MEETING NOTICE

THERE WILL BE A MEETING OF THE
LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
AT 6:30 P.M. THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1988
AT THE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION OFFICE
8149 KENNEDY AVENUE, HIGHLAND, INDIANA

AGENDA

1. Call to Order by Chairman John DeMeo

2. Recognition of Visitors, Guests

3. Approval of minutes of August 4, 1988 meeting

4. Reports of Standing Committees
   A. Finance/Policy Committee - Arlene Colvin, Chairperson
      • Financial status report
      • Approval of claims for August, 1988
      • Other issues
   B. Legislative Committee - George Carlson, Chairman
      • Report on presentation to Asst. Sec. of Army
        Doyle in Washington re. Commission position
        on 3A
      • State Budget capital request preparation
        for 1989-91 biennium
      • Other issues
C. Land Acquisition/Management Committee - Charles Agnew, Chairman
   • Land Acquisition Committee meeting at 5:30 p.m.
   • Appraisals, offers, acquisitions, recommended actions
   • Other issues

D. Interim Flood Control/Planning Committee - Clyde Baughard, Chairman
   • Update of river maintenance projects
     > River clearing Indpls Blvd - Kennedy Ave
     > Northcote Bridge replacement update
     > Penn Central R.R. permit status
   • Other issues

E. Breakwaters/Marina Committee - Bill Tanke, Chairman
   • Resolicitation for marina developer
     > Legal notices placed in papers
     > Contact made with potential developers
     > Proposal bid opening set for Nov. 1
   • Breakwater contract closure status
   • GTE telephone line relocation status
   • Portage/Marina Commission budget report
   • Boat Excise tax update
   • Other issues

5. Other Business

6. Statements to Board from the floor

7. Set date for next meeting, adjournment
Chairman John DeMeo called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. There were nine Commissioners present. Guests were recognized and quorum was declared.

**Development Commissioners:**
- William Critser
- George Carlson
- Charles Agnew
- Jack Swike
- Clyde Baughard
- Doyle Niemeyer
- John DeMeo
- William Tanke
- David Springman

**Visitors:**
- Robin Biesen - Post Tribune
- Paul Hric - State Rep from Mnd
- Deborah Schubert - Black Oak
- George Gossard - The Times
- Larry Illingworth - Munster Town Board
- Roland Elvambuena - City of Gary
- Stephen Davis - IN. DNR
- Pete Zak - South Shore Marina
- Walter Short - Gary
- Howard Marion - Gary
- Richard Bundy - Salmon Unltd.

**Staff:**
- Dan Gardner
- Bruce Stouffer
- Lou Casale
- Sandy Mordus

A motion was made by Clyde Baughard to approve the minutes of the July 7th meeting; seconded by George Carlson; motion passed unanimously.

**Finance/Policy Committee** - In Treasurer Arlene Colvin's absence, Dan Gardner presented the financial report for June as well as the claims. Clyde Baughard made a motion to approve the claims as presented; seconded by Charles Agnew; motion passed unanimously.
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Legislative Committee - Dan Gardner talked about the pending trip to Washington on August 10-11 to meet with Asst. Sec. of Army Doyle from Washington Corps Office, Chicago Corps and Congressman Visclosky to give testimony on behalf of the 3A plan. The Corps of Engineers, Chicago District, is recommending the 3A plan (which provides full levee protection in Gary) to Washington Corps. Legislative Committee Chairman George Carlson and Gary representative Arlene Colvin will accompany Mr. Gardner. The invitation to participate in this meeting has been extended to Richard Comer, Deputy Mayor of Gary and Thomas Barnes, Mayor of Gary. A motion was made by Clyde Baughard to offer to pay for expenses incurred for Mr. Barnes and/or Mr. Comer if they accompany Mr. Gardner; motion seconded by Jerry Pagac; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gardner stated that the General of the Midwest Div. is in support of full protection for Gary. Discussion ensued on how important it was to the economy of Gary to afford the same protection as in Hammond, Munster and Highland.

Dan Gardner announced that the State capital budget request was due in Indianapolis to the State Budget Agency before Sept. 2. Discussion was held regarding the Commission's projected project needs and the amount needed for request in the upcoming State biennium budget. Legislator Paul Hric was present in the audience and strongly supported the Commission requesting $3 million instead. A motion to request $3 million from the State Budget for the upcoming 1989-91 biennium session was made by Clyde Baughard; seconded by Jerry Pagac; motion passed unanimously. Staff will prepare documentation supporting this amount and will distribute to area legislators for their information and support.

Land Acquisition/Management Committee - Committee Chairman Chuck Agnew reported property closing of DC87.

Mr. Agnew stated that an eviction hearing was held for Charles Rose personal property left on DC57. The Court ordered Mr. Rose to remove his belongings or be held in contempt of court. It appears that Mr. Rose is in the process of removing that property.

Mr. Agnew made a motion for staff to retain someone, at a reasonable rate, to remove debris and perform general cleanup on Foster property that the Commission now owns; motion seconded by Clyde Baughard; motion passed unanimously.
Mr. Agnew stated that a presentation to the Land Acquisition Committee meeting was made by Lake County Park personnel, who presented various building costs to add a pole barn and multipurpose center to Lake Etta park development. Mr. Agnew made a motion for staff to review the plans and price quotations and determine if costs can be lowered and report back at next meeting; motion seconded by Jerry Pagac; motion passed unanimously.

Interim Flood Control Planning Committee - Committee Chairman Clyde Baughard reported that progress to modify the permit is continuing on the snagging & clearing project from Indianapolis to Kennedy.

He also reported that the contractor that removed the dead trees and brush, etc. was suppose to haul it away but instead was attempting to burn it. He was order stopped by the Hammond Air Pollution Control Board.

Mr. Baughard also reported on the oil spill that occurred in Gary along I-80/94 at Cline Avenue. He stated that it was now cleaned up.

It was reported to the Commission by IN Department of Highways that the replacement of culverts at Grant Street that bids would be let and construction started in the spring of 1991. Preliminary field check is scheduled for March, 1989 and right of way work started in the fall of 1989.

Breakwaters/Marina Committee - Committee Chairman Bill Tanke referred to a letter contained in the packet from Col. Franco describing the final cost to the Commission to close out the breakwater contract. Discussion ensued on the contract closing. Mr. Baughard urged immediate closure. Mr. Tanke was adamant about addressing the concerns of Midwest regarding the water intake pipe. Although Mr. Gardner agreed with the legitimate concern of Midwest on the protection of the pipe and fully supports the Commission aiding Midwest to be assured of that protection by the Corps, he strongly felt that the contract closure needed to happen. Once the contract is closed, the Corps will assume responsibility and maintenance of the breakwaters. Mr. Gardner will contact Midwest to see what their reaction is to the closure.

Mr. Tanke made a motion for the attorney to draft a letter in whatever legal wording is necessary to effectuate the contract closure. Staff was to make contact with Midwest, both verbally and in writing, to make sure there is no problem with them and
staff is to draw whatever administrative funds are necessary to finalize payment to the Corps; motion seconded by Jack Swike; motion passed unanimously.

According to the Corps letter, the Commission's unpaid balance to close out the contract is $3,885.57.

It was reported that the Request for Proposals on the resolicitation for a marina developer is in the final draft form. Proper advertising will be done shortly.

Discussion was held on the proposed marina plans. It was stressed that it will be a public marina and public fishing piers and public launching will be available. Legislator Paul Hric voiced the concern of the public and the need for a public marina (also the concern of his fellow legislators).

It was reported that staff met with Marquette Yacht Club to discuss several items of interest. Marquette is requesting another year extension on their lease.

Statements from the floor - Richard Bundy, Salmon Unlimited, questioned by what authority construction/sand mining was going on in Burns Waterway next to highway north of Hwy 12.

Mr. Bundy also pointed out that a marker was still visible in the water where the old pilings are underwater but near surface by the breakwaters. Maintenance in the harbor is the Corps responsibility but the Corps previously claimed that debris was out of the jurisdiction. Mr. Gardner will talk to Corps operations people.

Mr. Bundy also stated that the snow fencing which was strung across the marina site property to prevent sand blowing was down and needed to be removed.

Ricky Austin from Black Oak complained about how the jet fuel spill was handled. He said that numerous fish were killed and some people had to evacuate their homes.

Deborah Schubert, resident of Black Oak, expressed her dismay at the inadequate handling of the spill situation. Numerous phone calls by her to various authorities were futile and immediate help to address Black Oak's concerns was not available. A lengthy discussion was held on the spill and its handling. It
was pointed out to the audience that the Development Commission does care what goes into the river but, at the same time, the Commission is not a permit or regulatory authority and certain agencies are legally responsible for assuring that spills are adequately addressed.

Harold Mauger of Black Oak stated that he has called several times and reported debris in the river at Grant Street and still it has not been removed. His complaint has been forwarded several times to the proper authority. Staff will once again make his concern known to the Drainage Board.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, September 1, 1988.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned 8:10 p.m.

/sjm
MERCANTILE NATIONAL BANK

JANUARY 1, 1988 - JULY 31, 1988

CASH POSITION - JANUARY 1, 1988
Checking Account
  Land Acquisition $43,505.08
  General Fund 38,699.96
  Tax Fund 1,707.50
Investments 868,500.00

RECEIPTS: January 1, 1988 - July 31, 1988 $952,412.54
  Lease Rents $22,900.51
  Interest 35,470.17
  Land Acquisition 115,771.59
  Taxes 2,054.29

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DISBURSEMENTS: January 1, 1988 - July 31, 1988 $195,806.80
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  NIRPC 31,595.24
  Taxes 2,816.01
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    (b) Surveying Services 3,830.00
    (d) Land Purchase Contractual 17,305.81
    (e) Operational Contractual 18,680.64
  L/A Land Purchase Cost 70,040.62
  L/A Land Capital Improvements 4,540.00
  L/A Insurance 342.50

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: $195,806.80

CASH POSITION - JULY 31, 1988
Checking Account
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**TOTAL JULY 1988 COSTS** $4,635.61

**OUTSTANDING PAYMENT DUE** -0-

**TOTAL PAYMENT DUE** $4,635.61
August 8, 1988

TO: Dan Gardner, Executive Director
Little Calumet River Basin
Development Commission
8149 Kennedy Avenue
Highland, Indiana 46322

Please accept this statement as billing to the Development Commission for payment of $16.00 per hour as per contract for work performed as Land Acquisition/Management Agent for the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission.

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[Signature]
Robert B. Stouffer

APPROVED:

[Signature]
Dan Gardner
Executive Director
Little Calumet River Basin
Development Commission
August 17, 1988

TO: Dan Gardner, Executive Director
Little Calumet River Basin
Development Commission
8149 Kennedy Avenue
Highland, Indiana 46322

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Robert B. Stouffer

APPROVED: Dan Gardner
Executive Director
Little Calumet River Basin
Development Commission
August 26, 1988

TO: Dan Gardner, Executive Director
Little Calumet River Basin
Development Commission
8149 Kennedy Avenue
Highland, Indiana 46322

Please accept this statement as billing to the Development Commission for payment of $16.00 per hour as per contract for work performed as Land Acquisition/Management Agent for the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission.

August 18 - 7 hours - $112
August 22 - 7 hours - $112
August 23 - 6 hours - $112
August 24 - 7 hours - $112
August 25 - 7 hours - $112
August 26 - 7 hours - $112

Total hours . . . . . 42 hours

Total payment due . . . . . . . $ 672

[Signature]
Robert B. Stouffer

APPROVED:
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Dan Gardner
Executive Director
Little Calumet River Basin
Development Commission
River development proponents return

Proponents of a full structural development plan for the Little Calumet River have returned from Washington D.C. hopeful that the federal government will concur.

Local U.S. Army Corps Engineers officials favor a plan that would include dike construction along the river banks in Gary, said Dan Gardner, executive director of the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission.

The local engineers were forced to rethink the project following a Reagan administration mandate to scale down federal projects, said Gardner.

The alternate plan would eliminate new dike construction east of Cline Avenue and would leave Gary river banks open for flooding and unsuitable for development, he added.

The federal government would pay $46 million of the projected $67 million in total costs for the full structural plan with state and local agencies picking up $20 million in construction costs.

In the scaled down version, federal funds would pay $36 million with the remaining $10 million picked up by local agencies, said Gardner.

Gardner said the full project would provide flood protection for all municipalities bordering the river.

Construction on the project is slated to begin in 1990.
August 25, 1988

Mr. Robert D. Cales
Permit Services Engineer
Indiana State Highway Department
State Office Bldg.
100 N. Senate Avenue
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Mr. Cales:

I am writing pursuant to our telephone conversation of August 24th regarding a crossing agreement, permit easement or some other arrangement under the U.S. Hwy 12 bridge at Burns Waterway.

As I explained, we are trying to conclude a project with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the construction of twin breakwaters, a 50' wide maintenance channel and a small boat harbor at Burns Waterway. In order to do this, we need some type of written agreement to allow Corps personnel to "enter upon the subject real estate for the purpose of surveying and establishing thereon temporary monuments and survey control points and for ingress and egress in connection therewith during the construction, operation and maintenance of the Burns Waterway Small Boat Harbor".

I would like to point out that the construction has been completed and there would be no crossing over the highway but access would be accomplished under the bridge.

I am enclosing a copy of the legal description of the area to be impacted in hopes that your legal department can figure some way to assist us. We are under pressure from the Corps of Engineers to convey this permission in order to close the contract, so your cooperation will be most appreciated.

I thank you for your immediate attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

Bruce Stouffer, Agent
Land Acquisition/Management
/encl.
MARINA ISSUES

SEPTEMBER 1, 1988

- General Telephone & Electric - Letter dated June 30th requesting two easements from Development Commission for relocation of 2700 pair 9 duct conduit system.
  - One easement previously granted to Gary Hobart Water Corp. - agreement by Gary Hobart to share easement received.
  - Second easement - Staff authorized William Davies Surveying to prepare legal description necessary for preparation of easement.
  - Need Commission approval to proceed with GTE proposal for relocation.
- Access roadway to launching ramps - Cole Engineering proceeding with design of roadway for negotiations with NIPSCO on land acquisition.
- Paul Benkowskki from Corps has stated that final easement sections for Tract 12 are needed before breakwater contract can be closed.

Following areas to be cleared:
- Conrail - Attorney advised by land agent of Conrail to institute friendly condemnation suit.
- Chicago South Shore South Bend R.R. - Not railroad policy to grant easements. They sent "temporary right-of-entry form" - Need to check with Corps to see if these will suffice.
- Indiana Highway Dept. - Robert Cales, Permit Service Engineer - State Hwy does not grant easements; crossing permit does not answer problem. He is attempting to get a written permission statement suitable to satisfy the Corps.
INTERIM FLOOD CONTROL

SEPTEMBER 1, 1988

River dredging from Indpls to Kennedy:
Permit is still awaiting modification from the Detroit Corps office for dredging this area. Detroit would not modify the existing permit until they had approval from Chicago Corps. Staff has made contact with Dave Hunter who will call the Detroit office. Permit should be approved shortly.

Northcote Bridge replacement:
Original bids on project was too high. The Lake County Highway Dept. has rebid the project. Bids are due in by September 12. Bids will be considered and a bid will be awarded by September 19.

Penn Central R.R. permit status:
Application for permit for the Corps has been submitted. Corps requested that before they will process the permit the Lake County Drainage Board and those interested in the project have to contact the 2 parties that had letters of interest into the previous work. At that time, the low flow control structure was mandated to be put in for the dredging project in that area. The Corps is requiring the control structure be made a non-regulatory permanent structure. The 2 parties that need to concur at present is the Illinois Attorney General's Office and the Village of Lansing Flood Committee. Staff has recently mailed a letter and project description to them requesting their support so the permit can be obtained and the project can move on.
Boat Excise Tax

Working committee has recently met (on August 26) and made some changes to the proposed bill. The committee will meet one final time toward the end of September in the State House at Indianapolis to make final revisions to the draft bill. The final bill will be introduced in the next session. There are still some issues that have to be resolved yet.
# ATTENDANCE ROSTER

**Name of meeting:** LCRBDC  
**Date:** 9-1-88

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**EXPLANATION OF CLAIM**

- ATTORNEY RETAINER FEES FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 1988
- FOR SERVICES PERFORMED DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST 1988
- ROOM CHARGES & MEETING EXPENSES RE: 3A PLAN TESTIMONIES
- TRAVEL EXPENSES INCURRED RE: 3A PLAN TESTIMONIES
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- COMMERCIAL FIRE POLICY AT 3100 CLARK ROAD
August 18, 1988

The Honorable Sammie Maletta
Mayor, City of Portage
6070 Central Avenue
Portage, Indiana 46368

Dear Mayor Maletta:

National Steel Corporation currently operates a sewage treatment facility located on the west side of Burns waterway, on the shore of Lake Michigan. Waste is conveyed to the facility by pipe supported by steel structures located in the waterway. This pipe bridge, as you are aware, is viewed as a hazard by recreational boaters, requiring them to exercise caution entering or leaving the waterway.

If National Steel could utilize the City of Portage's treatment facility, our facility could be retired and the pipe bridge removed entirely from the waterway. This would require the city to install a sewer line to the edge of our property located in Section 25 on the east side of Burns Waterway. When the city is able to make this service available, I will commit National Steel to connect to this service and to remove the pipe bridge at the mouth of the waterway, at National's expense. We estimate our cost associated with removing the sanitary treatment facility, running a line to connect with the city sewer, and removal of navigation obstructions to be $286,000.

Regarding the railroad bridge which limits clearance for boats, National Steel is currently negotiating with several parties regarding properties owned by National Steel west of Burns Waterway. If these parties require rail service, the bridge is an integral part of the only rail service available at this time. National Steel has commissioned an engineering study to determine the feasibility of a connecting line west of Burns Waterway. The study indicates such a connection is feasible; however, National Steel would need to explore sources of financial funding to construct the connection. National Steel is willing to work with the city and the interested parties to achieve the end result.

National Steel supports the development efforts of the City of Portage and is willing to work with the City to enhance the recreation development opportunities of Burns Waterway.

Sincerely,

K. E. Beall
Vice President & General Manager

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BURNWTRW.CJE(LR)
I. PROBLEM/NEED STATEMENT

The City of Portage requires certain public assistance for design and construction (and reconstruction) of public utilities, roadsides, interchanges, and bridges within our marina district. The provision of such public improvements shall act as an inducement to the private sector to undertake the further development of marinas. Developers have indicated that the cost of bringing public utilities to the marina district is prohibitively expensive when worked into their individual development programs. The Portage marina district is a vast area (over 1,000 acres) which has not previously been developed.

II. SOLUTION ALTERNATIVES AND ESTIMATED COSTS

Alternative #1

SEE ATTACHMENT

OPERATING COSTS: P.S. + O.E. = $4,000,000

Alternative #2

SEE ATTACHMENT

OPERATING COSTS: P.S. + O.E. = $2,450,000

Alternative #3

Design and construction of water and sanitary sewer lines to serve the city’s marina district. This alternative will bring utilities to the marina district. Water line construction is estimated at $750,000; sewer line construction is estimated at $650,000. Design and construction engineering is estimated at $150,000.

OPERATING COSTS: P.S. + O.E. = $1,550,000

III. RECOMMENDED ALTERNATIVE JUSTIFICATION

The city recommends Alternative #1. Alternative #1 addresses all of the obstacles to marina development in the city of Portage. This is the most complete solution to the various marina development projects underway. As such, it represents the most effective use of public dollars. By providing public utilities, constructing safe interchanges and removing obstacles over the waterway, the city is offering the private sector a level playing field from which to launch their projects.

PROJECT START/COMPLETION DATES: MO. 1 YR. 90 THRU MO. 12 YR. 91

ASSET CURRENT REPLACEMENT VALUE AND SOURCE:

IV. OTHER INFORMATION

Related Projects:

Deferal Consequences:

Source of Cost Estimates:

City Engineer, Charles Ray (219) 762-1815

Agency Head Signature: Sammie L. Haletta, Mayor

Date: 8-24-88
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Boat Excise Tax

Working committee has recently met (on August 26) and made some changes to the proposed bill. The committee will meet one final time toward the end of September in the State House at Indianapolis to make final revisions to the draft bill. The final bill will be introduced in the next session. There are still some issues that have to be resolved yet.

Assessor

- Chuck Dobis
- Sen. V.M. Miller
- Rep. Moody

- Culverts
INTERIM FLOOD CONTROL

SEPTEMBER 1, 1988

River dredging from Indpls to Kennedy:
Permit is still awaiting modification from the Detroit Corps office for dredging this area. Detroit would not modify the existing permit until they had approval from Chicago Corps. Staff has made contact with Dave Hunter who will call the Detroit office. Permit should be approved shortly.

Northcote Bridge replacement:
Original bids on project were too high. The Lake County Highway Dept. has rebid the project. Bids are due in by September 12. Bids will be considered and a bid will be awarded by September 19.

Penn Central R.R. permit status:
Application for permit for the Corps has been submitted. Corps requested that before they will process the permit the Lake County Drainage Board and those interested in the project have to contact the 2 parties that had letters of interest into the previous work. At that time, the low flow control structure was mandated to be put in for the dredging project in that area. The Corps is requiring the control structure be made a non-regulatory permanent structure. The 2 parties that need to concur at present is the Illinois Attorney General's Office and the Village of Lansing Flood Committee. Staff has recently mailed a letter and project description to them requesting their support so the permit can be obtained and the project can move on.