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MEETING NOTICE

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

**AT 6:00 P.M. THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 1997
AT THE COMMISSION OFFICE
6100 SOUTHPORT ROAD
PORTAGE, IN**

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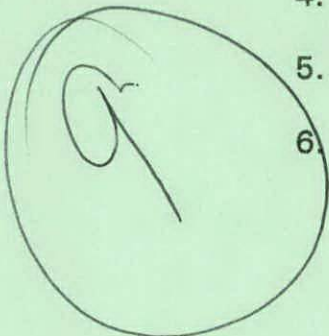
1. Call to Order by Chairman Robert Huffman
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Recognition of Visitors, Guests
4. Approval of minutes of May 1, 1997
5. Chairman's Report
6. Executive Director's Report

- ☐ Calumet Ecological Park feasibility study
- ☐ IDNR permit for recreation construction status

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LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION ATTENDANCE ROSTER

NAME OF MEETING: LCCBDC DATE: 6-5-97

LOCATION: 6100 Southport Rd. CHAIRMAN: Bob Huffman

PLEASE SIGN IN

	NAME (PLEASE PRINT)	ORGANIZATION AND/OR ADDRESS
1	DENY J. BUKSA	MUNSTER, IN
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3	JIM FLORA	R.W. ARMSTRONG
4	Angela Usher	Louis Casale
5	JUDY VAMOS	STAFF
6	Janary Cray	IDNR-WATER
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AMENDED CLAIMS PAYABLE FOR MAY 1997

ACCT	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	EXPLANATION OF CLAIM
5811	LOUIS CASALE	283.33	LEGAL SERVICES FOR MAY 1997
5811	LOUIS CASALE	161.00	ADDITIONAL LEGAL SERVICES FOR MAY 1997
5812	NIRPC	8,319.83	SERVICES RENDERED FOR APRIL 1997
5812	UNITED PARCEL SERVICE	17.25	OVERNIGHT MAIL SERVICE
5821	SANDY MORDUS	27.50	MILEAGE THROUGH MAY 8, 1997
5824	GTE NORTH	58.29	MODEM TELEPHONE SERVICE FOR 4/28/97-5/28/97
5824	GTE NORTH	122.81	TELEPHONE SERVICE 4/16/97-5/16/97 (TOTAL BILL 268.27, KRBC PORTION 145.46)
5824	GTE NORTH	122.50	TELEPHONE SERVICE 5/16/97-6/16/97 (TOTAL BILL 259.84, KRBC PORTION 137.34)
5824	MCI	283.92	TELEPHONE SERVICE 3/15/97-4/14/97 (TOTAL BILL 319.14, KRBC PORTION 35.22)
5824	MCI	334.71	TELEPHONE SERVICE 4/15/97-5/14/97 (TOTAL BILL 374.29, KRBC PORTION 39.58)
5825	CORONADO SPRINGS RESORT	1,265.40	DEPOSIT OF ONE NIGHT FOR EACH ROOM FOR 1997 NAFSMA CONFERENCE
5838	LOUIS CASALE	9,767.15	LAND ACQUISITION LEGAL SERVICES 4/19/97-5/21/97
5838	JAMES M. SPIVAK	1,890.00	LAND ACQUISITION LEGAL SERVICES 4/23/97-5/23/97
5842	R. W. ARMSTRONG	2,437.80	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR PERIOD ENDING MAY 16, 1997
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-455
5843	CHICAGO TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY	75.00	TITLE WORK PERFORMED ON DC-399
5843	CHICAGO TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY	270.00	TITLE WORK PERFORMED ON DC-321
5843	CHICAGO TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY	270.00	TITLE WORK PERFORMED ON DC-309
5843	LAKE COUNTY RECORDERS OFFICE	11.00	RECORDING FEE FOR DC-190
5843	LAKE COUNTY RECORDERS OFFICE	77.00	RECORDING FEES FOR DC-566, DC-224, DC-530, TEMP. WORK EASEMENT
5844	JUDITH VAMOS	1,625.40	LAND ACQUISITION/MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR 4/16/97-4/30/97
5844	JUDITH VAMOS	36.25	APRIL MILEAGE
5844	JUDITH VAMOS	1,741.50	LAND ACQUISITION/MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR 5/1/97- 5/15/97
5844	JAMES E. POKRAJAC	2,957.50	LAND ACQUISITION/MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR 4/16/97-4/30/97
5844	JAMES E. POKRAJAC	153.50	APRIL MILEAGE
5844	JAMES E. POKRAJAC	2,990.00	LAND ACQUISITION/MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR 5/1/97-5/15/97
5844	SMITH REAL ESTATE CORPORATION	175.00	LEASE AGREEMENT FOR CLAY STORAGE FOR LEVEE MATERIAL FOR MAY 1997
5846	NIPSCO	30.64	UTILITY SERVICE ON COMMISSION OWNED PROPERTY 4/15/97-5/14/97
5847	COLE ASSOCIATES	4,875.00	SURVEY WORK ON ERR AREA
5861	STAR REGISTER PUBLICATIONS	40.83	NOTICE PUBLICATIONS FOR DC-117 & DC-164
5861	LULU HOLLINDS	2,500.00	PURCHASE PRICE OF DC-530
5861	HYDE PARK BIBLE CHURCH	1,400.00	PURCHASE PRICE OF DC-266
5861	MELBA BURSE	700.00	PURCHASE PRICE OF DC-381
5861	LAKE COUNTY CLERK	100.00	FILING FEE FOR CONDEMNATION OF DC-455
5861	LAKE COUNTY CLERK	100.00	FILING FEE FOR CONDEMNATION OF DC-147
5861	LAKE COUNTY CLERK	100.00	FILING FEE FOR CONDEMNATION OF DC-133
5861	LAKE COUNTY CLERK	100.00	FILING FEE FOR CONDEMNATION OF DC-137
5863	LAKE COUNTY TREASURER	143.24	REAL TAXES ON DC-190
5881	VALPARAISO INSURANCE PROFESSIONAL	18,265.00	COMMISSION GENERAL LIABILITY RENEWAL
5882	R. W. ARMSTRONG	262.50	UTILITY RELOCATION SERVICES FOR PERIOD ENDING MAY 16, 1997
5882	MARATHON PIPE LINE COMPANY	424.34	COST IN UTILITY LABOR, INSPECTION, ENGINEERING REVIEW-STAGE II-4
5882	CITY OF GARY	6642.12	BROADWAY STREET RELOCATION STAGE II PHASE 3B
5884	AMERICAN PLUMBING INC	110.00	PLUMBING WORK REQUIRED ON LEASED PROPERTY

\$71,417.31

7. Reports of Standing Committees

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

- ☐ Appraisals, offers, acquisitions, recommended actions
- ☐ Griffith request for 3 acres of tree mitigation
- ☐ Land Acquisition Items of Discussion
- ☐ Action needed on filing of condemnations, if required
- ☐ Other issues

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

- ☐ Recommended actions
- ☐ INDOT public notice for Grant Street bridge replacement project over the Little Calumet River
- ☐ Engineering Items of Discussion
- ☐ Other issues

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C. Legislative Committee - George Carlson, Chairman

- ☐ State Budget passage - \$2 million Commission funding
- ☐ \$2 million LMMDC for Portage
- ☐ State Budget Committee meeting scheduled for June 20
 - Commission request for inclusion on agenda
 - Letter to Rep. Chet Dobis re: budget committee scheduling
- ☐ Other issues

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D. Marina Development Committee - Bill Tanke, Chairman

- ☐ Commission letter to Abonmarche regarding answers to marina Phase I development issues
- ☐ Abonmarche response letter
- ☐ Other issues

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E. Finance/Policy Committee - Charles Agnew, Treasurer

- ☐ Financial status report
- ☐ Approval of claims for May 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 6:00 P.M. THURSDAY, MAY 1, 1997
AT THE COMMISSION OFFICE
6100 SOUTHPORT ROAD
HIGHLAND, INDIANA**

Chairman Bob Huffman called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. Nine (9) Commissioners were present. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Quorum was declared and guests were recognized.

Development Commissioners:

Robert Huffman
Robert Trelo
William Tanke
Steve Davis
Roger Chiabai
Charles Agnew
George Carlson
Arlene Colvin
Marion Williams

Visitors:

Jim Flora - RWArmstrong
Denis Buksa - Munster
Mike Doyne-Portage Public Marina
Pete Zak - South Shore Marina
Ken Smith - IDNR, Div. Water
Jomary Crary - IDNR, Div. Water

Staff:

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

The minutes of the April 3, 1997 meeting were approved by a motion from George Carlson; motion seconded by Roger Chiabai; motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Bob Huffman and Executive Director Dan Gardner both welcomed Marion Williams as an appointee to the Commission. He will serve out the term of Nathaniel Leonard, who is off on sick leave.

Executive Director's Report - Mr. Gardner talked about the joint venture agreement we have with Lake County Parks Dept. in regard to Deep River borrow site. A Memorandum of Intent for Closure of the Deep River borrow site was signed by both Bob Nickovich, Supt. of the Parks Dept. and Mr. Gardner. Attorney Casale went over the points outlined in the Memo. The Lake County Parks Dept. also passed a resolution regarding same. Mr. Casale presented a resolution to be adopted by the Board members. After reading Resolution 97-5, Mr. Carlson made a motion to approve the resolution; seconded by Chuck Agnew; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gardner referred to the letter in the agenda packet from the COE regarding the Recreation Phase 1 contract. The low bidder was Dyer Construction Company coming in at \$1,049,577.21. Mr. Gardner added that the low bid was just a little higher than the estimate.

Staff is working on obtaining approval from IDNR to add on recreational features to the existing permit. The OxBow area will be the first area of recreation to be done. Regarding recreation at Lake Etta, the Lake County Parks Dept. and the Commission will jointly share in the cost of the additional parking lot on the east side (total cost \$39,600 - \$19,800 each).

Land Acquisition Committee - Committee Chairman Chuck Agnew reported that there were no increased offers this month. Mr. Agnew made a motion for staff to file condemnation proceedings on DC117; motion seconded by Bill Tanke; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Agnew reported that the Clark/Chase St. borrow site is the suggested site for Stage IV Phase 2B. Before the borrow site is used for clay material, top soil will need to be removed. We have received a request letter from Dyer Construction wanting to purchase the soil. Mr. Agnew made a motion to deny the request at this time; motion seconded by Bill Tanke; motion passed unanimously. It was felt that it is too premature to sell off the top soil now; we may have another use for it later. The soil has met the COE specifications.

Mr. Agnew informed the Board members that the greenhouse is almost completed. Pictures of it were passed around.

A proposal from Mr. Witvoet from Chase Street Produce was distributed to Board members. They will review proposal and it is tabled until next meeting. Mr. Witvoet is asking for several areas of improvement to increase his business/exposure.

Attorney Casale presented Addendum #6 addressing the shared cost of the Lake Etta parking lot. Mr. Agnew made a motion to approve the addendum as presented for a cost not to exceed \$19,800; motion seconded by Bob Trelo; motion passed unanimously.

Project Engineering Committee - Committee Chairman Bob Huffman informed the Board that the Gary Sanitary District has provided the monetary deposits to NIPSCO for utility power installations to all 4 pump stations in the east reach. He also announced that construction will be beginning for the Burr Street (betterment) pump station. Scheduled completion is June 1998.

Soil borings are being taken at the Burr Street levee area between Arbogast and the EJ&E RR.

Discussion was held on the Cady Marsh project. Griffith has expressed great concern over the total cost estimated and the local share. This project has a cost and engineering impact on the Little Calumet River project. Staff will report at later meeting of developments.

Haul routes and road closures were approved by the Gary Public Works Dept. for the upcoming construction projects in 1997.

Staff held pre-bid meeting on 4/24 to review scope of work for clean-up of possible hazardous materials from the old greenhouse site. Also reviewed were the IV-2B structures for clean-up. Bids on due on May 9th.

Legislative Committee - Committee Chairman George Carlson referred to the 5 key points of the project construction that were prepared for the state legislative session. (1) importance of continued funding for overall project; (2) project 35% complete with \$5.3 million of Federal dollars earmarked for Little Calumet River project; (3) budget request was for \$4 million; a minimum of \$2 million is needed to avoid serious construction delay; (4) project will protect some 10,000 residences, businesses and institutions along the river; and (5) schedule of ongoing construction commitments, as well as timing and funding requirements.

Mr. Carlson elaborated on the non-passage of the state budget. Although the Senate version had included us for \$2 million, the House voted against the budget. Roger Chiabai, as Republican Chairman, went to Indianapolis and was able to talk to a few key legislators on the Commission's behalf. Chairman Huffman thanked both Roger and George Carlson for talking to area legislators. When the budget is passed, we are hopeful that the Commission will be put back in for at least a \$2 million appropriation. Mr. Chiabai added that the smaller local budget items were not the problem but funding for the schools was a main issue problem. Dan Gardner added that also deleted from the proposed budget was \$5 million for sand erosion and \$2 for marina funding.

Staff will contact State Budget Agency to see if a date for a budget hearing is scheduled. It is imperative that we be on the next hearing agenda for the allocation of the \$2 million from appropriated funds in 1991. We have nearly depleted our available funds at present.

Marina/Breakwater Committee - Committee Chairman Bill Tanke reported that he and Dan Gardner met at the marina site last week with John Hannon and Mike Doyne. As a result of that visit to the site, discussion ensued on a draft letter staff has written to Abonmarche concerning problems with water line freezing, dislodgement of fender pilings, exclusion of posts from dock specs, etc. Several of these problems were brought to the Board's attention at the last Commission meeting. Mr. Tanke referred to Mike Doyne, harbor master, who concurred that the letter summarizes some of the ongoing issues that need addressing. He went into detail on the specific problems. Mr. Gardner indicated that the city has taken the position that they should not be responsible for payment of this repair work. They feel it is the obligation of the contractor or engineering firm. Mr. Tanke also questioned why lettering of the Portage Public Marina was not on all 4 sides of the marina tower as originally designed.

Mr. Tanke reported that the sign advertising the marina is down. The adverse weather and high winds from the storm disfigured the sign and it came loose from posts. We have 3 options: (1) repair existing sign at a cost of \$944.40; (2) replace with a larger sign for a cost of \$16,326 minus a credit for old sign for a total cost of \$15,366; or (3) purchase the larger sign and in addition to that cost, repair the old sign and put it by the entrance road. There is still money in the marina construction bond account that would pay for the signs. If we do pay out of this account, it would eventually be reimbursable by the city. Mr. Tanke made a motion to purchase the larger sign and put the small sign at the 249 entrance road; motion seconded by Chuck Agnew. Further discussion ensued. Attorney Casale suggested we wait and talk to the city first. Mr. Tanke amended the motion to table the action at this time; motion passed unanimously. Mike Doyne added that if any money is currently available, it would be wise to spend it on an additional parking. When they are really busy with launch lanes, there is not enough parking available. Mr. Doyne was asked if Dyer Construction still has anything on the site that needs to be removed. He indicated that some equipment is still there as well as some empty fuel tanks. Mr. Tanke suggested staff write a letter to Dyer Const. to remove all equipment and such by a certain date. Attorney Casale will research to see what is legally required of the contractor after he finishes his work at a site.

The RFP for Phase 2 marina development was discussed. Mr. Gardner stated that it has not gone out for bids yet. It is prepared and ready to go but not released yet. City wants to wait to see if additional marina money will be approved by the State Budget session. Also, once the weather breaks, it can be determined what

landscaping needs to be replanted to stay in compliance with the permit. Staff will stay in contact.

Discussion took place regarding NIPSCO high tower lines. Mr. Tanke's concern is that the signs we have posted to alert drivers of the NIPSCO lines are adequate and satisfactory to NIPSCO. Attorney Casale stated that there is nothing in the lease which addresses this issue. Staff will follow up with NIPSCO in order to be sure we are in compliance.


Finance/Policy Committee - Treasurer Chuck Agnew gave the financial report. He referred to a revised monthly budget report for April redistributing the greenhouse cost to Budget Code 5860 from Budget Code 5883. Mr. Agnew made a motion to approve the financial status statement for March and approve the claims for payment totaling \$146,644.38; motion seconded by George Carlson; motion approved unanimously.

Mr. Agnew referred to the two COE letters in the packet withdrawing \$300,000 from the project construction escrow account and \$50,000 from the design escrow account.

Other Business - Attorney Casale announced that Attorney Melissa Stefanovich is leaving to take a legal position with the IDNR. Chairman Bob Huffman expressed his and the Commission's appreciation to Melissa for all her hard work.

Discussion ensued on the new structure format of the meetings. Mr. Carlson commented he liked it; he thought it was a fuller discussion period where more detailed information was given out.

Commissioner George Carlson made a motion that it shall be the policy of the Commission to provide each member with an opportunity to serve annually as an officer of the Commission or as a Committee Chairman on an equitable basis; motion seconded by Roger Chiabai. Much discussion ensued. Mr. Carlson explained that there are 4 officers and 5 committee chairmen. Two members have publicly stated they do not wish to hold either chair. Since the Board is made up of 11 members, that leaves 9 to serve. Other Commissioners felt it was unreasonable to mandate all 9 members to serve in an office/committee chairmanship capacity; some members do not want to serve in that capacity. It was determined that it would be a goal of the Commission to try to have as many members as possible serve but not to make it a policy. Motion passed with Bill Tanke and Chuck Agnew abstaining.



It was determined that, with Arlene Colvin's help, we will attempt to schedule next month's meeting will be at I.U.N.

Commissioner Bill Tanke discussed the making of a video of the project area. Board members viewed a sample video a few meetings ago; Tanke has recently met with the firm, Virtual Imaging and has recently met with staff and the COE regarding this. He presented a proposal from Virtual Imaging. Phase I of the project would cost \$3,700; Phase 2 & 3 would cost \$38,500 for a total of \$42,200. Commissioner Marion Williams stated that we should establish exact parameters of what it is we expect for our money and also we should seek proposals.

Commissioner Arlene Colvin inquired whether Phase I could be used with any video firm or whether it would be have to be redone if we went with another firm. Since Phase I is a basic aerial view, it was thought that it could be used with any firm. It was discussed that we would initiate Phase I now and see the results before we pursued Phase 2. The video would include the entire project area. Mr. Tanke made a motion to authorize Phase I; motion seconded by Arlene Colvin; motion passed unanimously.

Statements from the floor - There were none.

There being no further business, the next regular Commission meeting was scheduled for 6:00 p.m. Thursday, June 5, 1997.

A future park runs through it

■ The National Park Service arrives this week to consider creating a new preserve along Grand Cal, Little Calumet.

By JOSEPH CONN
Staff Writer

In the 1940s and 50s, the Grand Calumet River was so polluted it caught fire.

Its less-toxic sister, the Little Calumet, its marshlands once a wilderness attraction to Chicago's millionaire hunters — was reduced throughout much of Northwest Indiana to a drainage ditch.

Much has changed.

Founders of the Grand Calumet Task Force in the 1970s set about the daunting task of rehabilitation.

Now, although the Grand Calumet is far from pristine, it is coming back. Game fish swim where slugs once feared to crawl.

The Little Calumet River Basin Commission owns more than 1,300 acres and its programs of flood control construction, wetlands protection and recreational enhancements are moving apace.

What was unimaginable even a decade ago — incorporating the Region's two most damaged rivers into a national park — could become a reality in 1997.

This week, the National Park Service will send a nine-member team to the Lake Calumet area of South Chicago and the two Calumet River corridors in Northwest Indiana.

Their mission is to fulfill the requirements of a federal law signed by President Clinton on Nov. 12: Determine the feasibility of creating a Calumet Ecological Park here.

The park would stretch eastward from the confluence of the Little Calumet and the Cal/Sag Channel in Illinois along the two Calumet River corridors and the Lake Michigan coastline into Porter County.

A third corridor would stretch from Calumet Harbor in Illinois along the lakefront into northeastern Lake County.

It would include the migratory bird resting area near the Hammond marina as well as wetlands in Gary, south of Buffington Harbor.

The legislative push for the park came from Illinois, said Marian Byrnes, public affairs director for the Calumet Ecological Park Association.

A report and recommendation from the team is due to Congress by November, said Gail Grosenick of the U.S. Forest Service.

The team will determine whether there is enough environmental, historical and cultural values here to be deemed worthy of being designated a park.



A goose and its young wander along the banks of the Marquette Lagoon in Gary, a sign of an improved wildlife environment in the Calumet Region. MICHAEL MCARDLE

That label is something of a misnomer, Grosenick said.

"It's not going to be your traditional park," she said.

Byrnes agreed.

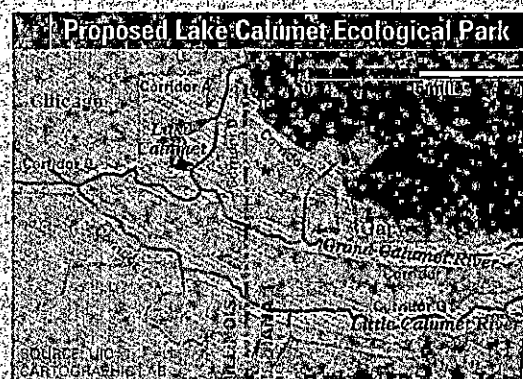
"It's a land-use plan."

There won't be one contiguous parcel, nor will all of it be owned by the National Park Service, nor even all of it publicly owned.

Rather, the emphasis will be on open lands, particularly wetlands, with a secondary inclusion of historical and cultural sites, Byrnes said.

A historic Chicago drawbridge, for example, would become part of the park.

Federal designation as a park or



Park

Taskforce to study area between Calumet rivers

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corridor would provide publicity for the various sites, making the new park "a powerful engine to revitalize our economy," Byrnes said.

The Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, for example, draws five million visitors each year.

Creation of a Calumet Ecological Park might induce those visitors to make side trips, keeping them and the money they spend in the area.

Dorreen Carey, executive director of the Grand Calumet Task Force, said people need to think of what can be and not dwell on what is - even if the prospects of getting from one to the other appear daunting. Rivers, after all, run for a long, long time.

"Historically, the Grand Calumet and the Little Calumet were once rivers that came out at Lake Michigan at (Gary's) Marquette Park," Carey said.

In those days, "this was a fantastic watering place. It was known for its game and hunting."

Millionaires like Marshall Field

and George M. Pullman frequented a private hunting club near the Little Calumet River.

But as the Region grew, "those areas were taken over by development," Carey said.

By the 1960s, the Grand Calumet "was considered a dead river. There was so much oil on the surface it could not be oxygenated."

Then came tighter regulations from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in the 1970s.

Increased citizen advocacy, from groups like the Grand Calumet Task Force, which had its roots in members of an environmental committee of Steelworkers Local 1010 at Inland Steel and in the Lake Michigan Federation, also created change.

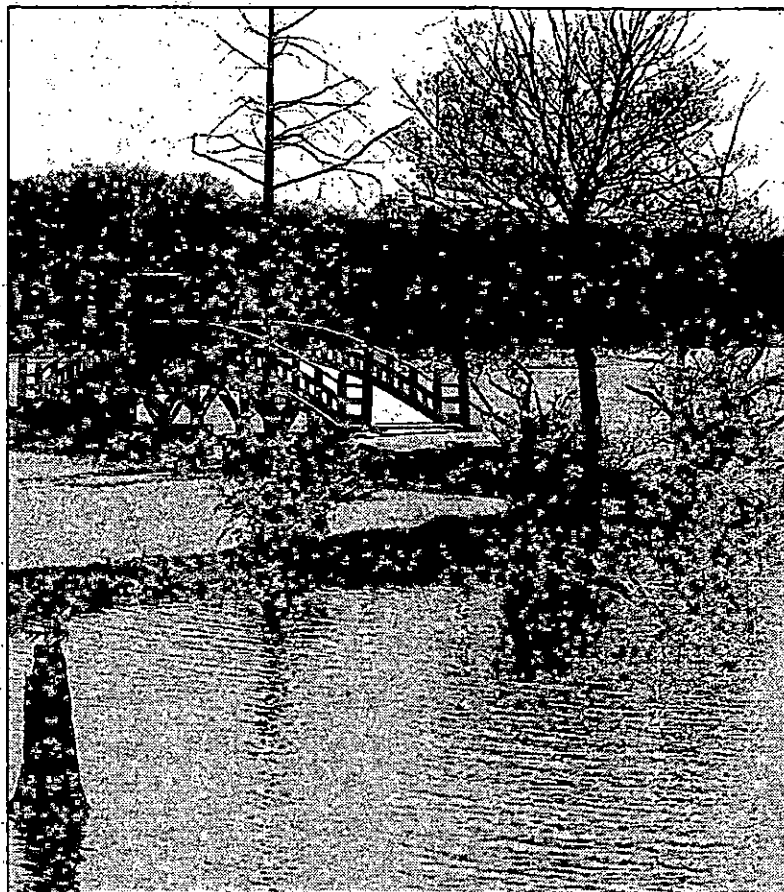
Water quality in the Grand Calumet is still poor compared to other Indiana rivers, Carey said, but there has been tremendous progress.

First carp, then game fish, returned, part of an across-the-board improvement in wildlife.

"The beaver came back two or three years ago," Carey said.

"It's a long time in our lifetime, something that takes 30 years to come back from the dead and another 30 years to be where it should be," she said.

"But it's just a drop in the bucket in river time."



MICHAEL McCARDLE/POST-TRIBUNE

The Marquette Lagoon would be included in the proposed Calumet Ecological Park to help preserve the Region's ecological diversity.



Yes

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Attorney

May 8, 1997

Mr. George Bowman
IN Dept. Natural Resources
Division of Water
402 West Washington Street
Room W264
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2212

Dear *George* Mr. Bowman:

Referencing our conversation of May 7 and our letter to you dated April 14, 1997, I am enclosing a complete set of plans for the Recreation, Phase 1 project as designed by the Corps of Engineers. These plans include construction details of fishing piers, observation decks, canoe launches, boardwalks, and parking lot details. This will supplement the information we sent you on April 14th; and hopefully, provide you with all you need to complete your review.

In addition, the Corps of Engineers will contact you regarding any environmental concerns and information regarding historic preservation.

We appreciate your prompt attention to this matter, and if you have any additional questions, please call.

Sincerely,

Dan Gardner
Dan Gardner
Executive Director

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encl.

cc: Imad Samara, COE



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May 6, 1997

Mr. Dan Gardner, Executive Director
Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission
6100 Southport Road
Portage, IN 46365

RE: Town of Griffith - Pump Station Relocation
Tree Mitigation Plan

Dear Mr. Gardner:

As you know, the Town of Griffith is presently constructing a new pump station at the north end of the Griffith Golf Course. Access to the site will be via the levees on the south, east and north sides of the golf course. Reconstruction of the levees to be used as a permanent access road required the removal of numerous trees on the side slopes of the old levees. The Indiana Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) - Construction in a Floodway Permit for this project has a condition that if 1/4 acre or more of tree (of any size) is removed from the floodway, a Mitigation Plan must be developed, approved, and implemented to provide reforestation at no less than a 2:1 acreage ratio. We have estimated that 3 acres of reforestation will be required.

We are writing this letter on behalf of the Town of Griffith to inquire as to whether the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission would have three acres of land available in the vicinity of the project which could be reforested to meet the IDNR Permit condition.

We appreciate your consideration of this matter. If you need any further information, please give us a call.

Very truly yours,

LAWSON-FISHER ASSOCIATES P.C.

Dennis A. Zebell, P.E.
Senior Civil Engineer

DAZ/bsa

c: Stan Dobosz
Ron Szafarczyk
Wayne Gouvert
Mike Gulley
David Blount
Ron Cooper
Robert Schwerd

"ITEMS OF DISCUSSION" LAND ACQUISITION

1. Deep River Borrow:

- August extension
w/ L.C. Parks approved
last night.*
- A. Had a meeting with the COE and Rausch Construction on April 18 to review what can be re-structured to include as part of the existing contract, and to discuss cost breakdowns for additional work to add to their contract as a betterment.
 - B. We received a letter from the COE on May 22, 1997 outlining those items to be included as part of the project for the closure of the borrow site.
 - C. We had a meeting with the COE, Rausch Construction, and Lake County Parks on May 28, 1997 to review the completion of the site. (At the Deep River borrow site.)
 - Scope of work reviewed and agreed upon including grading of small pond and volume to be removed, placement of spoil in berm area, removal of an existing 36" culvert, and haul road removal.
 - D. The remaining items not included as part of the improvements to the site will have a price from Rausch to be reviewed by Lake Co. Parks and LCRBDC. These include grading the berm, grading the trail around the lake, and installing to access road to the north.
 - If the price is considered to be acceptable, the existing COE contract will be modified. If not, competitive bids will be obtained.

2. Chase Street Borrow

- A. This site is the suggested borrow site for IV-2B
- B. Add'l costs will be incurred for site prep including access roadways, stripping of unsuitable material, and laying out clay to dry.
- C. The question of permitting to excavate this area is ongoing.

3. Recreation - Phase 1

- A. General
 - Letter to IDNR out on April 14 requesting DNR permits for supplemental recreational facilities to the existing flood control permit for construction. Additional information was sent to the DNR on May 8, 1997 regarding construction details.
 - The successful bidder was Dyer Construction - a pre-construction meeting was held on May 23, 1997.
 - See "Items of Discussion" Engineering for details.

4. East Reach Remediation Area

- A. Appraisals for all 3 properties necessary for construction have been completed and are currently under review for approval by the COE (April 22)

- B. Real estate availability scheduled for Sept. 1, 1997; advertise for construction October 1, 1997; and contract award for Jan. 1, 1998.
 - The changes to the real estate requests from the COE were received on May 21, 1997 (for coordinates to revise the legal descriptions).
 - These legals and drawings will be forwarded to each of the (3) owners in the easement agreements.
- C. Projected cost for this project is approx. \$2 million and we are awaiting Federal inclusion for COE cost sharing.

5. New Greenhouse (Gary Parks & Rec)

- A. Project is currently 95% complete. Compilation of allocation of money shows a balance of \$1,222.24.

6. Chase Street Produce

- A. A meeting was held on the site with the Witvoets on May 20, 1997 to field review the scope of work and to determine the commitments from them, and improvements by us.
 - They agreed to pay all expenses necessary to turn the store around so the front faces east, as well as all items for closing off doors, windows, re-painting, new signage, etc.
 - We are requested to provide additional parking east of the building, re-connect a sewer outlet, and allow them to farm approx. 10 acres of adjacent land.

7. Crediting for lands acquired before the Local Cooperation Agreement date of 9/26/90

- A. Appraisals are now starting for lands acquired before LCRBDC and COE signed the LCA on 9/26/90.
- B. Those lands must be brought to date of 9/26/90 for crediting.
- C. Problem: The purchase price for some of those parcels included improvements and utilities making a higher value. By 1990, the land was vacant.
- D. LCRBDC will only receive credit for the vacant land in 1990, not the purchase price.

8. COE Real Estate Meeting held May 21, 1997

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PUBLIC NOTICE
(Notice of Pending Application)

Adjacent Property Owner's Name: Little Calumet River Basin Date: 5-7-97
Address: 6011 Southport Road
City, State, Zip Code: Portage, IN 46268

Indiana Code 14-11-4 was enacted to ensure that adjacent property owners are notified of permit applications and provided with an opportunity to present their views to the Department of Natural Resources prior to action.

Under this legislation, the applicant or agent is responsible for providing notice to the owner of the real property owned by a person, other than the applicant, which is both of the following: 1.) located within one-fourth (1/4) mile of the site where the licensed activity would take place, and 2.) has a border or point in common with the exterior boundary of the property where the licensed activity would take place. Included is property which would share a common border if not for the separation caused by a roadway, stream, channel, right-of-way, easement, or railroad.

Due to your proximity to the project site, you are considered to be an adjacent property owner; therefore, notice is being provide in conformance with the provisions of IC 14-11-4 and 310 IAC 0.6.

Applicant
Indiana Department of Transportation
100 N. Senate Ave., Room N642
Indianapolis, IN 46204-2216
(317) 232-7977

Str. No.: I-80-9-8018
Des. No.: 9503330

Stream or Lake Name Little Calumet River

Project Description and Location: This project is located on Grant St. just south of I-80/94, approximately 3 miles west of the I-65 & I-80/94 interchange in Gary, Lake Co. This project is the Grant Street Bridge replacement over the Little Calumet River.

Check relevant Statute or Rule	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flood Control Act, IC 14-28-1
	<input type="checkbox"/> Lake Preservation Act, IC 14-26-2
	<input type="checkbox"/> "Ditch Act", IC 14-26-5
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	<input type="checkbox"/> Removal of Sand or Gravel, IC 14-29-3

Questions relating to the project should be directed to:

Carole Korbly Scott
Indiana Department of Transportation
100 N. Senate Ave., Room N642
Indianapolis, IN 46204-2216
(317) 232-7977

You may request an informal public hearing, pre-AOPA (Administrative Orders and Procedures Act) hearing, on this application by filing a petition with the Division of Water. The petition must conform to administrative rule 310 IAC 0.6-3-2.3 as follows:

- (a) This section establishes the requirements for a petition to request a public hearing under IC 14-11-4-8(a)(2).
- (b) The petition shall include the signatures of a least twenty-five (25) individuals who are at least eighteen (18) years of age and who reside in the county where the licensed activity would take place or who own real property within one (1) mile of the site of the proposed or existing licensed activity.

- (c) The complete mailing addresses of the petitioners shall be typed or printed legibly on the petition.
- (d) Each individual who signs the petition shall affirm that the individual qualifies under subsection (b).
- (e) The petition shall identify the application for which a public hearing is sought, either by application number or by the name of the applicant and the location of the project.

A pre-AOPA public hearing on the application will be limited to the Department's authority under the permitting statutes. Only the issues relevant to the Department's jurisdiction directly related to this application for construction will be addressed. Under permitting statutes, the Department has no authority in zoning, local drainage, burning, traffic safety, etc.; therefore, topics beyond the Department's jurisdiction will not be discussed during the public hearing.

You may also request that the Department notify you in writing when an initial determination is made to issue or deny the permit. Following the receipt of the post action notice, you may request administrative review of the determination by the Natural Resources Commission under IC 14-21.5 and 310 IAC 0.6.

A request for a pre-AOPA public hearing or notice of initial determination should be addressed to :

Permit Administration Section
Division of Water
Division of Natural Resources
402 West Washington Street, Room W264
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2748
Telephone: (317) 233-5635

The Department's jurisdiction under the Flood Control Act is confined to the floodway of the stream and its review limited to the following criteria. To be approvable a project must demonstrate that it will:

- (a) not adversely affect the efficiency or unduly restrict the capacity of the floodway; defined as, the project will not result in an increase in flood stages of more than 0.14 feet above the base 100-year regulatory flood elevation;
- (b) not constitute an unreasonable hazard to the safety of life or property; defined as, the project will not result in either of the following during the regulatory flood: (1) the loss of human life, (2) damage to public or private property to which the applicant has neither ownership nor a flood easement;
- (c) not result in unreasonably detrimental effects upon fish, wildlife or botanical resources. Additionally, the Department must consider the cumulative effects of the above items.

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"ITEMS OF DISCUSSION"

ENGINEERING

1. Recreation - Phase 1

General

Had a pre-construction meeting with the Army Corps, Dyer Construction, and representatives from the four segments of this project.

- We reviewed safety, scheduling, had introductions, and addressed questions and concerns of the attending representatives.

- Anticipate notice to proceed in early June, 1997, and the construction start in early July. The contractor has 365 days to complete the project from the date of the notice to proceed.

A. OX-BOW (Hammond)

- Hammond requested early start due to their recreation project - Dyer said they would try to accommodate based upon the (wetness) weather.

B. Gleason Park (Gary Parks & Recreation)

- Requested 30th Ave. be kept open during construction - Dyer agreed.
- Had concerns with security (fencing, gates), signage, and affirmative action targets. (We received a letter from Gary Parks and Recreation regarding these items on May 23, 1997.)

C. Lake Etta (Lake County Parks)

- Requested late start for parking area - Dyer said they would, but were concerned with late season paving.
- Parks had no problem with Dyer doing work by the river - canoe launch, observation deck, etc.

D. Chase Street Trail (City of Gary)

- There are drainage concerns with building up the trail - COE suggested contractor stake these out for a field review prior to starting construction.

2. Burr Street Levee

A. The COE has provided (2) scopes of work for soil borings - one set will be Cline to the E.J. & E. RR, the other will be only north of the NIPSCO r/w between the E.J. & E. and Arbogast.

B. Griffith has publicly expressed that they can not participate as local sponsor for the Cady Marsh Ditch project, and that it should be cancelled

- If the Cady Marsh project is cancelled, it will effect our alignment along the west side of Arbogast and consideration by the COE to extend westward to the EJ&E.

- Our desire is to extend the levee westward to the EJ&E RR; and alignment design will vary until final determination is made on the Cady Marsh project.

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3. Existing Greenhouse and IV - 2B - Environmental Clean-up
- A. Had a pre-bid meeting with 5 environmental contractors on April 24 to review scope of work for clean-up of hazardous materials from the site. Also reviewed IV-2B structures for clean-up of hazardous materials prior to construction of levee contract.
 - B. Received bids on May 9th.
 - C. It appears that Environmental Incorporated is low bidder, and the breakdown is currently being reviewed on a technical basis by the COE.
4. Submitted a letter to the Corps (Imad Samara) on May 27, 1997 regarding new and ongoing technical issues. (separate handout)
- A. Items included are levee crest issues, I-wall surfaces, overflow sections, stateline drainage, ponding, the O/M Manual, and pipeline re-locations.
 - B. We requested a meeting date with the COE to address these items.

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The Times, FRI, MAY 16, 1997

Statehouse passes budget

- \$17.4 billion plan is \$90 million less than earlier budget
- Effort fails to tie workers' comp to new Pacers stadium

BY KEVIN CORCORAN
Times Staff Writer

INDIANAPOLIS - The Indiana House ended its political stalemate Thursday and voted 60-36 to send a two-year state budget to Democratic Gov. Frank O'Bannon.

The breakthrough on the \$17.4 billion budget came about 7:20 p.m. when House Democrats agreed to allow House Republicans an opportunity to present their budget amendments on the floor.

In exchange, House Republicans, including Reps. Ralph Ayres, R-Chester-

ton, and Timothy Fesko, R-Munster, agreed to waive constitutional time requirements so the House could pass the budget in one day.

The GOP amendments would have:

- Required the Citizens Commission on Taxes, appointed earlier this year by O'Bannon, to make recommendations for restructuring the state's tax system next year instead of in 1999 and made the 10 percent homestead tax credit permanent, instead of a four-year tax break.

- Made further cuts to Medicaid, Indiana's federally subsidized health care program for the poor, and phased out

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**'This is partisan
politics at its
worst.'**

Rep. Sandra Dempsey,
R-Munster

the inheritance tax that immediate family members must pay over five years.

- Required the state to pick up all

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Highlights of the 1997-99 Indiana budget

- Appropriates \$17.4 billion over the next two years to finance state operations and building projects, leaving an estimated budget surplus of \$1.02 billion on June 30, 1999.
- Appropriates \$2.7 billion for public school tuition support in 1998 and \$2.9 billion in 1999 and increases total school funding by 4.8 percent in each year, with a minimum guaranteed increase to school corporations of 3 percent annually.
- Appropriates \$1.18 billion, or 3.4 percent more, for higher education operating costs in 1997-98 and \$1.22 billion, or 3.6 percent more, in 1998-99.
- Appropriates \$1.9 billion over two years for the state's share of Medicaid, the federally subsidized health-care program for the poor.
- Includes an additional \$150 million to buy down the unfunded liability of the Teachers Retirement Fund and \$50 million to buy down unfunded liabilities of police and fire pension funds, saving taxpayers money in the future.
- Includes \$100 million of local road funding and \$70 million of highway construction funding. Also allows the O'Bannon administration to raise license branch fees to borrow between \$300 million and \$400 million more for highway construction.

Inside: More general provisions, along with Northwest Indiana capital projects and a look at how area schools will fare, Page A-9

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approval of the governor, in approving the allocation of funds pursuant to this SECTION, shall consider, as funds are available, allocations for the following specific uses, purposes, and projects:

	Years 1997-99
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION	
Preventive Maintenance	
State Library Phase II	3,748,980
House Renovation	6,000,000
Repair and Rehabilitation	810,000
Governor's Residence	5,595,000
Repairs	
DEPARTMENT OF STATE	180,000
REVENUE	
Preventive Maintenance	
PORT COMMISSION	317,000
Burns International Harbor Dock Completion	
Southwind Maritime Center Dock Expansion	5,000,000
Clark Center	1,500,000
STATE BUDGET	1,500,000
AGENCY	
Health and Safety Compliance	
Contingency Fund	
Little Calumet River Basin Commission	11,200,000
Lake Michigan Marina Commission	2,000,000
Kankakee River Basin Commission	2,000,000
Indiana Pacers	1,000,000
NCAA	4,700,000
INDIANA SENATE	10,000,000
Senate Renovation	
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION	131,200
NICTD Federal Funds Match	
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Budget

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costs of out-of-home placements for welfare wards and juvenile delinquents, which local property taxpayers cover now.

House Democrats dismissed the amendments as partisan posturing by Republicans looking for issues to tout in the 1998 elections for control of the 50-50 chamber.

Rep. Robert Kuzman, D-Merrillville, said he voted against transferring the welfare payments, which he campaigned on, because it would be too costly for the state.

Sen. Sandra Dempsey, R-Munster, said the welfare shift would have helped Northwest Indiana.

"I am sorely disappointed in my Democratic colleagues in the House for not voting for this measure that would have helped Lake County property taxpayers," she said. "This is partisan politics at its worst."

Democrats had also resisted budget amendments because they feared sending the bill to a House-Senate conference committee with any unpalatable amendments would break the budget-writing process wide open, keeping the General Assembly in special session until the June 30 deadline for averting a government shutdown.

The House passed the budget after 80 minutes of debate, with Ayres and all Northwest Indiana Democrats voting in favor of it and Fesko voting against it.

O'Bannon had convened the two-day special session Wednesday because House Republicans blocked passage of the bill on April 29, the final day of the regular session. The GOP said it would spend too much and didn't contain permanent property tax relief. They also complained they had been left out of the budget process.

House Republican Leader Paul Mannweiler, R-Indianapolis, met with reporters early in the day to say his caucus was ready to allow a final vote on the budget if the GOP could propose several amendments, regardless of whether the amendments prevailed.

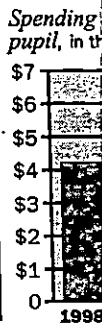
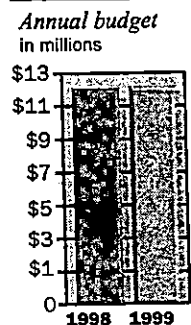
The budget sent to O'Bannon is the same one the Republican-controlled Senate adopted 36-12 Wednesday. It appropriates about \$90 million less than the budget House Republicans blocked last month.

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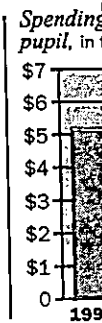
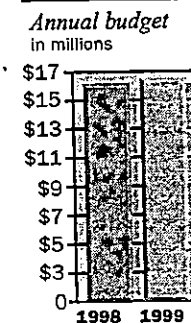
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D-Sandborn, had threatened to deny either party the opportunity to propose amendments Thursday, fearing amendments from his own party wanted to focus on such labor issues as the common construction law and workers' compensation benefit increases could break the budget process wide open.

The House convened six hours late Thursday. House Democrats were behind closed doors trying to find out ways to keep their amendments from disrupting the session. These amendments like those offered by Democrats - stood a good chance of making it into the budget.

Sen. Morris Mills, Indianapolis and chairman of the Senate's budget subcommittee, said his caucus would assist any effort to make changes to the prevailing law made in 1995.

"This special session is on budget issues, not labor," Mills said.

Rep. Dan Stevenson, Hammond and a member of the House Labor Caucus, said his caucus would support the budget. But he was unsure what sort of concessions had been struck in return for support. House Democrats were not talking.

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DAN GARDNER
Executive Director

LOUIS CASALE
Attorney

May 8, 1997

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

Dear Chet:

We have just become aware that the State Budget Committee has scheduled a meeting for May 23rd. The Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission has submitted a request to be placed on the agenda for approval of \$2 million from the 1991/93 budget appropriation to be allocated for claim drawdown for the Little Calumet River project. It is critical that we are placed on that agenda as we have only approximately \$181,000 we are drawing upon.

We are asking if you would please contact Pat Bauer on the Development Commission's behalf to ensure our being on the agenda. If you have any questions, please call me. Attached is a copy of the letter request to Peggy Boehm. Thank you for your support and your help.

Sincerely,

Dan Gardner
Executive Director

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attach.



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Mr. Ron Schultz
ABONMARCHE Development, Inc.
95 West Main Street
Benton Harbor, Michigan 49022

Dear Ron:

The Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission along with the city of Portage is seeking a written response to a number of problems that have arisen over the first year of operation of the Portage Public Marina. We would appreciate a written response to the items listed below with comments on the problem cause and recommendations for remedy. We believe this is the needed first step in developing a strategy for efficient operation of the public facilities and in planning for Phase II build-out of the slips and support facilities.

The items needing response are:

1. Boathouse water lines freezing/bursting. Please address design vs. operational options for the future. This year over \$1,100 was expended to replace burst pipes and to clear the remaining lines.
2. Dislodging of a number of main fender pilings due to ice in harbor.
3. Circulation tube clearing and future retrofitting/operational issues.
4. Why were posts excluded from dock specifications? (To keep boats separated from power poles & steel hardware on docks - as per dock supplier.

Once a written response can be reviewed, a meeting will be scheduled to discuss our next course of action. Thank you for your attention to this request and we look forward to hearing from you in a timely manner.

Sincerely,

Dan Gardner
Executive Director

/sjm

cc: John Hannon, Engineer for city of Portage
Mike Doyne, Marina Harbormaster



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May 28, 1997

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

Re: Portage Municipal Marina
Project No. 95-446

Dear Dan:

We have received your letter, dated, May 10, 1997, regarding problems at the Portage Public Marina, and have the following comments:

- **Bathhouse Water Lines Freezing:** The bathhouse was designed such that the water lines could be drained during the winter to minimize heating costs, as requested and discussed during the design phase. The pipes are also located in the building above the ceiling, as opposed to beneath the concrete floor slab, to allow for maintenance of the pipes without rip-out and repair of slabs, walls, etc. Therefore, at the end of the boating season prior to cold weather, the water lines should be drained. Prior to the beginning of the boating season, but after freezing weather, the lines should be opened and filled for use.
- **Main Fender Pilings:** See previous correspondence regarding piles.
- **Circulation Tube:** It is our understanding that sedimentation in the circulation tube is a problem under flood flows. That is, the sediment suspended in the river water settles out in the circulation tube due to the lower velocity of the water. For this situation, the pipe should be cleaned periodically to remove the sediment, or circulation should be induced into the pipe during periods of high sedimentation (to increase velocities). Please remember that a manhole was placed over the tube to allow for future installation of a pump for circulation purposes.
- **Rubposts:** Rubposts were not included in the specifications for the floating dock system because it is our experience that boaters will tie-off to the rubpost, and under high wind conditions these lateral forces are transferred to the floating dock system causing torsion and potential permanent twist to the dock system. This condition is confirmed in the American Society of Civil Engineers, "Planning and Design Guidelines for Small Craft



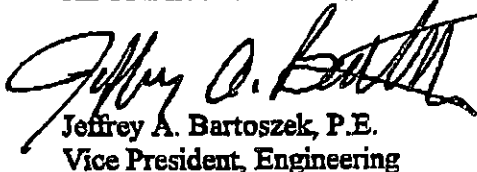
Mr. Dan Gardner
May 28, 1997
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Harbors," which states, "Rub strakes should be avoided on finger piers whenever possible" Therefore, cleats are installed on the dock for boats to tie-off to in order to minimize the torsion to the dock.

We would be happy to meet with you, the City, and the marina operator to discuss the above situations. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

ABONMARCHE CONSULTANTS, INC.



Jeffrey A. Bartoszek, P.E.
Vice President, Engineering

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cc: Mr. John Hannon, P.E., City of Portage
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February 28, 1997

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

RE: Portage Municipal Marina
Project No. 95-446-8

Dear John:

We have reviewed your recent letter and investigated the jacking of the wood fender piles at the Portage Municipal Marina project. The following is a summary of our knowledge of the pile driving from Abonmarche's project representative and discussions with Hardman Construction, Inc.:

- Piles are 8" wood piles x 40' long, with an approximate 18' penetration depth.
- Piles were driven in a dense to very dense sand.
- Due to construction sequencing, the piles were driven in a dry basin at a time when frost was present in the ground.
- Piles at the entrance channel were driven full depth, however, due to the very dense soil, many of the piles broke during driving.
- Due to the dense soil, Hardman Construction, Inc. was allowed to predrill approximately 10' for the fender piles, with the last 8'-10' being driven. This was allowed due to the need to have vertical fender piling (as opposed to potential misalignment due to the difficult driving) and the requirement to have the full depth penetration of the pile.
- It was anticipated by the City, LCRBDC and Abonmarche that the marina basin would not freeze in the wintertime due to the temperature of Burns Waterway (i.e. the waterway does not freeze in the winter).
- The floating dockage system does not need bubbling/deicing due to the inherent design of the system. That is, the docks float on a sleeved spud pile system, where the sleeved piles extend below the potential ice zone.
- Due to its nature, the water elevation within the waterway fluctuates greatly, especially during late winter and spring. This also causes the same fluctuations in the water depth in the marina basin.

Based upon our review, it is our opinion that the piles have jacked because of the ice uplift. This is a result of either the ice forces around each pile as the ice forms (expands) or ice forming

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around each pile and lifting as the water level fluctuates. In addition, some loss of pile friction capacity could have resulted when the frost came out of the marina basin after the piles were driven.

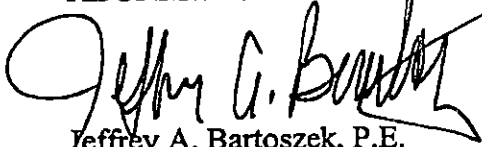
In summary, it is our opinion that the jacking of the piles is not due to a defective installation by Hardman Construction, Inc., but rather is from natural conditions present in any Great Lakes marina which is not deiced. To combat this situation, piles would have to be of a larger diameter or longer (to provide more friction area), both of which would result in increased project cost. Another alternative is to provide bubbling or deicing in the areas surrounding the fender piles to maintain an ice-free zone, which is the method we would recommend.

We are currently seeking estimates from several contractors for redriving the effected piles. This is expected to range between \$200-\$500 per pile, depending on mobilization charges. In this situation, a substantial mobilization fee can be expected (\$5,000-\$10,000) due to the requirements to mobilize a large barge and crane to the site, assembling and launching from the launch ramp, since pile driving is not accessible from land. We will forward these estimates to you upon receipt.

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

Sincerely,

ABONMARCHE CONSULTANT, INC.


Jeffrey A. Bartoszek, P.E.
Vice President, Engineering

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CC: Dan Gardner, LCRBDC ✓

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LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

JANUARY 1, 1997-APRIL 30, 1997

CASH POSITION - JANUARY 1, 1997

CHECKING ACCOUNT

LAND ACQUISITION	751,438.05
GENERAL FUND	89,384.61
TAX FUND	(292.56)
INVESTMENTS	1,016,000.00
ESCROW ACCOUNT INTEREST	90,968.84

1,947,498.94

RECEIPTS - JANUARY 1, 1997 - APRIL 30, 1997

LEASE RENTS	12,925.00
INTEREST INCOME	19,016.22
ESCROW ACCOUNT INTEREST	2,715.34
REIMBURSEMENT FOR TAXES	243.46
KRBC REIMBURSEMENT RE: TELEPHONE CHARGE	682.51

TOTAL RECEIPTS

35,582.53

DISBURSEMENTS - JANUARY 1, 1997 - APRIL 30, 1997

ADMINISTRATIVE

1996 EXPENSES PAID IN 1997	73,889.65
PER DIEM	5,550.00
LEGAL SERVICES	1,685.32
NIRPC	40,355.53
TRAVEL & MILEAGE	926.00
PRINTING & ADVERTISING	482.81
TELEPHONE EXPENSE	319.14
MEETING EXPENSE	1,595.87

LAND ACQUISITION

LEGAL SERVICES	37,361.49
APPRAISAL SERVICES	3,900.00
ENGINEERING SERVICES	29,150.41
LAND PURCHASE CONTRACTUAL	2,272.00
FACILITIES/PROJECT MAINTENANCE SERVICES	970.00

OPERATIONS SERVICES

LAND MANAGEMENT SERVICES	35,001.33
SURVEYING SERVICES	13,766.00
PROPERTY & STRUCTURE COSTS	15,636.95
PROPERTY & STRUCTURES INSURANCE	534.00
UTILITY RELOCATION SERVICES	2,595.00
LAND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	461,572.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:

66,482.93

CASH POSITION - APRIL 30, 1997

CHECKING ACCOUNT

LAND ACQUISITION	219,998.62
GENERAL FUND	140,098.85
TAX FUND	(143.24)
INVESTMENTS	1,016,000.00
ESCROW ACCOUNT INTEREST	93,684.18

1,469,638.41

LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT, MAY 1997

								6 MONTH ALLOCATED	UNALLOCATED BUDGETED
1997								TOTAL	BALANCE
	BUDGET	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE		
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	283.33	409.33	939.33	444.33	0.00	2,359.65	5,140.35
5812 NIRPC SERVICES	125,000.00	8,478.08	9,090.15	8,279.43	8,356.90	8,337.08	0.00	42,541.64	82,458.36
5821 TRAVEL/MILEAGE	15,000.00	0.00	15.00	11.00	0.00	27.50	0.00	53.50	14,946.50
5822 PRINTING/ADVERTISING	3,000.00	59.88	23.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	82.81	2,917.19
5823 BONDS/INSURANCE	7,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	276.00	0.00	0.00	276.00	7,224.00
5824 TELEPHONE EXPENSES	7,000.00	457.80	510.18	338.44	181.84	922.23	0.00	2,408.49	4,591.51
5825 MEETING EXPENSES	10,000.00	293.86	84.29	236.33	0.00	0.00	0.00	614.48	9,385.52
5838 LEGAL SERVICES	125,000.00	8,888.02	9,969.89	9,699.00	7,867.93	10,657.15	0.00	47,081.99	77,918.01
5840 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	500,000.00	17,727.38	38,005.55	18,286.30	14,636.88	17,875.59	0.00	106,531.70	393,468.30
5860 PROJECT LAND PURCHASE EXP.	2,689,238.00	1,650.00	7,903.37	74,477.68	110,348.00	5,184.07	0.00	199,563.12	2,489,674.88
5881 PROPERTY/STRUCTURE INS.	25,000.00	534.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	534.00	24,466.00
5882 UTILITY RELOCATION EXP.	1,000,000.00	171,859.00	682.50	2,047.50	262.50	686.84	0.00	175,538.34	824,461.66
5883 PROJECT LAND CAP. IMPROV.	150,000.00		1,500.00	399.00	1,775.00	0.00	0.00	3,674.00	146,326.00
5884 STRUCTURES CAP. IMPROV.	40,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	110.00	0.00	110.00	39,890.00
	4,720,238.00	210,231.15	68,067.39	114,182.01	144,644.38	44,244.79	0.00	\$581,369.72	\$4,138,868.28

								12 MONTH ALLOCATED	UNALLOCATED BUDGETED
1997								TOTAL	BALANCE
	BUDGET	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER		
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	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,359.65	5,140.35
5812 NIRPC SERVICES	125,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	42,541.64	82,458.36
5821 TRAVEL/MILEAGE	15,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	53.50	14,946.50
5822 PRINTING/ADVERTISING	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	82.81	2,917.19
5823 BONDS/INSURANCE	7,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	276.00	7,224.00
5824 TELEPHONE EXPENSES	7,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,408.49	4,591.51
5825 MEETING EXPENSES	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	614.48	9,385.52
5838 LEGAL SERVICES	125,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	47,081.99	77,918.01
5840 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	500,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	106,531.70	393,468.30
5860 PROJECT LAND PURCHASE EXP.	2,689,238.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	199,563.12	2,489,674.88
5881 PROPERTY/STRUCTURE INS.	25,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	534.00	24,466.00
5882 UTILITY RELOCATION EXP.	1,000,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	175,538.34	824,461.66
5883 PROJECT LAND CAP. IMPROV.	150,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,674.00	146,326.00
5884 STRUCTURES CAP. IMPROV.	40,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	110.00	39,890.00
	4,720,238.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$581,369.72	\$4,138,868.28

CLAIMS PAYABLE FOR MAY 1997

ACCT	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	EXPLANATION OF CLAIM
5811	LOUIS CASALE	283.33	LEGAL SERVICES FOR MAY 1997
5811	LOUIS CASALE	161.00	ADDITIONAL LEGAL SERVICES FOR MAY 1997
5812	NIRPC	8,319.83	SERVICES RENDERED FOR APRIL 1997
5812	UNITED PARCEL SERVICE	17.25	OVERNIGHT MAIL SERVICE
5821	SANDY MORDUS	27.50	MILEAGE THROUGH MAY 8, 1997
5824	GTE NORTH	58.29	MODEM TELEPHONE SERVICE FOR 4/28/97-5/28/97
5824	GTE NORTH	122.81	TELEPHONE SERVICE 4/16/97-5/16/97 (TOTAL BILL 268.27, KRBC PORTION 145.46)
5824	GTE NORTH	122.50	TELEPHONE SERVICE 5/16/97-6/16/97 (TOTAL BILL 259.84, KRBC PORTION 137.34)
5824	MCI	283.92	TELEPHONE SERVICE 3/15/97-4/14/97 (TOTAL BILL 319.14, KRBC PORTION 35.22)
5824	MCI	334.71	TELEPHONE SERVICE 4/15/97-5/14/97 (TOTAL BILL 374.23, KRBC PORTION 39.58)
5838	LOUIS CASALE	9,767.15	LAND ACQUISITION LEGAL SERVICES 4/19/97-5/21/97
5838	JAMES M. SPIVAK	800.00	LAND ACQUISITION LEGAL SERVICES 4/23/97-5/23/97
5842	R. W. ARMSTRONG	2,437.80	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR PERIOD ENDING MAY 16, 1997
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-455
5843	CHICAGO TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY	75.00	TITLE WORK PERFORMED ON DC-399
5843	CHICAGO TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY	270.00	TITLE WORK PERFORMED ON DC-321
5843	CHICAGO TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY	270.00	TITLE WORK PERFORMED ON DC-309
5843	LAKE COUNTY RECORDERS OFFICE	11.00	RECORDING FEE FOR DC-190
5843	LAKE COUNTY RECORDERS OFFICE	77.00	RECORDING FEES FOR DC-568, DC-224, DC-530, TEMP. WORK EASEMENT
5844	JUDITH VAMOS	1,025.40	LAND ACQUISITION/MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR 4/16/97-4/30/97
5844	JUDITH VAMOS	38.25	APRIL MILEAGE
5844	JUDITH VAMOS	1,741.50	LAND ACQUISITION/MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR 5/1/97- 5/15/97
5844	JAMES E. POKRAJAC	2,957.50	LAND ACQUISITION/MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR 4/16/97-4/30/97
5844	JAMES E. POKRAJAC	153.50	APRIL MILEAGE
5844	JAMES E. POKRAJAC	2,989.00	LAND ACQUISITION/MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR 5/1/97-5/15/97
5844	SMITH REAL ESTATE CORPORATION	775.00	LEASE AGREEMENT FOR CLAY STORAGE FOR LEVEE MATERIAL FOR MAY 1997
5846	NIPSCO	30.84	UTILITY SERVICE ON COMMISSION OWNED PROPERTY 4/15/97-5/14/97
5847	COLE ASSOCIATES	4,875.00	SURVEY WORK ON ERR AREA
5861	STAR REGISTER PUBLICATIONS	40.83	NOTICE PUBLICATIONS FOR DC-117 & DC-164
5861	LULU HOLLINDS	2,500.00	PURCHASE PRICE OF DC-530
5861	HYDE PARK BIBLE CHURCH	1,400.00	PURCHASE PRICE OF DC-266
5861	MELBA BURSE	700.00	PURCHASE PRICE OF DC-381
5861	LAKE COUNTY CLERK	100.00	FILING FEE FOR CONDEMNATION OF DC-455
5861	LAKE COUNTY CLERK	100.00	FILING FEE FOR CONDEMNATION OF DC-147
5861	LAKE COUNTY CLERK	100.00	FILING FEE FOR CONDEMNATION OF DC-133
5861	LAKE COUNTY CLERK	100.00	FILING FEE FOR CONDEMNATION OF DC-137
5863	LAKE COUNTY TREASURER	143.24	REAL TAXES ON DC-190
5882	R. W. ARMSTRONG	262.50	UTILITY RELOCATION SERVICES FOR PERIOD ENDING MAY 16, 1997
5882	MARATHON PIPE LINE COMPANY	424.34	COST IN UTILITY LABOR, INSPECTION, ENGINEERING REVIEW-STAGE II-4
5884	AMERICAN PLUMBING INC	110.00	PLUMBING WORK REQUIRED ON LEASED PROPERTY

\$44,244.79



**NORTHWESTERN INDIANA
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

6100 Southport Road • Portage, Indiana 46368

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

To: Little Calumet River Basin
Development Commission

Contract Code: P-LCRBDC

For: Services Performed April 1997

Internal Code: P217

Date: May 15, 1997

Invoice No: 4/4

I N V O I C E

Salaries and Fringe benefits: Dan Gardner & Sandy Mordus	6,400.00
Room Rental for Additional LCRBDC Staff	540.00
Accounting Services	465.00
Facsimile Machine @ \$5.00/Mo. Plus Attachments	12.88
Postage: April, 1997	137.77
Copying Charges @ \$5.00/Mo. Plus \$.06/copy (3,589)	220.34
Graphics/Printing & Clerical Time @ \$20/Hr (Attachments) (24 hrs)	480.00
Staff Mileage/Expenses:	0.00
Other Charges (Attachments) Long Distance (4.41) Petty Cash (59.43)	<u>63.84</u>
TOTAL: April 1997	8,319.83
TOTAL DUE:	\$8,319.83