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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 4, 1998  
AT THE COMMISSION OFFICE  
6100 SOUTHPORT ROAD**

**PORTAGE, IN**

WORK STUDY SESSION

5:00 / 5:30

## A G E N D A

1. Call to Order by Chairman Robert F. Trelo
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Recognition of Visitors and Guests
4. Approval of Minutes of May 6, 1998
5. Chairman's Report
  - Retreat date 8:30 a.m. Saturday, June 6, 1998
  - Courtyard by Marriott, I-65 & Rt 30, Merrillville
  - Upstairs meeting room
  - Tentative Agenda Items
6. Executive Director's Report
  - Status of COE response to Commission's position on PAC crediting
  - Response to Councilman Cleo Wesson of Gary regarding standing water and potential mosquito problem

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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 conference call held on 5/20/98
- Other issues

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B. Project Engineering Committee – Bob Huffman, Chairman

- Recommended actions
- Engineering Items of Discussion
- Correspondence from town of Munster regarding pumping
- Other issues

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C. Legislative Committee – Roger Chiabai, Chairman

- Forms for 99/00 state budget request are anticipated shortly
- Proposed meeting with key area legislators regarding project status and funding needs (capital and operational)

D. Marina Development Committee – Bill Tanke, Chairman

- Status report of marina construction
- Abonmarche weekly updates
- Meeting held 5/20 with Richard Carlson, COE Deputy District Engineer, regarding Commission's obligation to marina development
- Other issues

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E. Finance/Policy Committee – George Carlson, Chairman

- Financial status report
- Approval of claims for May 1998
- Renewal of Directors and Officers liability policy
- Other issues

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F. Recreational Development Committee – Emerson Delaney, Chairman

- Update on recreational features at Carlson Park (OxBow), Gleason Park, Lake Etta, and Chase Street trail
- Request from Hammond Parks and Rec for additional funding of \$105,000

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G. Minority Contracting Committee – Marion Williams, Chairman

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. WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 1998  
AT THE COMMISSION OFFICE  
6100 SOUTHPORT ROAD  
HIGHLAND, INDIANA**

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Chairman Bob Trelo called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. Nine (9) Commissioners were present. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Quorum was declared and guests were recognized.

**Development Commissioners:**

Robert Trelo  
Emerson Delaney  
Bill Tanke  
Roger Chiabai  
Chuck Agnew  
George Carlson  
Arlene Colvin  
Steve Davis  
Bob Huffman

**Visitors:**

Pete Zak – South Shore Marina  
Jim Flora – R.W. Armstrong Co.  
Ken Smith – Div. of Water, IDNR

**Staff:**

Dan Gardner  
Lou Casale  
Sandy Mordus  
Jim Pokrajac  
Judy Vamos

The minutes of the April 8, 1998 meeting were approved by a motion from Chuck Agnew; motion seconded by Bob Huffman; motion passed unanimously.

**Chairman's Report** – Chairman Bob <sup>Trelo</sup>~~Huffman~~ announced that the Commission has scheduled a retreat meeting date of Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. Agenda will follow in the mail to all commissioners. Also distributed was a sheet listing several items of discussion that the Board members were asked to fill in and return to staff.

**Executive Director's Report** – Executive Director Dan Gardner referred to the draft letter of our response to the PAC. Mr. Gardner reviewed the map with the Board as well as the history of why we needed to acquire this additional area, which is because it is required by IDNR as part of the permit process. Although the Chicago COE office supports the cost sharing of this area, they are only supporting the cost sharing of the levee construction and not allowing credit for the flowage easements. Attorney Casale stated that about \$½ million is at stake in credits. The letter going to Washington states a case for credit for entire monies spent, not just the levee construction cost. Commissioner Carlson asked if there was a set procedure for arbitration in the LCA agreement. Attorney Casale answered no; but the COE has an appeal process in place.



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Mr. Gardner referred to the letter in the agenda packet from Councilman Cleo Wesson from the city of Gary stating that there is a standing water problem at the south Gleason Park area and there will be, ultimately, a bad mosquito problem. Mr. Gardner did inspect the area and we have asked the COE contractor in that area, Webb Construction, to drain the area, which they have done already. He has spoken with the State Health Dept. about mosquito spraying programs and has relayed pertinent information back to Mr. Wesson. Additional information will be shared as this issue evolves.

**Land Acquisition Committee** – Committee Chairman Chuck Agnew made a motion for staff to file condemnation proceedings on DC377 and DC492; motion seconded by Arlene Colvin; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Agnew referred to a request by Atlas Excavating to use about 2 acres of Commission land for storage of about 6,300 cu.yds. of excavated material from the Burr Street bridge mitigated parcel. He would level the land, seed it and make drainage improvements on it; it would be an enhancement to the area. Mr. Agnew made a motion to allow Atlas to use the 2 acres; motion seconded by Bob Huffman; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Agnew then read a letter from farm tenant Gary Dunlap stating the culvert on our property is in dire need of repair. He has proposed that he will do the necessary work for a cost of \$2,500. Jim Pokrajac added that over half of the land cannot be farmed now because it is so wet. Mr. Tanke stated that slag put around the culvert (which is what he proposed to do) is not the best way to do it, and that limestone or clay should be used instead. Mr. Agnew made a motion for Dunlap to proceed with the culvert work for a cost not to exceed \$3,000 and staff was informed to tell him we would prefer clay instead of slag; motion seconded by Bill Tanke; motion passed unanimously.

**Project Engineering Committee** – Committee Chairman Bob Huffman referred to the aerial pictures of OxBow park area that were being passed around. The recreational development going on there is almost complete; it is almost complete at Gleason Park and Lake Etta also.

Mr. Huffman referred to the letter from the town of Griffith's attorney giving official notice that the Town Council approved the constructing of the remaining unfinished portions of the levee to a height of 602.2. Mr. Huffman made a motion to accept their letter and direct the COE to redesign their levee to accommodate the 602.2 elevation; motion seconded by George Carlson; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Huffman talked on the Engineering Committee meeting that was held on April 21<sup>st</sup>, in which staff has been directed to come up with guidelines within Indiana laws and regulations relative to engineering, surveying or construction/maintenance contracts we would let outlining when to obtain quotes, when to bid out; what dollar amounts trigger one method over the other. When something is developed and approved by the attorney, it will be presented to the Board for acceptance. Mr. Agnew asked Mr. Huffman to include land acquisition procurement services also.

Mr. Huffman expressed his delight that staff will soon have e-mail available to them and also have Internet available.

**Legislative Committee** – Committee Chairman Roger Chiabai reported that the approval forms for the '91/93 Build IN funds just approved were filled out by staff and returned to the State Budget Agency.

Mr. Chiabai informed the Board members that if Congressman Visclosky wins the election again, he will be in a key position in Washington. He will be the Minority Chairman on Water Projects. This is a very noteworthy position and will be very beneficial to Indiana projects.

Mr. Chiabai inquired about a new development that is planning to locate in the area that we just build a new greenhouse at in Gary at M.C. Bennett Park. Mr. Gardner replied that he was indeed aware of the new development. The new greenhouse will be relocated to another area. This will be at no cost to us. It is unfortunate that this did not come about before the greenhouse was built but that is the selected site in which the new development wants to build.

**Marina Committee** – Committee Chairman Bill Tanke referred to the update status reports from Abonmarche that are contained in the agenda packet. We understand that the new slips are already filled and there is a waiting list for interested parties for future slips.

He informed the Board that the Mayor did receive the \$750,000 from the State Budget Agency. Mr. Tanke also reported that Rich Carlson from the COE office is scheduled to meet with the Marina Committee on May 20<sup>th</sup> to talk about the Commission's obligation to the public marina.

**Finance Committee** – Committee Chairman George Carlson referred to the revised financial status report and finance claims distributed to Board members. He made a motion to accept the financial report and approve claims; motion seconded by Roger Chiabai; motion passed unanimously. Mr. Carlson referred to the letter from the insurance company and renewed property liability insurance policy. Mr. Gardner added that staff will be updating the property

coverage area and give that information to the insurance company. We have acquired a lot of property since we were issued this policy so the coverage area really needs to be updated. Once we do that, the insurance rate we are paying will probably be higher since it will take in more property.

**Recreational Development Committee** – Committee Chairman Emerson Delaney encouraged fellow Commissioners to get out and see some of the recreation features going in at OxBow (Carlson Park), Gleason Park and Lake Etta. Recreational construction is winding down. There will be groundbreaking ceremonies scheduled once construction is complete. All will be invited. He stated that this is the first phase of recreational features.

Mr. Carlson stated that the service road by OxBow (Carlson Park) is hardly driveable. Mr. Pokrajac informed him it would be repaved by the city once all construction is complete.

**Minority Contracting Committee** – Mr. Gardner stated that he is continuing to work with the COE to insure everything is being done that can be done relative to minority participation in the contract letting.

**Other Business** – Mr. Gardner stated that we have received the unedited videos from Planet Blue Inc. (the video company that flew the river). Staff needs to edit and add dialogue.

Mr. Gardner added that the Development Commission has been dismissed from the Ogden Dunes lawsuit. Attorney Casale added that although that is good news, the bad news is that he hears they are going to appeal it.

**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 4, 1998.**

/sjm

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May 18, 1998

Honorable Cleo Wesson  
Councilman 5<sup>th</sup> district  
City of Gary  
2456 Maryland Street  
Gary, Indiana 46407

Dear Councilman Wesson:

I am in receipt of your correspondence regarding concerns for mosquito problem in areas of standing water in Gary. I wish to assure you that the Development Commission is equally concerned about the health and safety of residents along the river as it relates to the work the Federal flood control/recreation project is doing. We appreciate the situation that the river project construction is in heavily populated sections in the Grant/Broadway corridors within Gleason Park and the I.U. Northwest campus.

In response to your request, we have done several things and are continuing to pursue additional mosquito abatement measures. Upon receipt of your letter, we have caused the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and their contractor in the Harrison Street area to pump down with portable pumps any standing water that is being caused as the result of the ongoing levee construction in that area. This contractor, Webb Construction, has been noticed to continue this practice to eliminate all standing water to the maximum extent possible during construction.

Secondly, the Corps of Engineers' field inspectors have checked all culverts, flap gates and ditch structures to make sure they are functioning fully to provide positive drainage of the areas adjacent to the river. One area of concern is the sizeable drainage ditches along the north levees that are INDOT drainage ditches for interstate highway I80/94. We have communicated with INDOT to see if any additional drainage of these ditches can be accomplished. The flat character of the land in the area is the responsible cause for much of the standing water and that just deepening the drainage ditches will not necessarily drain the water. We will continue to communicate with INDOT and the city of Gary Engineer's Department to see if this can't be pursued further to yield additional physical improvements.

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Cleo Wesson  
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Finally, we are exploring with the State and Gary Health Departments spraying programs for mosquito control this summer. If feasible, the Commission will consider providing some funding to the Gary Health Department for spraying along the river related to our project in heavily populated areas. This issue is still being pursued as of this writing.

In conclusion, let me again reiterate our commitment in working with you and the other Gary officials to making the flood control/recreation project a positive improvement for the Gary area.

I will keep you informed once I have a definitive answer on the mosquito abatement spraying. Thank you for your interest in this problem and if you need any other information that I have not provided, please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,

  
Dan Gardner  
Executive Director

/sjm

cc: Honorable Scott King, Mayor of Gary  
Honorable Suzette Raggs, Deputy Mayor of Gary  
Arlene Colvin, CEO for city of Gary  
Roland Elvambuena, city of Gary Engineer  
Congressman Visclosky's Office  
Tim Sanders, office of Senators Lugar and Coats



June 4, 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. **Motion regarding Gary Park & Recreation Department's pumps.**
4. Any other motions?

#### **1. 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 meeting was held with Gary Parks & Rec on May 19<sup>th</sup> at Gleason Park to review their concerns for drainage at the golf course and they have requested we purchase and install 2 pumps for them in the amount of \$15,825.30.**

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.

- **The PAC letter was sent out by the Commission to Washington on May 11.**

#### **2. 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?

#### **3. 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. **As per a call with Imad Samara on May 21, he indicated we should receive a written response to our concerns of our March 5 memo by May 28<sup>th</sup>.**

4. 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 received from NIPSCO** to allow us to pump this area for one year.
  - B. A meeting was held with INDOT and the Federal Highway Dept. on April 15 to review our pump re-installation west of Grant Street.
    - Neither agency had a problem with our putting the pumps back in their same location as long as we agree to relocate the pumps in the event of a highway expansion.
5. **Refer to the "Results of the Real Estate Conference Call" for pertinent issues with the COE on May 20, 1998.**
6. **We received a letter from CBC Engineering (representing WLTH Radio) in Gary requesting \$40,000 in consideration to install a unipole installation on the tower and a dock to get access to the tower due to increased water problems.**

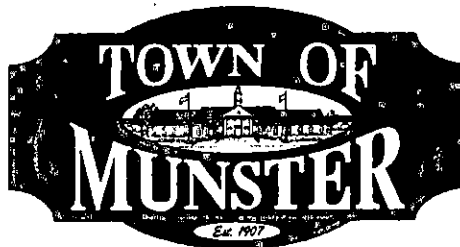
## **"ITEMS OF DISCUSSION" ENGINEERING**

### MOTIONS:

- **Motion to prepare an agreement with INDOT to allow us to re-install the 2 pumps west of Grant Street, and to assume responsibility to relocate these pumps at our expense in the event they need to construct in that area.**
1. 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.
      - **A letter was received from the town of Munster on May 8 regarding their request for new pumps rather than re-builds. They agreed that if the COE could transfer that equivalent amount to Munster that this could be applied to the cost of a new pump station.**
    - 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.
  2. 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)
    - A. As per a conference call with the COE on April 22, we set a deadline to remove the material for May 20. If too wet, it will be relocated at that time.
    - B. **A letter was written to the COE requesting that the access ramp be left in place "up and over" the levee to allow continued access for Gary to monitor the water in that area.**
  3. 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.

- **This work will be done on maintenance when it is dry enough to work in this area.**
    - B. Truchan has completed the design for a drainage system including ditch work, pumping, and additional drain tiles that will help groundwater level in that area. This is being reviewed by the LCRBDC and will be forwarded to the COE.
  4. 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 602.2 and the east levee crest set at 603.4. The west is design criteria set by the IDNR 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.
- We gave the COE a verbal approval to proceed with design on April 23. This design will have the same section as the 603.4 levee, but the height will be reduced leaving a wider levee crest at 602.2.
  - **We received a letter from Griffith on May 5 indicating that their Council approved the building of the unfinished levee portions at an elevation of 602.2.**
5. An Engineering Committee meeting was held on April 21 to review ongoing engineering/construction issues as well as procuring professional and construction services.
- A. A review of policy to contract out services will be presented to the Board at the **June 4** meeting as follows:
1. **For professional services**
  2. **For construction services**
  3. **For Land Acquisition (appraisal) services**



*At Your Service*

May 8, 1998

Roger A. Gerber, PE  
Lieutenant Colonel, U. S. Army  
District Engineer  
Chicago District  
111 N. Canal Street, Suite 600  
Chicago, IL 60606-7206

Re: Pump Station Rehabilitation - Phase 1

Dear Lieutenant Colonel Gerber,

I have read through your response to Congressman Visclosky's letter relative to the scope of work to be accomplished at the Baring Avenue Pump Station. Your approach to bid this work by receiving a price for both new and re-built pumps and motors, and then comparing the two, sounds plausible only if you receive a firm lump sum price for both. The practice of determining the extent of the work necessary, (and therefore the price), only after the pumps are dismantled, makes it impossible to compare these two bid prices, can be self-serving to the contractor, and could result in pump stations being down for long periods of time. Using an engineering estimate does not seem very precise, since it would probably understate the cost of rehabilitation. A likely scenario would be the acceptance of an understated rehabilitation bid, only to eventually pay more than the replacement bid.

I continue to be concerned about the ability to secure spare parts for re-built pumps, motors and controls. The reliability of these pump stations will only be improved marginally and temporarily. The Baring Avenue pump station, because of its age and lack of reliability, has been responsible for numerous basement sewer back-ups and street flooding. This pump station lacks sufficient wet well capacity, and therefore cannot be off-line for any length of time. Temporary pumping is expensive. The pump station downtime should be valued in the equation. The Town's experience has been that the re-manufacturing of pump and motor parts usually takes longer than was predicted before the work starts. For these reasons the Town would like to see the construction of a new pump station.

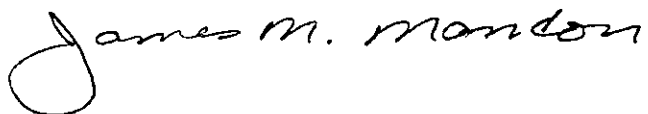
The Town is proposing once again that the Army Corps of Engineers determine the value of total replacement of pumps, motors, and electrical controls, in accordance with the Corps original guidance, and that the Corps transfer said funds contractually to the Town of Munster to be applied to the cost of a new pump station, within a time certain, and of a design approved by the Corps.



Roger A. Gerber, P.E.  
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This approach clearly maximizes the value of the Army Corps investment, and as a result should be pursued.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James M. Mandon". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

James M. Mandon, PE  
Town Engineer

cc: Honorable Peter J. Visclosky  
David Shafer, Munster Town Council  
Dan Gardner, Little Calumet River Basin Commission  
Thomas DeGiulio, Munster Town Manager





*At Your Service*

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May 21, 1998

The Honorable Peter J. Visclosky  
United States House of Representatives  
2464 Rayburn Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515-1401

Dear Representative Visclosky:

Thank you for becoming involved with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers regarding the project to renovate the Baring Avenue Pump Station in Munster.

Munster Town Engineer Jim Mandon sent you a copy of his May 8, 1998, letter to Lieut. Col. Roger Gerber in which he encouraged prompt agreement that new pumps, not rebuilt ones, are appropriate in this application. Mr. Mandon's arguments are plausible and persuasive. I am certain that a satisfactory resolution will be reached soon. Perhaps you will agree that now is the time to let the engineers hash this out.

As always, thank you for your continuing interest and involvement in matters of importance to the Town of Munster.

Very truly yours,

David F. Shafer, President  
Munster Town Council

cc: Mr. Thomas F. DeGiulio, Munster Town Manager  
Mr. Jim Mandon, Munster Town Engineer  
✓ Mr. Dan Gardner, Executive Director,  
Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission  
Mr. Russell A. Snyder, Commissioner, Hammond Sanitary District



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## MINUTES OF MEETING

**Project:** City of Portage, Portage Public Marina Project**Date:** May 7, 1998**By:** Jeff Bartoszek

The following items were discussed at the above referenced meeting:

Contract No. 1 - Edward A. Kirk Corporation

- Contract No. 1 completed.

Contract No. 2 - Circle "R" Electric

- Contract No. 2 completed.

Contract No. 3 - Brant Construction

- Brant anticipates completion of all gravel today in the peninsula parking and touching up the bathhouse parking lot.
- Brant anticipates that the upper parking lot will be worked on next week.
- Pete to get with Mike regarding creation of a flat spot for a shed near the upper parking lot.
- Dune grass has been started on the east side of the bathhouse parking. Brant anticipates completion of all dune grass by the end of next week.
- Handrail is completed except for a few sections.
- Divers are anticipated to return next week to place the joint sleeve on.
- Brant was instructed to proceed with the cover over the entrance tube for a cost of \$1,100.
- Brant was instructed to order the picnic tables and accessories and installation of the grills.
- Brant was instructed to proceed with ordering twenty (20) tree whips of oak and maple trees at \$17.50 each.
- Upon completion of the handrailing, touch-up painting will be accomplished.

Contract No. 4 - Brant Construction

- Wingwalls and retaining walls have been completed, except for placement of the caps.
- Brant is now able to complete the grading around the bathhouse and pouring the concrete sidewalk and steps.
- Remaining work in the bathhouse includes plumbing work, electrical work, etc.
- Showers are anticipated to be installed today.



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- Substantial completion of the bathhouse is anticipated on Monday, except completion of painting, grading and concrete sidewalk and steps.
- Upon completion of the masonry, cleaning and sealing of the outside of the building will be accomplished.

**Contract No. 5 - Hardman Construction**

- Hardman to replace lights which are burned out on the utility pedestals.
- ACI to contact Hardman regarding replacing 50 AMP plugs with 30 AMP plugs.

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

JAB/im



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### MINUTES OF MEETING

**Project:** City of Portage, Portage Public Marina Project  
**Date:** May 14, 1998  
**By:** Jeff Bartoszek

NOTE: NO MEETING  
THUR 5/21 - WILL  
SCHEDULE ONE FOR  
WEEK OF 5/26

The following items were discussed at the above referenced meeting:

#### Contract No. 1 - Edward A. Kirk Corporation

- Completed.

#### Contract No. 2 - Circle "R" Electric

- Completed except running feeder wires to the lift station.

#### Contract No. 3 - Brant Construction

- Dune grass is in process and will continue into next week.
- Handrails are being completely repainted.
- Installation of the guardrail is in process with the railings anticipated to be installed on Monday.
- Lift station is still scheduled for leaving the factory on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Grading of the upper parking lot is underway and should be completed today or tomorrow.
- Saplings are scheduled to be installed next week.
- Picnic tables and accessories are scheduled for delivery in mid to end of June. However, Brant should contact Valerie when they are ready to install the existing picnic tables, grills, etc., and those items can be released.
- Abonmarche to provide a sketch to Brant regarding installation of the retaining walls around the picnic pads.
- Brant was instructed to hand-grade the soil from the fishing pier to the north, as to not disturb any trees that are present at this time.
- Cover over the circulation tube is anticipated to be installed next week.
- Divers are scheduled to return on Monday to repair the circulation tube joint.
- Brant was directed to put a crown in the roadway at the entrance to the bath house parking lot.
- Brant was directed to place the rip-rap protection along the sidewalk, and Abonmarche will make a determination of what work is extra. In addition, Brant was instructed to install additional rock above the sidewalk as is the case in the Phase I sidewalk.
- Brant instructed the handrailing painters to paint the fire hydrants.
- Brant will replace the valve cover for the watermain in the bath house parking lot.

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Contract No. 4 - Brant Construction

- Brant anticipates that the concrete around the bath house will be poured today.
- Upon completion of the concrete work, the handrailings will be completed, and the mason will return to complete the brick wall around the drinking fountain.
- Upon completion of this concrete work, finish grading around the bath house will be completed.
- There was a question regarding the lock system on the bath house doors, and Mike stated that these for safety purposes should be mortise locks not dead bolts.
- All electrical work in the bath house is completed except placement of two of the 3' light fixtures.
- Mechanical work is completed.
- Ceiling tile work is completed.
- Plumbers will finish with their work next week.
- Cleaning and sealing the blocks will occur after the drinking fountain wall is completed.
- After the blocks are sealed, the painters will complete their last coat of paint and then install the gutters.

Contract No. 5 - Handman Construction

- Completed except replacing lights as necessary in the utility pedestals.

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

JAB/lm

# Bigger marina, but boaters want more

Portage finishing up second phase, but will continue to feed demand by adding slips.

BY RAE ANN ROCKHILL  
Times Staff Writer

PORTAGE — Although the weather hasn't been much for boating this week, the Portage Public Marina's second phase of boat slips has already filled up, and another 60 residents are clamoring for spots.

Harbor Master Mike Doyne said the 38 oversized slips are finished, and all that's left to complete the second phase of construction is some paving

work in the extra parking lots.

"Everything should be wrapped up by the end of May or the first week of June as far as the paving goes," he said.

The additional slips puts the marina total at 138 boat slips. The recently completed slips are oversized to accommodate larger boats and provide more space between the boats.

"There were some of the boats in the first phase where one boat was in two slips," Doyne said. "Now we can

accommodate them with larger slips, and that freed some of those slips in the first phase for smaller boats."

The Portage Public Marina is still 62 slips shy of the 205 slips promised to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, but high demand is likely to bring the additional docks soon.

City Engineer John Hannon said the infrastructure is in place for the final buildup. The parking lots, bath

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## Marina

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houses and utilities are all being installed with the second phase.

Hannon said all that remains is to purchase the slips and place them in the water. The floating docks are sold in sets that accommodate 20 to 30 boats. The city will use excess revenue generated by the marina to buy the docks.

Earlier this year Bill Tanke of the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission questioned the city's plans to add only a portion of the slips instead of finishing all 105 needed to honor the agreement with the Army Corps.

But Doyne said adding the slips in installments is allowing the marina to meet the demand without having empty slips and also allows for better planning.

"We've got a substantial waiting list right now," he said. "And it allows us to know what size slips we need to add instead of trying to predict what type of slips we'll need."

Other plans for the Portage marina and the surrounding district include possibly adding vending machines at the marina and developing the Midwest Steel Supervisors Club property into a yacht club, Doyne said.

Considering the marina just opened two years ago, development of the district appears to be moving along swimmingly despite some temporary funding glitches at the state level.

The State Budget Committee finally resolved the issue by having Portage send its bills for the project directly to the state instead of funneling them through the Lake Michigan Marina Development Commission.

The marina commission had been receiving state funds before bills were due and pocketing the interest. The state changed that procedure so now it, not the marina commission, pays bills as they come due.

The state most recently agreed to release the \$2 million needed to pay for the second phase of construction and the purchase of the Supervisors Club.

Now, Hannon said, the city is working on listing renovations that must be done to transform the property into a yacht club. It will then compile a budget for the project and look at funding.

Boaters will be able to cruise the waterway the short distance north to the club, but Hannon added that the city is also looking at using Old Crisman Road as a land route between the marina and club. That would include replacing the deck on the closed bridge.

Portage Times  
May 10, 1998



**LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**  
**JANUARY 1, 1998 - April 30, 1998**

**CASH POSITION - JANUARY 1, 1998**

<b>CHECKING ACCOUNT</b>		
<b>LAND ACQUISITION</b>	66,006.18	
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	138,520.97	
<b>TAX FUND</b>	0.00	
<b>INVESTMENTS</b>	1,016,000.00	
<b>ESCROW ACCOUNT INTEREST</b>	97,179.71	
		<b>1,947,498.94</b>

**RECEIPTS - JANUARY 1, 1997 - APRIL 30, 1998**

<b>LEASE RENTS</b>	21,119.25	
<b>INTEREST INCOME</b>	2,395.39	
<b>LAND ACQUISITION</b>	700,918.24	
<b>ESCROW ACCOUNT INTEREST</b>	1,668.57	
<b>NAFSA CONVENTION REGISTRATION REFUND</b>	698.00	
<b>REIMBURSEMENT FOR TAXES</b>	0.00	
<b>KRBC REIMBURSEMENT RE: TELEPHONE CHARGE</b>	695.61	
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>727,495.06</b>

**DISBURSEMENTS - JANUARY 1, 1998 - APRIL 30, 1998**

<b>ADMINISTRATIVE</b>		
1997 EXPENSES PAID IN 1998	244,577.93	
<b>PER DIEM</b>	3,600.00	
<b>LEGAL SERVICES</b>	4,511.42	
<b>NIRPC</b>	51,183.35	
<b>TRAVEL &amp; MILEAGE</b>	472.26	
<b>PRINTING &amp; ADVERTISING</b>	491.53	
<b>BONDS &amp; INSURANCE</b>	756.00	
<b>TELEPHONE EXPENSE</b>	2,663.22	
<b>MEETING EXPENSE</b>	1,438.26	
<b>LAND ACQUISITION</b>		
<b>LEGAL SERVICES</b>	27,255.95	
<b>APPRAISAL SERVICES</b>	12,900.00	
<b>ENGINEERING SERVICES</b>	9,206.89	
<b>LAND PURCHASE CONTRACTUAL</b>	23,252.00	
<b>FACILITIES/PROJECT MAINTENANCE SERVICES</b>	4,205.00	
<b>OPERATIONS SERVICES</b>		
<b>LAND MANAGEMENT SERVICES</b>	35,665.88	
<b>SURVEYING SERVICES</b>	12,655.00	
<b>ECONOMIC/MARKETING SOURCES</b>	1,950.00	
<b>PROPERTY &amp; STRUCTURE COSTS</b>	19,971.26	
<b>TAXES</b>	0.00	
<b>PROPERTY &amp; STRUCTURES INSURANCE</b>	0.00	
<b>UTILITY RELOCATION SERVICES</b>	5,387.99	
<b>LAND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT</b>	106,258.07	
<b>STRUCTURAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS</b>	0.00	
<b>ESCROW ACCOUNT NBD BANK</b>	39,600.00	
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:</b>		<b>363,424.08</b>

**CASH POSITION - APRIL 30, 1998**

<b>CHECKING ACCOUNT</b>		
<b>LAND ACQUISITION</b>	233,283.01	
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	115,156.50	
<b>TAX FUND</b>	0.00	
<b>INVESTMENTS</b>	1,016,000.00	
<b>ESCROW ACCOUNT INTEREST</b>	99,344.45	
		<b>1,463,783.96</b>

**LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**  
**MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT, APRIL 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	283.33	458.33	0.00	4,136.65 3,363.35
5812	NIRPC SERVICES	125,000.00	16,718.21	8,806.34	8,417.86	0.00	17,128.39	0.00	51,070.80 73,929.20
5821	TRAVEL/MILEAGE	15,000.00	0.00	12.88	12.32	54.32	182.28	0.00	261.80 14,738.20
5822	PRINTING/ADVERTISING	3,000.00	0.00	286.50	0.00	162.75	0.00	0.00	449.25 2,550.75
5823	BONDS/INSURANCE	7,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	276.00	5,565.63	0.00	5,841.63 1,658.37
5824	TELEPHONE EXPENSES	7,000.00	590.34	57.65	493.70	646.08	400.41	0.00	2,188.18 4,811.82
5825	MEETING EXPENSES	10,000.00	245.15	871.32	241.05	139.37	221.17	0.00	1,718.06 8,281.94
5838	LEGAL SERVICES	125,000.00	6,097.82	5,440.00	6,632.40	8,357.37	5,384.69	0.00	31,912.28 93,087.72
5840	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	500,000.00	15,027.10	14,033.91	25,843.52	16,203.29	23,630.86	0.00	94,738.68 405,261.32
5860	PROJECT LAND PURCHASE EXP.	3,178,633.00	9,747.02	0.00	2,225.00	7,551.00	1,481.97	0.00	21,004.99 3,157,628.01
5881	PROPERTY/STRUCTURE INS.	25,000.00	480.00	0.00	0.00	17,574.00	0.00	0.00	18,054.00 6,946.00
5882	UTILITY RELOCATION EXP.	750,000.00	157.50	2,423.99	0.00	105.00	577.50	0.00	3,263.99 746,736.01
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	1,938.90	0.00	1,938.90 38,061.10
		5,109,633.00	50,800.47	53,347.87	46,589.18	51,352.51	56,970.13	0.00	\$259,060.16 \$4,850,572.84

		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	4,136.65 3,363.35
5812	NIRPC SERVICES	125,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	51,070.80 73,929.20
5821	TRAVEL/MILEAGE	15,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	261.80 14,738.20
5822	PRINTING/ADVERTISING	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	449.25 2,550.75
5823	BONDS/INSURANCE	7,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,841.63 1,658.37
5824	TELEPHONE EXPENSES	7,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,188.18 4,811.82
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5860	PROJECT LAND PURCHASE EXP.	3,178,633.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	21,004.99 3,157,628.01
5881	PROPERTY/STRUCTURE INS.	25,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	18,054.00 6,946.00
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5884	STRUCTURES CAP. IMPROV.	40,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,938.90 38,061.10
		5,109,633.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$259,060.16 \$4,850,572.84

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# CLAIMS PAYABLE FOR MAY, 1998

ACCT	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	EXPLANATION OF CLAIM
5811	LOUIS CASALE	283.33	RETAINER FEE FOR MONTH OF MAY 1998
5811	LOUIS CASALE	175.00	ADDITIONAL LEGAL FEES FOR MONTH OF MAY 1998
5812	NIRPC	8,204.67	SERVICES PERFORMED MARCH 1998
5812	NIRPC	8,899.72	SERVICES PERFORMED APRIL 1998
5812	UNITED PARCEL SERVICE	12.00	OVERNIGHT MAIL SERVICE
5812	UNITED PARCEL SERVICE	12.00	OVERNIGHT MAIL SERVICE
5821	SANDY MORDUS	41.44	MAY MILEAGE
5821	DAN GARDNER	140.84	MILEAGE 1/8/98-5/19/98
5823	DON POWERS AGENCY INC	5,565.63	RENEWAL POLICY FOR DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS
5824	GTE NORTH	66.78	MODEM TELEPHONE SERVICE 4-28-98 TO 5-28-98
5824	MCI	333.63	BILLING PERIOD 3/15/98-4/14/98(TOTAL BILL 355.13,KRBC PORTION 21.50)
5825	SAND RIDGE BANK	119.50	OFFICERS MEETING 5/18/98 FOR DISCUSSION OF PERSONNEL ISSUES
5825	SAND RIDGE BANK	101.67	LAND ACQUISITION COMMITTEE MEETING 5/20/98
5838	LOUIS CASALE	5,034.69	LAND ACQUISITION LEGAL SERVICES 4/29/98-5/28/98
5839	JAMES M. SPIVAK	350.00	LAND ACQUISITION LEGAL SERVICES 4/29/98-5/26/98
5841	JANET O'TOOLE & ASSOCIATES	4,250.00	APPRAISAL SERVICES FOR DC-707
5841	JANET O'TOOLE & ASSOCIATES	2,400.00	APPRAISAL SERVICES PROJECT DATA BOOK ON 38 PARCELS
5841	HAROLD L. WHEELER	200.00	FEE FOR COURT ORDERED APPRAISAL DC-543
5841	ROBERT W. METZ	200.00	FEE FOR COURT ORDERED APPRAISAL DC-543
5841	TONY ZALESKI	200.00	FEE FOR COURT ORDERED APPRAISAL DC-543
5842	R. W. ARMSTRONG	2,141.70	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR PERIOD ENDING 5/15/98
5843	MAXI MILIAN TITLE CORPORATION	285.00	TITLE WORK PERFORMED ON DC-139
5843	LAKE COUNTY RECORDER	28.00	RECORD DEED FOR DC-439
5844	JUDITH VAMOS	1,890.00	LAND ACQUISITION/IMANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR 4/18/98-4/30/98
5844	JUDITH VAMOS	19.60	APRIL MILEAGE
5844	JUDITH VAMOS	1,806.00	LAND ACQUISITION/IMANAGEMENT SERVICES 5/1/98-5/15/98
5844	JAMES E. POKRAJAC	3,174.00	LAND ACQUISITION/IMANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR 4/18/98-4/30/98
5844	JAMES E. POKRAJAC	147.56	APRIL MILEAGE
5844	JAMES E. POKRAJAC	3,174.00	LAND ACQUISITION/IMANAGEMENT SERVICES 5/1/98-5/15/98
5845	SOUTH SHORE MARINA	850.00	INSTALL HANDRAILS ON BURNS WATERWAY BREAKWALL
5847	COLE ASSOCIATES INC	2,865.00	SURVEY WORK PERFORMED ON EAST REACH REMEDIATION AREA
5861	STAR REGISTER PUBLICATIONS	40.12	LEGAL PUBLICATION RE: DC 512 & DC-107
5861	STAR REGISTER PUBLICATIONS	95.85	LEGAL PUBLICATION RE: DC-495 & DC-542
5861	LAKE COUNTY CLERK	722.00	PURCHASE PRICE OF DC-518
5861	LAKE COUNTY CLERK	329.00	PURCHASE PRICE OF DC-484
5861	LAKE COUNTY CLERK	295.00	PURCHASE PRICE OF DC-543
5882	R. W. ARMSTRONG	577.50	UTILITY RELOCATION SERVICES FOR PERIOD ENDING 5/15/98
5884	NICHOLS MFG CO INC	1,938.90	REPAIR WORK & LABOR PERFORMED ON PUMP FOR COMMISSION OWNED PROPERTY

\$56,970.13

**NORTHWESTERN INDIANA  
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

6100 Southport Road  
Portage IN 46368  
219 763 6060 Fax 219 762 1653

**INVOICE**

**INVOICE NO: 3/3**

**DATE: May 19, 1998**

**TO: LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN  
DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**  
**For: SERVICES PERFORMED MARCH 1998**

**Contract Code P-LCRBDC**  
**Internal Code: P218**

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Salaries and Fringe Benefits: Dan Gardner and Sandy Mordus	6,600.00
Room Rental for Additional LCRBDC Staff	560.00
Accounting Services	480.00
Facsimile Machine @ \$5.00/month plus attachments (\$14.39)	19.39
Postage: MARCH, 1998	83.97
Copying Charges @ \$5.00/month plus \$0.06 per copy ( 2,731 copies)	168.86
Graphics/Printing & Clerical Time @ \$20/Hr (Attachments) ( 12.75 hours)	255.00
Other Charges (Attachments) Long Distance (\$4.34)	4.34
Other Charges (Attachments) Petty Cash (\$33.11)	33.11
<b>TOTAL FOR MARCH 1998:</b>	<b>\$8,204.67</b>

**NORTHWESTERN INDIANA  
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

6100 Southport Road  
Portage IN 46368  
219 763 6060 Fax 219 762 1653

**INVOICE**

**INVOICE NO: 4/4**

**DATE: May 19, 1998**

**TO: LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN  
DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**  
**For: SERVICES PERFORMED APRIL 1998**

**Contract Code P-LCRBDC**

**Internal Code: P218**

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Salaries and Fringe Benefits: Dan Gardner and Sandy Mordus	6,600.00
Room Rental for Additional LCRBDC Staff	560.00
Accounting Services	480.00
Facsimile Machine @ \$5.00/month plus attachments	13.99
Postage: April, 1998	180.85
Copying Charges @ \$5.00/month plus \$0.06 per copy ( 3,288 copies)	202.28
Graphics/Printing & Clerical Time @ \$20/Hr (Attachments) ( 40.5 hours)	810.00
Other Charges (Attachments) Long Distance (\$5.02)	5.02
Other Charges (Attachments) Petty Cash (\$47.58)	47.58
<b>TOTAL FOR APRIL 1998:</b>	<b>\$8,899.72</b>

**PUBLIC OFFICIALS LIABILITY POLICY**

**THIS IS A CLAIMS MADE POLICY**

STOCK COMPANY

**POL0062519**

**DECLARATIONS**

**POL0062182**

RENEWAL OF NUMBER



**TUDOR  
INSURANCE COMPANY**

KEENE, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03431

**ITEM 1. INSURED AND ADDRESS**

LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN  
DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
6100 SOUTHPORT ROAD  
PORTAGE, IN 46368

**ITEM 2. POLICY PERIOD**

12:01 A.M., Standard Time at the address  
of the insured as stated herein.

FROM: 3/31/98

TO: 3/31/99

**ITEM 3. LIMIT OF LIABILITY (Inclusive of Defense Costs)**

\$ 1,000,000

**ITEM 4. RETENTION (Applicable to Each Loss)**

\$ 5,000

**ITEM 5. PREMIUM**

\$ 5,225.00 + \$210 SERVICE FEE + \$130.63 TAX = \$5565.63

**ITEM 6. RETROACTIVE DATE**

NOT APPLICABLE

**ITEM 7. DESIGNEE OF PUBLIC ENTITY TO RECEIVE NOTICES FROM INSURER**

DAN GARDNER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**ITEM 8. POLICY FORM AND ENDORSEMENTS ATTACHED AT INCEPTION**

POL Ed.(12/94), TU 3, 22A, TU POL 618, 621, 658, 673

The declaration page and endorsements and/or forms listed above and attached hereto together with the completed and signed application shall constitute the contract between the Insured and the Company.

Countersigned:  
00096 - CREATIVE UNDERWRITERS CORP  
FRANKLIN LAKES, NJ 4/10/98

By

*Stephen Gerstman*  
(Authorized Representative)

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1. The first part of the report is a summary of the work done during the year.

# **STATUS OF RECREATION – PHASE 1**

## **MOTIONS:**

- Decision needed on letter request from Hammond Park Dept. (Curt Vosti) for \$105,000 for OxBow Park facilities due to city shortfall of funds

## **•RECREATION - PHASE 1. (This contract includes recreational facilities for Lake Etta, Gleason Park, Stage III (trails), and the OxBow area in Hammond.**

- Contract was awarded on 4/28/97; notice to proceed was issued on June 11; and construction started on August 12. Contractor has 365 days from notice to proceed to complete project.
- **All blacktop paving has been completed for all four (4) segments**
- **Photos were taken on May 29 for all 4 segments of the Recreation project and are available at the Board meeting on June 4.**

## **OX-BOW (Hammond)**

- Construction at the Oxbow started on 8/12/97.
- A. The parking lot and trail are currently stoned, graded, and compacted, **the primer coat is applied and the paving will be completed by May 29. The striping and bumpers would be installed by the end of June.**
- B. South trail area (existing levee to where the boardwalk starts).
  - Stoning of the south, at-grade trail has been completed, the bridge and ramp are installed, and the contractor has **completed the boardwalk as of May 19<sup>th</sup>.**
- C. Groundbreaking scheduled to be done **approx. in mid-August.**
- D. **Currently, the COE is investigating any complications environmentally with applying weatherproofing to the boardwalk.**
- E. **We received a letter from the Hammond Parks & Rec Dept. on May 8 asking for our consideration to fund \$105,000 toward their portion of the OxBow Park for an overlook and fishing pier.**

## **Gleason Park (Gary Parks & Recreation)**

- Parking lot area is graded, stoned and compacted. The parking lot and trails are now paved, and the striping and bumpers should be done **by the end of May.**
- Picnic shelter, bike racks, and miscellaneous **are scheduled to start on May 26.**
- The observation deck and the fishing pier are completed.
- The culverts for drainage are installed under 30th Ave. and the drainage ditch along the north side is done.
- **The paving of 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue is scheduled to begin after ongoing negotiations between the COE and the paving contractor regarding quantities of asphalt have been completed. This will always be kept open as per request from city of Gary.**

Lake Etta (Lake County Parks)

- The contractor has completed the parking lot, paving and access ramp over the levee, including geotextile and stone.
- The canoe launch and the fishing pier are now both completed as of February 2, 1998.
- **All striping, bumpers, and modifications to the layout to accommodate handicapped have been completed as of May 22.**
- **The only portion remaining to be completed is the paving for the ramp up and over the levee, which is being reviewed for design stability by the COE. (Clay needs to dry before pavement application).**

Chase Street Trail (City of Gary)

- A. Trail along the east side of Chase St. and the parking lot are currently stoned and paved. Striping and bumpers are scheduled for **late May in the parking lot.**
- **We received 4 quotes for installing 2,400 feet of guardrail between Creet and the trail.**
  - **Apparent low bidder is Triad Construction in the amount of \$27,600.**
  - **A letter was written to Roland Elvambuena (Gary City Engineer) to confirm that this meets their request for pedestrian safety.**
  - **A letter was written to the COE requesting a method on how to proceed with this installation.**

# Hammond

## Parks and Recreation

5825 Suhl Avenue  
Hammond, Indiana 46320  
219-853-6378

Fax: 219-853-6504

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

Dear Sir:

As we have discussed, the Hammond Parks Board of Commissioners has let a \$296,000 contract to compliment the activity you are sponsoring at the area known as the Hammond Oxbow. This will fence in the park to discourage dumping and add to the trail system in this low-impact park.

Unfortunately, budgetary constraints prevented the Board from approving four alternates to the project that really would be sparkling additions to this wonderful nature park, alternatives which would add distinguished finishing touches.

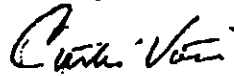
Two of the alternatives are really key to the project - 200 feet of Boardwalk and an overlook over the old river, and an extended handicapped accessible fishing pier over the so-called "Oxbow Lake".

I am writing to ask that your Commission consider funding these two alternatives - which were bid at \$65,000 and \$40,000 respectively, for a total of \$105,000.

I will be meeting with our contractors next week to schedule our portion of the project - through our previous discussion, it seems reasonable to expect that the construction will begin as soon as possible and take about 8 - 10 weeks.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,



Curtis Vosti  
Administrator

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

**NAME OF MEETING:** LCRBDC **DATE:** June 4, 1998

**LOCATION:** 6100 Southport Rd, Portage **CHAIRMAN:** Bob Trelo

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