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Executive Director

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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, APRIL 6, 2000
AT THE COMMISSION OFFICE
6100 SOUTHPORT ROAD
PORTAGE, IN**

WORK STUDY SESSION - 5:00 P.M.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order by Chairman Emerson Delaney
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Recognition of Visitors and Guests
4. Approval of Minutes of March 2, 2000 1-4
5. Chairman's Report
 - Great Konomick River Restoration project presentation on 3/24
6. Executive Director's Report
 - Meeting on 3/10 with Congressional staff re: project schedule and funding
 - Project mitigation conference call with IDNR
 - IDNR minutes of conference call
 - Field visit of mitigation lands on 4/6
 - Presentation to Merrillville Garden Club on 3/14

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1. The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions and activities. It emphasizes the need for transparency and accountability in all financial dealings.

2. The second part of the document outlines the various methods and techniques used to collect and analyze data. It highlights the importance of using reliable sources and ensuring the accuracy of the information gathered.

3. The third part of the document provides a detailed overview of the current state of the market and the challenges it faces. It discusses the impact of external factors and the need for strategic planning to overcome these challenges.

4. The fourth part of the document offers recommendations and suggestions for improving the overall performance and efficiency of the organization. It focuses on identifying areas for improvement and implementing effective solutions.

5. The fifth part of the document concludes with a summary of the key findings and a call to action for all stakeholders to work together towards a common goal.

7. Standing Committees

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

- Appraisals, offers, acquisitions, recommended actions
- COE Real Estate meeting to be held on 3/30
- Action on farmland bids received
- Report on Committee meeting held on 3/28
 - Pursuing concept of handicapped park
- Other issues

B. Project Engineering Committee – Bob Huffman, Chairman

- Recommended actions
- Mayor's Contractors Breakfast 3/24
- Request to raise surveying services amount to \$7,500 cap
- Right of Entry signed for Stage IV Phase I South
- Revised Burr Street Betterment Levee LCA sent to Washington
 - Postponement of Burr Street project until LCA is signed
 - Letter commitment for Commission to sign agreement
- Quarterly COE engineering meeting scheduled for 4/13
- Viewing/presentation of formliners
- Other issues

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C. Legislative Committee – George Carlson, Chairman

- Letter to COE re: legislative session closing
- Congressional letter re: project capability
- Federal appropriations request
- Other issues

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D. Recreational Development Committee – Curtis Vosti, Chairman

- Issues

E. Marina Development Committee – Bill Tanke, Chairman

- Update on dredging of Burns Waterway
- Notice of public hearing
- Other issues

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F. Finance/Policy Committee – Arlene Colvin, Chairperson

- Financial status report
- Approval of claims for March 2000
- Other issues

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G. Minority Contracting Committee – Marion Williams, Chairman

- Issues

8. Other Business

9. Statements to the Board from the Floor

10. Set date for next meeting

**MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
HELD AT 6:00 P.M. THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 2000
AT THE COMMISSION OFFICE
6100 SOUTHPORT ROAD
PORTAGE, INDIANA**

Chairman Emerson Delaney 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:

Charles Agnew
~~John DeMeo~~ *Arlene Colvin*
George Carlson
John Mroczkowski
Steve Davis
William Tanke
Bob Huffman
Curt Vosti
Emerson Delaney

Visitors:

Terrence Savage, Munster resident
Denis Buksa, Munster resident
Jim Flora, R.W.Armstrong Company

Staff:

Dan Gardner
Sandy Mordus
Lou Casale
Jim Pokrajac
Judy Vamos

Mr. George Carlson made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 3rd meeting; motion seconded by Bob Huffman; motion passed unanimously.

Chairman's Report – Chairman Emerson Delaney presented the Committee structure for the year 2000. He announced committee chairman to be:

Land Acquisition/Management Committee – Chairman Chuck Agnew
Engineering Committee – Chairman Bob Huffman
Legislative Committee – Chairman George Carlson
Finance/Policy Committee – Chairperson Arlene Colvin
Marina Committee – Chairman Bill Tanke
Recreation Committee – Chairman Curt Vosti
Minority Contracting Committee – Chairman Marion Williams

Mr. Tanke made a motion ratifying the committee structure; motion seconded by Chuck Agnew; motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director's Report – Executive Director Dan Gardner stated that he and Attorney Casale have talked with John Sirles, District Engineer for the COE office, relative to the COE's aggressive schedule and the Commission's inability to meet it with the funds that are currently available. Mr. Gardner estimated that we have about \$1.7 million with no reserve money available. We have asked the COE to pull back on some of the west reach engineering and just focus on the priority construction phases that would best maximize our remaining dollars. June/July of 2001 would be the first opportunity to release any more money from the next State budget session. Mr. Vosti inquired at what part of the west reach would the COE pull back on. Mr. Pokrajac answered it would be Stage VIII (Stateline to Columbia), Stage VII (Columbia to Northcote) and Stage VI (Kennedy to Cline).

Mr. Carlson expressed his dismay that, after all these years, we are still struggling to obtain state dollars, even when the state is only matching \$1 toward the Federal \$3. Mr. Gardner added that it is critical we get in the Governor's budget; only once in all these years were we in the Governor's budget. Discussion ensued on whether the public should be made aware through the media of the difficulty in obtaining enough money each biennium to keep up with the COE schedule. Mr. Carlson thought we should be more aggressive. Chairman Delaney asked the Board members to check their calendars and a meeting date would be set at the April 6th Board meeting to plan a strategy of what we can do about the funding situation.

Mr. Gardner informed the Board members that we have hired a person that will work about 24 hours per week on land acquisition crediting.

Land Acquisition Committee – Committee Chairman Chuck Agnew informed the Board members that a meeting was held on February 15th. Topic at meeting was possible sites for a handicapped park. Judy Vamos is researching alternate sites.

Mr. Agnew also indicated that about 140 acres of land north and south of 35th Avenue between Grant and Chase would be advertised for farming.

Mr. Vosti made a motion to dispense with the normal proceeding of the meeting in order to allow a resident, Terry Savage, to speak. Mr. Savage lives in one of the four houses west of Hohman Ave. on River Drive in Munster (houses are in COE's plans for future buyout and relocates); motion seconded by Chuck Agnew; motion passed unanimously. Mr. Savich addressed the Board. He stated that he had bought in 1996 with no knowledge of the Commission's intent to eventually purchase those homes when the project reached his area. His home has flooded twice and is the lowest elevated home of the four. He has been in communication with Judy Vamos, Land Acquisition Agent for the Commission and has informed her that he tried selling the house from May to September with no luck. Once he has informed any potential buyers of the situation, they are scared off. He was informed that acquisition at this time would not be possible. In lieu of that not happening, he asked 3 things: (1) consider moving up the acquisition schedule; (2) give him a date so he would be able to plan accordingly; and (3) help in floodproofing his home. Chairman Emerson Delaney stated he was very familiar

with the problem in that area since he lived very close to him. Unfortunately, that area is at the very tail end of the project (Stage VIII); and, unfortunately, the date keeps getting pushed back because of funding problems. Mr. Gardner added that the Commission originally requested the COE to protect these 4 homes but because of the location of Stateline, a long enough levee could not be built to protect them. The COE also felt that seal-proofing the homes was not sufficient. Mr. Gardner did not know if anything could be done in the interim. Mr. Vosti felt that we, as a public body, needed to pursue any avenue open to us to be able to help the public. He suggested we look into accelerating the project date for that area and possibly look into floodproofing his home so he does not flood again. Mr. Vosti reminded the Commission that we were able to move up the recreation at the Carlson Oxbow Park in Hammond. Mr. Gardner answered that we were able to do that because it was not a flood control area and did not impact downstream. Chairman Delaney added that it is impossible to commit to a date. He suggested to Mr. Savage that he pursue some research himself on floodproofing and keep us informed of what he finds and possibly, we could help with some limited funds in that respect. Mr. Gardner added that there are firms that can inspect the home and make recommendations for floodproofing. Mr. Tanke suggested that this issue be discussed at the engineering committee to see what options are available and we will inform Mr. Savage directly. Mr. Carlson made a motion to return to order of business; motion seconded by Curt Vosti; motion passed unanimously.

Project Engineering Committee – Committee Chairman Bob Huffman gave the engineering report. He reported that a pre-bid meeting for Stage IV Phase 1 South was held on 2/23/00 and a pre-bid meeting was held for the Burr Street betterment levee Phase 1 on 3/1/00. Mr. Gardner added that these pre-bids are important in that we do a separate mailout to local firms that may be interested in bidding; if not as a prime contractor, then as a sub contractor.

Mr. Huffman reported that a coordination meeting was held with the COE and the Gary Sanitary District on 2/16/00 to discuss ongoing drainage and design concerns.

Mr. Huffman then reported that a pre-design meeting was held with Rani Engineering on 2/24/00 for Stage VI Phase 2.

Legislative Committee – Committee Chairman George Carlson referred to Mr. Gardner. Mr. Gardner stated that he has heard nothing from the legislative delegation. He expressed his frustration of, first, being left out of the budget altogether, then, secondly, only receiving \$1.5 million when this was the biggest construction season yet and the federal money received was the largest amount ever. He understood that there was a possibility of receiving additional monies in a Technical Corrections Bill but, as the session is drawing to a close, that does not appear it is going to happen. Mr. Gardner has given information to the Congressman's office to talk with the Governor.

Recreational Development Committee – Committee Chairman Curt Vosti deferred to George Carlson. Mr. Carlson and Mr. Huffman thanked Jim Pokrajac for the marked-up map showing how the trail connection looks

in the area between Hammond and Highland and where our trail would connect. Mr. Huffman still thinks that some re-alignment needs to be done.

Marina Committee – Committee Chairman Bill Tanke gave an update on the dredging of Burns Waterway. IDEM permit is received. It is hopeful that dredging will take place soon.

Mr. Tanke then referred to the letter in the packet that staff wrote to the City to request the next marina bond payment of \$28,643.84. Mr. Tanke made a motion authorizing payment to Bank One for payment of the April 1st marina bond payment; motion seconded by George Carlson; motion passed unanimously.

Attorney is pursuing reclaiming the sand money back to us that was originally put up to secure the marina bonding.

Finance Committee – Committee Chairperson Arlene Colvin presented the claims for approval. She proceeded to make a motion to accept the financial report and approve the February claims totaling \$46,869.79; motion seconded by George Carlson; motion passed unanimously.

Minority Contracting Committee – Mr. Gardner stated that there was some discussion at the pre-bid meetings on what the COE is doing to make sure the goals of minority participation are being met.

Other Business – There was none.

Statements to the Board – Denis Buksa, who owns one of the four homes next to Mr. Savich, asked the Board members that they are kept apprised of projected schedule dates. Chairman Delaney reiterated that it would be quite a few years before we are in their area for construction. Mr. Carlson added that the protection the city of Hammond has, the city itself took it upon themselves and provided that protection for the residents. He felt that the town of Munster should do the same and help the 4 homes. Mr. Buksa asked about whether some publicity could be done about the area flooding history and that we are due for another flood.

There being no further business, the next regular Commission meeting was scheduled for **6:00 p.m. Thursday, April 6, 2000.**

/sjm



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Date: Friday, March 17, 2000 2:39 PM
Subject: 3-13-00 Meeting Notes

Attached is a copy of my meeting notes from our conference call meeting on March 13, 2000 regarding the habitat mitigation plan.



**Indiana Department of Natural Resources
Division of Water**



Date: March 17, 2000

To: FILES

From: Jomary Crary
Water Resource Planner
Project Development Section

Reference: Little Calumet River Flood Control/Recreation Project
Habitat Mitigation Conference Call Meeting
March 13, 2000

A conference call meeting was held on March 13, 2000 to discuss the status of the habitat mitigation for the Little Calumet River Flood Control Project. Attendees included:

Mike Neyer, DNR, DOW	Jomary Crary, DNR, DOW	Lou Casale, LCRBDC
George Bowman, DNR, DOW	Dan Gardner, LCRBDC	Imad Samara, COE
Dale Gick, DNR, DOW	Jim Pokrajac, LCRBDC	Greg Moore, COE
Bill Maudlin, DNR, DFW	Judy Vamos, LCRBDC	

The conference call began with introductions. Jomary then started the meeting off by explaining that the purpose of the meeting was to find out the status of the habitat mitigation plan, how much progress has been made since the last meeting, and if the COE can meet DNR's deadline of 90 days to submit the plan as stated in DNR's last correspondence to the COE, dated February 10.

Imad stated he would have Greg Moore explain the progress on the project land mitigation and then he would discuss the Hobart marsh area at the end of the meeting. Imad then deferred to Greg Moore. Greg stated that he has addressed all of our comments from our last meeting (July 15, 1999) and from our follow-up letter dated September 17, 1999. Greg said that all these issues were resolved in the meeting minutes he prepared from the July 15 meeting, submitted to DNR on August 3, 1999.

Jomary clarified what DNR is expecting from the COE. To meet DNR requirements the COE should submit a revised version of the "Conceptual Mitigation Plan, August 1998". Formal submittal of the final mitigation plan, with the cover letter to Larry Macklin that DNR commented on previously, is needed. Currently, DNR has the "Conceptual Mitigation Plan, August 1998" and subsequent correspondence, but not a final version of the plan incorporating changes and additional information that the parties have agreed to since the August 1998 version. Jomary then asked Bill Maudlin if he had any thing else to add. Bill reiterated the message to be sure it was understood.

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Greg then went into the current status. The COE has hired Conservation Design Forum to do the design work for the mitigation on the project lands. This includes four identified mitigation areas that will cover 204 acres of restoration and enhancement. The LCRBDC and the COE then had some discussion regarding pending land acquisition issues. They expect that construction could begin next construction season. The LCRBDC thought that the remaining land acquisition issues in those areas would be completed by then.

Dan Gardner made a point that the LCRBDC has not been adequately funded this biennium and asked the COE if the mitigation construction was included in the project budget for the next fiscal year. **Imad said that mitigation was not included in the COE budget for the next fiscal year.**

Imad then began the discussion on the Hobart Marsh mitigation area. Imad admitted that the COE has been focusing most of their efforts on the several pending construction contracts and they have not paid enough attention to the Hobart area issues, and, thus, have made little or no progress since our last meeting. He said that they would begin working on an agreement to get a third party on board to implement the mitigation in this area.

Jomary expressed the DNR's concerns of losing this opportunity to development if too much time passes before a plan is finalized.

Lou Casale and the other LCRBDC members reminded everyone that when the Hobart concept was first introduced, they strongly encouraged the COE that a RFP (Request for Proposal) would be necessary to get a better idea of what the COE/LCRBDC was up against with all the complexities involved in the Hobart area. The LCRBDC offered to help prepare the RFP. A response was not received from the COE at that time.

The LCRBDC also asked if the final mitigation plan that the COE is to submit to DNR in the 90-day time frame should include both the project land mitigation and Hobart area mitigation. Jomary responded by saying that both areas should be included in the plan that is submitted. Bill said that a narrative description of how the mitigation would be implemented and copies of proposed agreements should be included. References to additional information that is to be completed in the future should also be included. Once that additional information is available, it can then be submitted to DNR and added to the plan as an addendum.

LCRBDC also asked if the plan would be subject to review once submitted to DNR. Jomary answered that the plan would be reviewed to be sure it meets the permit requirements. The review, however, should be expedited, because of the coordination throughout the development of the plan.

The COE and LCRBDC agreed to work together on the development of an RFP for the Hobart area. The RFP will be drafted within the next 2 months. The COE will also continue to work with Conservation Design Forum (CDF) to get the design completed for the mitigation on the project lands. The review team for the scope of work with CDF includes Bill Maudlin and John Bacone. **A final mitigation plan will be submitted to Larry Macklin by the middle of May 2000.**

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Jomary asked if there were any comments from the other DNR participants before closing the meeting, and there was none. Jomary expressed once again DNR's concern with the lack of progress in the Hobart area. The group has spent a lot of time in the last 3 years developing this plan, and it would be a shame if the Hobart opportunity is lost, forcing the COE to find yet another alternative site outside of the project area to meet its requirements. Imad acknowledged that the COE has heard this message loud and clear. Jomary also offered to coordinate any questions with the appropriate staff and Marty Maupin at IDEM if they arise. There were no more comments from the other parties and the meeting was adjourned.



CONSERVATION DESIGN FORUM

Landscape Architecture • Community Planning • Ecological Restoration • Resource Management

March 22, 2000

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Dear Dan:

We are all able to meet on April 6th to visit all four Little Calumet River mitigation sites. This is not a small feat given 13 busy schedules. As of now I expect that we will visit two sites in the morning, break for lunch, and then visit the remaining two sites. As peoples schedules allow, we can then adjourn to a coffee shop or such to continue the discussion or call it a day. The following is detailed information on where, when and who.

Where: Burger King on the northwest corner of Grant St. and West 35th St. (see map)

When: April 6, 2000, 9:30 AM Chicago time (10:30 AM Indianapolis time)

Who: Dan Gardner (or representative) – Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission
Bill Maudlin – IDNR, Fish & Wildlife
John Bacone – IDNR, Nature Preserves
John Rogner – US Fish & Wildlife Service
Greg Moore – USACE
Tom Huddleston – Hydrology
Bruce Putman – Soils
Walter Marcisz - Wildlife
Conservation Design Forum Project Team
Gerould Wilhelm – Project Principal
Linda Masters – Project Manager
Shalini Priyadishini - Planner
Ken Johnson - Botanist/Ecologist
Sara Utter - Forester/Ecologist

I look forward to meeting all of you, rain or shine. If the weather looks particularly ominous (2 feet of snow, lightning, etc.), we will reschedule. These sites may be wet so bring boots along. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 630-758-0355.

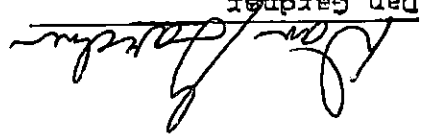
Sincerely,

Linda Masters

**AUTHORIZATION FOR ENTRY FOR CONSTRUCTION
LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN
FLOOD PROTECTION AND RECREATION PROJECT
STAGE IV, PHASE I SOUTH**

I, Dan Gardner, Executive Director, Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission, do hereby certify that the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission has acquired the real property interests required by the Department of the Army for Stage IV, Phase I South and otherwise is vested with sufficient title and interest in lands to support construction of stage IV, Phase I South, Local Flood Protection Project. Further, I hereby authorize the Department of the Army, its agents, employees and contractors to enter upon said lands as identified on attached map to construct the features as set forth in the plans and specifications held in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Chicago District Office, Chicago, Illinois.

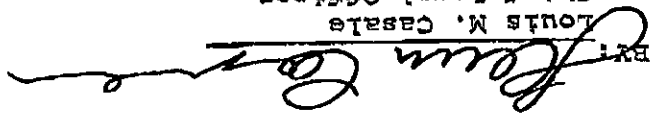
Witness my signature as Executive Director, Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission this 28th day of March, 2000.

BY: 
Dan Gardner
Executive Director

ATTORNEY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

I, Louis M. Casale, Chief Legal Officer for the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission, State of Indiana certify that the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission has authority to grant the above authorization for entry; that said authorization for entry is executed by the proper duly authorized officer; and that the authorization for entry is in sufficient form to grant the authorization therein stated.

Witness my signature as Chief Legal Officer for the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission, this 20 day of March, 2000.


Louis M. Casale
Chief Legal Officer

**AMENDMENT NO. 2
TO
LOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
AND
THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE
LITTLE CALUMET RIVER, INDIANA LOCAL FLOOD PROTECTION
AND RECREATION PROJECT**

THIS AMENDMENT, entered into this ____ day of _____, 2000, by and between the DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY (hereinafter referred to as the "Government"), acting by and through the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), and the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission, (hereinafter referred to as the "Commission"), acting by and through its Chairman,

WITNESSETH, THAT:

WHEREAS, the parties entered into an agreement entitled, "Agreement Between the Department of the Army and the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission for Construction of the Little Calumet River, Indiana Local Flood Control and Recreation Project" (hereinafter the "Project"), dated August 16, 1990 and amended July 30, 1999 (hereinafter the "Agreement"); and,

WHEREAS, the Commission desires the construction of additional structural flood control structures that will provide a 100-year level of protection and that exceed the standards set forth in the Agreement; and,

WHEREAS, these additional structural flood control structures (hereinafter the "Burr Street Levee Betterment") are described in a report titled, "Burr Street Levee Feature Design Memorandum" dated December 1997"

WHEREAS, inclusion of the Burr Street Levee Betterment will require deletion of certain non-structural features of the Project; and,

WHEREAS, the Commission shall be responsible for the additional costs attributable to the Burr Street Levee Betterment over and above the costs of the deleted non-structural features;

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:



That said August 16, 1990 Agreement be amended with the addition of the below listed changes and no other.

1. Amend Article I.n. of the Agreement by adding the following to the end of the paragraph: "For the purposes of this Agreement, the construction of the Burr Street Levee Betterment, comprising the construction of structural flood control measures between the E., J., & E. railroad to the west and Colfax Street to the east, as generally described in the Burr Street Levee Feature Design Memorandum dated December 1997 and approved by the _____ on _____, shall be considered a betterment within the meaning of this Agreement."

2. Add a new Article I.o. to the Agreement as follows: "The term "deleted non-structural flood control features" shall mean those features of the Project that are no longer necessary in view of the proposed construction of the Burr Street Levee Betterment described in Article I.n. of this Agreement. The deleted non-structural flood control features are non-structural flood control measures of the Project between the E., J., and E. railroad to the west and Colfax Street to the east. The Government agrees not to implement the deleted non-structural flood control features."

3. Add a new Article I.p. to the Agreement as follows: The term "Burr Street Levee Betterment cost" shall mean the cost of construction of the Burr Street Levee Betterment, less the cost, as estimated by the Government, that would have been incurred for the Federal share of the deleted non-structural flood control features. In accordance with Article II.t. of this Agreement, the Non-Federal Sponsor shall be responsible for the Burr Street Levee Betterment cost."

4. Add a new Article II.t. to the Agreement as follows:

"t. The Non-Federal Sponsor may request the Government to accomplish betterments. Such requests shall be in writing and shall describe the betterments requested to be accomplished. If the Government in its sole discretion elects to accomplish the requested betterments or any portion thereof, it shall so notify the Non-Federal Sponsor in a writing that sets forth any applicable terms and conditions, which must be consistent with this Agreement. In the event of conflict between such a writing and this Agreement, this Agreement shall control. The Non-Federal Sponsor shall be solely responsible for all costs due to the requested betterments including the costs of any additional lands, easements and rights-of-way required solely for the betterments, and shall pay all such costs in accordance with Article VI.d. of this Agreement. The Government agrees to construct the Burr Street Betterment Levee in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement."

5. Amend Article III.a by inserting the following sentence after the sentence ending with "time to acquire same," "The Government in that general description shall delineate which of the required lands, easements, and rights-of-way are required for the Project and which are required for the Burr Street Levee Betterment."

6. Amend Article III.b by inserting the following sentence at the end of the paragraph, "The Government shall delineate which of the retaining dikes, wasteweirs, bulkheads, and embankments, including all monitoring features and stilling basins that may be required at any dredged material disposal areas are required for the Project and which are required for the Burr Street Levee Betterment."

7. Amend Article III.c by inserting the following sentence at the end of the paragraph, "The Government shall delineate which of the relocations are required for the Project and which are required for the Burr Street Levee Betterment."

8. Amend Article IV.a. of the Agreement by adding a new paragraph "6" as follows: "6. The value of lands, easements and rights-of-way required for the construction of the Burr Street Levee Betterment, but not required for the construction of the Project, shall not be included in total project costs and shall not be credited against the Commission's share of total project costs."

9. Amend Article IV.b. of the Agreement by adding a new paragraph "3" as follows: "3. The costs of relocations required for the construction of the Burr Street Levee Betterment, but not required for the construction of the Project, shall not be included in total project costs and shall not be credited against the Commission's share of total project costs."

10. Amend Article VI.a by adding the following sentence directly behind the second sentence in the paragraph: "Total Burr Street Levee Betterment costs are projected to be \$3,995,190."

11. Amend Article VI.d. by adding immediately after the first sentence the following: "The final accounting shall determine total project costs, total Burr Street Levee betterment costs, each party's contribution provided thereto, and each party's required share thereof. The final accounting also shall determine costs due to any additional betterments and the Non-Federal Sponsor's cash contribution provided pursuant to Article II.t. of this Agreement."

12. Amend Article VI of the Agreement by adding a new paragraph "d". as set forth below, and re-letter paragraphs "d" through "h" of the Agreement as "e" through "i":

"d. In advance of the Government incurring any financial obligation associated with additional work under Article II.t. of this Agreement, the Commission shall provide the Government with the full amount of the funds required to pay for such financial obligation through the payment mechanism specified in Article VI.b. of this Agreement, or by providing a check payable to "FAO USAED, Chicago" to the District Engineer, or by providing an Electronic Funds Transfer of the required funds in accordance with procedures established by the Government. The Government shall draw from the funds provided by the Commission such sums as the Government deems necessary to cover the Government's financial obligations for such additional work as they are incurred. In the event the Government determines that the Commission must provide additional funds to meet such financial obligations, the Government shall notify the Commission in writing of the additional funds required. Within 30 calendar days thereafter, the Commission shall provide the Government with the full amount of the additional required funds through any of the payment mechanisms specified in this paragraph."

13. Amend Article IX of the Agreement by adding the following after "Project" and before "except": "and any betterments, including the Burr Street Levee Betterment,"

14. Amend Article XVIII by deleting "8149 Kennedy Avenue" and replacing it with "6100 Southport Road", deleting "Highland" and replacing it with "Portage" and deleting "46322" and replacing it with "46368".

15. All other provisions of the Agreement remain unchanged.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Amendment, which shall become effective the date and year first above written.

THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

BY: _____

BY: _____

JOSEPH W. WESTPHAL
Assistant Secretary of the Army
(Civil Works)

EMERSON DELANEY
Chairperson of the Board,
The Little Calumet River
Basin Development Commission

ATTEST: _____

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DATE: _____

DATE: _____

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CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

I, _____, do hereby certify that I am the principal legal officer of the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission, State of Indiana, that the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission is a legally constituted public body with full authority and legal capability to perform the terms of the Agreement between the Department of the Army and the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission in connection with the Little Calumet River, Indiana, Flood Control and Recreation Project, Indiana and to pay damages in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, if necessary, in the event of the failure to perform, as required by Section 221 of Public Law 91-611 (42 U.S.C. Section 1962d-5b), and that the persons who have executed this Agreement on behalf of the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission have acted within their statutory authority.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have made and executed this certification this

_____ day of _____ 19____.

Louis Casale
Attorney for Little Calumet River Basin Development
Commission, Indiana

CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that:

(1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

(2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.

(3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by Section 1352, Title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

Emerson Delaney
Chairperson
Little Calumet River Basin Development
Commission, Indiana

Date: _____

Sandy Mordus

From: Samara, Imad LRC [Imad.Samara@lrc02.usace.army.mil]
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2000 12:42 PM
To: Marella, Guy J LRC; 'Sandy Mordus'; Deja, Tom LRC
Subject: FW: Solicitation DACW27-00-B-0011 Amendment Number 0004 CONFIRMAT
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Sandy, the Burr Street Betterment Levee has been suspended due to lack of executed PCA.

Imad Samara
Project Manager

-----Original Message-----

From: Woodruff, Robin B [mailto:Robin.B.Woodruff@lrl02.usace.army.mil]
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2000 12:45 PM
To: Samara, Imad
Subject: Solicitation DACW27-00-B-0011 Amendment Number 0004
CONFIRMATION

Subject Solicitation is amended as follow:

Amendment 0004, postponing the project indefinitely, has been posted at www.lrl.usace.army.mil.

District Advertisement Web Site:

<http://www.lrl.usace.army.mil/ebs>

Louisville District Web Site: <http://www.lrl.usace.army.mil>

Robin Woodruff
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March 15, 2000

Mr. Imad Samara
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
111 N. Canal Street
Chicago, Illinois 60606-7206

Dear Imad:

This letter is intended as our commitment to sign the Amendment #2 to the Local Cooperation Agreement for the Burr Street betterment levee pending signature by the Federal officials. We have revised the agreement as submitted and find it acceptable. The Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission board unanimously approved at its November 10, 1999 public meeting the Burr Street betterment project. I trust that this letter meets your needs. Please call me if you need any additional information or if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


Dan Gardner
Executive Director

/sjm

cc: John Sirles, COE
William White, COE
Don Valk, COE
Lou Casale, LCRBDC attorney



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March 15, 2000

Mr. Imad Samara
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
111 N. Canal Street
Chicago, Illinois 60606-7206

Dear Imad:

This is to officially inform you of the closing of the Indiana General Assembly short legislative session for the calendar year 2000. As I had previously indicated, it was our hope to have a Technical Corrections Bill add some additional funding for the flood control non-Federal project share. This did not happen due to a number of state fiscal issues and the Governor's insistence to keep the budget closed for the short session. The next opportunity for non-Federal funding will be submitted in the summer of this year for the biennial period 2001 through 2002. The Development Commission currently has \$1.7 million from previous appropriations to draw upon for project purposes. We will work with you to prioritize our remaining dollars to allow the maximum number of contracts to be let and we will aggressively work with the congressional office and local legislators to seek being included in the Governor's budget at an increased amount for the next session. We will keep you informed of our progress.

Sincerely,

Dan Gardner
Executive Director

/sjm

cc: Congressman Visclosky's Office
Sherylin Freeland-McGrady, Governor's Office
Earl Harris, IN State Representative
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PETER J. VISCLOSKY
1ST DISTRICT, INDIANA

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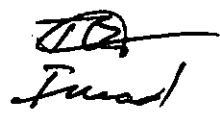
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March 22, 2000



Mr. Imad Samara
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U.S. Army Corps Of Engineers
Chicago District Office
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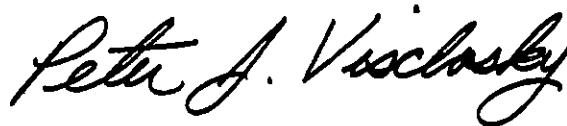
Dear Imad:

I write regarding the Little Calumet River Flood Control Project. I thank you for your efforts and accomplishment on this worthwhile project.

Recently, members of my staff met with the local sponsor, the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission, to discuss the construction schedule for Fiscal Year 2000 and Fiscal Year 2001. It is my expectations that the project will move forward to match the full capabilities of the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE). The local sponsor will meet these capabilities without requesting contracts to be shortened or divided, which ultimately would prolong the time needed to complete this project. Further, I am confident in the local sponsor's ability to obtain the resources necessary to provide the financial match needed to meet the ACOE construction schedule.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Mark Lopez, Manager of Projects and Grants in my Gary office at (219) 884-1177.

Sincerely,



Peter J. Visclosky
Member of Congress

PJV:ml

Visclosky pursues waterway funding

■ Flood control, improved shipping and pollution controls among plans.

BY TIM ZORN
Staff Writer

Northwest Indiana projects to control floods, improve shipping and stop water pollution will get an \$18 million boost next year if U.S. Rep. Peter J. Visclosky gets his way.

Visclosky, D-Merrillville, has asked Congress for the money in fiscal year 2001's energy and water appropriations bill.

The projects are important to the region's economy, Visclosky said, and he is confident the House Appropriations Committee and the full House of Representatives will approve funding.

The biggest items are \$8.8 million for continued construction of the Little Calumet River flood control project in Lake County and \$3.7 million for dredging the Indiana Harbor Ship Canal in East Chicago.



Visclosky

Since 1990, Visclosky has gotten more than \$65 million for the Little Calumet project, which includes 22 miles of levee and flood walls.

Other funding Visclosky requested next year includes:

■ Breakwater maintenance at Indiana's International Port, Portage, \$2.4 million.

■ Study of Gary Sanitary District sewage overflows, \$600,000.

■ Cleanup of Roxanna Marsh on the Grand Calumet River, \$500,000.

■ Feasibility study on Grand Calumet River, cleanup project, \$500,000.

■ Beach nourishment on Lake Michigan shoreline, \$300,000.

■ Design for Cady Marsh Ditch flood-control project in Griffith, Highland and Calumet Township, \$250,000.

■ Start detailed project report for Wolf Lake restoration project, Hammond, \$250,000.

■ Begin feasibility study for Hammond shore protection project, \$150,000.

■ Begin study for Whiting shore projection project, \$100,000.

■ Begin study for planting trees, shrubs and grass along the Indiana Harbor Ship Canal, \$100,000.

■ Studies on cleaning up Great Lakes toxic "hot spots" and improving navigation, \$500,000 each.



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Friday, March 17, 2000

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

This letter is to inform you that the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Water, will hold a public hearing on the following construction in a floodway application.

APPLICATION # : FW-20,334

APPLICANT : Ameriplex Partners Northwest

TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION : Two stormwater outfall structures will be installed on the south bank of the East Arm Little Calumet River approximately 2800' apart to discharge storm water from a planned commercial/light industrial complex. The outfall pipes will both be 66" in diameter and each discharging onto 25' riprap aprons and 400' swales having a bottom width of 5'-6" lined with an erosion control blanket. Periodic riprap check dams 4' wide and approximately 2' high with filter fabric will be placed across the two swales to prevent erosion and the stormwater will then discharge onto a 25' riprap apron before going into the East Arm Little Calumet River. Details of the project are contained in plans and information received at the Division of Water on January 18, 2000.

STREAM : Little Calumet River

LOCATION : On the south bank of the East Arm Little Calumet River approximately 2000' and 4800' upstream of the State Road 249 stream crossing, at Portage, Portage Township, Porter County

The scope of the public hearing, held under IC 14-11-4-8, will be limited to the authority vested in the Department of Natural Resources by the permitting statutes. This authority is confined to the floodway of the stream and any impact that the project may have on:

- 1) The efficiency and capacity of the floodway;
- 2) The safety of life or property;
- 3) Fish, wildlife, or botanical resources; and,
- 4) The cumulative effects of the above items.

Only issues that are directly related to this application for construction in a floodway will be addressed. Under the permitting statutes, the Department has no authority in zoning, local drainage, floodway fringe construction, burning, etc.; therefore, topics beyond the Department's jurisdiction will not be discussed during the hearing.

The public hearing will be held on Wednesday April 12, 2000, beginning at 11:30 AM in Suite 205 of the Porter County Office Building located at 155 Indiana Avenue, Valparaiso, Indiana.

If you have any questions concerning this public hearing, please contact the Technical Services Center at 317-232-4160 or 877-928-3755 (toll free within Indiana), or write to the address listed above.

LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
 FINANCIAL STATEMENT
 JANUARY 1, 2000 - FEBRUARY 29, 2000

CASH POSITION - JANUARY 1, 2000

CHECKING ACCOUNT		
LAND ACQUISITION	244,197.40	
GENERAL FUND	143,144.40	
TAX FUND	0.00	
INVESTMENTS	1,331,136.97	
ESCROW ACCOUNT INTEREST	11,729.84	
		1,730,208.61

RECEIPTS - JANUARY 1, 2000 - FEBRUARY 29, 2000

LEASE RENTS	10,716.76	
INTEREST INCOME	26,264.18	
LAND ACQUISITION	320,480.75	
ESCROW ACCOUNT INTEREST	2,078.49	
MISC. INCOME	55.68	
KRBC REIMBURSEMENT RE: TELEPHONE CHARGE	301.54	
PROCEEDS FROM VOIDED CHECKS	159,825.00	
		519,722.40
TOTAL RECEIPTS		

DISBURSEMENTS - JANUARY 1, 2000 - FEBRUARY 29, 2000

ADMINISTRATIVE		
1999 EXPENSES PAID IN 2000	88,437.89	
PER DIEM	5,400.00	
LEGAL SERVICES	1,310.66	
NIRPC	26,746.73	
TRAVEL & MILEAGE	861.56	
PRINTING & ADVERTISING	0.00	
BONDS & INSURANCE	0.00	
TELEPHONE EXPENSE	1,302.89	
MEETING EXPENSE	1,867.34	
LAND ACQUISITION		
LEGAL SERVICES	12,451.48	
APPRAISAL SERVICES	12,000.00	
ENGINEERING SERVICES	20,459.40	
LAND PURCHASE CONTRACTUAL	7,129.00	
FACILITIES/PROJECT MAINTENANCE SERVICES	5,940.00	
OPERATIONS SERVICES	0.00	
LAND MANGEMENT SERVICES	24,154.74	
SURVEYING SERVICES	21,959.77	
ECONOMIC/MARKETING SOURCES	1,400.00	
PROPERTY & STRUCTURE COSTS	79,802.58	
MOVING ALLOCATION	0.00	
TAXES	0.00	
LAND PURCHASE CONTRACTUAL	0.00	
PROPERTY & STRUCTURES INSURANCE	464.00	
UTILITY RELOCATION SERVICES	5,290.80	
LAND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	2,107.80	
STRUCTURAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	0.00	
ESCROW ACCOUNT NBD BANK	0.00	
BANK CALUMET(PURCHASE CERTIFICATE)	90,056.60	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		320,705.35

CASH POSITION - FEBRUARY 29, 2000

CHECKING ACCOUNT		
LAND ACQUISITION	457,288.58	
GENERAL FUND	91,980.38	
TAX FUND	0.00	
INVESTMENTS	1,331,136.97	
ESCROW ACCOUNT INTEREST	13,808.33	
		1,894,214.26

LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT, MARCH 2000

	2000							6 MONTH	UNALLOCATED
	BUDGET	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	ALLOCATED TOTAL	BUDGETED BALANCE
5801 PER DIEM EXPENSES	16,000.00	100.00	0.00					100.00	15,900.00
5811 LEGAL EXPENSES	8,500.00	283.33	283.33	579.33	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,145.99	7,354.01
5812 NIRPC SERVICES	125,000.00	18,062.13	8,874.12	8,782.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	35,718.37	89,281.63
5821 TRAVEL/MILEAGE	14,000.00	39.90	16.24	27.72	0.00	0.00	0.00	83.86	13,916.14
5822 PRINTING/ADVERTISING	5,000.00	0.00	62.58	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	62.58	4,937.42
5823 BONDS/INSURANCE	7,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,500.00
5824 TELEPHONE EXPENSES	7,000.00	438.76	216.26	1,827.68	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,482.70	4,517.30
5825 MEETING EXPENSES	8,000.00	729.60	132.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	861.80	7,138.20
5838 LEGAL SERVICES	125,000.00	5,866.80	5,266.54	8,499.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	19,632.84	105,367.16
5840 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	500,000.00	28,441.52	28,955.95	31,571.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	88,968.50	411,031.50
5860 PROJECT LAND PURCHASE EXP.	807,630.00	147,954.58	66.74	102,565.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	250,586.49	557,043.51
5881 PROPERTY/STRUCTURE INS.	25,000.00	464.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	464.00	24,536.00
5882 UTILITY RELOCATION EXP.	200,000.00	557.50	0.00	472.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,030.00	198,970.00
5883 PROJECT LAND CAP. IMPROV.	250,000.00	550.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	550.00	249,450.00
5884 STRUCTURES CAP. IMPROV.	25,000.00	0.00	2,995.83	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,995.83	22,004.17
	2,123,630.00	203,488.12	46,869.79	154,325.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	404,682.96	1,718,947.04

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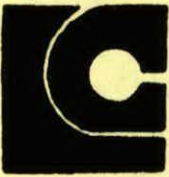
	2000							12 MONTH	UNALLOCATED
	BUDGET	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	ALLOCATED TOTAL	BUDGETED BALANCE
5801 PER DIEM EXPENSES	16,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	15,900.00
5811 LEGAL EXPENSES	8,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,145.99	7,354.01
5812 NIRPC SERVICES	125,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	35,718.37	89,281.63
5821 TRAVEL/MILEAGE	14,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	83.86	13,916.14
5822 PRINTING/ADVERTISING	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	62.58	4,937.42
5823 BONDS/INSURANCE	7,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,500.00
5824 TELEPHONE EXPENSES	7,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,482.70	4,517.30
5825 MEETING EXPENSES	8,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	861.80	7,138.20
5838 LEGAL SERVICES	125,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	19,632.84	105,367.16
5840 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	500,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	88,968.50	411,031.50
5860 PROJECT LAND PURCHASE EXP.	807,630.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	250,586.49	557,043.51
5881 PROPERTY/STRUCTURE INS.	25,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	464.00	24,536.00
5882 UTILITY RELOCATION EXP.	200,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,030.00	198,970.00
5883 PROJECT LAND CAP. IMPROV.	250,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	550.00	249,450.00
5884 STRUCTURES CAP. IMPROV.	25,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,995.83	22,004.17
	2,123,630.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	404,682.96	1,718,947.04

CLAIMS PAYABLE FOR MARCH 2000

ACCT	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	EXPLANATION OF CLAIM
5811	LOUIS CASALE	283.33	RETAINER FEE BILLED THROUGH 3/22/00
5811	LOUIS CASALE	296.00	OTHER LEGAL SERVICES THROUGH 3/22/00
5812	NIRPC	8,723.12	SERVICES PERFORMED FEBRUARY 2000
5812	UNITED PARCEL SERVICE	14.25	OVERNIGHT MAIL SERVICE
5812	UNITED PARCEL SERVICE	30.50	OVERNIGHT MAIL SERVICE
5812	UNITED PARCEL SERVICE	14.25	OVERNIGHT MAIL SERVICE
5821	SANDY MORDUS	27.72	MILEAGE FOR 3/22-3/29
5824	MCI	350.87	BILLING PERIOD 1/15/00-2/14/00(TOTAL BILL 370.73KRBC 19.86)
5824	MCI	315.77	BILLING PERIOD 2/15/00-3/14/00(TOTAL BILL 328.63, KRBC 12.86)
5824	GTE	712.12	BILLING PERIOD 2/16/00-3/16/00(TOTAL BILL 911.14 KRBC 199.02)
5824	GTE	448.92	BILLING PERIOD 3/16/00-4/16/00(TOTAL BILL 627.08 KRBC 178.16)
5838	LOUIS CASALE	8,499.50	LAND ACQUISITION/LEGAL SERVICES THROUGH 3/22/00
5842	R. W. ARMSTRONG	7,490.67	ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR PERIOD ENDED 3/17/00
5843	TICOR TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY	345.00	TITLE INSURANCE FEE FOR DC-541
5843	TICOR TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY	568.00	TITLE WORK FOR REPLACEMENT HOUSE FOR DC-793
5844	JAMES POKRAJAC	3,024.00	LAND MANAGEMENT/ENG SERVICES 2/16/00-2/29/00
5844	JAMES POKRAJAC	166.04	FEBRUARY MILEAGE
5844	JAMES POKRAJAC	4,116.00	LAND MANAGEMENT/ENG SERVICES 3/1/00-3/15/00
5844	JUDITH VAMOS	2,190.00	LAND ACQUISITION/MANAGEMENT SERVICES 2/16/00-2/29/00
5844	JUDITH VAMOS	31.64	FEBRUARY MILEAGE
5844	JUDITH VAMOS	2,400.00	LAND ACQUISITION/MANAGEMENT SERVICES 3/1/00-3/15/00
5844	SANDY MORDUS	300.13	CREDITING TECHNICIAN SERVICES 2/16/00-2/28/00
5844	SANDY MORDUS	404.25	CREDITING TECHNICIAN SERVICES 3/1/00-3/15/00
5844	G. LORRAINE KRAY	712.50	CREDITING TECHNICIAN & LAND ACQUISITION ASST 3/1/00-3/15/00
5845	SOUTH SHORE MARINA INC	1,020.00	EXPENSES INCURRED IN DITCH CLEAN UP AT 35TH AVE, GARY
5847	COLE ASSOCIATES(DLZ)	1,980.00	SURVEY SERVICES INCURRED FOR STAGES V-3
5847	COLE ASSOCIATES(DLZ)	989.30	SURVEY SERVICES INCURRED FOR TAX CARDS
5847	COLE ASSOCIATES(DLZ)	100.00	SURVEY SERVICES INCURRED FOR WEST REACH PUMP STATIONS
5847	COLE ASSOCIATES(DLZ)	630.00	SURVEY SERVICES INCURRED FOR WOODMAR/WICKER ADDL SERVICES
5847	COLE ASSOCIATES(DLZ)	180.00	SURVEY SERVICES INCURRED FOR STAGE IV-1SOUTH
5847	COLE ASSOCIATES(DLZ)	4,923.50	SURVEY SERVICES INCURRED FOR MITIGATION
5861	LAWYERS TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY	35,000.00	PURCHASE PRICE OF DC-578
5861	TICOR TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY	44,000.00	PURCHASE PRICE OF DC-793
5861	THE TIMES	15.17	COST INCURRED IN ADVERTISING FARMLAND
5862	TICOR TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY	22,500.00	REPLACEMENT HOUSING FOR DC-793
5862	MABEL OSWALD	1,050.00	MOVING EXPENSE(DC-793)
5882	R. W. ARMSTRONG	472.50	UTILITY RELOCATION SERVICES FOR PERIOD ENDED 3/17/00

TOTAL 154,325.05

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**WORK STUDY SESSION
2 MARCH 2000**

LAND ACQUISITION / MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT
Chuck Agnew, Chairman

1.) There are no increased offers or condemnations.

2.) A Land Acquisition/Management Committee meeting was held 15 February to discuss the location of the proposed handicapped-accessible park. Discussion centered on the park being located in a floodplain and safety issues related to the isolated area. Judy has researched nearby areas as alternative sites.

Discussion?

3.) Approximately 140 acres of land north and south of 35th Avenue between Grant and Chase will be advertised for farming. This area is outside the line of protection. Five (5) acres will be set aside for the Committee to Improve Emerson, if they wish to use it for truck farming for their project.

4.) Lake Erie Land Company will be hosting a seminar on 24 March 2000 at 8:30 am at the Sand Creek Country Club to explain the restoration of the "Great Konomick River" (Grand and Little Calumet River watershed areas). LCRBDC is invited.

5.) LCRBDC met with the cities of Hammond and Munster on 29 February to discuss an introduction to the flood project and have the municipalities start reviewing our project plans. Commissioners George Carlson, Curt Vosti, and Bob Huffman were on hand to add input to the discussions.

FARM LICENSE BID FOR 140 ACRES (CHASE TO GRANT)

BREAKDOWN SHEET

FARMER	BID	COST/ACRE	CLARIFICATIONS
TIM & ED BULT	* \$8750	* 62.50	NONE
DALE NIMETZ	(DECLINED TO BID)		-
GARY DUNLAP	(DECLINED TO BID)		-

AREA TO BE FARMED:

APPROX. 100 ACRES OF LAND OUTSIDE OF THE LINE OF FLOOD PROTECTION NORTH OF 35TH AVENUE BETWEEN CHASE AND GRANT, AND APPROX. 40 ACRES OF LAND SOUTH OF 35TH BETWEEN CHASE ST. AND THE GARY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION FACILITY IN GARY, INDIANA.

NOTE:

IN ADDITION TO DIRECT MAILING TO FARMERS WE HAVE HAD AGREEMENTS WITH IN THE PAST, WE PUBLICLY ADVERTISED IN SEVERAL LOCAL NEWSPAPERS.

* RECOMMENDATION:

WE RECOMMEND USING ED AND TIM BULT TO FARM THIS 140 ACRES BASED UPON THEIR SUBMITTING THE ONLY BID, THE BID BEING COMMENSURATE WITH PAST UNIT PRICE/ACRE, AND THEIR PAST EXPERIENCE AND CO-OPERATION IN FARMING OUR LAND.

APRIL 4, 2000



WORK STUDY SESSION
6 APRIL 2000

LAND ACQUISITION / MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT
Chuck Agnew, Chairman

- 1.) There are no increased offers or condemnations.
- 2.) A Land Acquisition/Management Committee meeting was held on 28 March. Farm bids and the possible new location of the proposed handicapped-accessible park were discussed.

- a. Approximately 140 acres of land north and south of 35th Avenue between Grant and Chase Streets was advertised for farming. One bid was received.

- * We need a motion to accept a bid to farm the area for \$62.50 per tillable acre from Ed and Tim Bult.

- b. Lake Erie Land Company (LEL) recently hosted two meetings. The first seminar on 24 March was an introduction to the "Restoration of the Great Konomick River" Project. The project will establish an environmental/recreation area along the Grand Calumet and Little Calumet River corridors.

- * A second meeting was held 4 April and a marketing committee was established to introduce community leaders and citizens to the project. A marketing committee meeting will be held at the LCRBDC office on 12 April.

- 3.) We need a motion to proceed with the demolition of a house and several outbuildings on a recent relocation. The house is becoming a safety hazard to the neighborhood.

- * Motion: To ask the Commission for the authority to bid a contract to demolish the structures on DC 793, the property on Colorado Street in Lake Station.

- 4.) Boy Scout Troop 280 is here tonight to explain their second year of a landscaping project to beautify the levee Columbia to Northcote. Mr. Walter Church, the Assistant Scoutmaster, will explain the project.

- 5.) In a conference call with representatives of the IN DNR, the Corps, and LCRBDC the COE agreed to submit a final draft of their Mitigation Plan to the DNR by 15 May including an explanation of how the 3rd party acquisition group will be doing land acquisition.

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WORK STUDY SESSION
ENGINEERING COMMITTEE

APRIL 6, 2000

Bob Huffman, Committee Chairman

1. Motion to increase maximum amount allowable for survey work from \$5000 to \$7500 to allow contractor additional funds to do necessary property research.
2. Motion to accept low bid in the amount of \$14,334.00 from Two Uncles Construction to construct a new 24' x 24' frame garage for David Taborski to allow Stage IV Phase 1 construction.
3. V.E. study to use sheet pilings in the existing levees in lieu of I-walls currently being reviewed by LCRBDC and COE.
4. Technical review meeting scheduled with the COE in Chicago on April 13th to review new and ongoing project and design concerns.
5. The COE has now informed us of their intent to re-activate the engineering contract for Stage VIII with SEH (Columbia to State Line – both sides of river).
6. Formliner presentation scheduled on April 6th with the COE.

*Judy check
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check the jobs +
get back next week.*

Burns Harbor 'sheen' differs from Dunes 'glob's'

■ Coast Guard official says oily material found on Lake Michigan and Burns Waterway not likely related.

BY TIM ZORN
Staff Writer

Authorities trying to find the source of oily glob's this week on the Ogden Dunes beach discovered something else: an oily discharge into nearby Burns Waterway.

A U.S. Coast Guard official said the two do not seem to be connected.

Coast Guardsmen discovered an oily sheen on the water surface

Monday afternoon in the Burns Waterway mouth.

At the time, the Coast Guard and other agencies were investigating small globules of a tarry substance found that morning on the Ogden Dunes beach.

"We don't believe the tar balls are related to the sheen we saw," Coast Guard Lt. Shawn Essert said Tuesday. "The two don't typically mix."

The patch of oil on the Burns Waterway surface was found near a Midwest Steel discharge pipe, Essert said.

He added that the sheen dissipated by the time Coast Guard Marine Safety Office members arrived at Burns Waterway Monday evening.

Coast Guardsmen and the Porter County Environmental Department

took samples Tuesday from the beach, and an Indiana Department of Environmental Management inspector went to the Midwest Steel wastewater treatment plant.

The Coast Guard will send samples of the tar glob's to the agency's oil investigation laboratory in Connecticut for analysis.

The results will include the material's chemical fingerprint and should indicate its age, Essert said.

Those results will be compared with analysis of samples taken Monday by the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore.

Bob Casbon, the Porter County environmental coordinator, said there appeared to be more tarry glob's on the Ogden Dunes beach Tuesday than there were Monday.



U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Unit Petty Officers Nick Pugh (left) and Carl Williams take samples Tuesday of a substance that washed ashore on the Lake Michigan beach in Ogden Dunes.

MICHAEL
McANDREWS
/POST-TRIBUNE

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

NAME OF MEETING: LCRBDC DATE: April 6

LOCATION: 6100 Southport Rd, Portage CHAIRMAN: Emerson Delaney

PLEASE SIGN IN

	NAME (PLEASE PRINT)	ORGANIZATION, ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER
1	Walter Church	Boy Scouts Troop 280
2	Roy J. Ortiz	Boy Scout Troop 280
3	Kerry A Keith	SEH
4	Brian Crang	DNR
5	JIM FLORA	RW Armstrong - Project Eng. Consultant
6	Pete & Mary Jane Zak	South Shore Marie
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Burns dredging likely to continue all summer

Digging may start next week but most of the work will be between May 23 and July 15

BY TIM ZORN
Staff Writer

PORTAGE — A long-anticipated project to deepen the Burns Waterway boating channel could begin late this week.

But most, if not all, of the work will take place between May 23 and July 15.

Difficulties in getting channel-dredging equipment to the site have

postponed the project's start so far, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers spokeswoman Lynne Whelan said Monday, and a requirement to halt the project during fish-stocking will delay it again.

Lake Michigan Contractors, of Holland, Mich., has a \$1.3 million contract from the Army Corps to dredge the stream from its mouth to the Portage Public Marina entrance.

The company originally was

expected to begin working here March 27, but the start date was pushed back while the company waited for equipment to be shipped from Florida, Whelan said.

Then a forecast for gale-force winds on Lake Michigan prevented the company from bringing the equipment from Michigan by barge.

If the equipment arrives here Wednesday, Whelan said, the work could begin Friday.

But then it will be suspended from Sunday until May 23 while the Indiana Department of Natural Resources stocks the stream with game fish.

The dredging project's completion date is July 15.

But although Lake Michigan is at near-record low levels this year and Burns Waterway has not been dredged since the mid-1980s, boats are still using it.

Bob Frum Sr., whose Lefty's Cobo Landing is one of the boat-launch sites along the stream, said boats must go slowly and watch the channel carefully.

A 40-foot boat navigated the stream successfully a few days ago, he said.

"Everybody can enjoy themselves once they get to the lake," Frum said, "but they have to take it easy."

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REPLY TO
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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

CHICAGO DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS

111 NORTH CANAL STREET

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60606-7206

MAR 28 2000

**Planning Division
Environmental and Social
Analysis Branch**

Dear Recipient:

Enclosed is an Environmental Assessment (EA) on proposed maintenance dredging and disposal of dredged material at Burns Small Boat Harbor, on Lake Michigan near Portage in Lake County, Indiana.

Please retain these documents as reference materials; they should not be circulated, but kept available for public review. Additional copies may be obtained from the office of the Chicago District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Federal law requires that the EA be made available locally, for review by interested parties.

The project involves dredging management unit 4B at Burns Small Boat Harbor, and placing dredged material on the beach west of the harbor. No wetlands, historic properties, valuable wildlife habitat or endangered species would be impacted by the project. There would be short-term adverse impacts to aquatic habitat.

Comments on the project should be submitted no later than 28 April 2000. Questions about the project may be directed to Mr. Frank Veraldi at the above address, or phone at 312/353-6400, ext. 2017.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter J. Rowan".

Peter J. Rowan, P.E.
Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army
District Engineer

Enclosure

**SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
FOR
BURNS SMALL BOAT HARBOR DREDGING
MAINTENANCE UNIT 4B
PORTER COUNTY, INDIANA**

28 March 2000

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Chicago District, CELRC-PD-S
111 North Canal Street Suite 600
Chicago, Illinois 60606-7206**

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FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and Section 122 of the River and Harbor Act of 1970, the Chicago District, Corps of Engineers, has prepared a Supplemental Environmental Assessment (EA) covering the potential impacts associated with disposal of sediment from outer portions of the Federal navigation channel at Burns Small Boat Harbor – management unit 4B, Porter County, Indiana on shore at Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore. The assessment process concluded that the project would not have any significant, adverse environmental impacts, therefore, an environmental impact statement (EIS) will not be prepared.

An environmental assessment for dredging with beach disposal and open-water disposal was issued in January 2000; that assessment included a preliminary Section 404(b)(1) evaluation. In response, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) has issued Section 401 water quality certification. The IDEM 401 permit, however, covers only on-beach disposal. Therefore, a supplemental environmental assessment has been prepared to document the impacts of the change (from "on-beach and open-lake" disposal to "on-beach only" disposal) in the proposed project. The proposed activity would involve periodic dredging of littoral sand from management unit 4B (MU4B) in the outer harbor and placement of the material on the Dunes National Lakeshore. Dredging and disposal would be performed by either hydraulic or mechanical equipment.

Only sediment classified as suitable for unconfined disposal would be dredged and disposed at the Dunes National Lakeshore. Project impacts would include a temporary increase in noise levels and turbidity; a temporary decrease in local water quality; a temporary odor; and potential, short-term impacts on yellow perch and salmonids. Timing of the operation and placement of the sand can avoid adverse impacts on aquatic habitat and biota. The dredging equipment may pose a temporary navigation hazard to boaters using the harbor. This action is not expected to cause significant, adverse impacts to cultural, human, recreational or terrestrial resources. Project benefits would include returning littoral lake sediments to the Dunes National Lakeshore where it would be available to the natural beach/dune building currents and wave action.

These factors were considered in the determination that no EIS is necessary. Those having information which would alter this assessment and lead to a reversal of this decision should notify me within 30 days of the date shown at the top of this notice.

Peter J. Rowan, P.E.
Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army
District Engineer

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Attn:
Dan Gardner
FYJ
Barb Raefranz

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE #00-019

MARCH 30, 2000

SECRETARY OF THE ARMY ANNOUNCES U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS CIVIL WORKS REFORMS

Secretary of the Army Louis Caldera announced today a series of reforms to strengthen civilian oversight and control over the Army Corps of Engineers' civil works program. These reforms address management concerns that have arisen under the Army's existing organizational structure and will be instituted immediately. The changes clarify responsibilities, improve accountability within the Army, and promote the orderly and efficient execution of the civil works program.

"The United States Army Corps of Engineers has a long and proud tradition of providing invaluable engineering and construction services to the nation," Caldera said. "Its civil works mission - fighting floods and developing, preserving, and protecting critical water resources - is vital to America's welfare. My purpose in making these changes is to support the Corps of Engineers in fulfilling its important civil works functions and to ensure that decisions are timely, objective, fair and deserving of the full confidence of the American public."

The Secretary's action clarifies that the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works (ASA(CW)) is the final decision maker for the Army on all civil works matters, as well as the lead Army official responsible for communications with other federal agencies and Congress on civil works matters. Under the reforms, the Chief of Engineers reports directly to the ASA(CW) on all civil works matters, and the ASA(CW) is fully empowered to establish the final Army position on any policy, programmatic, legislative, budgetary, or organizational matter involving the civil works program.

Chief of Staff of the Army, Gen. Eric K. Shinseki, joined Caldera in announcing the organizational changes.

"I have great confidence in the soldiers and civilians of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers who work hard every day to make our Nation a better place to live," Shinseki said. "We believe these reforms will improve the management of the Corps' existing organizational structure by clarifying lines of authority and improving communications."

The reforms will improve the quality of Army decisions by requiring a full exchange of information between the Corps and the ASA(CW). To further strengthen communications and accountability between the Corps and its civilian leadership, the reforms also change the current performance evaluation structure within the headquarters of the Corps. The ASA(CW) will now serve as the final evaluator of the job performance of certain senior civilian and military officials within the Corps.

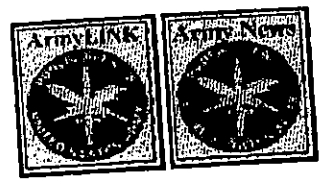
Secretary Caldera said the reforms will ensure the Corps continues to fulfill its essential civil works

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functions in the most efficient and effective manner. "The public has placed an important trust in the Army. My actions today fulfill this trust and strengthen the civil works program without disrupting the provision of essential services."

For more information, please contact Army Public Affairs Media Relations Division (703) 697-7592. This document is available on Army link, a World Wide Web Site on the Internet at <http://www.dtic.mil/armylink>

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Embattled Army Corps undergoes shake-up over alleged impropriety

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON—The Pentagon is making management changes in the embattled Army Corps of Engineers aimed at restoring civilian control and increasing accountability.

The changes, announced by Army Secretary Louis Caldera, follow allegations that top officers doctoring data to justify the \$1 billion cost of lengthening seven locks on the Mississippi and Illinois Rivers.

Internal documents that a Corps whistle-blower included with an affidavit alleging the impropriety suggested the agency is intent on enlarging its construction budget.

The Corps' \$4 billion civil works program has been officially under the Army assistant secretary since the 1980s, but Pentagon control over Corps decision-making has deteriorated over the years, Army spokesman Jim Stueve said.

Caldera said all final decisions on Corps project recommendations will now be made by Joseph Westphal, the Army's assistant secretary for civil works. Corps military leaders also are banned from lobbying Congress on their own, and Caldera shifted responsibility for evaluating top Corps officials to Westphal from the Corps' military commander, Lt. Gen. Joe Ballard.

"My purpose in making these

changes is to support the Corps of Engineers... and to ensure that decisions are timely, objective, fair and deserving of the full confidence of the American public," Caldera said Thursday.

Defense Secretary William Cohen sent a letter to "strongly endorse" Caldera's efforts.

Great Konomick River Restoration Meeting

March 24, 2000

ITEMS THAT NEED IMMEDIATE ATTENTION OF THE LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE:

- List the lands in public domain and determine if these are the first for restoration
- Create a phase roll-out
- Identify any meeting time and/or place preference
- Develop policies and procedures
- Speak to all communities that may be affected by this restoration
- Increase public awareness
- Clearly define the link between the Little Cal and the Grand Cal
- Create a master plan
- Mass produce agreement

VIII. Task groups were formed from those in attendance:

RESTORATION/REMEDATION	
<u>TASK GROUP MEMBERS</u>	<u>ASSIGNED ISSUES/CONCERNS</u>
Adriane Esparza Shirley Heinze; Env. Fund Robert Wolfe; J.F. New & Associates Cliff Duggan; Lake County Solid Waste Mgmt & District Jennifer Gadzala; Grand Cal Task Force (473-4246) Bob Robertson; IDNR Michael Suty; East Chicago Director of Utilities Craig Zandstra; Lake County Parks Charles Olson; Interstate Environmental Services Greg Quartucci; NiSource	1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 42, 44

POLITICAL/COMMUNITY/MARKETING/ADVERTISING TASK GROUP	
<u>TASK GROUP MEMBERS</u>	<u>ASSIGNED ISSUES/CONCERNS</u>
Kia Thomas Michael Suty; East Chicago Director of Utilities Lake County Parks Cindy Jackson; NiSource	1, 2, 3, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34

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MANAGEMENT/FUTURE DEVELOPMENT	
<u>TASK GROUP MEMBERS</u>	<u>ASSIGNED ISSUES/CONCERNS</u>
Dorreen Carey, City of Gary Cynthia Owen-Bengland; Lake County Parks	1, 2, 3, 13, 15, 16, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42

FUNDING	
<u>TASK GROUP MEMBERS</u>	<u>ASSIGNED ISSUES/CONCERNS</u>
Michael Suty; East Chicago Director of Utilities Lake County Parks Greg Quartucci; NiSource	1, 2, 3, 41, 42, 43, 44

RECREATION	
<u>TASK GROUP MEMBERS</u>	<u>ASSIGNED ISSUES/CONCERNS</u>
Lake County Parks	1, 2, 3, 44, 45

TASK GROUP FORMATION:

- The chairperson from each task group will attend the Leadership Committee meetings.
- Each task group will develop goals, timetables, resources needed, etc.
- One or more members of the Leadership Committee will sit on each task force.
- The Leadership Committee will have final authorization on all decisions.

IX: An April 4th meeting will take place at 1:00 p.m. at Sand Creek Country Club. The following items will be discussed and a list of attendees was obtained.

Discussion Items:

- Define the scope
- Present already existing plans
- Formation of task groups & responsibilities

Great Konomick River Restoration Meeting

March 24, 2000

- I. Jerry Mobley, Lake Erie Land Company welcomed all attendees.
- II. Art Smith, NiSource gave a Great Konomick River Restoration project vision.
- III. Dan Gardner, LCRBC presented the flood control recreation project overview.
- IV. The Great Konomick River Restoration Leadership Committee gave a presentation and held a question and answer session. Leadership Committee members:

Don Ewoldt	Lake Erie Land Company	(219) 395-5300
Jim New	J.F. New & Associates, Inc.	(219) 586-3400
Rob Wolfe	J.F. New & Associates, Inc.	(219) 586-3400
Greg Quartucci	NiSource, Inc.	(219) 647-5262
Cindy Jackson	NiSource, Inc.	(219) 647-5253
Dan Gardner	LCRBC	

- V. An open session was facilitated by Susan Simpson to discuss important issues and concerns regarding the project. (The issues were later assigned to task groups as indicated in parenthesis.)

IMPORTANT ISSUES/CONCERNS:

1. Who does the work? **(All Task Groups)**
2. Mission statement **(All Task Groups)**
3. Prioritize and select appropriate sites **(All Task Groups)**

4. Fully define the geographic area & boundaries **(Leadership)**
5. Does the process have a time line? **(Leadership)**
6. Who is in charge? **(Leadership)**
7. Goals **(Leadership)**

8. Disposal of contaminants **(Restoration/Remediation)**
9. Restoration Goals **(Restoration/Remediation)**
10. Combined sewer overflows **(Restoration/Remediation)**
11. Overflow of residential downspouts **(Restoration/Remediation)**
12. Regulatory issues **(Restoration/Remediation)**

13. Adjacent land use impacts **(Restoration/Remediation & Management/Future Development)**
14. Knowledge of the river **(Restoration/Remediation & Political/Community/Marketing/Advertising)**
15. Impact of this project and R.A.P. **(Restoration/Remediation, Political/Community/Marketing/Advertising & Management/Future Development)**
16. Grand Cal & Little Cal synergy **(Restoration/Remediation, Political/Community/Marketing/Advertising & Management/Future Development)**

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17. Mediation **(Political/Community/Marketing/Advertising)**
18. Collaborations **(Political/Community/Marketing/Advertising)**
19. Who coordinates community involvement?
(Political/Community/Marketing/Advertising)
20. Marketing to communities **(Political/Community/Marketing/Advertising)**
21. What steps is the process taking to get meaningful citizen involvement?
(Political/Community/Marketing/Advertising)
22. Cultural & industrial history **(Political/Community/Marketing/Advertising)**
23. Media involvement **(Political/Community/Marketing/Advertising)**
24. Partnerships **(Political/Community/Marketing/Advertising)**
25. Interest and involvement of young people
(Political/Community/Marketing/Advertising)
26. Public publicity **(Political/Community/Marketing/Advertising)**
27. Disturbing archeological sites **(Political/Community/Marketing/Advertising)**
28. Outreach to schools **(Political/Community/Marketing/Advertising)**
29. Public education **(Political/Community/Marketing/Advertising)**

30. Sustainability **(Political/Community/Marketing/Advertising & Management/Future Development)**
31. Intergovernmental coordination **(Political/Community/Marketing/Advertising & Management/Future Development)**
32. Coordination with local and regional comprehensive plans
(Political/Community/Marketing/Advertising & Management/Future Development)
33. Continuity **(Political/Community/Marketing/Advertising & Management/Future Development)**
34. Residential development in the corridor/all residential development
(Political/Community/Marketing/Advertising & Management/Future Development)

35. Management authority(s) **(Management/Future Development)**
36. All future development **(Management/Future Development)**
37. Long-term maintenance **(Management/Future Development)**
38. SMART growth **(Management/Future Development)**
39. Maintenance and operation **(Management/Future Development)**
40. Safety **(Management/Future Development)**

41. Economic development **(Management/Future Development & Funding)**
42. Land Acquisition **(Management/Future Development, Funding & Restoration/Remediation)**

43. Money **(Funding)**

44. Wildlife **(Funding, Recreation & Restoration/Remediation)**
45. Recreation **(Recreation)**

Great Konomick River Restoration Meeting

March 24, 2000

VI. Further discussion was facilitated regarding suggestions on how to make this project successful:

SUGGESTIONS:

- Synergy of public & private
- Make presentation to communities recreation and economic development departments
- Share information with other environmental and restoration groups
- Identify venture capital funding
- Consensus of vision
- Create website
- Hold evening and/or weekend meetings
- Develop a cost benefit analysis
- Define scale of project
- Increase the number of representatives on the leadership committee
- Set clear goals and obtain agreement
- Utilize a geographic information system
- Broaden awareness
- Create a marketing team
- Integrate other planning efforts
- Research workforce opportunities
- Coordinate communication of government regulatory and permitting agencies

VII. It was suggested that certain items needed to be handled immediately by the leadership committee:



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ATTENTION OF:

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
CHICAGO DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
111 NORTH CANAL STREET
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60606-7206

April 5, 2000

Programs and Project Management Division
Project Management Branch

Mr. James E. Pokrajac
Agent, Land Acquisition
Little Calumet River Basin
Development Commission
6100 Southport Rd.
Portage, Indiana 46368

Dear Mr. Pokrajac;

In response to your letter of January 14, 2000 concerning connections between the Highland and Hammond trails we have thoroughly investigated your proposal here at the Chicago District and also discussed your recommendation with our Rock Island District engineers. Rock Island District engineers have a very extensive experience in designing of various types of flood protection and recreational projects. The conclusion is that the recommendation is possible to construct but will be very expensive. Providing a removable closure of twelve-foot width and a height corresponding to the height of the I-wall (approximately nine feet) will cost about \$250,000. In our opinion compromising the line of protection for a recreational trail is not in the best interest of the project. The project provides connection between these two trails without any additional costs. This connection may not be the shortest way to connect the trails but since it is a recreational trail this should be acceptable. Since the project provides the connection, your request of the gate will be considered a locally preferred plan, hence the locals will bare any additional costs. In addition, this type of closure will be very dependable but will be also connected with a high O&M cost.

If you have any questions please contact Mr. Jan S. Plachta of this office at (312) 353-6400, extension 1801.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Imad Samara", written over a horizontal line.

Imad Samara
Project Manager

BREAKDOWN SHEET

CONTRACTOR	BASE BID	CLARIFICATIONS	DAYS TO COMPLETE
* TWO UNCLES CONSTRUCTION	\$ 14,334.00	NONE	
PIERCE BUILDERS	\$ 14,840.00	NONE	
GARAGE BUILDERS OF INDIANA	DID NOT RESPOND	-	-

SCOPE OF WORK:

CONSTRUCT A NEW 24' x 24' FRAME GARAGE, 75' OF SIDEWALK, ALL ELECTRIC, TO MATCH THE FEATURES OF THE EXISTING GARAGE. THIS WILL ALLOW INSTALLATION OF THE 6' x 8' CONCRETE BOX CULVERT AS PART OF THE STAGE II - PHASE 1 (NORTH) CONSTRUCTION.

* RECOMMENDATION:

WE RECOMMEND USING TWO UNCLES CONSTRUCTION TO DO THIS WORK BASED UPON THEIR SUBMITTING THE LOWEST BID AND MEETING THE TIME CRITERIA TO ALLOW II-1 NORTH TO PROCEED

**RESULTS OF REAL ESTATE MEETING HELD 28 FEBRUARY 2000
ARMY CORPS & LITTLE CALUMET RIVER FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT**

IN ATTENDANCE:

LCRBDC

Dan Gardner
Lou Casale
Sandy Mordus
Jim Pokrajac
Angie Ogrentz
Judy Vamos

COE

Imad Samara
Bill White
Emmett Clancy

1. STAGE IV-1 SOUTH

Updates on remaining acquisitions:

a. Status of WIND offer - Lou reported that he has been in contact with Kathy Lucas, attorney for Bose, McKinney, & Evans, the Indianapolis real estate law firm working as consultant to WIND. Ms. Lucas' job is to review the LCRBDC offer and make a recommendation to WIND, which will then approve and sign the offer. She is waiting on the amended plans and specs from the COE. Kathy is overnighting her draft agreement (letter of intent) so Lou can review it and get her his response to iron out the details.

(ACTION: Lou/LCRBDC)

Imad explained that contractors can look up the contracts and specs on the Internet and the information can be downloaded if the receiver has the correct technical equipment.

b. Status of railroad offers - Lou has received the draft right-to-construct from Rick May in E.J.& E. Real Estate Department. Lou has some concerns about insurance, liability, construction, etc. clauses that must be addressed before the railroad or LCRBDC signs the offer or right-to-construct. He will call Rick May to iron out details. Judy reported that she is having trouble reaching Norfolk & Southern representative John Powell who is in charge of Lake County, Indiana. He has the final specs and plans but must have five other departments sign-off on them. Judy will call Louise Bugg, the Norfolk & Southern real estate attorney for Indiana, to work from the top down trying to reach John Powell.

(ACTION: Judy/LCRBDC)

c. INDOT staging area agreements - Angie and Lou reported that the signed agreements were delivered via express overnight just this morning. Angie gave an original signed copy to Sandy for Judy to record. Imad suggested that Dan write a thank-you letter to INDOT for their cooperation in signing the agreements.

(ACTION: Dan and Judy/LCRBDC)

2. EAST REACH REMEDIATION AREA

a. Status of road easements - Judy reported that a problem with DC 816, owner Harry Ewen, has developed. An offer was sent to Mr. Ewen for acquisition of his 19 acres when he owns only 12 acres. DLZ (Cole & Associates) is re-doing the survey and researching identification/property lines. Angie will send out a new offer when the new legals are completed. If all goes as planned acquisition could take place by 30 March.

(ACTION: Angie and LCRBDC)

3. FUNDING

a. Dan explained the funding crisis LCRBDC is facing. The budget session in Indianapolis is ending with LCRBDC having no line item. Dan and Lou will meet with Congressman Peter Visclosky or his aides to discuss the crisis. Judy and Jim have written a budget showing actual budget numbers with the bottom line being a shortfall of \$978,000 ±. Imad explained that he spoke with COE Deputy Colonel John Sirles and they both agree to have LCRBDC proceed with acquisition and the construction cost share until the LCRBDC runs out of money. Once a crisis point is hit talks with the Governor or his aides will be more credible.

(ACTION: Dan and Lou/LCRBDC)

b. Imad explained that a crediting audit will be completed sometime in September 2000 and everything that can be credited should be credited. If the LCRBDC has not meet its 25% of the project cost the construction cost share may be increased from 7% to 10%. He encouraged Sandy and the new crediting technician Lorraine Kray to submit as many claims as possible.

(ACTION: Sandy and Lorraine/LCRBDC)

4. OTHER ISSUES

a. Appraiser Dale Kleszynski arrived later in the meeting to make a report on the Woodmar appraisal. He explained that at a meeting at COE offices on 2/9/00 new mapping was discovered that showed a large flowage area on the Woodmar property. COE is researching the actual acreage required for the easement acquisition. Dale asked that he receive the most accurate and current maps as soon as possible. He has begun the appraisal and wants LCRBDC and COE to know that the special benefits (land out of the floodplain, less water for fewer days on the course, etc.) Woodmar will receive may outweigh the damages done to the greens and fairways. If that is the case the Woodmar acquisition would not be so costly and LCRBDC could make an offer.

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b. There will be a conference call on 10 March with COE, Indiana DNR, and the LCRBDC to discuss the Mitigation Plan. Bill reported that the COE has no funding for property acquisition in the Hobart Marsh area and that fact needs to be brought to the DNR's attention. Discussion was held about the problem and it was agreed to execute an RFP (Request For Proposal) stating that bidders must provide land design and acquisition as well as execution of the rest of the plan. The company of CDF (Conservation Design Forum) is already designing the in-project properties. Everyone agreed that sole-sourcing of the Hobart Marsh area is not acceptable. The Mitigation Plan should be bid to be fair. Lou will help COE write the RFP if COE needs assistance.

(ACTION: COE and Lou/LCRBDC)

c. Emmett stated that COE will be putting their own tracking numbers on properties identified in Stage VII. LCRBDC can still use their own DC numbers.

5. NEXT MEETING

a. Thursday, 30 March 2000, 9:30 am, LCRBDC office