Enclosed also are the following documents for the Permanent Easement of the Storm Sewer and Outfall:

1 - Donation Agreement for a Permanent Easement in the installation of a Storm Sewer and Outfall (Structures #43 and #44) located in the Northeast Quadrant of the Norfolk Southern Railroad and Burr Street for your signature and return on one copy.

2 - Permanent Right-of-Way Grant Agreement to be signed, notarized and return one copy.

3 - Map showing a sketch of the Structures and the location of the easement.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call my office.

Very truly yours,

ROLAND ELVABMUENA, P.E.
City Engineer

Enclosures

cc: Mr. Marcus W. Malczewski, Supt. Lake County Highway Dept.
    Hon. Scott King, Mayor, City of Gary
    North-West Engineering Co., Inc.
**LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

**JANUARY 1, 1996 - JANUARY 31, 1996**

### CASH POSITION - JANUARY 1, 1996

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NORTHWESTERN INDIANA
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
6100 Southport Road • Portage, Indiana 46368
Phone: 219/763-6060 Fax: 219/762-1653

Little Calumet River Basin
To: Development Commission Contract Code: P-LCRBDC
For: Services Performed January 1996 Internal Code: P216
Date: February 13, 1996 Invoice No: 1/1

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OUTSTANDING PAYMENT DUE:                                                | .00      |
TOTAL DUE:                                                              | $ 8,303.22 |
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
CHICAGO DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
111 NORTH CANAL STREET  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60606-7206  

Project Management Branch

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

Dear Mr. Gardner:

We request that the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission provide a local cash contribution of $300,000 for the Little Calumet River Flood Protection and Recreation Project in accordance with Articles II and VI of the Local Cooperation Agreement executed on August 16, 1990. Please deposit the funds into the established escrow account (Number 7500-0244-4747) as specified in Article VI.6.2 of the Local Cooperation Agreement.

The requested contribution represents the commission's obligation to contribute in cash 5 percent of the costs estimated to be incurred (related to structural flood control measures) through the end of the Federal Government's fiscal year ending on September 30, 1996.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Richard E. Carlson, P.E.  
Deputy District Engineer  
for Project Management
"ITEMS OF DISCUSSION"

Motions:

**Land Acquisition & Project Engineering motions:**
1. Motion to condemn properties as listed at meeting
2. Motion to increase real estate offers to avoid condemnation as listed at meeting
3. Motion for approval to sign R/E for Stage IV Phase 2B
4. Motion to adopt Resolution 96-1 to enter into relocation agreement with Marathon
5. Motion to ratify approved easement request from city of Gary at Burr Street & N.S. RR for pump station, stormwater force main & Burr. St. bridge

**Items of Discussion:**

1. HTRW issues being addressed by COE at Highland Dump (West of Cline), Lyles & Son Property, and City of Gary Dump (between Grant and Harrison).
   
   A. Received ROE from Highland on 12/12/95. Corps currently putting together a bid package. Projected field analysis to be completed after May, 1996; analytical complete June, 1996.
   
   B. Soil testing for the Lyles & Sons property has been completed; we are awaiting analysis from COE. Preliminary indications show no contaminants - still awaiting letter.
   
   C. The contract for soils & drum analysis in the area north of the Mansards has been completed & presented to the COE (awaiting written recommendations from the COE Environmental as to how to proceed).

2. Borrow Sites:

   A. **Kennedy Borrow** - Wrote letter to COE on 12/27/95 regarding decision on test results from K&S Testing on 11/20/95. We need meeting with Lake County Drainage Board to determine costs involved. *(Awaiting letter from Lake County for what we will be committed to)*
B. **Deep River Borrow** - Lake County Parks to finalize grading plan incorporating information from NIPSCO on location and depth of their pipe. COE to provide top soil & plant after final grading, and projected completion on October of 1997 for Stage IV-2B.

C. **Merrillville Crossing** - 105,000 cu.yds. currently on Hugh Smith property. This clay will be used for upcoming contract II-3C and IV-1.

D. **Potential Chase Street Borrow** - K&S Testing completed soil analysis on 11/27/95 and submitted results to COE for their review and comments (See Kennedy Borrow). Sent R.O.E. to COE; awaiting their drawings & specs to release for bid.

3. Utility coordination (see attached "Hot Items" list for ongoing utility concerns for II-3C, II-3B, II-4 and IV-2.) Only minor changes have occurred since last month.

4. Betterment Levee: Received revised alignment drawings from COE on 2/22. (This shows levee construction directly north of NIPSCO R/W from west side of Arborgast to Burr, across RR, then north of RR R/W eastward 1/2 to Clark, thence south.

   A. Need to provide protection south of the river (Cline to Burr) prior to completing Stage IV-1.
   B. We are currently reviewing this layout to see if we can reduce costs directly responsible to the Commission.
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By Laura Paul

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The remainder of the $2.8 million for the project, which is expected to be completed in 1998, will come from the Indiana Department of Transportation.

Following a construction timetable is critical, Elvambuena explained, since the Army Corps of Engineers is scheduled to complete its flood control project along the Little Calumet River within two or three years.

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A flood gate is a gate which blocks passage when the road becomes flooded.

"What is going to happen is no one can drive through," Elvambuena said of that scenario, adding the city needed to look out for its interest and keep the street open for traffic.

Dan Gardner, the deputy director of the Northwest Indiana Regional Planning Commission and the director of the Little Calumet River Basin Development, said the new flood-control levees will assist with flood control in Gary, Griffith, Hammond, Highland and Munster.

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"When the water rises during a heavy rain, the water will spurt out at Grant Street," Gardner said.

Gardner said he was pleased by the progress made when he met recently with officials from the Indiana Department of Transportation and a representative from the office of U.S. Rep. Pete Visclosky, D-Merrillville.

"We think all of the parties were there in good faith," Gardner said. "We applaud them for sharpening their pencils, designing a solid plan and making the project doable."

Gardner said the city did not want to close Grant Street when it floods since it is used by emergency response vehicles and is a heavily traveled inter-city route.
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