



Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission

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Appointment

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ROGER CHIABAI
Governor's Appointment

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Mayor of Gary's
Appointment

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Appointment

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Governor's Appointment

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Appointment

DAN GARDNER
Executive Director

LOUIS CASALE
Attorney

MEETING NOTICE

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

**AT 6:30 P.M. TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 1997
AT THE COMMISSION OFFICE
6100 SOUTHPORT ROAD
PORTAGE, IN**

A G E N D A

1. Call to Order by Chairman William Tanke
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Recognition of Visitors, Guests
4. Approval of minutes of December 5, 1996
5. Chairman's Report
 - ☒ Report of Nominating Committee for 1997 officers
6. Executive Director's Report
 - ☒ Report on City of Gary/INDOT meeting held in Indy on 12/9
 - City of Gary position re: INDOT Burr St. interchange design
 - ☒ Report on Council presentation on 12/30
 - ☒ Potential wetland mitigation sites

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7. Reports of Standing Committees

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

- Appraisals, offers, acquisitions, recommended actions
- Corps Real Estate meeting to be held 1/8/97
- Action needed on filing of condemnations
- COE letter giving approval to lease farm land for 1997
- Clark Chase borrow site
- Other issues

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

- Current construction status

C. Legislative Committee - Robert Trelo, Chairman

- Federal appropriation available for FY97 - \$11 million
- State Budget request - \$4 million
- Budget Committee meeting schedule
- Budget Committee release of \$400,000 to Highland

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D. Marina Development Committee - Bill Tanke, Chairman

- Portage Public Marina update
- Other issues

E. Finance/Policy Committee - George Carlson, Treasurer

- Financial status report
- Approval of claims for December, 1996
- Approval of budget for 1997
- Other issues

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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, DECEMBER 5, 1996
AT THE COMMISSION OFFICE
6100 SOUTHPORT ROAD
HIGHLAND, INDIANA

Chairman William Tanke called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.
Ten (10) Commissioners were present. Pledge of Allegiance was
recited. Quorum was declared and guests were recognized.

Development Commissioners:

Robert Huffman
William Tanke
Robert Trelo
Steve Davis
Roger Chiabai
Charles Agnew
George Carlson
Arlene Colvin
John DeMeo
Emerson Delaney

Visitors:

Jim Flora - RWArmstrong
Karen Flora
Denis Buksa -15 River Dr, Munster
Pete Zak - South Shore Marina
Mara Candelaria - Congressman
Visclosky's Office
R. L. Frum - Lefty's Coho
Chris Huffman
E. Vamos
Shirley DeMeo
Barbara Trelo

Staff:

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

The minutes of the November 7, 1996 meeting were approved by a
motion from George Carlson; motion seconded by Roger Chiabai;
motion passed unanimously.

Chairman's Report - Chairman Bill Tanke referred to Chuck Agnew,
Chairman of the Nominating Committee. Mr. Agnew stated that he and
committee members John DeMeo and Arlene Colvin met and they are
prepared to present a slate of officers for 1997 at the January
Board meeting.

Executive Director's Report - Mr. Gardner informed the Board that
he accompanied the COE to a briefing and tour of the construction
project given for Col. Van Epps, Chicago Division Commander. About
15 COE personnel attended. They were very encouraged by the
progress of the construction.

Mr. Gardner also reported that a series of meetings are continuing
with the city of Gary. A meeting with the City Council has been

postponed until after the holidays. We are attempting to have the Colonel here, along with other COE staff, to give a presentation to the Gary City Council members.

Mr. Gardner also stated that we have had an analysis done of the population residing within one mile of the river corridor. It is under 100,000 and since annual dues are only \$400 per year for populations under 100,000, he has recommended that the Commission join the NAFSMA (National Association of Flood and Stormwater Management Agency). Arlene Colvin made a motion approving membership into the organization; motion seconded by John DeMeo; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gardner informed the Commissioners that he will attend a meeting with INDOT in Indianapolis on Monday, 12/9, addressing several issues, such as the Gary pumping stations, drainage in Gary and Burr Street interchange reconstruction. Although the city wanted a full interchange reconstruction, the design is for a modified diamond with one full loop.

Land Acquisition Committee - Committee Chairman Chuck Agnew made a motion to approve increased offers on DC142 for \$1500 and DC161 for \$2550 to avoid condemnation; motion seconded by Arlene Colvin; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Agnew then made a motion approving condemnations on properties either for non-acceptance or because owners cannot be located. They are DC142, DC160, DC161, DC190, DC348 and DC349; motion seconded by Bob Huffman; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Agnew then made a motion awarding a the lowest and best bid for the construction of a greenhouse at M. C. Bennett Park in Gary to Chester, Inc. for a bid amount of \$174,248 contingent upon written concurrence from architect concurring with the terms of the contract; motion seconded by Arlene Colvin; motion passed unanimously.

Project Engineering Committee - Committee Chairman Bob Huffman gave the engineering report and reported on meetings held this last month. There was a meeting with Mayor and City attorney on 11/13 to discuss east reach remediation area. A technical review meeting with the COE was held on 11/20 to review ongoing construction issues. A meeting was also held 11/26 with the Gary Common Council President and their attorney to review our request for lands needed.

Legislative Committee - Committee Chairman Robert Trelo informed the Board that a mailing would be going out to the legislators before the budget session begins to update them on the project construction, scheduling and monies available.

Marina/Breakwater Committee - Committee Chairman Bill Tanke referred to a summary sheet provided by Abonmarche which shows all contracts that are completed and paid for. Only two items remain unpaid: the bath house and landscaping. The contracts are with the city - not the Commission. Mr. Tanke would like to set up a meeting with the city. There are still some issues that need to be talked about. At this point, we do not know what the Commission's obligation is for the next phase of construction. The City did receive about \$150,000 for adding some additional development. Final tabulations from boat rentals and launches are not in yet. The Mayor has requested \$1.5 million from the State in this biennium. Mr. Tanke feels that we should be moving ahead with the engineering consultant firm for further development. Staff will pursue setting up a meeting.

Mr. Tanke also stated that the City is working on their plaque. As soon as it is complete, both plaques will go up at the same time.

Finance/Policy Committee - Treasurer George Carlson gave the financial report. Mr. Carlson made a motion to approve the financial status statement for October and approve the claims for payment totaling \$50,068.60; motion seconded by Arlene Colvin; motion approved unanimously.

Mr. Carlson also made a motion authorizing a performance bonus to be paid to Executive Director Dan Gardner in the amount of \$3,500 and Business Coordinator Sandy Mordus in the amount of \$2,500 for their services rendered in 1996 - to be payable in 1997. Motion was seconded by Charles Agnew; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Carlson also stated that the Finance Committee met on 12/3 to discuss if and how a benefit package could be paid to contract employees. No conclusions were made at this time. Further investigation is needed.

Other Business - There was none.

Statements from the floor - There was none.

There being no further business, the next regular Commission meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, January 7, 1997 in Portage. Please note the date change.



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
GARY, INDIANA 46402 - 1236

SCOTT L. KING
MAYOR

(219) 881-1301
FAX (219) 881-1337

December 10, 1996

Debra M. Simmons-Wilson, Deputy Commission
Office of Planning & Intermodal Transportation
Indiana Department of Transportation
100 N. Senate Avenue
Indianapolis, IN 46204-2217

Dear Ms. Simmons-Wilson:

RE: BURR STREET INTERCHANGE WITH I-80/94, GARY, IN

Thank you for taking time on Monday, December 9th, to meet with members of my staff, our engineering consultant and representatives from the Gary Sanitary District and Northwest Indiana Regional Planning Commission concerning the above captioned project.

It is my understanding that you accurately presented the status of this project as "on hold" because of disagreement between INDOT and the City over the fundamental concept of the project - that being the City requesting a full interchange and INDOT proposing a modified diamond configuration. Since the beginning of this impasse, the City has failed to provide adequate technical data to justify its position. However, notwithstanding this fact, we remain convinced that given the improvements proposed for Burr Street within the next few years, this portion of the City of Gary can be expected to develop in a way and at such a rate that it can easily be expected that the adequacy of the modified diamond cannot reasonably be expected to be maintained throughout its useful life. Unfortunately, the existing load limits on the Burr Street bridges immediately north and south of the interchange preclude traffic counts and projections which could not be termed anything but speculation. Given this reality, the City must reluctantly concede to INDOT for the benefit of the project and in order to get the process moving again. This obstacle now being overcome, there are three (3) problems, given the proposed INDOT design, to which we request that you address yourself. These concerns were outlined in the meeting.

1. **The Culvert** - At present, a 24 inch culvert drains storm water run off from the vicinity of the interchange. The plan shows this being replaced with a 27 inch culvert, but at the meeting we learned that it is INDOT's intent to install a 36 inch culvert. It should be noted that the drainage study for the area that was performed indicates that the flow to this outlet is of such great proportions that even the INDOT proposed 36 inch culvert will still be woefully inadequate for the existing conditions. Further, this line is designed to discharge southward through the inadequate ditch which ends at an existing 18" culvert thence to the river, as per Drawing Sheet No. 78. The constrictive design is causing a chain reaction with the excess water over flowing from the ditches onto private property, thus the creation of two large flood plains on either side of the interstate. Such flow must be diverted southward along Burr Street to the new pump station being installed by the US COE, that has been designed to handle this flow.

The City, under its Burr Street Improvement Project (STP N-746), has an INDOT approved (Summer 1995) Design Study Report, including the hydraulic plan that provides for a 84" diameter sewer at 29th and Burr Street (south of the interchange) that has been sized to handle the stormwater drainage from the areas north of the interchange, and which will drain into the stormwater pump station to be built by the US COE under their Calumet River Levee Project, also sized to handle the flow from the 84" line.

Admittedly, the Black Oak area had drainage problems long before the construction of the Borman Expressway. However, the complexity of solving this problem is greatly exacerbated by the presence of the expressway which create a barrier to the normal north to south flow over a wide area by constricting the flow through one small, shallow and inadequate culvert, as described above. As such, since the construction of the freeway is a part of the problem, I would hope that INDOT would want to be a part of the solution, which we feel is an 84 inch culvert from the northern boundary of the interchange to the Corps constructed pump station, located approximately 800 feet south of INDOT's current construction limit. In addition, I fully understand that the City may have to bear some portion of the incremental cost of the larger culvert and I am prepared to negotiate these costs to a mutually agreed upon figure.

2. **Interchange Relocation** - I have been unable to locate any notification to the City by INDOT of the proposed relocation of the Burr Street centerline at the 29th Avenue intersection. A copy of the plans was provided to me by Jim Ranfranz of NIRPC on November 6th. The centerline is being moved some 50 feet east of its present location. Further, the new terminus point of INDOT's project is some 800 feet south of 29th Avenue near Bridge #218 within the City's project limit.

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Inasmuch as the City's plan provides for a 4-lane roadway from 29th Avenue within the City's right-of-way, and as INDOT's project is now within the City project limit, we believe it to only be right for INDOT to consider their proposed 2-lane road as a 4-lane road to INDOT's construction project limit, while maintaining INDOT's present centerline, then proposed with a tapered (700 foot) section to the existing Little Calumet River north bridge (Bridge #218) approach, thereby eliminating a safety hazard that would be created. The relocation of the centerline by INDOT, may require the City to acquire additional property as we are not aware what right-of-way property INDOT has acquired. This will permit the City to proceed with the 4-lane road from the north approach of the bridge to Ridge Road on the south.

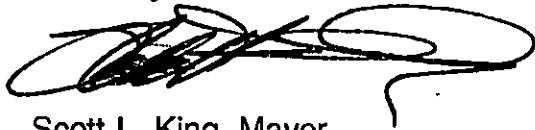
3. **Burr Street/W. 25th Avenue Intersection** - Recently, Truck Stops of America (TSA) opened a truck stop at the southwest corner of 25th Avenue and Burr Street. This has resulted in a great increase in truck traffic exiting I-80/94 at Burr Street, traveling north on Burr Street and then making a left turn from Burr Street to 25th Avenue so as to access TSA. This TSA development, and the related traffic movements, were not factors considered in 1988 when the interchange plans were completed. At present, the southern leg of the intersection of 25th and Burr Street has five lanes, including three northbound, one of which is for right turns only and two through lanes. The left lane of the two northbound through lanes is used by truckers to cater TSA prior to reaching the intersection. This causes severe backups of northbound traffic. It is the City's desire to have two through northbound lanes, with a right turn, and a fifth center lane designated for left turns only. We propose a modification of this design that may require additional right-of-way, but for the long term adequacy of the traffic system in the vicinity of the Burr Street interchange, this improvement warrants your consideration.

In summary, I am greatly encouraged by your receptivity to getting the Burr Street interchange project moving again. Furthermore, because of the passage of time since 1988 when the project plans were completed, certain aspects of the design warrants re-thinking. This letter has attempted to delineate the City of Gary's concerns relative to this situation and propose some realistic solutions. Thank you in advance for your consideration of these changes. In addition, I fully understand that since certain of the issues have impacts far beyond strictly the reconstruction of the Burr Street interchange, some local resources may have to come into play to achieve the maximum development afforded by this opportunity.

Debra M. Simmons-Wilson, Deputy Commission
December 10, 1996
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I'm looking forward to your timely response to these requests.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Scott L. King", with a stylized, looping flourish extending from the end.

Scott L. King, Mayor

SLK/bh

cc: Michael L. Cervay, Mayor's Fiscal Advisor
Roland Elvambuena, City Engineer
Aravind Muzumdar, Northwest Engineering
James Meyer, Gary Sanitary District's Attorney
Dan Gardner, NIRPC

File:

Office of the Lake County Surveyor

Lake County Government Center • 2293 North Main Street • Crown Point, Indiana 46307
Phone: (219) 755-3745 • Fax: (219) 755-3750

GEORGE VAN TIL
County Surveyor



December 13, 1996

INDOT
100 North Senate Avenue
Room N 755
Indianapolis, IN. 46204-2249

Attn: James E. Jurick, Manager
Environmental Assessment Section

Re: Wetland Mitigation Sites for INDOT Projects

Dear Mr. Jurick,

Enclosed are sidwells, plat maps and portions of U.S.G.S. quadrangle maps for 31 potential sites, 23 in the Little Calumet River Watershed (North Shed) and 8 in the Kankakee River Watershed (South Shed).

Be advised that these are potential areas with which I have some familiarity they may or may not meet criteria of various jurisdictional agencies. I am also not aware of the degree of land owner cooperation.

If you feel that one or most of these areas appear promising, I would be most happy to furnish more detailed information, i.e. ownerships, soils, wetland designations, FEMA flood boundaries, etc.

I would be willing to meet with you or your representative(s) at your convenience to review and/or visit any of the sites.

I hope the sites may be of interest and if you have any questions, please contact me.

Very truly yours,


Lawrence J. McClelland

Enclosures:

cc: George Van Til
Lake County Drainage Board & Advisory Committee
Dan Gardner ✓
John Dull, Attorney



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

CHICAGO DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS

111 NORTH CANAL STREET

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60606-7206

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

December 9, 1996

Project Management Branch

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

Dear Mr. Gardner:

Mr. Jim Pokrajac inquired whether or not farming would be allowed in the agricultural area between Chase and Grant Streets for the 1997 growing season. This property is owned by the LCRBDC, but has been designated to become mitigated wetland.

Since wetland mitigation activity is not anticipated to begin in this specific area until 1998, the Chicago District gives approval to farm the fields between Chase and Grant Streets for the 1997 growing season.

If you have additional questions regarding this issue, please contact Imad Samara at (312) 353-6400 ext. 3054.

Sincerely,

Richard E. Carlson

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Deputy District Engineer (PM)



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Mr. Dan Gardner
Executive Director
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6100 Southport Road
Portage, Indiana 46368

Dear Mr. Gardner:

Due to the suitability, availability, and feasibility of the Clark-Chase Borrow Site, the Corps of Engineers, Chicago District has decided not to use the Deep River Borrow Site as a source of levee material for future contracts. With respect to construction currently in progress, the COE expects Stage II Phase 4 to be the final contract utilizing the Deep River Site. When the Stage II Phase 4 contractor finishes shaping the big pond, the COE's borrow activity at the Deep River Borrow Site will discontinue.

Obtaining borrow material from the Clark-Chase Site could result in as much as a four dollar per cubic yard savings compared to hauling from Deep River. Additionally, contractors would be given the option of obtaining their own approved borrow source. This could also yield monetary savings in the form of lower bids.

The Corps of Engineers recognizes the Clark-Chase Site as an approved source of levee material. This site has been estimated to contain sufficient material to complete the remainder of the flood protection project. Furthermore, the existence of the Clark-Chase Borrow Site eliminates the need to further consider the Kennedy Avenue Borrow Site.

Although the project could realize significant savings as stated above, please be aware that if contractors choose to utilize the Clark-Chase Borrow Site, initial site development costs (topsoil stripping, access roads, etc.) will be incurred along with site closure costs.

If you have additional questions regarding this issue, please contact Imad Samara at (312) 353-6400 ext. 3054.

Sincerely,

Richard E. Carlson

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Deputy District Engineer (PM)

Highland awaits \$400,000

■ Public Works director travels to Indianapolis to seek Build Indiana funds from 1990 flooding.

BY SCOTT D. SMITH
Times Staff Writer

HIGHLAND - The town's Public Works director hopes to secure \$400,000 of Build Indiana funds in the state capitol today.

The town applied for the funds after the Little Calumet River flooded over its banks in 1990 and damaged streets and homes in Wicker Park Manor, Public Works Director John Bach said.

Bach's testimony before the state Senate Budget Committee will demonstrate that the town

needs the money for projects in Wicker Park Manor, east of U.S. 41 and south of the Little Calumet River.

The committee disburses Build Indiana funds, which come out of Hoosier Lottery proceeds and are earmarked for local capital improvements.

If the funds are awarded, the town plans to improve the subdivision's streets and sewers, upgrade the sewer pump equipment and buy a backup generator, Bach said.

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State Sen. Sandra L. Dempsey, R-Munster, said she has been "dogging" members of the budget committee for years to get the application on the agenda.

Dempsey is optimistic that the town will get the money because the budget committee is selective about what it allows on the agenda, she said.

"I do know that I worked real hard to get it on the agenda," she said.

LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

JANUARY 1, 1996 - NOVEMBER 30, 1996

CASH POSITION - JANUARY 1, 1996

CHECKING ACCOUNT

LAND ACQUISITION	334,183.80
GENERAL FUND	91,970.77
TAX FUND	(5,694.26)
INVESTMENTS	1,016,000.00
ESCROW ACCOUNT INTEREST	<u>83,708.85</u>

1,525,863.42

RECEIPTS - JANUARY 1, 1996 - NOVEMBER 30, 1996

LEASE RENTS	70,556.83
INTEREST INCOME	21,304.66
ESCROW ACCOUNT INTEREST	18,360.73
KRBC REIMBURSEMENT RE: TELEPHONE CHARGE	<u>1,755.51</u>

TOTAL RECEIPTS

111,977.73

DISBURSEMENTS - JANUARY 1, 1996 - NOVEMBER 30, 1996

ADMINISTRATIVE

1995 EXPENSES PAID IN 1996	45,365.15
PER DIEM	8,200.00
LEGAL SERVICES	4,796.30
NIRPC	96,861.02
TRAVEL & MILEAGE	13,010.14
PRINTING & ADVERTISING	1,608.87
BONDS & INSURANCE	6,275.36
TELEPHONE EXPENSE	8,088.70
MEETING EXPENSE	6,211.99

LAND ACQUISITION

LEGAL SERVICES	101,932.07
APPRAISAL SERVICES	15,925.00
ENGINEERING SERVICES	147,190.49
LAND PURCHASE CONTRACTUAL	44,153.15
FACILITIES/PROJECT MAINTENANCE SERVICES	35,509.20
LAND MANAGEMENT SERVICES	85,819.14
OPERATIONAL SERVICES	3,782.82
SURVEYING SERVICES	35,662.00
PROPERTY & STRUCTURE COSTS	103,620.37
REAL ESTATE TAXES	4,477.24
PROPERTY & STRUCTURES INSURANCE	21,031.12
UTILITY RELOCATION SERVICES	168,457.97
LAND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	74,960.36
STRUCTURAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	<u>532.79</u>

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:

1,033,471.25

CASH POSITION - NOVEMBER 30, 1996

CHECKING ACCOUNT

LAND ACQUISITION	195,314.67
GENERAL FUND	83,350.31
TAX FUND	87.86
INVESTMENTS	1,016,000.00
ESCROW ACCOUNT INTEREST	<u>90,159.40</u>

1,384,912.24

LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT, DECEMBER 1996

		1996							6 MONTH ALLOCATED	UNALLOCATED BUDGETED
		BUDGET	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	TOTAL	BALANCE
5801	PER DIEM EXPENSES	16,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	16,000.00
5811	LEGAL EXPENSES	7,500.00	283.33	637.33	331.33	283.33	397.33	283.33	2,215.98	5,284.02
5812	NIRPC SERVICES	125,000.00	8,497.40	16,290.33	14,051.93	7,671.47	7,714.20	9,291.09	63,516.42	61,483.58
5821	TRAVEL/MILEAGE	15,000.00	93.00	35.00	10.00	47.25	47.25	0.00	232.50	14,767.50
5822	PRINTING/ADVERTISING	3,000.00	662.55	135.53	0.00	194.37	325.98	169.15	1,487.58	1,512.42
5823	BONDS/INSURANCE	7,500.00	0.00	276.00	5,565.63	59.68	204.90	0.00	6,106.21	1,393.79
5824	TELEPHONE EXPENSES	9,000.00	606.04	936.50	708.98	701.94	688.80	435.82	4,078.08	4,921.92
5825	MEETING EXPENSES	10,000.00	946.26	285.77	179.45	87.60	21.95	0.00	1,521.03	8,478.97
5838	LEGAL SERVICES	125,000.00	8,848.96	12,134.02	11,416.98	11,354.47	7,643.44	8,011.48	59,409.35	65,590.65
5840	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	500,000.00	26,485.93	31,122.66	54,856.44	31,050.51	57,937.34	15,030.92	216,483.80	283,516.20
5860	PROJECT LAND PURCHASE EXP.	4,052,263.00	6,819.97	11,693.23	8,431.86	2,000.00	5,405.00	3,025.00	37,375.06	4,014,887.94
5881	PROPERTY/STRUCTURE INS.	25,000.00	518.00	518.00	0.00	18,494.00	0.00	0.00	19,530.00	5,470.00
5882	UTILITY RELOCATION EXP.	1,000,000.00	1,112.10	2,871.70	1,278.80	787.50	13,590.00	0.00	19,640.10	980,359.90
5883	PROJECT LAND CAP. IMPROV.	150,000.00	9,859.50	19,142.50	26,775.00	0.00	0.00	2,130.00	57,907.00	92,093.00
5884	STRUCTURES CAP. IMPROV.	40,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	264.10	264.10	39,735.90
5891	DNR/ShORELINE SAND FUND	1,053.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,053.00
5892	ESCROW ACCOUNT	712,937.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	712,937.00
		6,799,253.00	64,733.04	96,078.57	123,606.40	72,732.12	93,976.19	38,640.89	\$489,767.21	\$6,309,485.79

		1996							12 MONTH ALLOCATED	UNALLOCATED BUDGETED
		BUDGET	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBE	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	TOTAL	BALANCE
5801	PER DIEM EXPENSES	16,000.00	3,900.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,600.00	9,500.00	6,500.00
5811	LEGAL EXPENSES	7,500.00	283.33	1,213.33	517.33	283.33	283.33	709.33	5,505.96	1,994.04
5812	NIRPC SERVICES	125,000.00	8,515.53	8,628.65	8,188.26	8,012.16	7,569.98	15,207.63	119,638.63	5,361.37
5821	TRAVEL/MILEAGE	15,000.00	546.50	3,540.95	721.55	6,975.44	154.25	379.00	12,550.19	2,449.81
5822	PRINTING/ADVERTISING	3,000.00	367.12	0.00	0.00	222.42	39.00	400.00	2,516.12	483.88
5823	BONDS/INSURANCE	7,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,106.21	1,393.79
5824	TELEPHONE EXPENSES	9,000.00	1,046.45	757.63	680.32	455.68	380.78	1,006.12	8,405.06	594.94
5825	MEETING EXPENSES	10,000.00	35.00	115.60	4,207.05	967.35	51.85	1,424.83	8,322.71	1,677.29
5838	LEGAL SERVICES	125,000.00	9,454.50	7,493.21	7,594.91	7,997.31	10,114.25	8,788.77	110,852.30	14,147.70
5840	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	500,000.00	42,358.42	38,934.94	41,960.62	20,741.67	25,158.23	23,989.37	409,627.05	90,372.95
5860	PROJECT LAND PURCHASE EXP.	4,052,263.00	500.00	15,018.14	718.98	4,071.43	3,362.95	6,157.30	67,203.86	3,985,059.14
5881	PROPERTY/STRUCTURE INS.	25,000.00	1,880.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	21,410.00	3,590.00
5882	UTILITY RELOCATION EXP.	1,000,000.00	3,546.60	682.50	0.00	16,651.08	52.50	420.00	40,992.78	959,007.22
5883	PROJECT LAND CAP. IMPROV.	150,000.00	0.00	0.00	83.36	14,000.00	950.00	0.00	72,940.36	77,059.64
5884	STRUCTURES CAP. IMPROV.	40,000.00	0.00	141.08	127.61	0.00	1,951.48	0.00	2,484.27	37,515.73
5891	DNR/ShORELINE SAND FUND	1,053.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,053.00
5892	ESCROW ACCOUNT	712,937.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	712,937.00
		6,799,253.00	72,433.45	76,526.03	64,799.99	80,377.87	50,068.60	64,082.35	\$898,055.50	\$5,901,197.50



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Phone: 219/763-6060 Fax: 219/762-1653

To: Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission Contract Code: P-LCRBDC
For: Services Performed November 1996 Internal Code: P216
Date: December 11, 1996 Invoice No: 11/11

I N V O I C E

Salaries and Fringe benefits: Dan Gardner & Sandy Mordus	6,240.00
Room Rental for Additional LCRBDC Staff	520.00
Accounting Services	450.00
Facsimile Machine @ \$5.00/Mo. Plus Attachments	25.60
Postage: November, 1996	199.61
Copying Charges @ \$5.00/Mo. Plus \$.06/copy (1,827)	114.62
Graphics/Printing & Clerical Time @ \$20/Hr (Attachments) (26 hrs)	520.00
Staff Mileage/Expenses:	0.00
Other Charges (Attachments) Long Distance (46.06) & 2 Signature Plates \$319.00 each	365.06
TOTAL: November 1996	8,434.89
OUTSTANDING PAYMENT DUE:	0.00
TOTAL DUE:	\$ 8,434.89

CLAIMS PAYABLE FOR DECEMBER 1996

ACCT	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	EXPLANATION OF CLAIM
5801	ROGER CHIABAI	500.00	PER DIEM 7-16-96 THROUGH 12-5-96
5801	CHARLES AGNEW	750.00	PER DIEM 7-25-96 THROUGH 12-30-96
5801	WILLIAM TANKE	800.00	PER DIEM 7-22-96 THROUGH 12-30-96
5801	NATHANIEL LEONARD	450.00	PER DIEM 8-5-96 THROUGH 12-30-96
5801	ROBERT HUFFMAN	750.00	PER DIEM 8-6-96 THROUGH 12-30-96
5801	GEORGE CARLSON	750.00	PER DIEM 8-5-96 THROUGH 12-5-96
5801	ARLENE COLVIN	550.00	PER DIEM 8-6-96 THROUGH 12-30-96
5801	ROBERT TRELO	550.00	PER DIEM 8-5-96 THROUGH 12-5-96
5801	JOHN DE MEO	300.00	PER DIEM 8-6-96 THROUGH 12-5-96
5801	EMERSON DELANEY	200.00	PER DIEM 8-6-96 THROUGH 12-5-96
5811	LOUIS CASALE	283.33	LEGAL SERVICES FOR DECEMBER 1996
5811	LOUIS CASALE	426.00	ADD'L LEGAL SERVICES 11/26/96-12/26/96
5812	NIRPC	8,434.89	SERVICES RENDERED FOR NOVEMBER 1996
5812	SAND RIDGE BANK	699.76	COMPUTER PURCHASED FOR LCRBDC
5812	JUDY VAMOS	62.98	REIMBURSEMENT FOR COMPUTER NETWORK CARD & SURGE PROTECTOR
5812	UNITED PARCEL SERVICE	10.00	DELIVERY EXPENSE TO O'TOOLE, LUCAS & ASSOC.
5812	DAN GARDNER	3,500.00	ADDITIONAL PERFORMANCE COMPENSATION
5812	SANDY MORDUS	2,500.00	ADDITIONAL PERFORMANCE COMPENSATION
5821	ROBERT HUFFMAN	63.00	MILEAGE EXPENSE INCURRED 8-6-96 THROUGH 12-30-96
5821	ROBERT TRELO	31.00	MILEAGE EXPENSE INCURRED 8-6-96 THROUGH 12-3-96
5821	ROGER CHIABAI	37.50	MILEAGE EXPENSE INCURRED 7-16-96 THROUGH 12-5-96
5821	CHARLES AGNEW	39.50	MILEAGE EXPENSE INCURRED 8-6-96 THROUGH 12-30-96
5821	WILLIAM TANKE	88.00	MILEAGE EXPENSE INCURRED 1-17-96 THROUGH 12-30-96
5821	NATHANIEL LEONARD	11.50	MILEAGE EXPENSE INCURRED 8-5-96 THROUGH 9-28-96
5821	ARLENE COLVIN	21.50	MILEAGE EXPENSE INCURRED 8-6-96 THROUGH 12-3-96
5821	JOHN DE MEO	55.00	MILEAGE EXPENSE INCURRED 8-6-96 THROUGH 12-3-96
5821	EMERSON DELANEY	32.00	MILEAGE EXPENSE INCURRED 8-6-96 THROUGH 9-21-96
5822	NAFSMA	400.00	MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 1997
5824	GTE NORTH	63.69	MODEM TELEPHONE SERVICE FOR 11/28/96-12/28/96
5824	GTE NORTH	293.92	SERVICES RENDERED FOR PERIOD 11/16/96-12/16/96
5824	GTE NORTH	275.76	SERVICE RENDERED FOR PERIOD 12/16/96-1/16/97
5824	MCI	372.75	SERVICE RENDERED 11/15/96-12/14/96(KRBC PORTION 56.37)
5825	ROGER CHIABAI	66.00	REIMBURSEMENT FOR MEALS AT NAFSMA CONFERENCE
5825	CHARLES AGNEW	66.00	REIMBURSEMENT FOR MEALS AT NAFSMA CONFERENCE
5825	WILLIAM TANKE	66.00	REIMBURSEMENT FOR MEALS AT NAFSMA CONFERENCE
5825	NATHANIEL LEONARD	66.00	REIMBURSEMENT FOR MEALS AT NAFSMA CONFERENCE
5825	ROBERT HUFFMAN	66.00	REIMBURSEMENT FOR MEALS AT NAFSMA CONFERENCE
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5825	ROBERT TRELO	66.00	REIMBURSEMENT FOR MEALS AT NAFSMA CONFERENCE
5825	SAND RIDGE BANK	150.35	MEETING EXPENSES INCURRED AT FINANCE MEETING 12-3-96
5825	SAND RIDGE BANK	721.29	MEETING EXPENSE INCURRED 12-5-96 MEETING
5825	BEACH CAFE	25.19	MEETING EXPENSE INCURRED AT 11/26/96 MEETING
5838	JAMES M. SPIVAK	615.00	LAND ACQUISITION LEGAL SERVICES 11-27-96 TO 12-26-96
5838	LOUIS CASALE	8,173.77	LAND ACQUISITION LEGAL SERVICES FOR 11-26-96 TO 12-26-96
5842	R. W. ARMSTRONG	2,999.55	ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR PERIOD ENDING 12/20/96
5842	R. W. ARMSTRONG	537.30	ADDITIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR PERIOD ENDING 12/20/96
5843	CHICAGO TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY	75.00	TITLE WORK PERFORMED ON DC-66
5843	CHICAGO TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY	270.00	TITLE WORK PERFORMED ON DC-120
5843	CHICAGO TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY	270.00	TITLE WORK PERFORMED ON DC-133
5843	CHICAGO TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY	270.00	TITLE WORK PERFORMED ON DC-137
5843	CHICAGO TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY	75.00	TITLE WORK PERFORMED ON DC-276
5843	CHICAGO TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY	75.00	TITLE WORK PERFORMED ON DC-329
5843	CHICAGO TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY	75.00	TITLE WORK PERFORMED ON DC-350
5843	LAWYERS TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY	125.00	TITLE WORK PERFORMED ON DEEP RIVER BORROW & SITE
5843	TIGOR TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY	270.00	TITLE WORK PERFORMED ON DC-527
5843	LAKE COUNTY RECORDERS OFFICE	128.00	RECORDING OF DEEDS FOR DC-378,DC-568,DC-114,DC-563 & EASEMENTS
5843	LAKE COUNTY RECORDERS OFFICE	101.00	RECORDING OF DOCUMENTS FOR DC-378A,DC-569,& DC-567

5844	JUDITH VAMOS	1,328.25	LAND ACQUISITION/MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR 11/18/96-11/29/96
5844	JUDITH VAMOS	33.50	NOVEMBER MILEAGE
5844	JUDITH VAMOS	1,276.50	LAND ACQUISITION/MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR 12/2/96-12/13/96
5844	JAMES E. POKRAJAC	2,384.00	LAND ACQUISITION/MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR 11/18/96-12/29/96
5844	JAMES E. POKRAJAC	56.75	NOVEMBER MILEAGE
5844	JAMES E. POKRAJAC	2,482.20	LAND ACQUISITION/MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR 12/2/96-12/13/96
5845	SOUTH SHORE MARINA INC	970.00	REMOVAL & STORAGE OF HAND RAILS AT BURNS WATERWAY BREAKWATER
5846	NIPSCO	257.32	UTILITY SERVICE ON COMMISSION PROPERTY 11/14/96-12/16/96
5847	COLE ASSOCIATES INC	2,350.00	SURVEYING SERVICES AT LAKE ETTA-REC, PHASE 1
5847	COLE ASSOCIATES INC	1,000.00	SURVEYING SERVICES AT GEORGIA ST STAGE II PHASE 4
5847	COLE ASSOCIATES INC	1,500.00	SURVEYING SERVICES AT GEORGIA ST STAGE II PHASE 4
5847	WARREN METZ	150.00	FEE FOR COURT ORDERED APPRAISAL OF DC-376
5847	WARREN METZ	150.00	FEE FOR COURT ORDERED APPRAISAL OF DC-373
5847	WARREN METZ	150.00	FEE FOR COURT ORDERED APPRAISAL OF DC-412
5847	HAROLD L. WHEELER	150.00	FEE FOR COURT ORDERED APPRAISAL OF DC-373
5847	HAROLD L. WHEELER	150.00	FEE FOR COURT ORDERED APPRAISAL OF DC-376
5847	HAROLD L. WHEELER	150.00	FEE FOR COURT ORDERED APPRAISAL OF DC-412
5847	TONY ZALESKI	150.00	FEE FOR COURT ORDERED APPRAISAL OF DC-373
5847	TONY ZALESKI	150.00	FEE FOR COURT ORDERED APPRAISAL OF DC-376
5847	TONY ZALESKI	150.00	FEE FOR COURT ORDERED APPRAISAL OF DC-412
5847	COLE ASSOCIATES	3,750.00	SURVEYING SERVICES FOR LYLE PROPERTY ELEVATIONS
5861	THE TIMES	50.83	NOTICE FOR BIDS ON GREENHOUSE
5861	STAR REGISTER PUBLICATION	40.29	NOTICE FOR DC-272, & DC-284
5861	LAKE COUNTY CLERK	450.00	PURCHASE PRICE OF DC-412
5861	LAKE COUNTY CLERK	450.00	PURCHASE PRICE OF DC-376
5861	LAKE COUNTY CLERK	450.00	PURCHASE PRICE OF DC-373
5861	LAKE COUNTY CLERK	190.00	PURCHASE PRICE OF DC-568
5861	LAKE COUNTY CLERK	900.00	PURCHASE PRICE OF DC-378
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5861	LAKE COUNTY CLERK	75.00	PURCHASE PRICE OF DC-567
5861	ANN FRENCH	850.00	PURCHASE PRICE OF DC-332
5861	SARAH WILSON	1,350.00	PURCHASE PRICE OF DC- 378A
5861	LUKE SMITH	1,125.00	PURCHASE PRICE OF DC-158
5861	POST TRIBUNE	36.18	NOTICE FOR BIDS ON GREENHOUSE
5882	R. W. ARMSTRONG	420.00	UTILITY RELOCATION FOR PERIOD ENDING 12/20/96

\$64,082.35

1997 OPERATING BUDGET

Budget Code	Category	<u>1996 Budget</u>	Monies spent <u>thru November 1996</u>	<u>Proposed 1997</u>
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ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET

5801	Per Diem Expenses	16,000	3,900.00	16,000
5811	Legal Services	7,500	4,796.63	7,500
5812	NIRPC Services	125,000	104,431.00	125,000
	(a) Basic staff support			
	(b) Mileage/expenses			
	(c) Room rental			
	(d) Postage			
	(e) Copying machine			
	(f) Printing/graphics labor			
	(g) Office supplies			
	(h) Other			
5821	Travel and Mileage	10,000	12,171.19	15,000
5822	Printing and Advertising	2,000	2,116.12	3,000
5823	Bonds and Insurance	7,500	6,106.21	7,500
5824	Telephone Costs	6,000	7,398.94	7,000
5825	Meeting Expenses	7,500	6,897.88	10,000

SUB TOTAL	181,500	147,817.97	191,000
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LAND ACQUISITION/PROJECT DEVELOPMENT BUDGET

5838	Legal Services	125,000	102,063.53	125,000
5840	Professional/Consultant Services	350,000	385,637.68	500,000
5841	Appraisal Services			
5842	Engineering/design services			
5843	Land Purchase contractual services			
5844	Land management services			
5845	Facilities/project maintenance services			

**LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN
DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
ATTENDANCE ROSTER**

NAME OF MEETING: **LCRBDC** DATE: **1-7-97**

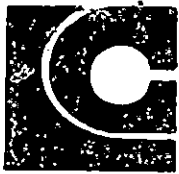
LOCATION: CHAIRMAN:

PLEASE SIGN IN

	NAME (PLEASE PRINT)	ORGANIZATION AND/OR ADDRESS
1	JIM FLORA	R.W. ARMSTRONG
2	KEH SMITH	ASST. DIRECTOR Div. of Water / ONR
3	DENIS J. BUKSA	MUNSTER, IN
4	Pete ZAR	SO. SHORE MARINA
5	RL FROM-LO	Northgate Condominiums
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GENERAL CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORT
(Summary - January 1997)

Currently, all hauling of clay for levee construction has stopped due to weather, although some clay is being pre-loaded in the pump station areas. This also includes overburden material and topsoil for landscaping. The only ongoing construction is sheetpiling, concrete work, and installation of closure structures. Concrete work will be done for all four (4) pump stations in the east reach.



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Attorney

January 3, 1997

Mr. Cleo Wesson
President, Gary City Council
401 Broadway
Gary, Indiana 46402

Dear Mr. Wesson:

On behalf of the members of the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission present Monday, December 30th at the meeting with the Gary City Council and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, I wish to express our gratitude to you for arranging the meeting. I also wish to reiterate our commitment to continued communication and to work cooperatively with the Council as well as the City administration and Park Board in regard to implementing the Federal flood control/recreation project within the city of Gary.

Please advise us what needs to be done from this point. We remain supportive of economic development opportunities in Gary resulting from property protected from flooding and wish to work with you to achieving our mutual goals. Again, thank you and we look forward to further communication in the new year.

Sincerely,


Dan Gardner
Executive Director

/sjm

cc: Councilman Roy Pratt
Councilman Gardest Gillespie

With return to power, Democrats expect to get what people want

By Matthew Tully

Staff Writer

Judging solely by the numbers, the Northwest Indiana legislative delegation should be a force impossible to deny when the 1997 General Assembly session convenes Tuesday.

Unlike in prior recent sessions, the Democrats — the party of the majority of Northwest Indiana representatives — are in charge.

Among the 17 legislators from Lake and Porter counties, eight have been appointed to powerful committee chairmanships or high-ranking leadership positions. Two others will sit on the mighty Ways and Means committee, where all bills tugging on the state's purse strings must originate.

"You definitely have more power this way," said Rep. Charlie Brown, D-Gary, chairman of the Committee on Public Health. "You can exercise some clout."

Leadership positions will doubtlessly help legislators push their individual projects.

But the Region's collective clout will be lost if the Northwest Indiana delegation, long known to be one of the most divided in the state, cannot put aside political and personal disagreements and work together.

"Everybody has different objectives because they have different constituencies," said Rep. Chet Dobis, D-Merrillville. "But if we can remember that what is good for Gary is good for Merrillville, and what's good for one part of Northwest Indiana is good for another, we should fare pretty well."

Their agenda

The re-emergence of House

Democrats already has led to the resurrection of measures sought by Northwest Indiana legislators, including:

■ Loosening casino boat restrictions.

Legislators from northern Lake County believe casino boats should remain dockside, instead of being forced to cruise. By keeping the boats tied to the docks, patrons could enter and exit the boats at will, and be free from danger on the lake.

But opponents say this would simply be an expansion of gambling in a state that has gone too far — with casino boats, horse racing, off-track betting parlors and a lottery approved in the past decade.

■ The election of Superior Court judges.

This has been Brown's pet project for years. He says the current method of seating judges has led to a lack of minority representation. The judges now are appointed through a system that is contrary to the electoral process in 90 of 92 Indiana counties.

As chairman of the Public Health Committee, Brown hopes he will have the influence necessary to change the law, though being a chairman will only take him so far.

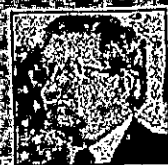
The idea has built-in opposition from Dobis and Republican Rep. Tim Fesko, R-Munster.

Both opponents point to the scandals that plagued Lake County's judicial benches in the 1960s and early 1970s, when judges were elected.

■ Giving free textbooks to school children.

House Democrats from across

Legislative leaders from NWI



Rep. Chet Dobis
D-Merrillville
Speaker pro tempore



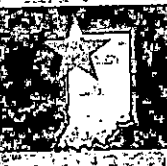
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chairman



Rep. Vernon Smith
D-Gary, Committee
on families, children
and human affairs
chairman



Rep. Ron Tabaczynski
Committee on Financial
Institutions chairman



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Government
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Sen. Sue Landske
R-Cedar Lake
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Elections
chairwoman



Sen. Earline Rogers
D-Gary, assistant
Senate Democrat
floor leader



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POST-TRIBUNE GRAPHIC

the state pushed unsuccessfully last year for this measure, and are promising to pursue the issue this year. The measure is a prime goal of many from Northwest Indiana.

■ The authorization of local income or option taxes.

Lake and Porter counties remain two of only a handful of counties in the state that have not imposed county income or option taxes. The authorization to impose such taxes has been granted by the legislature, but the counties have declined to impose any such taxes.

In past years, attempts to impose a food and beverage tax to fund a minor league sports complex in southern Lake County, and an income tax to build a stadium for the Chicago Bears in Gary, have failed. Such inaction has hurt Northwest Indiana at the Statehouse bargaining tables, with many Indiana legislators saying this area should help itself

before seeking money from the state.

With that in mind, some city officials and councils, such as those in Gary and Portage, are seeking the ability to impose such taxes. Gary Mayor Scott King suggested a city income tax could be charged at a higher rate to those people who work, but do not live in the city.

The tax needs authorization from the General Assembly, but must be imposed locally.

■ Allocating money for road and street improvements and other area projects.

Along with the all-important property tax changes expected to be enacted during the upcoming session, the General Assembly must also pass a two-year state budget. It is in there that every Indiana legislator hopes to secure money for local projects.

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Democrats

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In the past, state money has paid for things such as the renovation of the Memorial Opera House in Valparaiso, rails-to-trails programs, and numerous highway and sewer projects. Often, legislators spend much of their session trying to guarantee the funding of a pet project.

This year, the list of potential Northwest Indiana projects is long. In Porter County, legislators would like the state to pay the salary of a newly appointed juvenile court magistrate and fund the final phase of the Portage Public Marina development project, which includes adding new boat slips.

Lake County representatives will be fighting to continue funding the Little Calumet River improvement project and to attack drainage problems in Merrillville and traffic congestion on Interstate 94.

In both counties, officials are seeking state funds to complete the widening of U.S. 6, which, in places, already has been stretched to four lanes.

"The problem," said James Ranfranz, executive director of the Northern Indiana Regional Transportation District, "is obviously how much money is available."

■ Landfill restrictions.

With the knock-down fight that accompanied the recent selection of a new landfill site, some are hoping to protect residents from unwillingly having a landfill located near their home.

Attempts by Northwest Indiana legislators to create a half-mile buffer zone between homes and landfills failed in past years. But measures that would prohibit out-of-state trash from being dumped in Indiana, or to give homeowners more say in where landfills are located have been proposed.

Mem. JAN. 6, '97



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Honorable Chester Dobis
IN State Representative
6565 Marshall Court
Merrillville, Indiana 46410

Dear Representative Dobis:

The Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission is writing you requesting your support for its funding request in the 1997-1999 State Biennium Budget of \$4,000,000. This important Northwest Indiana Federal/State Flood Control/Recreation Project will continue to realize the federal infrastructure construction only with continued State funding. Your support for this project to date has been critical to its State funding success and your continued support is valued and greatly appreciated by the Development Commission.

The U.S. Congress has appropriated \$11,000,000 in its FY1997 construction budget for Corps of Engineers construction on the Little Calumet River Project. The \$4 million State request will continue to leverage the roughly 75% Federal share for the project construction. The project is approaching 40% construction completion with some six Federal contracts due for letting in the 1997-99 biennial budget period - contingent upon continued State commitment.

Included for your review is the request and documentation provided to the State Budget Agency for the 1997-99 Biennial Budget request showing current and future contracts.

When completed, this project will protect over 9,500 homes, businesses and public facilities along the river in Gary, Griffith, Highland, Hammond, and Munster.

We look forward to working closely with you during this session and hope we can count upon your support in continuing the State's commitment to the Little Calumet River Project.

Sincerely,

Robert Huffman
Chairman

Robert Trelo
Legislative Chairman

Dan Gardner
Executive Director

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cc: N.W. IN Legislators
Senators Lugar & Coats
Congressman Peter Visclosky
Col. Roger Gerber, COE

Sandy

January 7, 1997

"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. Any other motions?**

Items of Discussion:

1. Borrow Sites:

A. Kennedy Borrow :

- Received letter from COE on 12/13/96 regarding Chase St. borrow and stating we have enough clay available for remaining construction.**
- Letter also recommended eliminating Kennedy borrow.**

B. Deep River Borrow:

- Received memo from COE on 11/20 regarding seed mix and erosion control at Deep River. This will be incorporated into our agreement with lake County Parks & Rec**
- Had meeting with Lake County Parks on 10/9 to finalize layout with the Chase St. borrow letter we will be eliminating the small pond. This will also be incorporated into the final agreement.**
- Anticipated completion of excavation to be before end of 1997. This includes final grading and seeding as a project cost.**
- The appraisal and COE review was completed on 11/26 and was reviewed by attorney for methodology and comparables. Currently under discussion.**

C. Merrillville Crossing: 105,000 cu.yds. currently on Hugh Smith property. (Pond 40)

- Pond 40 at Merrillville Crossing has 75,000 cu.yds. scheduled for Stage II-3C to be hauled in the spring of 1997; and 30,000 cu.yds. to be hauled for Stage IV-2B prior to Nov. 7, 1997.**

D. Chase Street Borrow -

- Received letter from COE on 12/13 indicating that this will be our approved source of levee material for future projects.
- Kennedy borrow source could be eliminated.
- Contractors will have option of providing their own borrow source.
- Initial site development costs will be incurred.

2. 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.

3. East Reach Pump Stations:

A. We have 4 new pump station installations and must determine who will own. If city of Gary, they will pay NIPSCO installation and all following utility bills.

- We received updated costs for NIPSCO to do electric installation in the amount of \$93,117.
- Submitted a letter to NIPSCO on 12/16 giving required dates for installation and clarifying duties of the city of Gary.

B. We received a letter from N.W. Engineering showing the intergovernmental agreement that assures Gary will assume full responsibility for operation of the Burr St. pump station. (This is the station we contributed \$384,000 toward as our 25% participation).

- Projected start in Spring 1997; completion in Spring 1998

4. OxBow (Recreation Phase 1)

A. Hammond is finalizing their contract for expansion onto our work at the OxBow and want to do this work during summer/fall of 1997.

B. Received letter from the COE on 10/9 expressing their desire to advertise recreation Phase I in Jan. of 1997, and award the contract in March 1997.

- The modified agreements are currently being reviewed by the COE Legal Dept.
- The cost participation breakdowns were finalized on 12/23 and submitted to Commission attorney as an attachment on 12/30

Lake Etta (Recreation Phase 1)

A. We signed Memo of Agreement for parking lot portion of this project.

B. (See OxBow - Item B)

C. Attorney starting process of Interlocal Agreement.

Gary - Gleason Park (Recreation Phase 1)

A. Received legals and plats on 11/26. Need to modify to exclude platted streets from Agreement.

B. (See OxBow - Item B)

*parking lot
designs for
Lake Etta?*

5. East Reach Remediation Area

A. Had meeting with city of Gary (Mayor & City Attorney) on 11/13 to discuss the east reach remediation area, street vacates, and the Gary Sanitary District to accept pump station responsibility.

- Flora presented 2 alternate methods to defer water retention to other areas allowing development in the previously requested COE flowage area.

- These proposals would cost approx. \$20 million each and that area would still be in a floodplain and require DNR permits and mitigation. City of Gary requested we look at yet other alternate methods.

6. Chester, Inc. signed agreement 12/19 to construct the greenhouse. Would like to start construction by the end of the month, and are scheduled to complete within 90 days after start.

7. Meetings held this month:

A. Had a meeting on 12/30 with the COE, LCRBDC, and the Gary Common Council to present information, discuss design, and discuss future coordination regarding the flood control project in the city of Gary.

*Alay Cherry -
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of Council*