MEETING NOTICE

THERE WILL BE A MEETING OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
AT 6:00 P.M. THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 1998
AT THE COMMISSION OFFICE
6100 SOUTHPORT ROAD
PORTAGE, IN

WORK STUDY SESSION - 5:00 P.M.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order by Chairman Robert F. Trelo
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Recognition of Visitors and Guests
4. Approval of Minutes of July 2, 1998
5. Chairman's Report
   - Election of Commission Secretary to fill vacancy
6. Executive Director's Report
   - PAC status
   - Mitigation Plan status
   - Meeting with Col. Rowan and COE staff
   - Report for exclusion of Wicker Park Manor from floodplain designation
7. Standing Committees
   A. Land Acquisition/Management Committee – Chuck Agnew, Chairman
      • Appraisals, offers, acquisitions, recommended actions
      • Report of Land Acquisition Committee meeting held 7/21/98
      • COE Real Estate meeting held on 7/23/98
      • Other issues
   B. Project Engineering Committee – Bob Huffman, Chairman
      • Recommended actions
      • Other issues
   C. Legislative Committee –
      • Federal Appropriations – House approval of $7.95 million
      • 1999/2000 State Budget Request
      • Other issues
   D. Marina Development Committee – Bill Tanke, Chairman
      • Status report of marina construction
      • Report on Marina Committee meeting held 7/29/98
        - Estimate of Marina build-out
      • Other issues
   E. Finance/Policy Committee – George Carlson, Chairman
      • Financial status report
      • Approval of claims for July 1998
      • COE withdrawal from escrow accounts
      • Other issues
   F. Recreational Development Committee – Emerson Delaney, Chairman
      • Update on recreational features at Carlson Park (OxBow), Gleason Park, Lake Etta, and Chase Street trail
      • Other issues
   G. Minority Contracting Committee – Marion Williams, Chairman
      • Report on current construction contractors performance
      • Other issues

8. Other Business

9. Statements to the Board from the Floor

10. Set date for next meeting, adjournment
MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT
COMMISSION
HELD AT 6:00 P.M. THURSDAY, JULY 2, 1998
AT THE COMMISSION OFFICE
6100 SOUTHPORT ROAD
HIGHLAND, INDIANA

Vice Chairman Emerson Delaney 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. (Chairman Bob Trelo came in late due to traffic congestion)

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

Visitors:  
Pete Zak – South Shore Marina

Staff:  
Dan Gardner  
Sandy Mordus  
Jim Pokrajac  
Judy Vamos  
Lou Casale

The minutes of the June 4, 1998 meeting were approved by a motion from Bob Huffman; motion seconded by John DeMeo; motion passed unanimously.

Chairman’s Report – Executive Director Dan Gardner reported on the Commission retreat that was held on June 6th. Many topics were discussed and it gave a chance to discuss issues without a time constraint. A tour of the project area will be scheduled soon.

Mr. Gardner also referred to the resignation letter of Roger Chiabai (contained in packet). A letter will be sent to Roger thanking him for his service. Since Mr. Chiabai was the Commission’s Secretary, staff indicated they would send something out to members to see who would like to fill that position.

Executive Director’s Report – Executive Director Dan Gardner referred to the mitigation plan that has been sent to all Commissioners. He has talked to Col. Gerber about scheduling a meeting while he is still in office to discuss this issue. They will set a date and Board members will be notified. The plan calls for Hobart Marsh area to be used for mitigation; the Commission does not necessarily agree with that area.

The incoming Col. Rowan (and Col. Gerber) will be here on July 21st. All are invited.
Mr. Gardner reiterated that the PAC (post authorization change) letter from the Commission has been sent to the COE in Washington. Imad has indicated to us that it was received in Washington and an initial phone call has taken place between the Chicago COE and Washington COE offices. A conference call will be scheduled soon with the Washington COE. Mr. Gardner stated that he has told Imad that we reserve the right to go to Washington and present our case in person, if necessary. A written response is ultimately expected from them.

Mr. Gardner stated that a pumping operation took place on June 6 at the Hartsdale Pond in Schererville. About 50 million gallons were pumped out of the pond to allow for potential storage of stormwater. Mr. Gardner and Mr. Trelo were invited and would have liked to attend but the retreat date was already scheduled. He applauded the Surveyor’s Office for their initiative in undertaking this project.

**Land Acquisition Committee** – Since Committee Chairman Chuck Agnew came in late due to traffic congestion, Mr. Huffman gave report and made a motion for staff to file condemnation proceedings on DC107, DC487, DC512 and DC526; motion seconded by John DeMeo; motion passed unanimously.

He further stated that the Land Acquisition committee met on June 29th. Discussion ensued on attorney Casale and Dan Gardner attending the Gary Park Board meeting tonight at 4:00 in order to obtain signatures on easements needed. There was a discrepancy in a legal description so staff will pursue a correction to that easement, if needed and get back with Gary Park Board.

Mr. Huffman referred to a letter received from IUN regarding the area between Broadway and Harrison on the south side of the levee they propose to develop as a prairie site, which will provide educational, ecological and visual reasons to pursue this plan. No action is needed at this time. IUN will be submitting a grant proposal for this development the end of June.

Discussion ensued on whether it would be wise for the Commission to accept operation and maintenance on two levee segments that are completely done and relatively simple areas for maintenance.

**Project Engineering Committee** – Engineering committee meeting was held on June 23rd. Committee Chairman Bob Huffman referred to the memorandum regarding professional services and public works projects developed as a guideline to follow in securing services. Staff is pursuing a list of qualified surveyors and engineers from which to contract professional services with based on a submittal from them. On jobs less than $5,000, the staff
can select from this group on an as-needed basis and on jobs over $5,000, staff will request proposals and award the job upon approval of Board. On public works projects under $25,000, staff will solicit quotes from at least 3 firms, as per Statute. On projects over $25,000, staff will bid out as per statute. On maintenance projects, staff will again develop a list of preferred maintenance work providers and staff will be allowed to procure services for maintenance from that list on all jobs $3,500 and under. For maintenance jobs over $3,500 staff will request proposals for the job and contract will be awarded at a Board meeting. Bob Huffman made a motion to accept the memo as stated; motion was seconded by Emerson Delaney; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Huffman referred to a letter from the town of Griffith requesting assistance to fund the cost of soil borings along the east levee from Cline Ave. to the EJ&E RR to determine the soil conditions at an estimated cost of $2500. Mr. Huffman made a motion to approve this funding (if borings are necessary); seconded by Emerson Delaney; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Huffman then made a motion authorizing Nimetz Trucking to grade and add slag to the parking lot at Chase Street Farm Stand (Commission-owned property) at a cost of $1,625; motion seconded by George Carlson; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Huffman then made a motion to ratify the work already performed by Dyer Construction in adding slag on the rutted roadway at the Ox-Bow/Carlson Park for a cost of $500; motion seconded by George Carlson; motion passed unanimously.

Legislative Committee – Mr. Gardner informed the Board members that the House Appropriations Committee has approved the full $7.9 million for the COE for upcoming construction of the Little Calumet River flood control/recreation project. The COE was anxious because in the past they have not spent up to their capability; they are very happy they have received the full amount. Staff will write a letter to Congressman Visclosky thanking him for his support of the project. With the federal government receiving this much money, it puts the pressure on our Commission to be able to meet their schedule with our state funding. We should be receiving budget forms shortly and submitting our next biennial budget request. We anticipate needing between $4-$6 million to keep construction on schedule.

Considering that Mr. Chiabai was the Legislative Committee chairman, his resignation has left this chairmanship open. Mr. Tanke made a motion to authorize Arlene Colvin as legislative chairman; seconded by John DeMeo; motion passed unanimously.

Marina Committee – Committee Chairman Bill Tanke referred to the update status report from Abonmarche that are contained in the agenda packet. He stated that the Marina
Committee had met on June 18th. He stated that the committee went and saw the new construction at the marina after the meeting. He wants a joint meeting with committee and the city; staff will schedule before the next Board meeting.

**Finance Committee** – Committee Chairman George Carlson referred to the financial status report and claim approval list. He made a motion to accept the financial report and approve claims totaling $75,757.32 and approved the additional per diem and mileage claims as distributed; motion seconded by Chuck Agnew, motion passed unanimously.

**Recreational Development Committee** – Committee Chairman Emerson Delaney encouraged all Board members to go out and see some of the recreational features being built. He reported that at the OxBow/Carlson Park, paving is done beyond the boardwalk and parking lot is paved; striping will be done on lot very soon. Frontage road is now paved. Mr. Carlson stated that the tentative date for OxBow dedication is Sept. 18th. At Gleason Park, the striping is done, parking lot is done, and picnic shelter is done. Only 30th Avenue needs paving yet. At Lake Etta, up and over paving on trail to get to canoe launch is done. Regarding Chase St. trail, we are awaiting the signed agreement from the city of Gary to add the guardrails and maintenance onto the existing agreement as an addendum. Mr. Gardner added that the COE is now considering a bikeway underpass at Grant St. and are talking to INDOT about it. Mr. Huffman talked about his biking experience on the levee trail starting at Martin Luther King Drive in Gary and biking westward through Hammond.

Mr. Carlson wanted to go on record thanking his fellow Board members for their authorizing the development at OxBow earlier than we normally would have done. He thanked Mr. Agnew for making that original motion to get us going and thanked Executive Director Dan Gardner for all his hard work and dedication throughout this whole project.

**Minority Contracting Committee** – In Committee Chairman Marion Williams’ absence, Steve Davis stated that the committee met on June 25th. They discussed that they did not feel the COE was monitoring the project to a 40% minority participation goal and discussed ways of trying to monitor and better encourage/enforce effort. They would like to schedule a meeting with the COE to talk about this issue. It was agreed that a better effort needs to be made.

**Other Business** – Mr. Trelo stated the NAFSMA conference will be held Sept. 22-26, 1998 in Denver, Colorado this year.

**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, August 6, 1998.
July 17, 1998

Mr. Jeff Sparrow  
Dewberry and Davis  
8401 Arlington Blvd.  
Fairfax, VA 22031

Dear Mr. Sparrow:

This package is a revision of a previously submitted application for a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) for the construction of a portion of the Little Calumet River flood control project in Highland, Indiana. The entire Little Calumet River flood control project, now being constructed by the Chicago District of the Corps of Engineers, will be submitted for a LOMR at a later date. The purpose of submitting this portion of the project for a LOMR is to remove the Wicker Park Manor subdivision from the regulatory floodplain based on the construction of:

- the Corps' levee along the north edge of the subdivision
- a temporary tie-back levee constructed west of the subdivision (once the Corps project is complete, however, this levee will not be necessary)
- the Indianapolis Boulevard bridge northwest of the subdivision.

Enclosed with this letter are a number of supporting documents including the MT-2 forms, existing and revised HEC-2 models, copies of previous correspondence, plans for the tie-back levee and Indianapolis Boulevard, a copy of the operation and maintenance plan, and a report by the Corps regarding their levee.

The Town of Highland and the residents of Wicker Park Manor are very anxious to have this matter resolved. Therefore, if you have any questions, or need any other information or clarification, please call me at (317) 232 - 4164.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

David B. Knipe, P. E.  
Head, Hydrology and Hydraulics Section  
Division of Water

Enclosures: as noted

cc: Ken Hinterlong, FEMA Region V  
Dan Garner, Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission  
Ken Mika, Town of Highland
Wicker Park Manor finally dried out

After eight years of being flood victims, residents are ready to be an old neighborhood.

BY KYLE PETERSON
Times Staff Writer

HIGHLAND - In a way, the flood of 1990 is the best thing that could have happened to the Wicker Park Manor subdivision, resident Larry Michalec said.

When he moved in 10 years ago, the neighborhood had been neglected and glum. Now every house is cleaned up and looking proud, he said.

"Believe it or not, it's probably increased property values," Michalec said. "The entire neighborhood had to have their houses rehabbed. A lot of money had to be put back into it."

But it was a painful ordeal for Wicker Park residents. And it has taken every bit of eight years to get things back to normal.

Now Highland is within a few weeks of putting the finishing touches on the last effort to help the neighborhood recover from the flood of 1990.

Town Project Manager John Bach said all that's left is to paint the streets.

Larry Michalec says his Wicker Park Manor subdivision has rebounded since the Little Calumet River flooded in November 1990. Highland is completing a project of rebuilding the streets in the neighborhood.

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Bach said the work would not have been done nearly so quickly if it hadn't been for a $400,000 Build Indiana Grant the town won in 1996.

That money, combined with about $200,000 in town funds, allowed Highland to rebuild the streets at one time rather than waiting for town money to become available.

Bach said streets, gutters and curbs had been damaged by the water. That probably was the least of the damage to the neighborhood, where many houses were ruined by standing water.

"In some cases, there were four or five feet of water on those roads," Bach said. "All those people suffered quite a bit as a result of that."

About 270 homes were left soggy because Tri-State Coach Lines lowered the elevation of the land adjacent to the river to expand a parking lot. Altering the landscape created a condition prone to flooding.

Residents were able to rebuild with $7.1 million in settlements from Tri-State and other parties connected with the Tri-State project.

The Army Corps of Engineers has prevented future floods by reinforcing the levee and building a pump station in the Little Calumet River.

Residents of the subdivision are ready to put the flood behind them.

"We're just waiting for the work to be finished," said Tina Sills of Sycamore Avenue.

She said she'll be happy when the town brings the street level up to the manhole covers on her street. Once that's done, everything will be fine, she said.

David Pizer, who also lives on Sycamore, said the most recent phase of work was a little inconvenient, but he's glad the roads are finally repaired.

"I'm pretty satisfied."
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
June 23, 1998

VICESCOLOY'S FUNDING REQUESTS FOR WATER PROJECTS APPROVED BY HOUSE

WASHINGTON, D.C. — June 23, 1998 — Last evening, the U.S. House of Representatives approved Pete Visclosky's (D-Ind.) request for $10.74 million in funding for water projects in Northwest Indiana as part of the Fiscal Year 1999 Energy and Water Development Appropriations bill.

"In an era of budget tightening, I am pleased the House of Representatives saw fit to approve these vital projects," said Visclosky. "In making my requests, I emphasized the importance of these initiatives to our economic infrastructure."

The House approved Visclosky's funding requests for the following projects:

$100,000 to complete final engineering and design work on the Lake George Fish and Wildlife Restoration project. The purpose of this project is to revitalize Lake George by removing an unquantified amount of silt, aquatic growth and other materials that have accumulated in the lake. The project includes flood control, environmental enhancement, and recreation for an area that comprises the 282-acre Lake George, Turkey Creek and Deep River in the vicinity of Hobart and upstream to Lake Station, Indiana.

$925,000 to fund regular operations at the Burns Waterway Harbor. The construction portion of the project was completed with the $4.4 million Visclosky secured last year.

$700,000 in construction funds for the Indiana Shoreline Erosion project, which would complete the initial nourishment phase of the project. This funding will prevent the permanent loss of the far-

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eastern dunes at the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore. The Army Corps of Engineers caused the erosion problem at the Indiana Dunes, so the Army Corps has a responsibility to fix the problem. The Corps' structures at the Michigan City Harbor intercept material in Lake Michigan waters that would otherwise replenish the Indiana Dunes' shoreline. As a result, the dune bluff, especially at Mt. Baldy, has suffered severe erosion. It is imperative that the Corps continue construction of the Shoreline Erosion Project, or this spectacular natural resource will be lost.

$7.95 million for the Little Calumet River flood control project. This project is the major flood control project in Northwest Indiana. With 22 miles of levee and flood wall construction, 13 pumping plants, channel and bridge modifications, and a flood warning system, this project will prevent $15.5 million in average annual flood damage. With this funding, Visclosky has now secured over $60 million in funds for this project.

$564,000 for dredging studies and confined disposal facility design and engineering at the Indiana Harbor and Ship Canal. This long-term project will facilitate the dredging of the entire federal navigation channel to authorized depths ranging from 22 to 29 feet. The harbor has not been dredged since 1972, because the sediments are contaminated to the point where they require a containment facility.

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

$100,000 to conduct a study to establish a methodology and schedule to restore the wetlands at Wolf Lake and George Lake in Hammond, Indiana.

$100,000 to create a watershed management plan for Indiana's Deep River Basin.

$200,000 to complete all engineering and design of the work at Cady Marsh Ditch. The completion of this phase will allow construction to begin on this project next year.

The Senate passed its version of the Energy and Water Appropriations bill on June 18th. The House and Senate versions will now go to conference. The resulting bill will then go to the president for his signature.

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DATE: July 2, 1998

TO: Agency Heads

FROM: Peggy Boehm, Director

SUBJECT: Operating and Capital Budget Instructions

Governor Frank O'Bannon has pledged to make Indiana Government "Smaller and Smarter." By developing and implementing performance plans, agencies already have made significant strides. Indiana can demonstrate many examples of smaller and smarter government.

The FY 1999-2001 biennial budget is a great opportunity for all agencies to implement even more initiatives. In addition, the Budget Agency, reflecting the smaller and smarter vision, pledges to help agencies meet their goals by focusing on the bottom line and giving agencies the flexibility they need.

During the current biennium we asked you to revert 5% of your budget. Many of you have done better than we asked, and you should be congratulated. For the 1999-2001 biennium we will budget for what we expect to spend. Generally, we will work together to establish your base, and then reduce it by 5%. We will eliminate the reserve requirement for implementation of the FY 1999-2001 budget AND recommend to the General Assembly that agencies be allowed to keep up to one-half of any reversions. Agencies will be able to use the reversions in the subsequent fiscal year for productivity enhancements that result in smaller and smarter government. To meet our goal of reducing budgets by 5%, we plan to use savings from reducing or eliminating non-essential services to pay for any new or expanded agency initiatives.

Historical budget data will be available to you in mid-July, as soon as the FY 1997-98 books are closed. You must submit completed budget requests to the Budget Agency no later than August 21, 1998. Budget Committee hearings will begin by the 1st of September. Between now and August 1st, the Budget Agency will distribute a new set of guidelines for your Budget Committee presentation. Your presentation will allow you to show how well you have performed your job. Your presentation will reflect your mission, goals, and methods. In addition, this year we will continue the presentation strategy started two years ago. Agencies with similar missions, goals, and programs will present on the same day. You will present reports on the programs your agency administers and your performance in achieving your goals. The Budget Agency will help you prepare for this important opportunity before the Budget Committee.

We know it will take significant efforts to achieve these aggressive goals. Governor O'Bannon made the commitment to Hoosier taxpayers. It is up to us to make his commitment reality.

The attached operating and capital budget instructions reflect Governor O'Bannon's pledge. The Budget Agency is ready and available to help your agency meet the challenge. We expect you to work with your budget analyst as you prepare your budget request. Please read the instructions carefully and if you have any questions, please call your budget analyst.
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# Phase III Cost Estimate

## Marina

1. Mobilization
2. Dockage
3. Piles (Fenders)
4. Transient Docks

### Sub-Total: $802,000

## Site Infrastructure

1. Mobilization
2. Grading
3. Cure & Gutter
4. Aggregate Base
5. Bituminous Asphalt
6. Sidewalk
7. Guardrail
8. Concrete Pipe
9. Catch Basins
10. Silt Fence
11. Dune Grass
12. Striping
13. Electric
14. Site Furniture

### Sub-Total: $315,000

### Contingency: $302,200

### Total: $1,500,000

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*Architecture: Engineering: Land Surveying: Environmental: Construction Services*
Long weekend draws boaters to marina

Finally, gas line will be installed so bathhouse will have hot water for boaters.

BY JOYCE RUSSELL
Times Staff Writer

PORTAGE — Bobbi Nelson was entertaining a group of friends and waiting for others to arrive Friday afternoon: "There are 14 to 16 of us, sick of the fireworks off Monroe Harbor," said the Ogden Dunes woman.

Other boaters at the Portage Public Marina were readying for the long holiday weekend. Some had planned to cruise up to Chicago to take in the Taste of Chicago and the fireworks. Some said they were going west on the lake to enjoy fireworks in that direction and some others said they were staying closer to home, just relaxing in the blue skies and warm weather.

Like Nelson, Harold Lehmbur of Chesterton was docking his boat for the third year at the public marina. The two boaters had relocated to the newer slips on the marina's west side.

"They moved the bigger boats over here. It's nice, other than some delays in getting things completed," Lehmbur said.

While some boaters have expressed concern about some delays in the finishing of the second phase of the marina, most said they were pleased with the three-year-old facility's progress.

"It's just wonderful. They do a nice job," Nelson said.

One concern had been the delay in providing hot water to the newly constructed bathhouse facility on the marina's southern end. The bathhouse provides restroom and shower facilities to boaters renting slips.

A second, larger bathhouse is located on the northwest corner of the 135-slip marina and was part of the first phase of construction.

A gas line needs to be installed by Northern Indiana Public Service Co., and installation should begin Wednesday, INPS CO spokesman Bob Schafer said.

Schafer said the utility received the order for the gas line two months ago and INPS CO engineers completed the design. However, he said, some changes in the development necessitated the redesign of the service and the delay.

The area has already been paved and the utility will not be allowed to tear up any of the newly paved area for the installation, City Engineer John Hansen said.

Marina secretary Valerie Dominick said there also has been a delay in running a line for a pay telephone, but that should be completed shortly.
| **LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION** |
| **FINANCIAL STATEMENT** |
| **JANUARY 1, 1998 - JUNE 30, 1998** |

### CASH POSITION - JANUARY 1, 1998

**CHECKING ACCOUNT**
- LAND ACQUISITION: 68,006.18
- GENERAL FUND: 138,520.97
- TAX FUND: 0.00
- INVESTMENTS: 1,016,000.00
- ESCROW ACCOUNT INTEREST: 97,179.71

**TOTAL:** 1,947,498.94

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### DISBURSEMENTS - JANUARY 1, 1998 - JUNE 30, 1998

#### ADMINISTRATIVE
- 1997 EXPENSES PAID IN 1998: 244,577.93
- PER DIEM: 3,600.00
- LEGAL SERVICES: 5,263.08
- NRIP: 68,311.74
- TRAVEL & MILEAGE: 708.86
- PRINTING & ADVERTISING: 431.53
- BONDS & INSURANCE: 6,321.63
- TELEPHONE EXPENSE: 4,015.07
- MEETING EXPENSE: 1,820.64

#### LAND ACQUISITION
- LEGAL SERVICES: 40,998.01
- APPRAISAL SERVICES: 12,900.00
- ENGINEERING SERVICES: 13,987.49
- LAND PURCHASE CONTRACTUAL: 26,910.00
- FACILITIES/PROJECT MAINTENANCE SERVICES: 4,205.00

#### OPERATIONS SERVICES
- LAND MANAGEMENT SERVICES: 54,703.10
- SURVEYING SERVICES: 14,419.00

#### ECONOMIC/MARKETING SOURCES
- PROPERTY & STRUCTURE COSTS: 22,517.26
- TAXES: 0.00
- MOVING ALLOCATION: 0.00
- PROPERTY & STRUCTURES INSURANCE: 17,574.00
- UTILITY RELOCATION SERVICES: 5,397.99
- LAND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT: 109,271.27
- STRUCTURAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS: 0.00
- ESCROW ACCOUNT NB BANK: 39,600.00

**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:** 464,935.67

### CASH POSITION - JUNE 30, 1998

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- LAND ACQUISITION: 306,371.56
- GENERAL FUND: 110,984.33
- TAX FUND: 0.00
- INVESTMENTS: 1,016,000.00
- ESCROW ACCOUNT INTEREST: 100,545.65

**TOTAL:** 1,633,901.54
## LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
### MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT, JUNE 1998

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**NORTHWESTERN INDIANA PLANNING COMMISSION**

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

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**INVOICE**

**INVOICE NO:** 6/6  
**DATE:** July 14, 1998

To: LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
For: SERVICES PERFORMED JUNE 1998  
Contract Code: P-LCRBDC  
Internal Code: P218

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Ms. Patricia M. Rench
Operations Officer
NBD Bank,
1801 Kennedy Avenue
Schereville, Indiana 46375

Subject: Little Calumet River Project Construction Fund Escrow Account Number 7500-0244-4747

Dear Ms. Rench:

The Department of the Army hereby issues a written request for withdrawal of $50,000 from the referenced escrow account in accordance with the escrow agreement entered into on August 19, 1990.

Please provide the amount requested above in the form of a bank draft, payable to “FAO, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Chicago District.” Please mail or otherwise deliver to this address to the attention of Ms. Sherrie Barham, CELRC-PP-PO, within 10 days of receipt of this letter.

Sincerely,

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

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July 9, 1998

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Subject: Little Calumet River Basin Design Fund Escrow Account Number 7500-0441-5892

Dear Ms. Rench:

The Department of the Army hereby issues a written request for withdrawal of $70,000 from the referenced escrow account in accordance with the escrow agreement entered into on May 20, 1992.

Please provide the amount requested above in the form of a bank draft, payable to “FAO, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Chicago District.” Please mail or otherwise deliver to this address to the attention of Ms. Sherrie Barham, CELRC-PP-PO, within 10 days of receipt of this letter.

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Improvements in Gary’s parks prove to be popular with residents

Our opinion: By upgrading the city’s parks, pride in the city is growing.

Gary’s parks are beginning to come alive again — alive with people using them. That’s a good sign for the city’s families.

It’s happening because the parks are being kept neater and are slowly but surely being upgraded.

This summer two major renovations have been completed that provide a great start toward providing residents with good recreational facilities — something the city desperately needs.

The new, improved Tolleston Park sports a renovated pavilion, a highly popular water park, eight basketball courts, a softball field, sand-base volleyball and horseshoe areas, a walking/jogging trail, four tennis courts, a kickball field and a picnic area.

Park Department Director Fred Ware reports that all the activity areas are drawing people and that those that require reservations are booked for the rest of the summer.

The remaking of South-Gleason Park Golf Course has been going on since 1991. It was rededicated Saturday with its renovated golf course, clubhouse and walking path.

Ware has found that just keeping parks clean and trimmed has increased use. That’s an inexpensive way for the city to make life more pleasant for residents.

But the upgrades must keep coming, and Ware knows that. With Tolleston Park on the west side of the city, he’s looking for money to tackle Hatcher Park on the east side. It already has a pool, a football field and two baseball fields.

The pool had to be closed because of a crack. Plans are to have it repaired and opened next summer. The ball fields are kept cut, but need renovation, which also is planned, along with adding two picnic shelters and a playground.

Marquette Park, of course, has a natural drawing point, the beach. But its grounds and picnic areas have to be enticing to keep people coming. Cooperation between the city and groups of Miller residents is bringing improvements there. Ware said there are plans to soon resurface that park’s tennis courts, which haven’t been usable in many years, and add lights for evening play.

The city and the National Guard are working together to bring back Eastside Park in Glen Park and plan to do the same with Edison Park on the far west side.

Speaking of cooperation, that’s what it’s taken to get this far on reviving the parks, and it needs to continue. Some people may question spending money on parks, but such daily-life amenities bring people together and foster community pride. That can lead to even more strides forward for the city.
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