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MEETING NOTICE

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

**AT 6:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 1998
AT THE COMMISSION OFFICE
6100 SOUTHPORT ROAD
PORTAGE, IN**

A G E N D A

1. Call to Order by Chairman Robert Trelo
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Recognition of Visitors, Guests
4. Approval of minutes of March 5, 1998
5. Chairman's Report
 - Report on Officers' meeting held March 31st
6. Executive Director's Report
 - Report on speaking engagement at Third Annual Open Space Congress on March 21st at Governor's State
 - Report of COE Funding Authorization for \$2 million added for ongoing construction projects for 1998
 - COE responses to Cong. Visclosky & Senators Lugar & Coats re: Johnston property and Munster pump station

Set Retreat.

add committee members.

Set Plant Blue mtg.
Set eng mtg.
" land use mtg
" O-M meetings (Flora)

Huffman wants a telephone # from you - trail contact.

7. Reports of Standing Committees

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

- ☐ Appraisals, offers, acquisitions, recommended actions
- ☐ Land Acquisition Items of Discussion
- ☐ COE Real Estate meeting held on March 18th
- ☐ Other issues

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

- ☐ Recommended actions
- ☐ Engineering Items of Discussion
- ☐ Other issues

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C. Legislative Committee - Roger Chiabai, Chairman

- ☐ State Budget Committee release approval of \$2 million of '91 budget monies for claim draw down on March 25th
- ☐ News articles on \$9 million requested by Cong. Visclosky

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D. Marina Development Committee - Bill Tanke, Chairman

- ☐ Status report of marina construction
- ☐ Has city received \$2 million appropriation yet?
- ☐ Other issues

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E. Finance/Policy Committee - George Carlson, Chairman

- ☐ Financial status report
- ☐ Approval of claims for March 1998
- ☐ COE letter requesting 5% local cash contribution of \$300,000
- ☐ Other issues

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F. Recreational Development Committee - Emerson Delaney, Chairman

G. Minority Contracting Committee - Marion Williams, Chairman

8. Other Business

- ☐ Letter from Planet Blue Video Company

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9. Statements to the Board from the floor

10. Set date for next meeting; adjournment

*find out
O & M manual*

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
HELD AT 6:00 P.M. THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 1998
AT THE COMMISSION OFFICE
6100 SOUTHPORT ROAD
HIGHLAND, INDIANA

Chairman Bob Trelo called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. Eight (8) Commissioners were present. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Quorum was declared and guests were recognized.

Development Commissioners:

Robert Huffman
George Carlson
Roger Chitabai
Steve Davis
Robert Trelo
Charles Agnew
Marion Williams
Emerson Delaney

Visitors:
Jim Flora - RWA/Armstrong
Bryon Robinson - Portage News
Pete Zak - South Shore Marina
Tomary Cray - IDNR

Staff:

Dan Gardner
Lou Casale
James Pokrajac
Sandy Mordus
Judy Vamos

The minutes of the February 5, 1998 meeting were approved with a correction being made to them. At the last meeting there was a motion to accept the committees as appointed, motion passed with 2 abstaining. The correction to that motion would be "Commissioner George Carlson made a motion to accept the committees as appointed; motion seconded by Roger Chitabai; motion passed with 2 Commissioners, Bob Huffman and Chuck Agnew, voting against the motion. Mr. Huffman also pointed out that there was a misspelled word on the 2nd page of the minutes - meeting should read meeting. After some discussion, the minutes were approved by a motion from George Carlson; motion seconded by Roger Chitabai; motion passed unanimously.

Chairman's Report - Chairman Bob Trelo announced committee assignments for 1998 at the last meeting. Since Commissioner Marion Williams was absent at the last meeting, he informed him of the committees he was on.

Mr. Carlson inquired about the ad-hoc minority contracting committee. He questioned why it was ad-hoc and that it is a standing committee like the other committees, it should not be ad-hoc. Mr. Williams questioned whether it was temporary or

permanent. If permanent, the ad-hoc should be dropped. Other board members agreed to drop the term 'ad-hoc'. Mr. Carlson made a motion to delete the 'ad-hoc' in front of minority contracting committee to give the committee the same status-quo as the other committees; motion seconded by Roger Chiabai; motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director's Report - Mr. Gardner reported on the Mayor's meeting on Feb. 24 that he attended along with Col. Gerber and other COE representatives in which the Mayor spoke on construction contracts anticipated for the City this year. There were about 100 people in attendance. The Colonel distributed some FACT sheets on the Little Calumet River Flood Control/Recreation project. They included (1) projected construction contracts, (2) on-going construction contracts and (3) A-E contract status. Mr. Gardner has a copy of all the city contracts that will be coming up if anyone is interested. Mr. Jeff Williams will help mainstream some of the minority contracting in his capacity as the new Gary Chamber of Commerce Director.

Mr. Gardner talked on his meeting with J. F. New & Associates on February 26th. We have retained them to provide wetland consultation. The COE mitigation plan is now in draft form but not in final form. It is our intent to make sure that (1) the lands provide as much multi-use as possible; (2) lands outside of levees allow for maximum development, and (3) make sure all decisions are in the best interest of obtaining permits.

Mr. Gardner also referred to the COE newsletter, Chicago Breeze, which all members have received. The Development Commission is featured in this month's issue.

Land Acquisition Committee - Committee Chairman Chuck Agnew made a motion to increase the offer on DC528 from \$935 to \$1,000 in order to avoid condemnation; motion seconded by George Carlson; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Agnew stated that the minutes from the monthly Corps Real Estate meeting would be given to Board members each month.

It was discussed that the Gary Park Board has about \$160,000 worth of easements that we need for the project. We are trying to proceed by having Greg Martin and J F New prepare a plan to see if a driving range is viable for the Park Dept. to proceed with. The payment to Greg Martin (\$5,300) would be coming out of the value of the easements. The rationale behind the Commission paying for "in-

kind" services is that the money does not go to the city then, but will guarantee its being spent on park-related items/issues. Mr. Agnew made a motion to pay the \$5,300 to Greg Martin contingent upon Gary Park Board signing the needed easements; motion seconded by Emerson Delaney; motion passed unanimously.

Project Engineering Committee - Committee Chairman Bob Huffman reported that there were no engineering motions to be made this month. He referred to several thank you letters in the packet in which Jim Pokrajac showed some Japanese visitors from a consulting engineering firm our project area. Mr. Huffman also stated that the construction season is still halted but should be starting up soon. At the OxBow area, it is about 55% construction completed. The concern there is that the Hammond contractor wants to get in and do their portion of the work but they want the COE to be completed with their work first.

Mr. Huffman also reported that Environmental Inc. has completed the work at Jarvis Street garage. The greenhouse portion of work is not completed yet because of ground being so wet.

Mr. Huffman reported that an area of concern is the poor drainage in the Stage III (Chase to Grant) area. Field tiles were cut when the levee went in and since then, it appears the drainage problem has gotten worse. The COE is looking into the problem as well as Steve Truchan (engineering consultant for the Foodbank) who is reviewing pumping design outside of the levee. Our goal is to turn the property back to the original condition it was in before the tiles were cut.

Legislative Committee - Committee Chairman Roger Chiabai referred to the letter we wrote to Peggy Boehm, State Budget Director, asking to be put on agenda for approval of appropriated \$2 million from 1991 Build IN funds. He also informed the Board that a request for \$5.3 million of Federal dollars is in the Clinton budget.

Marina Committee - In Committee Chairman Bill Tanke's absence, Mr. Gardner gave a brief report and referred to the status update report from Abonmarche. Phase II marina construction is ahead of schedule. Docks are delivered and starting to be put in place. Once the weather breaks, the Commission will schedule a marina tour for the Board members.

Mr. Gardner referred to several letters from the LMMDC to the State Budget Director regarding the \$2 million appropriation that the

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LMMDC is trying to get approval for Portage. These monies are needed for payment to the contractors that are constructing Phase II. They are hoping to get the money released at this next budget meeting.

We have notified the city of Portage that the next marina bond payment is due April 1. They will approve giving us the money out of marina proceeds at their next Public Works board meeting. Mr. Agnew made a motion to approve payment, once it is received from the city, to NBD Bank for the April 1 due date of the next bond payment of \$28,643.84; motion seconded by Emerson Delaney; motion passed unanimously.

Finance/Policy Committee - Committee Chairman George Carlson gave the financial report. He went over the financial statement and budget report and proceeded to make a motion to approve the financial status statement for January and February and approve the claims for payment totaling \$53,347.87; motion seconded by Chuck Agnew; motion approved unanimously.

Mr. Carlson made a motion approving the COE letter requesting the withdrawal of \$100,000 from the escrow account; motion seconded by Bob Huffman; motion passed unanimously.

Other Business - Mr. Gardner stated that we will be adding the other 2 newly formed committees onto the agenda from now on. Chairman Bob Trelo thanked the Board members for a smoothly-run meeting. Commissioner Bob Huffman stated he was glad to hear that staff would be getting the internet and E-Mail capability in the office.

Statements from the floor - There were none.

There being no further business, the next regular Commission meeting was scheduled for 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 8, 1998.

/sjm

South Metropolitan Regional Open Space Alliance
THIRD ANNUAL OPEN SPACE CONGRESS

The How and Why of Macrosites - Bi-State Questions

March 21, 1998

Schedule of Events

- 8:00 a.m.** **Registration and Continental Breakfast (Hall of Governors)**
- 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.** **Exhibit Areas Open (Hall of Governors)**
- 9:00 a.m.** **Welcoming Remarks/Opening Session (Sherman Music Recital Hall)**
- Introductions -- Dr. Larry McClellan, Executive Director, South Metropolitan Regional Leadership Center**
- Welcome -- Dr. Paula Wolff, President, Governors State University**
- Update on Action Agenda Items -- Al Sturges, Chairman, Open Space Alliance**
- 9:30 a.m.** **Main Presentations: Macrosites From Four Points of View**
- **Federal Level: Congressman Jerry Weller (R-11)**
 - **State Level: Dr. Brian Anderson, Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources**
- 10:00 a.m.** **Break**
- 10:10 a.m.** **Continue with presentations (Sherman Music Recital Hall)**
- **Regional Level:**
 - Ders Anderson - Openlands Project**
 - Dr. Mark Reshkin -- Northwest Indiana Forum**
 - Mike Pasteris -- Forest Preserve District of Will County**
 - **Local Level:**
 - Calumet Region - Bob Kelliher, Calumet Ecological Park Association and Dan Gardner, Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission**
 - Kankakee River - Terry Johnston, Kankakee River Basin Partnership and Jim Sweeney, Izaak Walton League**
 - Thorn Creek Eco-Partnership -- Jon Mendelson, Governors State University**
 - Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie - Larry Stritch, US Forest Service**
 - **Instructions for breakout sessions.**

11:45 a.m.

LUNCH

- **Pick up your box lunch in the Cafeteria Annex. Seating is available in the Annex and the Hall of Governors. Sit, relax and enjoy the exhibits.**

12:15 p.m.

Break-Out Sessions:

- **Federal Level - Developments and Bi-State Concerns (Room B1240)**
Facilitators: Grace Bazylewski, Open Space Alliance Steering Committee
Jerry Heinrich, Open Space Alliance Steering Committee
- **State Level - Developments and Bi-State Concerns (Room B1241)**
Facilitators: Al Sturges, Open Space Alliance Steering Committee
Larry McClellan, South Metropolitan Regional Leadership Center
- **Regional Level - Developments and Bi-State Concerns (Room B2200)**
Facilitators: Bob Sullivan, Open Space Alliance Steering Committee
Judy Dolan-Mendelson, Open Space Alliance Steering Committee
- **Local Level - Developments and Bi-State Concerns (Room B2201)**
Facilitators: Phil Schmehl, Open Space Alliance Steering Committee
Jeff Boubelik, Open Space Alliance Steering Committee

1:00 p.m.

Break-out Feedback and Open Forum (Hall Of Governors)

Moderator -- Dr. Larry McClellan, Executive Director, SMRLC

2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Adjourn -- Feel free to stay, talk to friends and visit the exhibits.



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

CHICAGO DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS

111 NORTH CANAL STREET

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60606-7208

March 30, 1998

District Engineer

Honorable Richard G. Lugar, U.S. Senator
Honorable Dan Coats, U.S. Senator
1180 Market Tower
10 Market Street
Indianapolis, IN 46204-2964

Dear Senators Lugar and Coats:


This is in response to your letter of February 17, 1998, regarding the concerns of Mr. Edward Johnston about how the Little Calumet River Flood Control Project may affect his property.

Mr. Johnston expresses serious concern that the project calls for the purchase of vacant lands, but no homes, between Broadway and Georgia streets in Gary. In fact the approved plan for the project calls for the purchase of homes in areas designated as "ponding areas." Although these structures may in some cases be above the design flood elevation, they would still be impacted by periodic ponding of surrounding lands and could also be impacted during maintenance. Mr. Johnston's house is in a ponding area and is among the structures scheduled for purchase.

In reference to Mr. Johnston's concern about the project causing increased flooding in the area, I point out that the ditches designed to drain the area between Broadway and Georgia streets are under construction. They will not be operational until late this summer, when construction is complete. The Corps will, of course, continue to monitor the area after construction is complete to assure the ditches are operating properly.

I hope this assists your response to your constituent, Mr. Johnston. If you need additional information or have any questions, please contact my project manager, Mr. Imad Samara at 312-353-6400 ext. 3054.

Sincerely,


Roger A. Gerber, P.E.
Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army
District Engineer



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

CHICAGO DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS

111 NORTH CANAL STREET

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60606-7206

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

April 1, 1998

District Engineer

Honorable Peter J. Visclosky
Representative in Congress
2313 Rayburn Building
Washington, DC 20515-1401

Dear Mr. Visclosky:

This is in response to your letter of February 26, 1998, regarding the Munster Town Council's concerns about rehabilitating the Baring Avenue Pump Station, part of the Little Calumet River Flood Control and Recreation Project.

According to Mr. David Shafer, writing on behalf of the Munster Town Council, the primary concern is that the pumps, motors and electrical controls at Baring Avenue Pump Station will be rehabilitated rather than replaced, and that this is contrary to the Corps original plan. However, the Corps is using the findings of a diagnostic testing contract completed in 1997 as the basis for developing the plans and specifications for Pump Station Contract 1 at Baring Avenue.

As a result of the diagnostic testing, our plans and specifications include replacing some pumps and motors and requiring two bids from the contractor for those not being replaced: one bid for rehabilitating the pumps and motors and another bid for replacing them. If the bid is lower for replacement, the Corps will replace the pumps and motors. If the bid for replacement is higher than the bid for rehabilitation, the owner would be responsible for contributing the additional funds to replace the pumps and motors. This plan was discussed and agreed to during a meeting with representatives of Munster, Highland and Hammond at the offices of the non-federal sponsor, the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission, on September 22, 1997.

I hope this assists your response to the Munster Town Council. If you need additional information or have any questions, please contact the project manager, Mr. Imad Samara, at 312-353-6400 ext. 3054.

Sincerely,

Roger A. Gerber, P.E.
Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army
District Engineer

April 8, 1998

"ITEMS OF DISCUSSION" LAND ACQUISITION

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?

1. Borrow Site Issues

A. Clark-Chase Borrow:

- Received COE drawings for site development on January 15, 1998.
- We may end up considering use of this land for mitigation pending the outcome of the 2/26/98 mitigation coordination meeting.
- The economic analysis report indicated that it initially appeared most economical to use an outside borrow site for the remainder of the project.
- **We are currently reviewing with the COE to proceed with this option as per conference call on March 18, 1998.**

2. East Reach Remediation Area:

A. The requests for land with Gary Parks & Recreation total approx. \$360,000. Almost \$200,000 of previously approved acquisition was applied to greenhouse construction, and the remaining \$160,000 applies to pending acquisition in the East Reach Remediation area.

- None have been signed, and they seem to be tied in with our participation in the driving range, Gleason Park pumping, and re-locations in Hatcher Park.
- A letter was sent to Gary Parks & Rec. (Reising) on March 16, 1998 indicating we approved \$5,300 toward Greg Martin (Golf Course Architect) to proceed with driving range design which would be available after they sign the agreements.
- Received a letter from Gary Parks & Rec. (Reising) on March 20, 1998, still insisting on us installing a pump at Gleason Park – This holds up acquisition agreements
- LCRBDC (Lou) submitted a response letter on March 24, 1998 reiterating it was not our responsibility, nor ever committed to.
- Received a letter from Mr. Reising on March 30, 1998; their position has not changed and feels we are at a stale mate.

B. Projected cost for the east reach remediation area is approx. \$2 million and we are awaiting Federal inclusion for COE cost sharing. (PAC agreement) Ongoing.

- LCRBDC wrote a letter to the Policy Review Branch on March 17, 1998, regarding concerns of credit.
- COE sent us all PAC related information, including legal reviews, in order to incorporate this in our response.

3. Final copies of the O&M Manual were distributed to the affected communities and the Board members on 2/18/98.
 - A. A committee needs to be established to begin review & discussion of the O&M Manual & the associated costs. COE needs final review and comments by middle of May, 1998.
 - B. Any comments; general discussion; do we need a meeting?**
4. Mitigation
 - A. The COE presented a conceptual mitigation plan for our review and comments at the 2/17/98 real estate meeting.
 - This plan included over 1/2 of the required acres for mitigation on lands we currently do not own.
 - B. A meeting was held with the COE, LCRBDC, and J.F. New on 2/26/98 to come to a concurrence on how to proceed.
 - C. A memo was sent to the COE on March 5, 1998 with (9) points of concern. We have not yet had an update or response from the COE.**
5. A field meeting was held with NIPSCO, LCRBDC, and Tim and Ed Bult on 3/1/98 to review and discuss our proposal to pump (on a temporary basis) the Chase/Grant farm area.
 - A. An agreement for a temporary easement **has been** sent to NIPSCO to allow us to pump this area for one year.
 - B. A request has been sent to INDOT to reinstall our culverts west of Grant St. to allow us to continue pumping after their construction at Grant is completed.**
 - C. Tim & Ed Bult are currently getting the 12" pump and 20 HP motor re-conditioned and this will be used in conjunction with an 18" pipe to drain the farm area.**
6. Refer to the "Results of the Real Estate Meeting" for pertinent issues with the COE at our meeting of January 22, 1998.
7. Received signed leases for farmland from Gary Dunlap, Dale Nimetz, and Foodbank.

April 8, 1998

"ITEMS OF DISCUSSION" ENGINEERING

MOTIONS:

- yes — 1. Motion to approve using Steve Truchan to do preliminary engineering for landside drainage in the Stage III area for a cost of \$3,000
- yes — 2. Motion to use Cole & Associates to do the location survey work for the (3) hotels west of Cline Ave. for a cost not to exceed \$8,942.
- no — 3. Motion to approve Griffith plan for the betterment levee.
- yes — 4. Motion to approve mitigation proposal for Griffith (Kortenhoven) levee West of the EJ&E RR that requires approx. 9 acres of land.

1. Recreation - Phase 1

General

- A memo was sent to the construction branch of the COE on Jan. 21 to emphasize the importance of completing the boardwalk at OxBow prior to the tentatively scheduled groundbreaking and the Hammond start for their portion of work.
- Following are the (4) segments of this project. Basically, all the work excluding paving and some framing work for the support facilities are completed. As portions are completed during the winter months, updates will be included.
 - A. OX-BOW (Hammond)
 - B. Gleason Park (Gary Parks & Recreation)
 - C. Lake Etta (Lake County Parks)
 - D. Chase Street Trail (City of Gary)
- Potential exists for these projects to be put on hold due to lack of federal funds (See Item #7)

2. West Reach Pump Stations

- A. Immediate concerns for the Baring pump station in Munster have been addressed to us requesting new pumps instead of re-building existing pumps.
- B. The pump stations may all be pushed back due to lack of federal funds.
- C. We will be coordinating with the COE and the communities on how to proceed with funding.

3. Environmental Inc. submitted a cost of \$3,260 to re-locate and temporarily stockpile the contaminated soil on site to allow the COE contractor area to work and stockpile their degraded levee material from the failure east of Harrison St. (Decisions pending from the COE)

4. A letter was sent to the COE on 2/27/98 regarding impacts to our properties between Chase and Grant due to Stage III construction.

- A. We received a quote from Dale Nimetz on March 10, 1998, along with a sketch, showing installation of a 10" tile that would tie in all the existing drain tiles for a cost of \$5,850. This will be presented to the COE for review.
- B. Truchan is going to design a drainage system including ditch work, pumping, and additional drain tiles that will help groundwater level in that area.

5. A meeting was held with the EJ&E R.R. on 2/12/98 to review COE proposal for the betterment levee on the East Side and the Kortenhoven levee on the West Side of the EJ&E embankment.

A. The preliminary discussion showed the west levee crest set at 602.0 and the east levee crest set at 603.4. The west is design criteria set by the DNR and the east as set by the COE.

- The railroad had concerns with this differential because they felt serious erosion would occur to their embankment on the lower side by overtopping during a major event.

B. **A meeting was held with Griffith on March 19, 1998 to review the possibility of installing the betterment levee at 602, or to raise the Cline to EJ&E levee to 603.4.**

- **The town had a board meeting on March 24 to review this issue.**

6. Potential exists, as pointed out by the COE in mid-Feb., that ongoing construction projects may be put on hold due to lack of anticipated federal funding.

A. This would also push the current construction schedule back for upcoming projects including all work in the west reach.

Post Tribune, Friday, March 20, 1998

Local

Visclosky seeks water projects

BY RICH JAMES
Staff Writer

U.S. Rep. Peter Visclosky requested \$15.1 million for 10 Northwest Indiana water projects Wednesday as part of the 1999 Water and Energy Appropriations Bill.

"I am requesting funding for projects that I believe are important to the economic infrastructure of our region," said Visclosky, a Merrillville Democrat.

Some of the requests are for ongoing projects.

Back on the request list is \$3.5 million for the Lake George restoration project in Hobart. The money was approved by Congress last year but cut by President Clin-

ton through a line-item veto.

The other nine projects include:
■ \$925,000 to fund regular operations at Burns Waterway Harbor at the Port of Indiana.

■ \$700,000 in construction money for the shoreline erosion project to prevent the loss of the eastern dunes of the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore.

■ \$9 million for the ongoing Little Calumet River flood-control and recreation project.

Visclosky already has secured \$51 million for levee and floodwall construction and channel and bridge fixes.

■ \$564,000 for dredging studies and a design for a confined disposal facility for the Indiana Harbor and Ship Canal in East Chicago.

■ \$100,000 to assess the feasibility of streambank erosion control and flood control within the Beauty Creek watershed in Valparaiso.

■ \$100,000 for a study to establish a method and schedule to restore the wetlands at Wolf Lake and Lake George in Hammond.

■ \$100,000 for a feasibility study on creating a recreational and vegetation buffer zone along the Indiana Harbor and Ship Canal.

■ \$100,000 to conduct a study on the impact of the Little Calumet River project on flooding and water quality in the Black Oak section of Gary.

■ \$100,000 to create a watershed management plan for the Deep River Basin.

The Times, Thurs. March 19, 1998

Little Cal project part of federal request

BY ROBIN BIESEN
Times Staff Writer

Projects to control flooding along the Little Calumet River and help restore Lake George are on the list U.S. Rep. Pete Visclosky has submitted for federal funding.

Visclosky is seeking \$15.1 million for water projects in Northwest Indiana be included in the 1999 Energy and Water Appropriations bill.

"I am requesting funding for projects in Northwest In-

diana that I believe are important to the economic infrastructure of our region," said Visclosky, D-Ind. "These requests are particularly important now as there is a great deal of discussion about how to spend monies that might result from a budget surplus in the coming year."

Visclosky's request includes:

- \$9 million to continue the Little Calumet River flood control project.

- \$3.5 million for the Lake George Fish and

Wildlife Restoration project from Hobart to Lake Station.

- \$925,000 to fund regular operations at the Burns Waterway Harbor.

- \$700,000 for the Indiana Shoreline Erosion project at the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore.

- \$564,000 for dredging studies and confined disposal facility design and engineering at the Indiana Harbor and Ship Canal in East Chicago.

- \$100,000 to study stream bank erosion and

flood control within the Beauty Creek watershed in Valparaiso.

- \$100,000 to study the restoration of wetlands and Wolf and George lakes in Hammond.

- \$100,000 for a feasibility study for enhancements at the Indiana Harbor and Ship Canal in East Chicago.

- \$100,000 to study flooding and water quality in the vicinity of the Black Oak neighborhood in Gary.

- \$100,000 to create a watershed management plan for the Deep River Basin.



Pete Visclosky
Congressman seeking \$15.1 million for 10 water projects in the region.

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Manistee, MI
Mishawaka, IN
Singapore**CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS
MINUTES OF MEETING****Project:** City of Portage, Portage Public Marina Project**Date:** March 19, 1998**By:** Jeff Bartoszek

The following items were discussed at the above referenced meeting:

Contract No. 2 - Circle "R" Electric

- Circle "R" is in the process of pulling the feeder wires to piers "J" and "K".
- Circle "R" cannot pull feeder wires to piers I until stockpiles of dirt have been removed from near pier I. Brant Construction has been made aware of the need to relocate these piles.
- Light fixtures still need to be placed.

Contract No. 3 - Brant Construction

- Brant has started graveling of the peninsula parking lot.
- After a site review, it was decided that additional block needs to be added at the southwest end of the retaining wall, specifically in how it ties in with the sidewalk. Abonmarche to provide a sketch to Brant on the additional block.
- Brant was instructed to proceed with ordering an additional spare pump core and to proceed with the hatch on the lift station. After discussion, it was decided to maintain the ball check valve in lieu of the brass flapper valve for the lift station.
- The sheet piling tie backs have been reinstalled, with remaining backfill needed on the tie back along the south wall which will be accomplished after NIPSCO repairs their conduit. It was noted that bowing had occurred in the sheet pile wall in the southwest corner of the basin due to the removed tie backs. Brant was instructed to have their divers take a close look at this area to ensure that pipe joints had not pulled apart.
- Brant was in the process of removing some of the stockpiles of soil near the new retaining wall.



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Contract No. 4 - Brant Construction

- The weather (snow storm) set Brant back.
- Block walls for the bathhouse have been started and should be finished within the next week.
- Brant anticipates the setting of the roof trusses within the next two weeks.
- After the roof trusses are set, masons will come back and complete the interior masonry walls.

Contract No. 5 - Hardman Construction

- Main docks and finger piers have been installed with dock boxes and power pedestals.
- Hardman anticipates to complete redriving of the wood piles this week, and to begin driving the steel piles.

Should I be in error on any of the above items, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

JAB/jr



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Mishawaka, IN
Singapore**CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS
MINUTES OF MEETING****Project:** City of Portage, Portage Public Marina**Date:** March 12, 1998**By:** Jeff Bartoszek

The following items were discussed at the above referenced meeting:

Contract No. 2 - Circle "R" Electric

- Circle "R" is waiting to pull the feeder wires to piers I, J, and K.
- In order to pull wires, Brant needs to remove some of the stockpiles near piers I, J, and K. Brant to notify their subcontractor (Horizon) to relocate the piles.
- Circle "R" plans to pull the wires mid-next week.
- Circle "R" needs a junction box located behind the new retaining wall. Abonmarche to review after the meeting.
- Tall parking lot lights have not been installed. Circle "R" anticipates within the next one to two weeks.
- New panelboard has been installed.

Contract No. 3 - Brant Construction

- Brant needs to complete grading of the peninsula parking lot.
- After discussion, it was decided that the retaining wall does not need to be increased in height. Therefore, only the cap needs to be installed, which would occur as temperatures get to be 45° and over for the glue to set.
- It was discussed between John Hannon and Jeff that the lift station manhole will have a hatch cover.
- It was noted that Horizon removed four tiebacks to the sheet pile retaining wall. Brant was directed to have Horizon reinstall the tiebacks immediately. The time shall be confirmed with Abonmarche so Abonmarche can verify the adequacy of the reinstallation.



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Contract No. 4 - Brant Construction

- Brant anticipates delivery of the trusses soon.
- Block walls for the bathhouse have been started and will be continued once the weather warms back up.
- Abonmarche returned submittals to Brant for tiling, partitions, and other miscellaneous bathhouse items.

Contract No. 5 - Hardman Construction

- Main docks and finger piers have been installed.
- Dock boxes have been installed on the piers.
- Piling and utility pedestals have not been installed.

Should I be in error on any of the above items, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

JAB/jr

LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

JANUARY 1, 1998 - FEBRUARY 28, 1998

CASH POSITION - JANUARY 1, 1998

CHECKING ACCOUNT

LAND ACQUISITION	66,006.18
GENERAL FUND	138,520.97
TAX FUND	0.00
INVESTMENTS	1,016,000.00
ESCROW ACCOUNT INTEREST	97,179.71

1,947,498.94

RECEIPTS - JANUARY 1, 1997 - FEBRUARY 28, 1998

LEASE RENTS	14,319.25
INTEREST INCOME	1,001.71
LAND ACQUISITION	420,048.61
ESCROW ACCOUNT INTEREST	1,076.36
NAFSA CONVENTION REGISTRATION REFUND	698.00
REIMBURSEMENT FOR TAXES	0.00
KRBC REIMBURSEMENT RE: TELEPHONE CHARGE	352.29

TOTAL RECEIPTS

437,495.22

DISBURSEMENTS - JANUARY 1, 1998 - FEBRUARY 28, 1998

ADMINISTRATIVE

1997 EXPENSES PAID IN 1998	243,607.93
PER DIEM	3,600.00
LEGAL SERVICES	2,853.76
NIRPC	33,959.15
TRAVEL & MILEAGE	447.06
PRINTING & ADVERTISING	42.28
BONDS & INSURANCE	480.00
TELEPHONE EXPENSE	961.41
MEETING EXPENSE	219.92

LAND ACQUISITION

LEGAL SERVICES	15,183.55
APPRAISAL SERVICES	12,900.00
ENGINEERING SERVICES	5,314.09
LAND PURCHASE CONTRACTUAL	22,655.00
FACILITIES/PROJECT MAINTENANCE SERVICES	3,235.00
OPERATIONS SERVICES	0.00
LAND MANAGEMENT SERVICES	17,391.96
SURVEYING SERVICES	10,975.00
ECONOMIC/MARKETING SOURCES	0.00
PROPERTY & STRUCTURE COSTS	11,195.26
TAXES	0.00
PROPERTY & STRUCTURES INSURANCE	0.00
UTILITY RELOCATION SERVICES	2,964.00
LAND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	85,777.12
STRUCTURAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	0.00
ESCROW ACCOUNT NBD BANK	39,600.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:

269,754.56

CASH POSITION - FEBRUARY 28, 1998

CHECKING ACCOUNT

LAND ACQUISITION	257,484.45
GENERAL FUND	113,704.00
TAX FUND	0.00
INVESTMENTS	1,016,000.00
ESCROW ACCOUNT INTEREST	98,255.07

1,485,443.52

LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT, FEBRUARY 1998

		1998							6 MONTH	UNALLOCATED
		BUDGET	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	ALLOCATED	BUDGETED
									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	1,737.33	934.33	723.33	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,394.99	4,105.01
5812	NIRPC SERVICES	125,000.00	16,718.21	8,806.34	8,417.86	0.00	0.00	0.00	33,942.41	91,057.59
5821	TRAVEL/MILEAGE	15,000.00	0.00	12.88	12.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	25.20	14,974.80
5822	PRINTING/ADVERTISING	3,000.00	0.00	286.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	286.50	2,713.50
5823	BONDS/INSURANCE	7,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,500.00
5824	TELEPHONE EXPENSES	7,000.00	590.34	57.65	493.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,141.69	5,858.31
5825	MEETING EXPENSES	10,000.00	245.15	871.32	241.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,357.52	8,642.48
5838	LEGAL SERVICES	125,000.00	6,097.82	5,440.00	6,632.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	18,170.22	106,829.78
5840	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	500,000.00	15,027.10	14,033.91	25,843.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	54,904.53	445,095.47
5860	PROJECT LAND PURCHASE EXP.	3,178,633.00	9,747.02	0.00	2,225.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,972.02	3,166,660.98
5881	PROPERTY/STRUCTURE INS.	25,000.00	480.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	480.00	24,520.00
5882	UTILITY RELOCATION EXP.	750,000.00	157.50	2,423.99	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,581.49	747,418.51
5883	PROJECT LAND CAP. IMPROV.	300,000.00	0.00	20,480.95	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	22,480.95	277,519.05
5884	STRUCTURES CAP. IMPROV.	40,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	40,000.00
		5,109,633.00	50,800.47	53,347.87	46,589.18	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$150,737.52	\$4,958,895.48

		1998							12 MONTH	UNALLOCATED
		BUDGET	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	ALLOCATED	BUDGETED
									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	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,394.99	4,105.01
5812	NIRPC SERVICES	125,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	33,942.41	91,057.59
5821	TRAVEL/MILEAGE	15,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25.20	14,974.80
5822	PRINTING/ADVERTISING	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	286.50	2,713.50
5823	BONDS/INSURANCE	7,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,500.00
5824	TELEPHONE EXPENSES	7,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,141.69	5,858.31
5825	MEETING EXPENSES	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,357.52	8,642.48
5838	LEGAL SERVICES	125,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	18,170.22	106,829.78
5840	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	500,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	54,904.53	445,095.47
5860	PROJECT LAND PURCHASE EXP.	3,178,633.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,972.02	3,166,660.98
5881	PROPERTY/STRUCTURE INS.	25,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	480.00	24,520.00
5882	UTILITY RELOCATION EXP.	750,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,581.49	747,418.51
5883	PROJECT LAND CAP. IMPROV.	300,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	22,480.95	277,519.05
5884	STRUCTURES CAP. IMPROV.	40,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	40,000.00
		5,109,633.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$150,737.52	\$4,958,895.48

CLAIMS PAYABLE FOR MARCH, 1998

ACCT	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	EXPLANATION OF CLAIM
5811	LOUIS CASALE	283.33	RETAINER FEE FOR MONTH OF MARCH 1998
5811	ICE MILLER DONADIO & RYAN	440.00	LEGAL SERVICES FOR LEGAL OPINION
5812	NIRPC	8,245.06	SERVICES RENDERED FOR FEBRUARY 1998
5812	UNITED PARCEL SERVICE	12.00	OVERNIGHT MAIL SERVICE
5812	UNITED PARCEL SERVICE	35.75	OVERNIGHT MAIL SERVICE
5812	SANDY MORDUS	26.25	REIMBURSEMENT FOR WORKBOOK FOR NEW COMPUTER SYSTEM
5812	KRAMER & LEONARD	98.80	INVOICE #198497-0 PURCHASE OF OFFICE SUPPLIES
5821	SANDY MORDUS	12.32	MILEAGE FOR MARCH
5824	GTE NORTH	61.26	MODEM TELEPHONE SERVICE 2-28-98 TO 3-28-98
5824	GTE NORTH	122.53	BILLING PERIOD 2/16/98-3/16/98(TOTAL BILL 263.03, KRBC PORTION 140.50)
5824	MCI	309.91	BILLING PERIOD 1/15/98-2/14/98(TOTAL BILL 340.55, KRBC PORTION 30.64)
5825	SAND RIDGE BANK (REDACTED)	241.05	OFFICERS MEETING 3/31/98 TO SET AGENDA FOR RETREAT MEETING
5838	LOUIS CASALE	5,949.90	LAND ACQUISITION LEGAL SERVICES 2/26/98-3/31/98
5838	JAMES M. SPIVAK	682.50	LAND ACQUISITION LEGAL SERVICES 2/26/98-3/31/98
5841	JANET O'TOOLE & ASSOCIATES	2,300.00	APPRAISAL SERVICES FOR DC-797
5841	HAROLD L. WHEELER	150.00	FEE FOR COURT ORDERED APPRAISAL FOR DC-484
5841	HAROLD L. WHEELER	150.00	FEE FOR COURT ORDERED APPRAISAL FOR DC-518
5841	ROBERT W. METZ	150.00	FEE FOR COURT ORDERED APPRAISAL FOR DC-484
5841	ROBERT W. METZ	150.00	FEE FOR COURT ORDERED APPRAISAL FOR DC-518
5841	TONY ZALESKI	150.00	FEE FOR COURT ORDERED APPRAISAL FOR DC-484
5841	TONY ZALESKI	150.00	FEE FOR COURT ORDERED APPRAISAL FOR DC-518
5842	J. F. NEW & ASSOC INC	594.00	ENGINEERING SERVICES RE: WETLAND CONSULTING
5842	R W ARMSTRONG	4,780.60	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR PERIOD ENDING 3/13/98
5843	LAWYERS TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY	275.00	TITLE WORK PERFORMED ON DC-117
5843	LAWYERS TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY	275.00	TITLE WORK PERFORMED ON DC-540A
5843	LAWYERS TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY	275.00	TITLE WORK PERFORMED ON DC-546
5843	LAKE COUNTY RECORDER	36.00	RECORD DEED FOR DC-147
5844	JUDITH VAMOS	1,596.00	LAND ACQUISITION/MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR 2/16/98-2/28/98
5844	JUDITH VAMOS	35.28	FEBRUARY MILEAGE
5844	JUDITH VAMOS	1,081.50	LAND ACQUISITION/MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR 3/2/98-3/13/98
5844	JUDITH VAMOS	1,942.50	LAND ACQUISITION/MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR 3/11/98-3/31/98
5844	JUDITH VAMOS	26.04	MARCH MILEAGE
5844	JAMES E. POKRAJAC	2,760.00	LAND ACQUISITION/MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR 2/17/98-2/28/98
5844	JAMES E. POKRAJAC	145.60	FEBRUARY MILEAGE
5844	JAMES E. POKRAJAC	2,898.00	LAND ACQUISITION/MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR 3/2/98-3/13/98
5844	JAMES E. POKRAJAC	3,036.00	LAND ACQUISITION/MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR 3/16/98-3/30/98
5844	JAMES E. POKRAJAC	133.00	MARCH MILEAGE
5847	COLE ASSOCIATES INC	804.00	SURVEY WORK PERFORMED IN SVP2
5848	PLANET BLUE MEDIA SERVICES	1,950.00	PARTIAL PAYMENT OF VIDEO PRODUCTION INV#00000117
5861	CLIFFORD B. PARKER	1,500.00	PURCHASE PRICE OF DC-147
5861	GREGORY J. JACKSON & ODELL JACKS	725.00	PURCHASE PRICE OF DC-520
5883	ENVIRONMENTAL INCORPORATED	1,200.00	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES FOR STAGE IV-2B FLOWAGE AREA
5883	ENVIRONMENTAL INCORPORATED	800.00	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES FOR GREENHOUSE AREA

\$46,589.18

total contract amount is \$6,500

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**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 February 1998

Internal Code: P218

Date: March 17, 1998

Invoice No: 2/2

I N V O I C E

Salaries and Fringe benefits: Dan Gardner & Sandy Mordus	6,600.00
Room Rental for Additional LCRBDC Staff	560.00
Accounting Services	480.00
Facsimile Machine @ \$5.00/Mo. Plus Attachments	21.90
Postage: February, 1998	138.45
Copying Charges @ \$5.00/Mo. Plus \$.06/copy (1,896)	118.76
Graphics/Printing & Clerical Time @ \$20/Hr (Attachments) (15.50 hrs)	310.00
Other Charges (Attachments) Long Distance (15.95)	15.95
TOTAL DUE:	\$ 8,245.06



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

CHICAGO DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS

111 NORTH CANAL STREET

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60606-7206

6 APR 1998

Programs and Project Management Division

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

Dear Mr. Gardner:

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

The requested contribution represents the Commission's obligation to contribute in cash 5 percent of the costs estimated to be incurred (related to structural flood control measures) through the end of the Federal Government's fiscal year ending on September 30, 1998.

Sincerely,

Richard E. Carlson

Enclosure

Richard E. Carlson
Deputy District Engineer
for Project Management

27 March, 1998

Mr. Dan Gardner
Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission
6100 South Port Road
Portage, IN 46368

Dear Dan:

Shot aerial footage of the river yesterday with Bill Tanke. Enclosed is an invoice per our contract. Next week we should have the footage available for our review. If you could get together with Bill on a few days that would work with your schedule to look at the footage I would appreciate it.

Our production schedule for completing this program in a timely fashion is as follows:

Finalizing script and all production elements by April 17th.

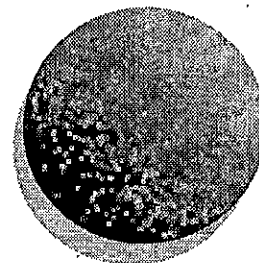
Final program finished with any necessary changes by end of April !!

I will send a copy of this letter of to Bill. Hopefully this is not to much of an aggressive production schedule. Thanks for your help in this matter.

Sincerely,



Chris Sloan
Director



PLANET BLUE
MEDIA SERVICES

1704 Napoleon Street
Valparaiso, IN 46383
219-477-4910

LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION ATTENDANCE ROSTER

NAME OF MEETING: LCRBDC DATE: April 8, 1998

LOCATION: 6100 Southport Rd, Portage CHAIRMAN: Bob Trelo

PLEASE SIGN IN

	NAME (PLEASE PRINT)	ORGANIZATION, ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER
1	PETE ZAR	SOUTH SHORE MARINA
2	Bae Ann Hochhill	The TIMES
3	HOWARD ANDERSON	121 E. AVE C, GRIFFITH ⁹²⁴⁻⁶⁸⁰¹
4	JIM FLORA	R.W. ARMSTRONG
5	Ken Smith	IDNR. DIV of Water
6	Eloise Gentry	Urban League of NW Ind.
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