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

WORK STUDY SESSION - 5:00 P.M.

A G E N D A

1. Call to Order by Chairman Emerson Delaney
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Recognition of Visitors and Guests
4. Approval of Minutes of June 1, 2000
5. Chairman's Report
 - Notice of COE Change of Command Ceremony to be held July 25th
 - Col. Mark A. Roncoli scheduled to meet in our office at 1:30 p.m. on July 17th
6. Executive Director's Report
 - Report on Partnering meeting held with COE on June 7th
 - Project Wetland Mitigation
 - Letter to Col. Rowan
 - Response letter from the COE
 - Letter from DNR
 - Bill Petrites letter - response

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Bill Petrites*

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7. Standing Committees

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

- Appraisals, offers, acquisitions, recommended actions
- Great Konomick River Restoration meeting held June 28th
- Upcoming meeting with River Forest School concerning handicapped accessible park – Agreement with LEL needs to be finalized for that meeting
- COE Real Estate meeting held June 29th (via conference call)
- Other issues

B. Project Engineering Committee – Bob Huffman, Chairman

- Recommended actions
- Pre-construction meeting for Burr St. held June 6th
- Pre-bid meeting on Pump Stations 1B held June 15th
- Tour and discussion of project with city of Indianapolis engineering consultant
- Project meeting at Hammond held on June 28th
- Other issues

C. Legislative Committee – George Carlson, Chairman

- Meeting with Congressman Pete Visclosky on July 6th
- Federal appropriations
- 01/03 Capital Budget request forms received - August 1st deadline for Commission budget request submittal
- Other issues

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D. Recreational Development Committee – Curtis Vosti, Chairman

- COE annual picnic held at Lake Etta on June 23rd
- Other issues

E. Marina Development Committee – Bill Tanke, Chairman

- Update on dredging of Burns Waterway – news article
- Other issues

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F. Finance/Policy Committee – Arlene Colvin, Chairperson

- Financial status report
- Approval of claims for June 2000
- Letter from Valparaiso Insurance Professionals regarding liability insurance renewal on Commission-owned properties
- Other issues

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G. Minority Contracting Committee – Marion Williams, Chairman

- Other 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, JUNE 1, 2000
AT THE COMMISSION OFFICE
6100 SOUTHPORT ROAD
PORTAGE, INDIANA**

Chairman Emerson Delaney called the meeting to order at 6:25 p.m. Eight (8) Commissioners were present. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Quorum was declared and guests were recognized.

Development Commissioners:

Charles Agnew
Emerson Delaney
George Carlson
John Mroczkowski
Steve Davis
William Tanke
Bob Huffman
Curtis Vosti

Visitors:

Bill Petrites, Highland resident
Jomary Crary - IDNR
Jim Flora, R.W. Armstrong Company

Staff

Dan Gardner
Lorraine Kray
Sandy Mordus
Lou Casale
Jim Pokrajac
Judy Vamos

Chairman Emerson Delaney introduced Lorraine Kray, a person hired to do crediting of properties that the Commission has acquired. She will work about 3 days a week on a hourly contract basis.

Chuck Agnew made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 4th meeting; motion seconded by Curt Vosti; motion passed unanimously.

Chairman's Report – Chairman Emerson Delaney talked about the retreat meeting held on May 16th. The main topic of discussion at that meeting was the Commission's financial situation and our concern that we will not be able to keep up with the COE's construction schedule. A meeting with the Congressman is scheduled for July 6th in which Emerson, Dan, Lou and the Legislative Committee will attend.

Executive Director's Report – Mr. Gardner announced an upcoming meeting with the COE on June 7th from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. This is a partnering meeting to be held at the Courtyard Hotel business meeting room with a facilitator to help keep everyone focused on the issue at hand. The topic of the day will be the scheduling of the remainder of the project and how we are going to meet that schedule. The funding issue was not suppose to be a part of the issue; we were to proceed on what we were going to do to keep up, pretending that we had all the money needed to meet our share. At the end of the day, we were to have a "plan in hand " that would be workable and achievable. We must be able to show capability to meet their schedule. We will then be able to go to the Congressman with that schedule to show him what we need and develop a state strategy to meet the schedule.

Mr. Gardner updated the Board members on the latest meeting on the Great Konomick River Restoration project, which will establish an environmental/recreational area along the Grand Calumet and the Little Calumet River corridors. A master plan is being developed by J. F. New. It will include the entire Lake Michigan watershed, including all tributaries. Mr. Gardner referred to his letter to Senator Lugar's Office, keeping that office in the loop regarding the environmental restoration efforts being made by LEL. We are also going to meet jointly with LEL to talk to the Times Editorial Board in developing further news coverage. Commissioner Curt Vosti asked if the Commission was fully on board with this Great Konomick River Restoration project. Mr. Gardner replied that we see no reason why we should not be, especially at this point in time. Mr. Vosti's concern is that we should be cautious; there may be some aspects that are not to our advantage.

Land Acquisition Committee – Committee Chairman Chuck Agnew gave the report. He informed the Board members that there are no increased offers or condemnations this month. He stated that we have received a letter from the COE directing us to pursue acquisition of Stage VI properties. The Real Estate meeting was held via conference call on May 25th. A discussion then ensued on the Hobart Marsh mitigation plan. The COE office is now saying we need to purchase the land even though it is out of our jurisdiction. Mr. Gardner added that we are seeking a formal letter from the COE with this new directive. We will send a response letter submitting our previous letter to the Colonel. A meeting needs to be scheduled to have this discussion on mitigation responsibilities.

Mr. Pokrajac added that several phases of construction are completed and the COE is anxious to turn those completed sections over to us for operation and maintenance. We need to have a meeting to discuss this topic.

Mr. Agnew talked about the clean-up/plantings that Boy Scout Troop 280 is going to do on the Little Calumet River at Riley School area in Hammond. The Commission is going to provide lunch for the volunteers in gratitude for their hard work. Mr. Pokrajac suggested that the Scouts make sure they take pictures of all their plantings so that when the COE project comes to that area, there will be documentation of what kinds of plants/shrubs/bushes, flowers were there (so they can be replaced in kind).

Mr. Agnew also reported that Stage VII engineering is being done now.

Project Engineering Committee – Committee Chairman Bob Huffman gave the engineering report. He informed the Board that Dyer Construction will be doing Stage IV Phase 1 South. He also reported that Dillon Contractors will be doing Stage IV Phase 1 North construction. Both stages have been started. Dyer Construction has also received the contract on the Betterment Levee Phase 1. That construction will probably start about August of this year.

Mr. Huffman reported that a technical review meeting was held on May 10th at the COE office. It was determined that they will be using form liners in the base bid. There was a VE proposal for sheet piling for levees and they will review it on a per location basis to see if it will be used.

There were several meetings held (May 15th and 17th) with the town of Highland to inform them and update them on construction features in that town. They would like to see the construction schedule speed up. They talked about funding. Mr. Gardner stated that we are showing an aggressive schedule to meet the Federal dollars available. The length of time acquisition takes was also a topic of discussion. Judy Vamos added that we are talking about using outside firms to coordinate the appraisal/purchase process.

Attorney Casale added that appraisal review process has always been a bottleneck. The COE has eliminated a lot of our appraisers because they felt they did not meet COE standards and the appraisers we do have, they critique much too harshly. It is an ongoing problem.

Legislative Committee – Committee Chairman George Carlson read the letter in the agenda packet from the State Budget Agency approving the latest \$1.5 million from the Special Build IN Fund and then the letter from Rep. Pat Bauer transmitting the \$1.5 million check to Rep. Chet Dobis to present to us.

Recreational Development Committee – Committee Chairman Curt Vosti referred to the letter in the agenda packet from the COE in response to Bob Huffman's suggestion that the trail connection configuration be changed from river side to land side to allow for more efficient connection of the four trails in that immediate area. The COE is reviewing the trail layout and they appear to be receptive to the idea.

Mr. Vosti asked staff to prepare a one page list of proposed recreational enhancements for the west reach and to include the already existing recreational features at Carlson-Oxbow Park. Mr. Carlson proceeded to talk on the history of how the exchange of land took place between city of Hammond and town of Highland for the oxbow area.

Marina Committee – Committee Chairman Bill Tanke gave an update on the dredging of Burns Waterway. Dredging was delayed because of tar balls that were found in and about the waterway. It is reported that the dredging will finally be underway.

Mr. Tanke, Dan Gardner and attorney Lou Casale met with Jerry Hodges of the Portage Port Authority. They discussed how to best finish the marina (to build out remaining slips) and a better way of reporting financial records of the marina. Mr. Tanke felt that Mr. Hodges understood the marina history and will be very receptive to working with us.

Finance Committee – In Committee Chairperson Arlene Colvin's absence, Mr. Gardner presented the revised claims for approval as distributed. Mr. Agnew made a motion to approve the financial status sheet and the April claims totaling \$81,056.97; motion seconded by Bill Tanke; motion passed unanimously.

Minority Contracting Committee – In Committee Chairman Marion Williams' absence, Mr. Gardner referred the Dyer Construction contract sheets regarding minority participation percentages, which were above the 40% goal we have. They appear to be doing a good job of hiring minorities and have been very consistent in turning in their reports. Mr. Huffman asked staff if Dillon Contractors (contractors for Stage IV-1N) are aware of the

40% minority goal. Mr. Pokrajac stated that in the pre-construction meeting, he will make sure they are aware. He said that they are obligated to turn in reports (it is not optional).

Other Business – Attorney Lou Casale referred to a Commission resolution that is required by Ameritech for some relocation work they must do to accommodate the construction project. Mr. Agnew made a motion to approve the resolution for Ameritech relocation work; motion seconded by Bob Huffman; motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner George Carlson asked that recognition be given to fellow Commissioner Bob Huffman for his solution to the trail problem in Hammond/Highland. He commended and thanked him for his solution. The Commission was very appreciative. Chairman Delaney asked about the possibility of putting up a plaque at that location. It would be good for public awareness.

Jim Pokrajac stated that the Betterment Levee construction would be starting in a few months. Imad Samara had asked us whether we wanted a groundbreaking ceremony since it is a local project. He asked that the Commissioners think about it. Mr. Gardner said that maybe we should ask the Congressman.

Discussion ensued on attorney Lou Casale leaving the firm of Lucas, Holcomb & Medrea and going out on his own. He presented a letter from the firm that requires board action as to whether we wanted to keep him as our attorney or whether we wanted to keep the firm itself. Mr. Vosti made a motion that the Development Commission retain Lou Casale as the Commission's attorney; motion seconded by George Carlson; motion passed unanimously.

Statements to the Board –Bill Petrites, Highland resident, expressed concern he had that adequate draining would be a problem after INDOT took down the bridge on Indpls. Blvd. INDOT has requested some land he owns (as well as his parents) and has presented the construction plans to him. Mr. Petrites does not want to negotiate a land settlement with INDOT until he knows that increased water will not happen. Once the levee is in place, the water cannot get to the river. The town, as well as us, would like to see a pump station put in. The town of Highland also has a problem with the existing plan. No less flood protection should be given than what is at least there right now. He expressed surprise that INDOT has not shared their plans with us. Mr. Pokrajac stated that a meeting was held a few years back in which he believes the COE and INDOT exchanged plans for that area. However, to his knowledge, there has been no follow-up since then. Staff will ask the COE office what they know. After discussion, Mr. Vosti made a motion for staff to write a letter to INDOT stating that the public has come to us and expressed concern about drainage and ask for a written response (copies should be sent to the town of Highland and the COE); motion seconded by George Carlson; motion passed unanimously.

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



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LOUIS CASALE
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June 15, 2000

Lt. Col. Peter J. Rowan
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
111 N. Canal Street
Chicago, Illinois 60606-7206

Dear Colonel Rowan:

The Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission is writing to you seeking the written position of the Corps of Engineers regarding the respective responsibilities of the Federal government and the local project sponsor concerning the Hobart Marsh wetland mitigation. It is our understanding, through verbal communication only, that it was first thought by the Chicago District and the Division that a third party could be procured and funded through a Corps of Engineers solicitation process to implement the Hobart Marsh; but it is now our understanding that Washington level review has determined that the real estate responsibility and costs still rest with the local sponsor as well as funding and assurances of adequate operation and maintenance of the site after construction. The Policy Board of the Development Commission has requested a written clarification outlining the Army Corps' position regarding the Commission's responsibility in this matter.

It remains the position of the Development Commission that our real estate jurisdiction in the Hobart Marsh area is limited by our State enabling legislation, and that the proper way to proceed is for the Federal government to publicly advertise for proposals for a third party. It is still our position that this would afford the most open process to determine an environmentally appropriate, cost effective, and publicly supported approach to the wetland mitigation responsibility. A statement of our position is reflected in the letter of attorney Lou Casale dated 8/9/98, which I have enclosed.

We await your response and ask that Imad Samara and Bill White, Chief of Real Estate, be available to answer questions at our next public board meeting schedule for Thursday, July 6, 2000 at 6:00 p.m. at our office. Thank you in advance.

Sincerely,


Dan Gardner
Executive Director

/encl.
cc: William White
Imad Samara



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September 9, 1998

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
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Nov's letter

Attention: Rich Carlson

RE: Conceptual Mitigation Plan

Dear Mr. Carlson:

As you are aware, the staff of the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission has now had several meetings and discussions with officials and staff of the Army Corps of Engineers regarding the Conceptual Mitigation Plan now under review by the Corps. During these meetings and discussions the Commission's concerns about the plan have been expressed on numerous occasions. One of the Commission's main concerns is that the project, as presented, is wholly outside of the one (1) mile jurisdictional limits of the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission. This will necessitate the selection of a third party entity to acquire, construct, operate and maintain the project. This letter is meant to address the Commission's concerns regarding the selection of an entity to enter into an agreement with the Army Corps of Engineers and the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission for the acquisition, construction and operation of the project.

It is the Commission's position that an objective method must be developed to allow it and the Army Corps of Engineers to jointly choose the most qualified entity to carry out the project. The Commission hereby proposes that a Request for Proposal be developed jointly by it and the Army Corps of Engineers. This Request for Proposal will be circulated among government and private not for profit and for profit entities that might be capable of implementing the plan. From the proposals submitted, the Army Corps of Engineers and the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission can then develop a list of candidates to interview. After interviews, the Army Corps of Engineers and the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission will jointly determine the top 2 or 3 candidates with which to negotiate an Agreement. In the event negotiations fail with the top candidate, they can be commenced with subsequent candidates.

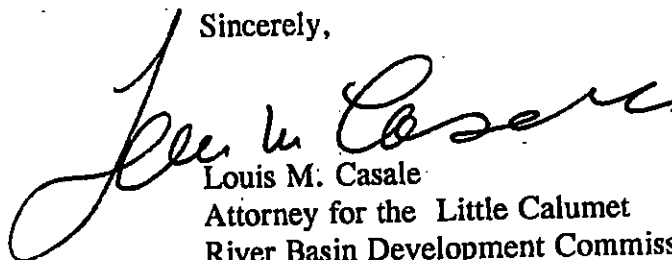
Rich Carlson
September 9, 1998
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For this process to be effective, the Request for Proposal must be carefully crafted so as to elicit as much information as is possible from each candidate so as to determine its financial, managerial and professional capabilities to implement the plan. It will be essential for the Army Corps of Engineers and the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission to meet with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources and other permitting agencies prior to developing a Request for Proposal.

Because we are seeking a candidate to enter into a professional services agreement, and not a public works construction project, the process suggested herein should be an acceptable and allowable method to insure the selection of the most qualified entity to implement the Mitigation Plan.

After you have had an opportunity to review this proposed method of selection, please contact me with questions, suggestions and the Army Corps of Engineer's position regarding same.

Sincerely,



Louis M. Casale
Attorney for the Little Calumet
River Basin Development Commission

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cc: Imad Samara
Bill White
Dan Gardner



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

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:
District Engineer

June 21, 2000

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

SUBJECT: Little Calumet River Flood Control and Recreation Project Mitigation Plan

Dear Mr. Gardner:

The project mitigation plan that was submitted to IDEM, IDNR and U.S. Fish and Wildlife for approval included, as you are aware, a conceptual plan for mitigation within the Hobart Marsh area, an area clearly outside the Commission's geographical jurisdiction. The concept for implementation at that time, was to identify a party or parties who could provide the necessary land, detailed design, implementation and operation and maintenance of the mitigation in that area. The Chicago District's review of Corps of Engineers policy and discussions with others at the Division level led us to conclude that these activities had to be bundled together, similar in certain respects to mitigation banking credits. Subsequently the Policy Branch at our Headquarters determined that the activities did not need to be bundled and that the Non-Federal Sponsor would be required to provide initial funding for any lands. Lands would then be credited against the Commission's cost share as provided in the LCA.

best available

In keeping with that direction, we now feel that the best approach is to separately identify available and acceptable lands for the project, to then perform detailed design and to advertise for the mitigation. We share your concern that the process should be public and intend to issue a public notice seeking acceptable lands from owners within the river basin. This notice will state the criteria for determining the acceptability of any lands offered. As we have always planned, one criterion will be that the landowner commit to grant a reversionary interest to IDNR if Operation and Maintenance responsibilities are not met. Once we have completed the technical and cost evaluations for each alternative area, a plan can be finalized and submitted to the reviewing agencies for approval. We must expedite the planning process so that permitting requirements will not delay the project. Upon approval of the plan, agreements must be negotiated with the landowners. Since the Commission has responsibility for monitoring the Operation and Maintenance of the mitigation area and for invoking the reversionary deed language if needed, it would seem appropriate that the agreement be made between the Commission and the landowner(s). After the agreements are in place, design and construction would be competitively bid consistent with Federal procurement practices.

We are as concerned as you that there be no misunderstandings and complete agreement in our approach to this plan. Mr. Samara will be in attendance at your July 6, 2000 board meeting to answer any questions you may have. In the meantime, please contact either Mr. Samara or Mr. White with any concerns that you may have or clarifications that you need.

Sincerely,

[Handwritten Signature]
PETER J. ROWAN, P.E.
Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army
District Engineer



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June 23, 2000

Mr. Philip R. Bernstein
Chief, Planning Division
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Chicago District, Corps of Engineers
111 North Canal Street
Chicago, IL 60606-7206

And

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

Re: Conceptual Mitigation Plan
Little Calumet River, Indiana

Dear Gentlemen:

This letter is a follow up to my February 10, 2000 letter (copy attached) and March 13, 2000 conference call meeting regarding the Conceptual Mitigation Plan for the Little Calumet River Flood Control and Recreation Project. Staff of the COE and the LCRBDC promised the submittal of a final mitigation plan to DNR by May 15, 2000. As of the date of this letter, your mitigation plan has not been received.

Our office is very concerned about rumors circulating regarding major changes in the proposed mitigation plan. Because this information has come from third-party sources, and is not consistent with COE or LCRBDC status reports to DNR staff, I would like to have a face-to-face meeting to give you the opportunity to inform us of your progress. We are available on July 7th, 13th or 14th to discuss this matter.

To confirm one of the above meeting dates, please contact Ms. Jomary Cray at the Division of Water at 317-232-4160 or toll free at 877-928-3755 (1-877-WATER55).

Sincerely,

Paul J. Ehret
Deputy Director

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pc: Honorable Peter J. Visclosky, U.S. Congressman
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February 10, 2000

Mr. Philip R. Bernstein
Chief, Planning Division
Department of the Army
Chicago District, Corps of Engineers
111 North Canal Street
Chicago, IL 60606-7206

Re: Conceptual Mitigation Plan
Little Calumet River, Indiana

Dear Mr. Bernstein:

This letter is a follow up to my September 17, 1999 letter regarding the Conceptual Mitigation Plan for the Little Calumet River Flood Control and Recreation Project (copy attached). I have not received a response from your office and would like to inquire as to the status of the plan.

As I recall, a critical component of the proposed plan is the mitigation of the impacted, forested wetlands. Because required acreage suitable for this type of mitigation has not been identified within the project limits, the proposal is to mitigate most of the forested wetlands on suitable property identified in the Hobart area.

As discussed at the July 15, 1999 meeting, some of the property identified in the Hobart area for mitigation is already on the market. Staff is very concerned that if an approvable mitigation plan is not submitted and implemented in a timely fashion, this property may not be available.

The Construction in the Floodway approval for the east reach of the project, FW-16,167, was issued on August 15, 1995. For projects that require mitigation, Department practice requires approval of the mitigation plan prior to the issuance of a permit. Failure to submit and receive approval for the revised conceptual mitigation plan within 90 days from the date of this letter will delay the processing of future permit applications for this project.

If there are other issues that need to be addressed prior to submittal, please contact Ms. Jomary Cray at the Division of Water at (317) 232-4160.

Sincerely,

Paul J. Ehret
Deputy Director

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September 17, 1999

Mr. Philip R. Bernstein
Department of the Army
Chicago District, Corps of Engineers
111 North Canal Street
Chicago, IL 60606-7206

Re: Conceptual Mitigation Plan
Little Calumet River, Indiana

Dear Mr. Bernstein:

Thank you for your August 3 follow up letter to our July 15 meeting regarding the Conceptual Mitigation Plan for the Little Calumet River Flood Control and Recreation Project. Our meeting was a successful one, and I believe we are well on our way to an acceptable plan.

The updated table showing the revised mitigation acres by habitat type and location, as shown on page 4, meets and exceeds the requirements for mitigation as required by DNR. In fact, with the modifications, the straight ratios for restored acres are met, without enhancement.

In addition to our previous comments and the information derived from the July 15 meeting the following must also be included in your final submittal:

1. Contract language for the third party mitigation agreement at Hobart
2. Success criteria
3. Target time frames for the entire plan
4. A monitoring plan

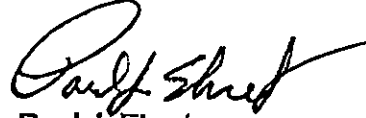
As discussed at the above referenced meeting, we understand that some of these items will be developed as part of the contract(s) for the implementation of the plan. This must be indicated in the plan in order for the DNR to give conditional approval to keep the project moving forward.

We look forward to the submittal of your complete mitigation plan. An undated version of the draft transmittal letter to DNR Director Larry D. Macklin, dated April 2, 1999, is acceptable.

Letter to Philip Bernstein, COE
September 17, 1999
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If there are other issues that need to be addressed prior to submittal, please contact Ms. Jomary Cray at the Division of Water, at (317) 232-4162.

Sincerely,



Paul J. Ehert
Deputy Director

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Bill Maudlin, DNR - Division of Fish and Wildlife
John Bacone, DNR - Division of Nature Preserves
Marty Maupin, IDEM
Imad Samara, COE

Little Calumet River Basin Development Comm.

June 26th 2000

Attention: Sandi Mordus

If you'll remember how it was discussed at the June 1st meeting about sending a follow-up letter as to the design of the area where the Ultra overpass is to be removed and rebuilt in regards to drainage, this was only a request to ask if it would be possible for me to have a copy of the letter that was sent. I would like to be able to show the land acquisition representative from the State Highway Department how there are still unresolved drainage questions and concerns at Indpls. Blvd that need to be addressed. I already have documentation from the Town of Highland about their concerns, and I would hope to have such documentation from your board as well, to support my contention that the future plans for U.S. 41 as far as drainage are inadequate.

I expect to be at your next meeting on 7/6, perhaps I can get a copy of this follow-up letter from you at that time if it is acceptable.

Thanks!

Sincerely,

Bill Petrites

The Times
6-28-00

\$16 million secured for area waterway projects

WASHINGTON -- Several waterway projects in the region will benefit from \$16 million in funding approved by the House, U.S. Rep. Pete Visclosky announced Tuesday.

Visclosky said he requested the funding because he believes the projects are important for the economic infrastructure of the region.

The projects include:

*\$8.8 million for the Little Calumet River flood control project. Visclosky said he has secured a total of \$65 million for the project to prevent flooding damage along the river.

*\$4.2 million for construction of a confined disposal facility, and operation and maintenance of the Indiana Harbor Ship Channel in East Chicago.

*\$1.9 million to fund regular operations and dredging at the Port of Indiana.

*\$1 million to fund regular operations of the Indiana Shoreline Erosion project.

*\$250,000 to complete the design for the Cady Marsh Ditch flood control project in Griffith, Highland and Calumet Township.

*\$100,000 to initiate a reconnaissance study for the Whiting Shore Protection project.

7 Jun 00



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News Release

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DREDGING, E. COLI MONITORING UNDERWAY AT BURNS SMALL BOAT HARBOR AND WATERWAY

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Chicago District announced today that the dredging project at Burns Small Boat Harbor and Waterway is over 25 percent complete, well on the way to restoring navigation at this federal harbor and channel. The contractor is required to dredge approximately 90,000 cubic yards of silty fine sand from the approach channel, harbor and waterway. Based on equipment tolerances, the contractor is allowed to dredge an additional foot below the required dredge depths in these areas, which would bring the total amount dredged to 120,000 cubic yards. The dredged material is being pumped hydraulically to the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore beach immediately west of the harbor, east of the Town of Ogden Dunes beach. A 16-inch diameter pipeline extends from the hydraulic dredge--currently located in the harbor--to the beach area, where a bulldozer levels the material to the specified cross-section. This east beach is closed due to this construction for the duration of the dredging and placement.

The dredging began on May 25 and is scheduled to be completed by July 15. This date is the close of the summer dredging window established by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (INDR) based on upstream fish stocking activities.

Officials from the National Park Service (NPS) at the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore routinely monitor water quality at the east beach, West Beach at Ogden Dunes and other swimming beaches in the area throughout the summer months, and temporarily close the beaches when the presence of bacteria exceeds an acceptable level. The Town of Ogden Dunes beach is located between the east beach and West Beach. In order

to address concerns that the dredging activity may temporarily increase the concentration of E. coli bacteria in the water, NPS is obtaining and testing additional samples at this beach for the duration of the dredging activity. Last Thursday's readings on June 1 were all below the 235 colonies per 100 milliliter level that would normally result in temporary beach closure. If an elevated reading is obtained, the NPS would notify local authorities so that the beach can be temporarily closed until such time as the acceptable level is again attained. The additional monitoring will help officials determine when these nearby beaches are safe for swimming.

By July 15 when the dredging is completed, the approach channel and harbor will have been deepened by an average of 7 feet and the waterway by an average of 3 feet. And the dredged sand will have been placed to an elevation approximately 8 feet higher than the beach elevation prior to start of the dredging, for a length of 900 feet and an average width of 350 feet at the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore.

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Sand flows to starved beach

■ Anonymous donor's sand helps to fortify Ogden Dunes' eroding shoreline.

BY ROBERT BLASZKIEWICZ
Times Portage Editor

OGDEN DUNES - About 60 truckloads of sand have been unloaded at the east end of this town's beach.

But as town resident Jim Kopp said, that's just a drop in the bucket compared to what's coming.

Eventually, 17,000 truckloads of sand will be piled along the Ogden Dunes shoreline, covering the pilings and retaining walls that Shore Drive residents have built as a last stand against the waves of Lake Michigan.

"It's nice that it's finally happening. It's been a long time getting it worked out," said Kopp, who has been involved in negotiations to renourish the town's beach.

The work is going on thanks to a \$5 million donation from an anonymous resident. The donation was made under the terms that the town end any negotiations with the federal government to provide public parking for the beach.

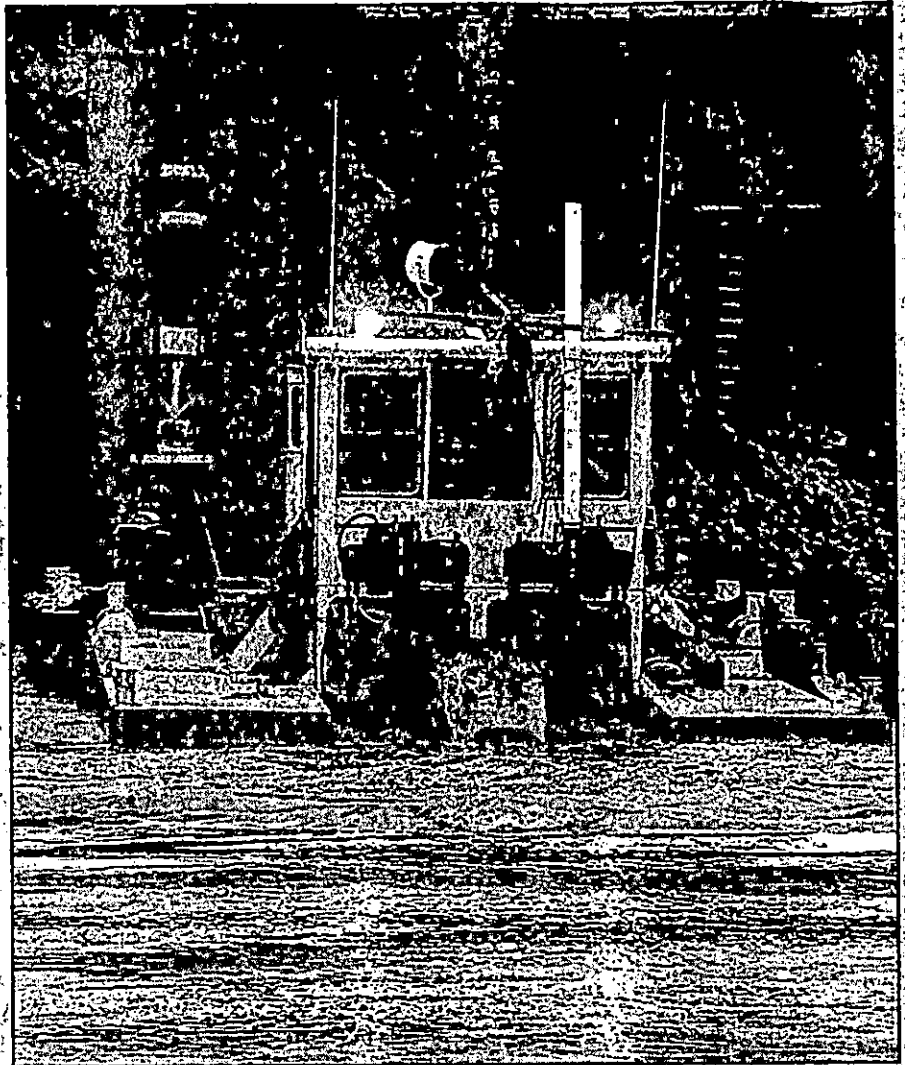
In the days that followed news of the donation, some residents and town officials questioned whether a grain of sand would ever reach the beach. Those doubts have been answered by the truckload.

And the town received more good news Monday, when the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers informed officials that it will be pumping an additional 20,000 cubic yards of sand from the Burns Waterway onto the National Lakeshore property along the east end of the town.

Army Corps project manager Monica Krepfl said the material, which is less than the 30,000 cubic yards originally estimated, will be coming from the southwest part of the harbor.

Krepfl said the Army Corps estimates finishing the Burns Waterway dredging project by Friday, well ahead of the July 15 deadline. Krepfl credited the speedy completion to equipment modifications the dredging contractor was able to make.

The Army Corps met Monday to coordinate the placement efforts of the dredged sand with the sand being hauled in by truck. Krepfl said the trucked-in sand, combined with the dredged sand, will provide more material to dissipate waves along the entire shoreline, reducing the amount of sand washed to the west through the lake's natural erosion pattern.



ED COLLIER / THE TIMES

Dredging equipment exhumes sand Monday from the bottom of the Burns Waterway underneath U.S. 12. The dredged material is pumped about a mile north to the National Lakeshore shoreline just east of Ogden Dunes.

Trucks began hauling sand late last week, after gravel was laid as a staging area and trees were trimmed along the route the trucks will take, from Hillcrest to Ogden to Cedar roads, then finally to Shore Drive.

Kopp said the sand is being hauled from Dombey Lake in Portage. Sand from Lefty's Marina was also considered, but the price was too expensive. Contractors, including the hauler J.B. Lawrence Inc. of Portage, are being paid from the \$5 million in the anonymous trust.

Kopp said he expects, with the usual weather delays, that sand hauling will go on through Christmas. The town has permits to do the work through April.

But, Kopp said, "We're just trying to work it out where we can get the most bang for the buck. And that's to move the sand as fast as we can."

Initially, sand will be dumped at the

east end of the town, but eventually, work will extend west down the shoreline. The Ogden Dunes Homeowners Association has opened up all the easements to bring the sand to the entire shoreline.

Former Town Council member Brenda Coffield, who was also involved in negotiations with the donor, hopes town residents will endure the short-term inconvenience of a steady stream of dump trucks rumbling through town.

"Try to take the long view of what is being accomplished here," she said, adding that bringing back the town's beach will protect property values.

As the town sees some immediate erosion relief, work is also under way on a plan to give the town a long-term renourishment solution, using an additional \$25 million from the same anonymous donor.

LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
 FINANCIAL STATEMENT
 JANUARY 1, 2000 - MAY 31, 2000

CASH POSITION - JANUARY 1, 2000

CHECKING ACCOUNT		
LAND ACQUISITION		244,197.40
GENERAL FUND		143,144.40
TAX FUND		0.00
INVESTMENTS		1,188,076.15
ESCROW ACCOUNT INTEREST		11,729.84
		1,587,147.79

RECEIPTS - JANUARY 1, 2000 - MAY 31, 2000

LEASE RENTS		20,916.76
INTEREST INCOME		28,422.54
LAND ACQUISITION		2,068,187.94
ESCROW ACCOUNT INTEREST		5,830.44
MISC. INCOME		791.03
KRBC REIMBURSEMENT RE: TELEPHONE CHARGE		652.91
PROCEEDS FROM VOIDED CHECKS		163,778.63
TOTAL RECEIPTS		2,288,580.25

DISBURSEMENTS - JANUARY 1, 2000 - MAY 31, 2000

ADMINISTRATIVE		
1999 EXPENSES PAID IN 2000	88,437.89	
PER DIEM		5,400.00
LEGAL SERVICES		2,552.65
NIRPC		52,524.67
TRAVEL & MILEAGE		924.56
PRINTING & ADVERTISING		0.00
BONDS & INSURANCE		237.00
TELEPHONE EXPENSE		5,015.40
MEETING EXPENSE		2,129.24
LAND ACQUISITION		
LEGAL SERVICES		32,119.00
APPRAISAL SERVICES		16,000.00
ENGINEERING SERVICES		54,364.09
LAND PURCHASE CONTRACTUAL		8,217.00
FACILITIES/PROJECT MAINTENANCE SERVICES		32,540.00
OPERATIONS SERVICES		0.00
LAND MANGEMENT SERVICES		64,427.98
SURVEYING SERVICES		48,744.47
ECONOMIC/MARKETING SOURCES		1,400.00
PROPERTY & STRUCTURE COSTS		113,812.45
MOVING ALLOCATION		1,050.00
TAXES		0.00
LAND PURCHASE CONTRACTUAL		0.00
PROPERTY & STRUCTURES INSURANCE		464.00
UTILITY RELOCATION SERVICES		6,538.30
LAND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT		2,107.80
STRUCTURAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS		17,329.83
BANK ONE (PURCHASED CERTIFICATE)		1,500,000.00
BANK CALUMET(PURCHASE CERTIFICATE W/LEL FUNDS)		90,056.60
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		2,057,955.04

CASH POSITION - MAY 31, 2000

CHECKING ACCOUNT		
LAND ACQUISITION		502,383.45
GENERAL FUND		74,724.52
TAX FUND		0.00
SAND MONEY		120,766.84
INVESTMENTS		
BANK CALUMET	316,000.00	02/02/2000
BANK CALUMET	700,000.00	02/02/2000
BANK ONE	105,116.15	10/04/2000
BANK CALUMET	91,433.65	01/02/2001
BANK ONE	11,964.22	07/01/2000
BANK ONE	1,500,000.00	05/25/2001
TOTAL INVESTMENTS		2,724,514.02
ESCROW ACCOUNT INTEREST		17,560.28
		3,439,949.11

LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT, JUNE 2000

	2000							6 MONTH	UNALLOCATED
	BUDGET	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	ALLOCATED	BUDGETED
								TOTAL	BALANCE
5801 PER DIEM EXPENSES	16,000.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,450.00	3,550.00	12,450.00
5811 LEGAL EXPENSES	8,500.00	283.33	283.33	579.33	379.33	475.33	395.33	2,395.98	6,104.02
5812 NIRPC SERVICES	125,000.00	18,062.13	8,874.12	8,782.12	8,347.14	9,851.88	8,411.83	62,329.22	62,670.78
5821 TRAVEL/MILEAGE	14,000.00	39.90	16.24	27.72	8.96	34.86	311.92	439.60	13,560.40
5822 PRINTING/ADVERTISING	5,000.00	0.00	62.58	0.00	55.11	0.00	506.17	623.86	4,376.14
5823 BONDS/INSURANCE	7,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	160.00	5,642.63	0.00	5,802.63	1,697.37
5824 TELEPHONE EXPENSES	7,000.00	438.76	216.26	1,827.68	611.31	433.27	416.01	3,943.29	3,056.71
5825 MEETING EXPENSES	8,000.00	729.60	132.20	0.00	0.00	542.31	435.04	1,839.15	6,160.85
5838 LEGAL SERVICES	125,000.00	5,866.80	5,266.54	8,499.50	5,901.48	5,417.60	3,699.54	34,651.46	90,348.54
5840 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	500,000.00	28,441.52	28,955.95	31,571.03	35,876.29	42,961.89	21,626.57	189,433.25	310,566.75
5860 PROJECT LAND PURCHASE EXP.	807,630.00	147,954.58	66.74	102,565.17	3,015.96	11,537.00	640.00	265,779.45	541,850.55
5881 PROPERTY/STRUCTURE INS.	25,000.00	464.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,107.00	20,571.00	4,429.00
5882 UTILITY RELOCATION EXP.	200,000.00	557.50	0.00	472.50	775.00	3,446.45	12,018.44	17,269.89	182,730.11
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	14,334.00	713.75	969.00	19,012.58	5,987.42
	2,123,630.00	203,488.12	46,869.79	154,325.05	69,464.58	81,056.97	72,986.85	628,191.36	1,495,438.64

	2000							12 MONTH	UNALLOCATED
	BUDGET	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	ALLOCATED	BUDGETED
								TOTAL	BALANCE
5801 PER DIEM EXPENSES	16,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,550.00	12,450.00
5811 LEGAL EXPENSES	8,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,395.98	6,104.02
5812 NIRPC SERVICES	125,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	62,329.22	62,670.78
5821 TRAVEL/MILEAGE	14,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	439.60	13,560.40
5822 PRINTING/ADVERTISING	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	623.86	4,376.14
5823 BONDS/INSURANCE	7,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,802.63	1,697.37
5824 TELEPHONE EXPENSES	7,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,943.29	3,056.71
5825 MEETING EXPENSES	8,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,839.15	6,160.85
5838 LEGAL SERVICES	125,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	34,651.46	90,348.54
5840 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	500,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	189,433.25	310,566.75
5860 PROJECT LAND PURCHASE EXP.	807,630.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	265,779.45	541,850.55
5881 PROPERTY/STRUCTURE INS.	25,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,571.00	4,429.00
5882 UTILITY RELOCATION EXP.	200,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	17,269.89	182,730.11
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	19,012.58	5,987.42
	2,123,630.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	628,191.36	1,495,438.64

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CLAIMS PAYABLE FOR JUNE 2000

ACCT	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	EXPLANATION OF CLAIM
5801	CHUCK AGNEW	450.00	PER DIEM 1/1/00-6/30/00
5801	GEORGE CARLSON	450.00	PER DIEM 1/1/00-6/30/00
5801	ARLENE COLVIN	300.00	PER DIEM 1/1/00-6/30/00
5801	EMERSON DELANEY	400.00	PER DIEM 1/1/00-6/30/00
5801	JOHN DeMEO	100.00	PER DIEM 1/1/00-6/30/00
5801	BOB HUFFMAN	450.00	PER DIEM 1/1/00-6/30/00
5801	JOHN MROCKOWSKI	450.00	PER DIEM 1/1/00-6/30/00
5801	WILLIAM TANKE	450.00	PER DIEM 1/1/00-6/30/00
5801	CURTIS VOSTI	300.00	PER DIEM 1/1/00-6/30/00
5801	MARION WILLIAMS	100.00	PER DIEM 1/1/00-6/30/00
5811	LOUIS CASALE	283.33	RETAINER FEE BILLED THROUGH 6/20/00
5811	LOUIS CASALE	112.00	OTHER LEGAL SERVICES THROUGH 6/20/00
5812	NIRPC	8,387.83	SERVICES PERFORMED MAY 2000
5812	UNITED PARCEL SERVICE	24.00	OVERNIGHT MAIL SERVICE
5821	SANDY MORDUS	19.60	MILEAGE 6/2/00-6/9/00
5821	CHUCK AGNEW	41.44	MILEAGE 1/6/00-6/30/00
5821	GEORGE CARLSON	10.64	MILEAGE 1/6/00-6/30/00
5821	ARLENE COLVIN	28.56	MILEAGE 1/6/00-6/30/00
5821	EMERSON DELANEY	34.16	MILEAGE 1/6/00-6/30/00
5821	JOHN DeMEO	15.68	MILEAGE 1/6/00-6/30/00
5821	BOB HUFFMAN	85.12	MILEAGE 1/6/00-6/30/00
5821	WILLIAM TANKE	66.64	MILEAGE 1/6/00-6/30/00
5821	MARION WILLIAMS	10.08	MILEAGE 1/6/00-6/30/00
5822	JUDITH VAMOS	303.54	REIMBURSEMENT FOR COLORED MAP REPRODUCTION OF FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT
5822	BOYCE FORMS	166.75	PURCHASE OF RECEIPT BOOKS
5822	MERGING PICTURES INC	35.88	ADD'L EXPENSE INCURRED IN ORDERING 5 VIDEOS OF LCRBDC FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT
5824	GTE TELEPHONE	110.74	BILLING PERIOD 6/16/00-7/16/00(TOTAL BILL 223.72 KRBC)
5824	MCI	305.27	BILLING PERIOD 5/15/00-6/14/00(TOTAL BILL 339.52, KRBC 34.25)
5825	SAND RIDGE BANK	226.00	PIZZA FOR BOY SCOUTS THAT CLEANED UP COMMISSION PROPERTY 6/3/00
5825	SAND RIDGE BANK	57.75	EXPENSES INCURRED AT COE/LCRBDC PARTNERING MEETING 6/7/00
5825	SAND RIDGE BANK	151.29	1/2 COST OF EXPENSES INCURRED DURING ALL DAY COE/LCRBDC PARTNERING MEETING 6/7/00
5838	LOUIS CASALE	3,699.54	LAND ACQUISITION/LEGAL SERVICES THROUGH 6/20/00
5841	JANET O'TOOLE & ASSOCIATES	2,500.00	APPRAISAL SERVICE FOR DC-796
5841	JANET O'TOOLE & ASSOCIATES	2,500.00	APPRAISAL SERVICE FOR DC-816
5842	R. W. ARMSTRONG	1,371.75	GENERAL ENGINEERING SERVICES 6/16/00
5844	JAMES POKRAJAC	3,738.00	LAND MANAGEMENT/ENG SERVICES 6/1/00-6/15/00
5844	JUDITH VAMOS	33.32	MAY MILEAGE
5844	JUDITH VAMOS	3,285.00	LAND ACQUISITION/MANAGEMENT SERVICES 6/1/00-6/15/00
5844	G. LORRAINE KRAY	795.00	CREDITING TECHNICIAN & LAND ACQUISITION ASST 6/1/00-6/15/00
5844	SANDY MORDUS	318.50	CREDITING TECHNICIAN SERVICES 6/5/00-6/18/00
5847	COLE ASSOCIATES(DLZ)	3,250.00	SURVEY SERVICES INCURRED IN STAGE VII SURVEY CONTROL
5847	COLE ASSOCIATES(DLZ)	2,080.00	SURVEY SERVICES INCURRED IN STAGES V & STAGE VI PROPERTY ID
5847	COLE ASSOCIATES(DLZ)	1,755.00	SURVEY SERVICES INCURRED IN STAGES II & III
5862	A-LINE MOVERS INC	640.00	RELOCATION MOVING EXPENSE INCURRED ON DC-448
5881	VALPARAISO INSURANCE PROFESSIONA	20,107.00	RENEWAL LIABILITY INSURANCE ON COMMISSION OWNED PROPERTY
5882	R. W. ARMSTRONG	540.00	UTILITY RELOCATION SERVICES THROUGH 6/16/00
5882	AMERITECH OF INDIANA	11,478.44	COST INCURRED FOR UTILITY RELOCATION WORK STAGE IV-1S
5884	LOCK & KEY	969.00	PURCHASE OF 75 LOCKS FOR FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT

TOTAL 72,986.85

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June 12, 2000
Sandy Mordus
Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission
6100 Southport Road
Portage, IN. 46368

Re:01 GLS 0310400 03-Little Calumet River Development
Commission

Dear Sandy,

I am pleased to enclose, at long last, the renewal of the insurance coverage that we write on your commission. Please look the policy over, when you get a chance, and let me know if you have any questions or wish any additional information. Coverages remain essentially the same as they were last year. The rates have increased somewhat as the rising number of claims and costs per claim have increased dramatically over the last few years, nationwide. In reviewing your premiums for the last five years or so, we note that they have stayed about the same or gone down. We have done all that we could to "hold the line" but, finally, the increased claims costs have won out.

I very much appreciate your insurance business! As we have discussed, in the past, we should really get together and review your current list of property and locations to be sure that we are still on the right track. I would be happy to get together with you to go over them, at your convenience.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David F. Driver', written in a cursive style.

David F. Driver, CPCU

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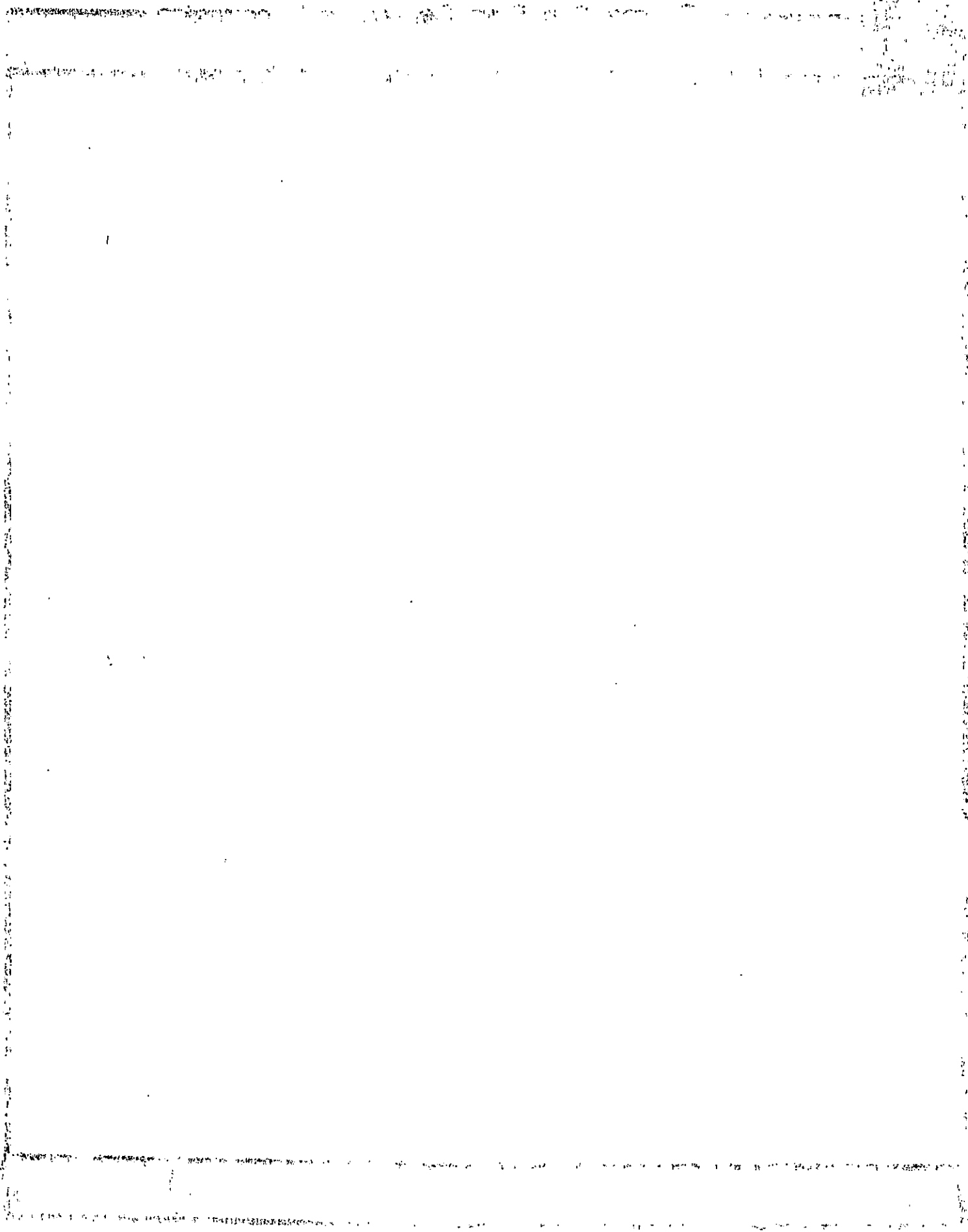
WORK STUDY SESSION

6 JULY 2000

LAND ACQUISITION / MANAGEMENT REPORT

CHUCK AGNEW, CHAIRMAN

- 1.) There are no increased offers or condemnations.
- 2.) It's that time again and we need a motion to mow selected levees by the end of July. We will solicit for bids. Dan and Jim will explain newest developments.
NEED A MOTION.
- 3.) *You will need the increasing rent* The lease for our tower leasee, Stan Stann, has been in effect for five years. According to our lease agreement, Stann pays \$1250 per ~~year~~ *month* to be increased every five years on the contract anniversary date of 4 July. LCRBDC needs to increase his payment according to the Metropolitan Chicago Consumer Price Index. Lou will write new contract.
NEED A MOTION.
- 4.) We need a motion to approve "LCRBDC to provide 2.5 acres of land for mitigation to the Town of Highland for an extension of approximately 600 feet of Franklin Street west of Liable Road." In exchange Highland will provide to LCRBDC comparable acreage on lands they own for use as our construction in Stage VI-1.
NEED A MOTION. *Land to be agreement*
- 5.) Ms. Eloise Gentry of the Urban League has requested LCRBDC donate 4 gallons of paint for the Urban League painting. *a donation.* *+ 1 gal belp*
NEED A MOTION.
- 6.) For information: A meeting will be held on Thursday 13 July at 1:00 p.m. at River Forest Elementary School to discuss the handicapped accessible park. Lou will have the agreement with LEL (to pull the 32 acres out of the lease-option) completed by that time for plans to continue to the next stage.



RECREATION REPORT

Thursday, July 6, 2000

GENERAL STATEMENT:

Currently, the joint recreation venture with the Army Corps is completed; 85% of the completed east reach levees have stoned trails completed; the remainder of east reach trails should be completed by the fall of 2001.

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

A. OXBOW (Hammond)

1. October 28th, 1998 was the date that this facility was turned over to the City of Hammond.

B. GLEASON PARK (Gary Parks & Recreation)

1. October 28th, 1998 was the date this facility was turned over to the Gary Parks and Recreation Department.

C. LAKE ETTA (Lake County Parks)

1. October 27th, 1998 was the date that this facility was turned over to the Lake County Parks Department.

D. CHASE STREET TRAIL (City of Gary)

1. October 27th, 1998 was the date that this facility was turned over to the City of Gary.

RECREATION – GENERAL

A. We received a letter from the COE on April 12th, 1999 regarding recreational trail re-alignment from the existing levee north of IUN and west of Broadway indicating that they will forward real estate information to us.

1. LCRBDC will complete new (revised) layout and coordinate with INDOT and the City of Gary to get necessary permits and agreements. (ongoing)

B. The re-direction of the recreation trail around the Gas City Truck Stop East of Grant Street will be coordinated with the COE and City of Gary.

1. It is intended to do this work, along with other recreational work, in the early **Fall** of 2000.
2. LCRBDC will coordinate a meeting with the COE and Gas City to finalize the layout and to confirm that we couldn't use the original layout if we provide fencing, lighting, etc. (ongoing)

C. We received a copy of a press release on July 13th announcing the 1999 Transportation Enhancement grants, which includes \$800,000 to complete the Highland/Wicker Park/Erie Lackawanna trail systems.

1. We wrote a letter to the COE on April 12th, 2000, asking consideration to relocate the trail between the South levee North of Tri-State to Wicker Park on the landside of protection.
 - This would eliminate the need to modify any line of protection.
2. As part of our Technical Review meeting with the COE on May 10th, 2000, we presented a map and discussed this request.
3. **We wrote a letter to the COE on June 21st enclosing location survey data. Refer to Item #2 in this letter (see attachment) requesting minimal sheet piling re-location and a minor real estate change in order that we may facilitate the tying in of the LCRBDC/Highland/Hammond recreation trails.**



Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission

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EMERSON DELANEY, Chairman
Governor's Appointment

June 21, 2000

WILLIAM TANKE, Vice Chairman
Porter County Commissioners' Appointment

ARLENE COLVIN, Treasurer
Mayor of Gary's Appointment

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

CURTIS VOSTI, Secretary
Governor's Appointment

Dear Imad:

CHARLES AGNEW
Governor's Appointment

The location survey work for the Tri-State Bus Terminal (Cardinal Services Inc.) has been completed and is enclosed for your review and comments. Also enclosed is a copy of the plat of survey from Torrenga Engineering showing the property currently owned by the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission as part of our Stage V Phase 1 construction. We have also enclosed a copy of the real estate drawing for Stage V Phase 2 cross referencing the land we currently own as well as those lands necessary for the upcoming construction in that area. The following is a list of concerns and questions that we have regarding this area:

GEORGE CARLSON
Mayor of Hammond's Appointment

STEVE DAVIS
Dept. of Natural Resources' Appointment

JOHN DE MEO
Governor's Appointment

ROBERT HUFFMAN
Governor's Appointment

(1) On the Corps real estate drawing, the area that is crosshatched is bounded by Points E116 through E124 designating those permanent easement coordinates for the property we currently own. It appears that this does not coincide with the existing plat of survey as is currently recorded in Lake County and as designated by the Torrenga drawing.

JOHN MROCZKOWSKI
Governor's Appointment

MARION WILLIAMS
Lake County Commissioners' Appointment

(2) On the attached drawing by DLZ, it appears that the centerline for the new concrete I-wall west of Tri-State appears to be approximately 10' east of the sheet piling. With our concern to minimize the real estate impacts to their parking lot, we would ask for your consideration to install the sheet piling as close as possible to the existing sheet piling or even to the west of that sheet piling. If we relocate this sheet piling, it would also allow us to install the recreation trail on the landward side of the I-wall to tie our trail system in with the Hammond/Highland trails, without increasing the impact to the parking lot.

DAN GARDNER
Executive Director

LOUIS CASALE
Attorney

(3) On the attached DLZ drawing, the temporary work area easement extends into the third row of parking. We would request that this temporary work area be modified further westward to only impact the western two rows of parking.

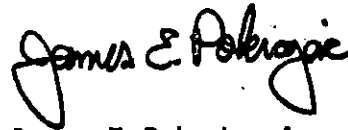
(4) The temporary work area easement extends further south than the permanent easement; is this necessary?

Mr. Imad Samara
June 21, 2000
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- (5) We would request that if the temporary work area is relocated, that the specifications for this contract include that the contractor minimize the amount of time necessary to install sheet piling in order that the loss of the second row of parking spaces would be kept to a minimum.

We would appreciate your response on this as soon as possible in order that we may proceed with legal descriptions and appraisal work to expedite what potentially could be a lengthy acquisition. If you have any questions regarding this request, please call me.

Sincerely,



James E. Pokrajac, Agent
Land Management/Engineering

/sjm
encl.

cc: Bill White
Emmett Clancy, w/encl.
Jan Plachta
Gregg Heinzman, DLZ
Lou Casale, LCRBDC attorney



WORK STUDY SESSION
ENGINEERING COMMITTEE
July 6, 2000

Bob Huffman, Committee Chairman

1. A Utility Re-location Committee consisting of Jim Flora, Jim Pokrajac, Emmett Clancy and Jan Plachta was formed at our June 7th, 2000 project coordination meeting with the COE.
 - 232 utility relocations need to be done in the West Reach. Each requires an agreement and an approved cost estimate (estimated total cost - \$3.5 million).
2. In their letter dated June 5th, 2000, the COE agreed to use an architectural formliner as their design for the base bid and an option for the "fin-type" liner on upcoming West Reach contracts.
3. Bids were received on June 26th, 2000 for the pump station 1B project (81st Street – Highland, and S.E. Hessville – Hammond) – bids are as follows:
 - Government estimate \$2,092,000
 - Low bid \$1,963,400 (Thieneman Construction)
 - Below Government estimate \$128,600
4. A design review coordination meeting with Hammond and the COE was held on June 28th, 2000, to review upcoming contracts West of Cline to Indianapolis Boulevard (minutes of this meeting have been distributed).
5. An emergency response meeting was held on June 27th, 2000, to discuss the installation of new equipment, and how to use it for Hammond and Gary.
 - No representatives from Gary attended.

Let George know how much for each piece.

PROJECT ENGINEERING
MONTHLY STATUS REPORT
Thursday, July 6, 2000

STATUS (Stage II Phase 1) Harrison to Broadway – North Levee:

1. Project completed on July 10, 1992.
Dyer Construction – Contract price \$365,524

STATUS (Stage II Phase II) Grant to Harrison – South Levee:

1. Project completed on December 1, 1993.
Dyer/Ellas Construction – Contract price \$1,220,386

STATUS (Stage II Phase 3A) Georgia to Martin Luther King – South Levee:

1. Project completed on January 13, 1995.
Ramirez & Marsch Construction – Contract price \$2,275,023

Landscaping Contract (This contract includes all completed levee segments – installing, planting zones, seeding, and landscaping):

1. Dyer Construction – Final contract cost \$1,292,066
 - Overrun (over original bid) \$200,016Project completed June 11, 1999

STATUS (Stage II Phase 3B) Harrison to Georgia – South Levee:

1. Rausch Construction started on 11/20/95. (Construction is approx. 98% complete)
 - Currently \$3,280,112.42 has been spent on this project.
 - Overrun (over original bid) \$183,281.60
 - Balance (to be paid to contractor) \$197,137.00
2. The operational pump test was held for the Broadway stormwater pumping station was held with Rausch Construction on January 11th, 2000. A punch list will be generated by the COE – The pumps appeared to operate as designed and the Gary Sanitary District verbally seemed satisfied.
3. A final inspection with the LCRBDC and the COE will be scheduled for the entire project, including the pump station, **no later than September of 2000.**

STATUS (Stage II Phase 3C2) Grant to Harrison: (8A contract)

1. The final inspection was held with the COE, Webb Construction, GSD, and the LCRBDC on May 19th, 2000.
 - **We received a letter from the COE on June 6th referring to our final inspection; and on the second page, reference is made regarding turnover to the local sponsor.**
 - The LCRBDC request for plans, O & M, guarantees, as-built drawings, and spare parts will be submitted to us by the COE by the end of June, at which time we are expected to start O & M responsibility. **(We have not received this as of July 6, 2000)**
 - Currently, \$3,890,000 has been spent on this project.

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- Overrun (over original bid) \$463,196
- Balance (to be paid to contractor) \$189,875

STATUS (Stage II Phase 4) Broadway to MLK Drive – North Levee:

1. Project is approx. 98% completed, was anticipated for overall completion on September of 1999. (All work is completed except for the pump station.)
 - Overrun (over original bid) \$1,096,378
 - Balance (to be paid to contractor) \$11,070
 - Current money spent to date is \$4,175,000
2. Ironwood Stormwater Pumping Station
 - A. The operational pump test for the Ironwood Stormwater Pumping Station was held with Rausch Construction on January 11th, 2000. A punch list will be generated by the COE – The pumps appeared to operate as designated and the GSD verbally seemed satisfied. (ongoing) As of April 6th, 2000, have not seen punch list, as requested.
3. A final inspection will be scheduled with the LCRBDC and the COE for this entire project, including the pump station, **no later than September of 2000.**

STATUS (STAGE III) Chase to Grant Street:

1. Project completed on May 6th, 1994.
Kiewit Construction – Contract price \$6,564,520.
2. We received a letter from the COE on March 17th, 1999, including design recommendations, and requesting our comments and review for the **STAGE III DRAINAGE REMEDIATION PLAN.**
 - A. A meeting was held on February 8th, 2000, with Lake Erie Land company, J.F. New & LCRBDC to review impact of drainage to 200 acre parcel by pumping landside drainage into their area. The current COE design had minimal impact & they stated they wouldn't object.
 - B. A letter was sent to the COE with comments regarding their design on April 17, 2000.
 - It appears the design capacity for the three (3) proposed pump stations is inadequate. **Awaiting a response as of July 6, 2000.**
 - C. **We received a letter from N.W.Engineering on June 10th regarding upcoming construction by the city of Gary for Grant Street. Drainage concerns need to be taken into account prior to their design completion.**
 - **We are tentatively scheduling a meeting to review this in mid-late July.**

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STATUS (Stage IV Phase 1 - North) Cline to Burr (North of the Norfolk Southern Railroad):

1. IV-1 (North) The drainage system from Colfax to Burr Street North of the Norfolk Southern RR.
 - A. This project was advertised on November 3rd, 1999, scheduled was awarded to Dillon Contractors on November 30th, 1999, and received the notice to proceed on January 14th, 2000.
 - The contractor has 360 days to complete the project from the date of the notice to proceed (January 14th, 2000). This would be January 8th, 2001.

- B. The low bidder was Dillon Contractors, Inc. with a total base bid of \$2,708,720, which was approximately 80% of the government estimate.
- C. Survey work completed for work limits on March 14th, 2000, clearing and grubbing have been completed.
- D. Excavation from Burr to Gerry Street is completed and the contractor has begun laying the 6'x8' concrete box culvert.

STATUS (Stage IV Phase 1 – South) (South of the N.S. RR.)

1. The pre-bid meeting was held on February 23rd, 2000. Bid due date is March 7th, 2000, price range \$5 - \$10 million – small business set aside
 - A. Bid opening was held on March 29th, 2000.
 - Dyer Construction was low bidder at approximately \$3.8 million. The COE estimate for this project was \$4.2 million.
2. NIPSCO and Ameritech both submitted costs for utility relocation for WIND Radio for review and concurrence.
 - A. The estimate for NIPSCO was \$20,732.00. **The agreement was completed on June 30th. Construction start is approx. July 17, 2000.**
 - B. **The Ameritech estimate for their cost was \$11,478.44. This amount was paid to them, in advance, on June 12th.**
3. Clay will come from Doughman site, project will work eastward from WIND.
4. 450 days to complete (hopeful September 2001 completion of landscaping.)
5. A letter was sent to the EJ & E on May 22nd, 2000, requesting cost information to do additional work on their R/W West of the WIND radio station.
6. A letter was sent to the NS RR on May 22nd, 2000, requesting cost information to do rip-rap work under their trestle West of Burr Street.

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STATUS (Stage IV Phase 2A) Burr to Clark – Lake Etta:

1. Dyer Construction-95% complete.
 - A. Currently, \$3,174,000 has been spent on this project.
 - Overrun (over original bid) \$901,779
 - Balance (to be paid to contractor) \$201,090
2. The North Burr Street stormwater pumping station has been completed.
 - A. The operational test was held on March 2, 1999. The follow-up inspection was held on March 30, 1999.
 - B. A meeting was held on February 8th, 2000, with the COE and GSD to review design and installation of auxiliary power hook-up with a portable generator. This will be a project cost.
 - A letter was sent to GSD on May 1st, 2000, enclosing plans and specs for review and comments for an emergency power hook-up.
 - **GSD verbally expressed several concerns regarding final review and the COE said they would address these concerns.**
3. A final inspection will be scheduled with the LCRBDC and the COE for this entire project, including the pump station, **no later than September of 2000.**

STATUS (Stage IV Phase 2B) Clark to Chase

1. 100% of levee construction has been completed, and the projected overall completion is for the **Fall** of 2000. A final inspection will be held at that time with the LCRBDC prior to turnover.
 - The stoning for that area East to Chase St. for our recreation trail will be completed in the early **Fall** 2000.
2. Project money status:
 - \$1,779,158 has been spent.
 - Overrun (over original bid) \$288,957
 - Balance (to be paid to contractor) \$40,157

STATUS (Betterment Levee – Phase 1) E.J. & E. Railroad to, and including Colfax North of the NIPSCO R/W (Drainage from Arbogast to Colfax, South of NIPSCO R/W):

1. The bid opening was held on May 9th, 2000
 - The apparent low bidder is Dyer Construction.
 - Government estimate is \$2,108,500 and Dyer bid \$2,078,523.
 - Contract scheduled to be awarded the end of May 2000, a pre-construction meeting is scheduled for mid-June, and a construction start in mid-July, 2000.
2. **Received signed Marathon agreement in the amount of \$255,000 on June 26th – Tentatively scheduled to do work in mid-July.** 7
3. NIPSCO submitted a cost estimate for gas facilities adjustments from the EJ&E through Colfax as part of the Phase 1 construction in the amount of \$120,107.
 - A. NIPSCO has completed construction May 31st, 2000.
4. A letter was sent to the COE on May 26th, 2000 requesting a down ramp at Arbogast and a culvert and drive in the ditch to get access Westward.
5. A pre-construction meeting was held on June 6th, 2000, at the LCRBDC office. 8
Minutes of this meeting are available upon request.
 - A. **General Summary**
 - **Dyer would like to start in early July. Clearing, grubbing, then placement of clay would be first priority.**
 - **Concrete work and earthen work adjacent to both sides of the EJ&E would be started this fall.**

STATUS (Betterment Levee – Phase 2) Colfax to Burr Street, then North NSRR, then East (North of RR R/W) ½ between Burr and Clark, back over the RR, then South approx. 1,400 feet:

1. Current schedule is to advertise by November, 2000; award contract by January, 2001, and a construction start of March 2001 – 360 days to complete.
2. Engineering is ongoing. (Anticipated completion by Corps is for September, 2000.)

STATUS Cline to EJ&E RR – Local Project:

- A. We are including this work with Burr Street Betterment Phase 1 – Anticipated construction start **in this area is in the fall of 2000.**

STATUS (Stage V Phase 1) Wicker Park Manor:

1. Project completed on September 14, 1995.
Dyer Construction – Contract price \$998,630
2. As per a conversation with Phillips Pipeline on 9/30/96, consideration is being given to do a directional bore or both 8” lines, rather than do 2 “up and overs” for both levees (This has been ongoing with the COE since November of 1996)
 - A. Flora wrote a letter to the COE on September 29th, 1999, requesting their consideration to credit this cost and to have it by our October 7th, 1999 meeting.
 - A follow-up letter was written by Flora on December 30th, 1999, indicating that we have not received a response, or that additional costs by Phillips would be creditable for them to gather field information to get a current estimate.
 - This is a completed levee segment with a high pressure petroleum line under the levee (which is not acceptable under COE design standards). Who assumes liability in the event of a levee failure to Wicker Park Manor. No response from the Corps to date.
 - We finally received a written response from the COE on May 19th, 2000, stating that we should have Phillips proceed with design analysis and after the COE evaluates this submittal they will render a decision for credit approval.

STATUS (Stage V Phase 2):

1. At the July 23rd, 1998 Real Estate meeting, the current schedule shows a January 1st, 2001 contract award date. (This will be reviewed by the Commission.)
2. If we can complete all acquisition of properties from Northcote to Indianapolis Blvd. prior to all of the acquisition to Kennedy Ave., we may release it as a separate contract.
3. See item “2-B” in Stage V-Phase I regarding the “up & over” of the Phillips Pipe Line.
4. As per a request from the Town of Highland, we submitted a complete set of plans for all construction South of the river from Hart Ditch to Kennedy Ave. to use for their future community planning.
 - A meeting was held with the Town of Highland on May 17th, 2000, to review all of the flood control impacts to Highland from Indianapolis Blvd. to Cline Ave. Real estate impacts will be modified in certain areas as per the Town of Highland requests.
5. **A meeting was held with the city of Hammond on June 28th to review community concerns and answer questions for the area north of the river from Kennedy Avenue to Indianapolis Blvd. Refer to the minutes of the meeting. (Handout)**
6. **The COE sent a letter to the INDOT design A/E regarding drainage and ponding concerns west of Indpls. Blvd. south of the river on May 24th (We received a copy of June 12, 2000).** 9
7. **A letter was sent to the COE on June 21st enclosing the location survey work for the Tri-State bus terminal. Asked for engineering re-considerations for the location of the I-wall.** 10-11

STATUS (Stage V Phase 3) Woodmar Country Club:

1. Refer to Land Acquisition report for status of appraisal process and revised schedule.

2. Engineering concerns were brought up by several commissioners at our January 6th, 2000 monthly board meeting and our February 3rd, 2000 board meeting to lessen the impact to the Woodmar Country Club.
3. Appraisal work ongoing (refer to Land Acquisition report).

STATUS Stage VI – Phase 1 (Cline to Kennedy – North of the river, and Kennedy to Liabile, South of the river.):

1. A meeting was held with the city of Hammond on June 28th to review community concerns and answer questions for the area north of the river from Cline Avenue to Kennedy. Refer to minutes of the meeting.

STATUS Stage VI – Phase 2 (Liable to Cline – South of the river.):

1. Rani Engineering was awarded the A/E contract by the COE in January 2000. (They are out of St. Paul, Minnesota.)
2. We sent a letter to Komark, Ltd. on June 26th informing them that the LCRBDC will make a recommendation to the Commissioners at the July 6th meeting to approve the use of approx. 2.5 acres of land for mitigation in exchange for Highland donating similar acreage to us for our project.
 - We signed the ROE on June 29th; borings are scheduled for July 7th.

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STATUS (Stage VII) Northcote to Columbia:

1. The final contract with Earth Tech to do the A/E work for this stage/phase of construction was signed and submitted by the COE on December 21st, 1999.
2. A pre-design coordination meeting was held with the communities, the COE, LCRBDC, and Earth-Tech on February 29th, 2000, to assure local participation.
3. The COE submitted a letter to the LCRBDC on March 24th, 2000, questioning coordinates provided by DLZ, and including a request for (23) additional points for a new total of (50). (Refer to General section, item #2 of this report).
 - These were provided to the COE on May 24th, 2000.
4. A public meeting will be scheduled with both communities around the end of July or early August.

STATUS (Stage VIII) Columbia to the Illinois State Line):

1. The A/E award was given to S.E.H. (Short, Elliot & Henderson Inc.)
2. We received an e-mail from the COE on June 29th requesting the local sponsor identify all properties and to provide survey points and coordinates.

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East Reach Remediation Area – North of I-80/94, MLK to I-65:

1. Dyer Construction is the contractor. Construction was started on September 13th, 1999, and is anticipated to be completed by August of 2000.
2. Construction resumed after winter down time on March 20th, 2000. Approximately 95% of clay is placed and 75% of topsoil is placed and graded.
3. Removal of pre-load area and gateway construction began on May 27th, 2000.
 - Pre-load has been taken out and the construction of the gateway is about 70% complete.

West Reach Pump Stations – Phase 1A:

1. The four (4) pump stations that are included in this initial West Reach pump station project are Baring, Walnut, S. Kennedy, and Hohman/Munster.
2. Pump station Government estimate was \$2,915,265 – Low bid was \$4,638,400 (63% overrun).
 - COE is currently negotiating and as of April 6th, 2000, the attorneys are still reviewing.
 - This project will be delayed until later this year because of cost difference. The COE is still negotiating price.

West Reach Pump Stations – Phase 1B:

1. **The Two (2) pump stations included in this contract are S.E. Hessville (Hammond), and 81st Street (Highland).**
2. The current COE schedule, as per our January 26th, 2000 coordination meeting, is to complete design and review by April 24th, 2000, advertise by May 12th, 2000, award the contract by June 15th, 2000 and start construction by early August – 700 days to complete.
3. **Bids were opened on June 26th. The government estimate was \$2,092,000. The apparent low bidder was Thieneman Construction Company from Griffith at \$1,963,000 (\$128,600 under estimate).**

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GENERAL:

1. Alternate Concrete Formliners:

- A. The COE has agreed to using the formliner for their base bid on all future projects and will bid the “fin-type” finish as an alternate. **We received a letter from the COE informing us of this decision on June 5th.**

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2. Utility Re-locations:

- A. **On June 7, 2000 a coordination meeting was held with the COE and the LCRBDC to review, discuss, and establish an accelerated schedule to complete the entire west reach.**
 1. **A committee was established with Jim flora as Chairman and includes Jim Pokrajac and Emmett Clancy and Jan Plachta from the COE.**
 2. **A letter was sent to the COE on June 26th reminding them of the June 16th deadline to submit A/E date with approved utility re-location plans that were to be included as part of their work. (We received them on July 5th, 2000.)**

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3. Surveying Services:

- A. **At the June 7, 2000 scheduling coordination meeting, it was presented that currently we have (3) surveying companies that have done work for us on this project. (DLK, Great Lakes Engineering, and Torrenge Engineering).**
 1. **Additional services could be made available with Hardesty, Krull & Associates, The Duneland Group, and Plumb Tuckett.**
 2. **We received a letter from DLZ on June 12th presenting their survey capabilities. Additional survey crews could be made available to handle increased work loads as necessary.**

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

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

JUN 08 2000

Construction-Operations Division
Calumet Area Office (1180-1-1q)

SUBJECT: Contract No. DACW23-97-C-0028
Local Flood Protection
Little Calumet River, Indiana
Final Inspection Punchlist

Mr. Larry Webb
Webb Construction, Inc.
3712 Hayes Street
Gary, Indiana 36408

Dear Mr. Webb:

A final inspection of the subject contract was conducted on May 18, 2000, by the following individuals:

Robert Budgin	Webb Construction Inc.	(219)887-1660
Darryl Embry	Webb Construction Inc.	(219)887-1660
Larry Webb	Webb Construction Inc.	(219)887-1660
James Pokrajac	Little CAL. River Basin	(219)763-0696
Jim Flora	R.W. Armstrong	(219)738-2258
Don Smales	Greeley & Hansen Eng	(219)930-8554
Tom Deja	USACE; Calumet Area Office	(219)923-1763
Jan Plachta	USACE; Chicago District	(312)353-6400 ext 1801
Curtis Lee	USACE; Calumet Area Office	(219)923-1763
Willie Wallace	UWS/WREP	(219)944-1211

As a result of this inspection the following item remains to be completed:

Technical provision 15050-paragraph 2.4.3.1 states in part, "approved means for lubrication of the stem shall be provided in the stand or stem cover". Previous discussions between members of my staff and Mr. Frazier of Hydrogate, (303) 288-1873 have indicated that the standard gate provided does not satisfy this requirement. Request that you contact Hydrogate; obtain written recommendation on how to address this item; submit the recommendation for approval; and proceed with the recommendation once approved.

Please complete the above action as soon as possible, so that your contract can be financially closed out, and the completed work turned over to the local sponsor.

In you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Mr. Curtis Lee at (219)923-1763.

Sincerely,



Thomas A. Deja, P.E.
Contracting Officer's
Representative

Copies Furnished:

CELRC-CO-S (C. Lee)
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CELRC-CT (V. Salinas-Nix)
CELRC-CO-C (Closing File)
CELRC-CT (Closing File)
CELRC-CO-S (Closing File)
CELRC-CO-S (Misc. Corr.- Closing File)
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North-West Engineering Co., Inc.
— Consulting Engineering —

504 Broadway - Suite 1028 - Gary, Indiana 46402

Phone: (219) 882-6856

FAX: (219) 882-6867

June 20, 2000

Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission
6100 Southport Road
Portage, Indiana 46368

Attention: Mr. Dan Gardner,
Executive Director

RE: South Grant Street Improvement Project
I-80/94 to Ridge Road, Gary, IN. STP N-501
Storm Drainage

Dear Mr. Gardner:

The storm drainage for the subject project discharges into the Little Calumet River and we wish to bring the following to your attention, as information is needed from your office before we can proceed with our design.

This section of Grant Street is currently drained by an 84" diameter RCP that empties into a box sewer that discharges into the Little Calumet River at Grant Street. Our original plan was to provide for the new street to drain into this existing sewer line. However during our meeting with the Gary Sanitary District consultants, Greeley and Hansen and Donaldson Engineering we were informed that they have a problem with this sewer. When the river is high, it surcharges the existing sewer line and that situation does not permit Grant Street to drain during a rainfall.

We were also informed that the consultants wrote to your office on November 8, 1999 advising you of the surcharge problem that it has been discussed with LCRBDC and the US COE during the past two years. Their letter contained the following recommendations:

- a. Continuing outfall through levee and installing flap gate(s) on outfall.
- b. Disconnecting all storm sewers tributary to outfall have inverts below the design, maximum water surface in the Little Calumet River.
- c. Installing a new storm sewer collector to pick up storm water from the disconnected sewers for conveyance to the new Grant Street storm water Pumping Station as necessary to accommodate design storm water flows.

We cannot proceed with our street drainage design until we are advised what action your

North-West Engineering Co., Inc.

June 20, 2000

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Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission

Attention: Mr. Dan Gardner, Executive Director

RE: South Grant Street Improvement Project
I-80/94 to Ridge Road, Gary, IN. STP N-501
Storm Drainage

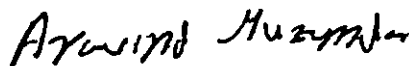
office and the Gary Sanitary District will be taking regarding their recommendations.

It is our understanding that all drainage brought to the landward side of the Little Calumet River Levee, becomes the responsibility of the LCRBDC to arrange for the proper delivery of such drainage to the river, as was done on the Burr Street Improvement Project.

We cannot proceed with our design with this pending problem. A delay on our work, can cause the City of Gary to loose their grant on the South Grant Street Improvement project if it is not completed on time.

Your early response is important to us so we may proceed with our work.

Very truly yours,



ARAVIND MUZUMDAR, P.E.,
President

AM/m

cc: Roland Elvambuena, P.E., City Engineer
Imad Samara, Project Manager, US COE, Chicago
Sue Davis, US COE, Chicago
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Attorney

June 30, 2000

Mr. Brian K. Woodberry
NIPSCO
801 East 86th Avenue
Merrillville, Indiana 46410

Dear Brian:

Enclosed please find a fully executed copy of the agreement between NIPSCO and this Commission for the electric utility relocate at the WIND Radio Station in Gary, IN. The agreement contains an estimated cost of \$20,732. Please notify us, and WIND Radio, a minimum of one week prior to your scheduled start of installation.

We appreciate your willingness in working with us. Please consider this letter as your notice to proceed. If you have any questions, please call me at the above number.

Sincerely,

James E. Pokrajac, Agent
Land Management/
Engineering

/sjm
encl.

cc: Frank Janosi, NIPSCO
Lou Casale, LCRBDC attorney, w/encl.
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Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission

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LOUIS CASALE
Attorney

June 12, 2000

Ms. Ruth Van Noort
AMERITECH OF INDIANA
302 S. East Street
Crown Point IN 46307

Dear Ruth:

Enclosed please find a check in the amount of \$11,478.44 in payment for relocating the cable feeding WIND Radio Towers at Colfax Avenue and the Norfolk Southern Corp. Railroad near the Little Calumet River in Gary, IN. For your files, we have also enclosed a copy of the agreement between Ameritech and the Development Commission.

At its June 1st meeting, the Board passed a resolution authorizing this work. I have enclosed a copy of that resolution as well as Ameritech's copy of the Authorization for Work that was approved and signed at that meeting.

Normally, payment is not made until the work is completed. Since we are providing Ameritech with the monies up front, will you please sign the purchase order claim form and the W-9 form and return them to our office. Thank you for your attention to this matter and also for your prompt response in returning the signed agreement to us.

Sincerely,

James E. Pokrajac, Agent
Land Management/
Engineering

/sjm
encl.

cc: Lou Casale, LCRBDC attorney



MARATHON ASHLAND Petroleum LLC
Marketing & Transportation
Engineering Department

277 Streamwood Drive
Valparaiso, IN 46383
Telephone 219/477-4001
FAX 219/531-5422

June 21, 2000

Mr. Louis M. Casale
Lucas, Holcomb & Medrea
Attorneys at Law
Eaton Court
300 E. 90th Drive
Merrillville, IN 46410

**RE: Marathon Ashland Pipe Line LLC 6" Products Pipeline
Little Calumet River, Burr St. Betterment Levee Crossings**

Dear Mr. Casale:

As per your letter of May 9, 2000, enclosed please find the three signed copies of the agreement between the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission and MAPL LLC for the relocation of the 6" pipeline due to the proposed Burr St. Betterment Levee improvements. Please have the agreement signed and then return a fully executed copy to me.

If there are any questions, please contact me. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Sincerely,

David L. Woodsmall, P.E.
Project Manager

enclosure

cc: JA Donnelly – Via GroupWise
SM Woods – Via GroupWise
CW Fechtig – Via GroupWise
RM Thomson – Via GroupWise
JE Pokrajac – Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission



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

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

JUN 1 4 2000

Construction-Operations Division
Calumet Area Office (1180-1-1q)

SUBJECT: Contract No. DACW27-00-C-0021
Burr Street Betterment Levee, Phase I
Little Calumet River, Indiana
Pre-Construction Conference Minutes

Ms. Janet Furman
Dyer Construction Co., Inc.
1716 Sheffield Ave.
Dyer, Indiana 46311

Dear Ms. Furman:

Enclosed are the minutes of the Pre-Construction Conference conducted on June 6, 2000. It is requested that you review the minutes, and indicate your concurrence by signing in the space provided, and returning one signed copy to this office. Any requested changes or additions to the minutes shall be attached as an addendum.

If you have any questions concerning the minutes, please contact me at (219) 923-1763/4.

Sincerely,

Thomas A. Deja, P.E.
Contracting Officer's
Representative

Enclosure

Copies Furnished:

CELRC-CO-S (File) w/Encl.
CELRC-CO-S (E. Karwatka) w/Encl.
CELRC-PP-PM (I. Samara) w/Encl.
CELRC-CT (V. Salinas-Nix) w/Encl.
LCRBDC (J. Pokrajac) w/Encl. ✓



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

May 24, 2000

Programs and Project Management Division
Project Management Branch

Mr. Ned R. Grady, E.I.
Project Team Leader
United Consulting Engineers & Architects
1625 N. Post Road
Indianapolis, IN 46219-1995

Re: Little Calumet River, Flood Control Project Stage V, Phase 2
Review of Proposed Drainage

Dear Mr. Grady:

This is in response to your letter of May 8, 2000, regarding a review of proposed drainage at U.S. 41 – Median Construction. Completing our Feature Design Memorandum (FDM-6) an assumption was made that all the referenced drainage areas were connected with their respective flows leading to the subject 48-inch outlet in the golf course near the river. The estimated ponding in the project area will reflect that condition. However, an examination of the subject upstream drainage patterns conducted in September 98, after the initial contact with you, revealed that under its existing drainage configuration the upstream area currently ponds and stores runoff with a much slower release to the golf course area. Therefore ponding in the golf course area are likely to be substantially greater once your proposals are put in place as substantial storage and retardation of flow will be lost from the upper watershed.

Because of the above, it would be in the best interest of the community as a whole if the upland drainage changes were to include a pumping unit at the site of our 48 inch outlet. Our design calls for a pumping platform at this site but no pump.

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

Sincerely,


Imad Samara
Project Manager

CF: John Bach
Jim Pokrajac ✓
Jim Flora

RECEIVED ON JUNE 12, 2000



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Attorney

June 21, 2000

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

Dear Imad:

The location survey work for the Tri-State Bus Terminal (Cardinal Services Inc.) has been completed and is enclosed for your review and comments. Also enclosed is a copy of the plat of survey from Torrenga Engineering showing the property currently owned by the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission as part of our Stage V Phase 1 construction. We have also enclosed a copy of the real estate drawing for Stage V Phase 2 cross referencing the land we currently own as well as those lands necessary for the upcoming construction in that area. The following is a list of concerns and questions that we have regarding this area:

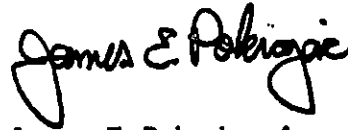
- (1) On the Corps real estate drawing, the area that is crosshatched is bounded by Points E116 through E124 designating those permanent easement coordinates for the property we currently own. It appears that this does not coincide with the existing plat of survey as is currently recorded in Lake County and as designated by the Torrenga drawing.
- (2) On the attached drawing by DLZ, it appears that the centerline for the new concrete I-wall west of Tri-State appears to be approximately 10' east of the sheet piling. With our concern to minimize the real estate impacts to their parking lot, we would ask for your consideration to install the sheet piling as close as possible to the existing sheet piling or even to the west of that sheet piling. If we relocate this sheet piling, it would also allow us to install the recreation trail on the landward side of the I-wall to tie our trail system in with the Hammond/Highland trails, without increasing the impact to the parking lot.
- (3) On the attached DLZ drawing, the temporary work area easement extends into the third row of parking. We would request that this temporary work area be modified further westward to only impact the western two rows of parking.
- (4) The temporary work area easement extends further south than the permanent easement; is this necessary?

Mr. Imad Samara
June 21, 2000
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- (5) We would request that if the temporary work area is relocated, that the specifications for this contract include that the contractor minimize the amount of time necessary to install sheet piling in order that the loss of the second row of parking spaces would be kept to a minimum.

We would appreciate your response on this as soon as possible in order that we may proceed with legal descriptions and appraisal work to expedite what potentially could be a lengthy acquisition. If you have any questions regarding this request, please call me.

Sincerely,



James E. Pokrajac, Agent
Land Management/Engineering

/sjm
encl.
cc:

Bill White
Emmett Clancy, w/encl.
Jan Plachta
Gregg Heinzman, DLZ
Lou Casale, LCRBDC attorney



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Mr. Chris Kovich
KOMARK, LTD.
131 Ridge Road
Munster, Indiana 46321

CURTIS VOSTI, Secretary
Governor's Appointment

Dear Chris:

CHARLES AGNEW
Governor's Appointment

GEORGE CARLSON
Mayor of Hammond's Appointment

We were submitted a letter from John Bach representing the town of Highland on May 15, 1999 (letter enclosed) requesting that the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission provide wetlands mitigation for approximately 600' of Franklin Street, west of Liabe Road as part of the Sandalwood Subdivision development in Highland. This roadway expansion comprises approximately 0.62 acres of wetlands that will be destroyed by the expansion. At a ratio of 4:1, this would calculate into approximately 2.5 acres of lands that would be needed as mitigation for this work. It was proposed by the town of Highland that they would donate approximately 2.5 acres of land that would be necessary for future levee construction in exchange for these lands for mitigation.

STEVE DAVIS
Dept. of Natural Resources' Appointment

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It is our intent to present this request to our Board of Commissioners for their review and approval at our July 6th monthly Board meeting. We will make a staff recommendation to the Commission that they accept this proposal due to the necessity of obtaining lands for the flood control/recreation project within the town of Highland. We will notify you upon their decision.

JOHN MROCZKOWSKI
Governor's Appointment

MARION WILLIAMS
Lake County Commissioners' Appointment

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact me.

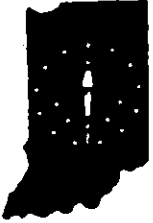
DAN GARDNER
Executive Director

Sincerely,

LOUIS CASALE
Attorney


Dan Gardner
Executive Director

/sjm
encl.
cc: John Bach



TOWN OF HIGHLAND

Highland Municipal Building • 3333 Ridge Road

Highland, Indiana 46322

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Population 23,696

Incorporated in 1910

May 15, 1999

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MICHAEL W. GRIFFIN

Mr. Dan Gardener, Executive Director
Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission
6100 Southport Road
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RE: Property Exchange Proposal

Dear Mr. Gardener:

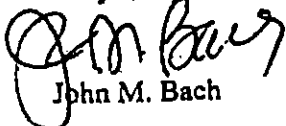
The Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission (LCRBDC) and the Town of Highland have had a long history of cooperative projects and relationships. The opportunity exists to continue our cooperative efforts to the mutual benefit of our organizations. The Town wishes to construct approximately 600 feet of Franklin Street west of Liabe Road. We understand that the LCRBDC has land available suitable for constructing replacement wetlands. We are also aware that the LCRBDC, as part of the Little Calumet River Flood Control Project, will wish to secure property owned by Highland for construction of levees on the south side of the Little Calumet River between Kennedy Avenue and Parrish Avenue.

The wetlands area that would be destroyed by the proposed Franklin Street extension comprises approximately 0.62 acres. Our consultant indicates that the Corps of Engineers is unlikely to mandate that replacement wetlands to be constructed at a ratio exceeding 4 to 1. Based on the 4 to 1 ratio, we estimate that 2.48 acres of replacement wetlands will be required to allow the Franklin Street Project to proceed.

We propose that LCRBDC donate 2.48 acres of land suitable for use by the Town in constructing replacement wetlands. In return the Town will agree to donate 2.48 acres of land in the levee corridor to the Little Calumet Basin Development Commission for use in constructing the flood control project. This Transaction will benefit LCRBDC by resolving a portion of the land acquisition issue for levee construction and will benefit the Town by allowing the Towns' project to proceed.

Please call to discuss your thoughts on this proposal.

Very Truly Yours,


John M. Bach

Sandy Mordus

From: Samara, Imad LRC [Imad.Samara@lrc02.usace.army.mil]
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2000 3:17 PM
To: Samara, Imad LRC; Kroll, Tim LRC; Clancy, Emmett T LRC; Borton, Christopher D LRC; White, Bill G LRC; O'riley, James M LRC
Cc: 'Sandy Mordus'
Subject: Property Ownership



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There was some discussion regarding how gets the property ownership on Stage VIII. I really thought the local sponsors will get that information. The local got it for the entire project I don't know why they should stop at Stage VIII. I had a conversation with Murphy and Mike H. from SEH, my understanding that the scope does not require them to provide this information. Unless anybody feels that there is a mistake here please let me know. Jim Pokrajac in his scope to DLZ getting the property line information should be getting the ownership information too. P.S. Jim, SEH will get the notice to proceed tomorrow June 30. The scope states that the propertyline provided by the local sponsor will be given to SEH 60 days from NTP. This means that this information has to be at SEH by August 28.

Imad Samara
Project Manager
111 N. Canal Street
Chicago, IL 60606

Sandy Mordus

From: Kannaby, John C LRC [John.C.Kannaby@lrc02.usace.army.mil]
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2000 3:12 PM
To: 'Jim Flora'; 'Sandy Mordus'
Cc: Kannaby, John C LRC
Subject: FW: Bid Results for Little Calumet River, Pump Stations Rehabilitation, Phase 1B



Here's the results of the Bid Opening for Pump Station 1B. I

believe that

they are good!! John Kannaby

Subject: Bid Results for Little Calumet River, Pump Stations Rehabilitation, Phase 1B

BID OPENING RESULTS

June 26, 2000
LITTLE CALUMET RIVER, PUMP STATION REHABILITATION, PHASE 1B
HIGHLAND & HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICTS, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA
SOLICITATION NO. DACW27-00-B-0033

Bid Opening Officer: Robin Woodruff
Bid Opening/Recording: Cynthia Farmer

APPARENT LOW BIDDER: Thieneman Construction, Inc.
\$1,963,400.00
320 E. Industrial Drive
Griffith, IN 46319

2nd Low Bidder: Lamar Construction
\$2,149,400.00
27 Timber Meadows
Edwardsville, IL 62025

3rd Low Bidder: Overstreet Electric Co., Inc.
\$2,160,179.00
4220 N. Davis Hwy., Bldg. B
Pensacola, FL 32503

4th Low Bidder: L. S. Womack, Inc.
\$2,245,891.00
3920 LA Highway 1 North
Port Allen, LA 70767

5th Low Bidder: Kovic Construction Co.
\$2,287,320.00
3721 Carnation Street
Franklin Park, IL 60131

2,092,000 - GOVT. ESTIMATE
1,963,400 - LOW BID
128,600 - UNDER BID

Government Estimate without profit
\$2,092,000.00

There were no other bids received.

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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

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

June 5, 2000

Programs and Project Management Division
Project Management Branch

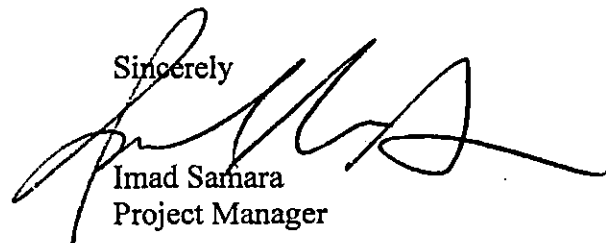
Mr. James E. Pokrajac
Agent, Land Acquisition
Little Calumet River Basin
Development Commission
6100 Southport Rd.
Portage, Indiana 46368

Dear Mr. Pokrajac;

This is a revision of our May 30, 2000 letter in regards to our LCR project status review meeting on May 10, 2000. Concerning consideration of form liners in Stages VII and VIII we will implement a bid schedule with a base bid line item for a architectural type liner and an option for a fin type liner. This way the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission could elect to pay for the "betterment" as based on the bid prices. The "betterment" is the cost difference between the optional fin type liner and the architectural type liner.

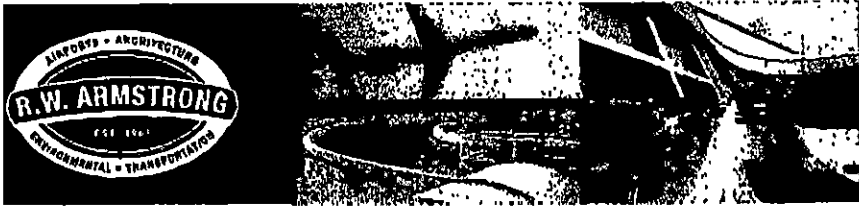
If you have any questions please contact Mr. Jan S. Plachta of this office at (312) 353-6400, extension 1801.

Sincerely



Imad Samara
Project Manager

CF: Jim Flora



June 26, 2000

Mr. Imad Samara
 Programs & Project Management Division
 Project Management Branch
 Corps of Engineers
 111 North Canal Street
 Chicago, IL 60606-7206

Re: Utility Relocation

Dear Mr. Samara:

It is my understanding that at your June 7, 2000 meeting with representatives of the LCRBDC a Utility Relocation Committee was created and that I am the Chairman of that committee. At the June 7, 2000 meeting it was also agreed that the Corps would provide a set of final utility reports including approved relocation plans and cost estimates for all utilities in Stages V-2, V-3, and VI-1 by June 16, 2000. The approved relocation plans and cost estimates had previously been prepared by the Corps' Architect/Engineer for the various projects, but had never been transmitted to the LCRBDC or R. W. Armstrong.

As of this date we have not received the approved relocation plans. In a telephone conversation with Jan Plachta on June 21, 2000 we were requested to review our files to see what information we had received already. We told Mr. Plachta that the only project we remembered receiving a utility status report was for Stage V-2 which was done by Stanley. In a subsequent review of our files we located two reports:

1. Utility Status Report, Pre-Final Submittal dated July 1996 by Stanley Consultants.
2. Utility Status Report Final Submittal dated November 1, 1996 by Stanley Consultants.

While these reports contain some relocation plans and cost estimates (primarily in the Pre-Final Report), it is not clear whether the information is final and there is no indication that it has been approved by the Corps. We suggest that the Corps go back to their A/E's and have them provide a copy of the final relocation plan and cost estimate.

An additional problem is that the relocation data is out of date. The Stage V-2 data is now almost 4 years old and needs to be updated. Since the design work for the other Stages (V-3 and VI-1) were all done some years ago, they will also need updating. This is one of the problems of

Mr. Imad Samara
 Corps of Engineers
 June 26, 2000
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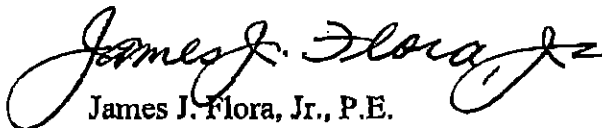
scheduling design so far out in front of actual construction and is one of the concerns the LCRBDC has repeatedly expressed. Since the LCRBDC has already participated in the cost to have this information prepared once, the LCRBDC now expects the Corps to either use its staff or those of the original A/E to update the out of date relocation plans and cost estimates. This needs to be done as soon as possible since there are an estimated 109 utility relocations in Stages V and VI and obtaining updated plans and cost estimates will take considerable time. The Corps will then also need to review and approve the plans and cost estimates before sending them to the LCRBDC for further action.

To stay on the schedule agreed to on June 7, 2000 we need to obtain Stage V and VI approved relocation plans and cost estimates not later than August 1, 2000. The Corps should keep in mind that each day beyond August 1, 2000 that it takes for the LCRBDC to receive the approved relocation plan and cost estimate from the Corps is a day that needs to be added to the completion time for various projects that was agreed to at the June 7, 2000 meeting. In addition the LCRBDC will need to receive Stage VII approved relocation plans and cost estimates by about December 1, 2000 and Stage VIII by about June 1, 2001 in order to stay on schedule. The Corps also needs to keep in mind that many of the actual relocations have to be completed prior to project construction.

Please let us know a schedule for obtaining the approved relocation plans and cost estimates. If you have any questions, please call.

Very truly yours,

R. W. ARMSTRONG & ASSOCIATES, INC.



James J. Flora, Jr., P.E.
 Vice President

JJF:kf
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- cc: Dan Gardner, LCRBDC
- Jim Pokrajac, LCRBDC
- Lou Casale, LCRBDC Attorney
- Emmett Clancy, COE
- Bill White, COE
- Jan Plachta, COE



ENGINEERS • ARCHITECTS • SCIENTISTS
PLANNERS • SURVEYORS

June 12, 2000

Mr. James Pokrajac
Agent, Land Management / Engineering
Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission
6100 Southport Road
Portage, Indiana 46368

Re: DLZ Survey Capabilities

Dear Mr. Pokrajac:

We are writing in response to your request for information on the survey capabilities of DLZ Indiana, Inc.

Survey Crews

DLZ has 13 survey crews in the Lake and Porter County area working every day. Additional survey crews are available in our South Bend and Indianapolis offices. Our workload is currently such, that two or even three crews could be assigned to your work if scheduled properly.

Surveyors, Designers and Technicians

DLZ has 4 licensed surveyors and 2 surveyors-in-training working in the Calumet area. Additional surveyors are available as needed from our other offices. This staff is fully capable of researching and writing legal descriptions as needed. We have designers and technicians in our Hammond and Chesterton offices available to process field data, and create land plats for your project.

Equipment

DLZ has 10 total stations available in the Calumet area. Total stations allow the field data to be collected in a digital manner that can be downloaded efficiently in the office. This data can then be processed in the office and used to generate CAD drawings quickly and efficiently.

Lot Surveys

Based on our understanding of your upcoming need for lot location surveys, we believe a single crew equipped with a total station, and having Corps coordinate control to work from, can survey 2 to 4 residential lots per day. Based on this estimate, the field work on 30 lots could be completed in 1½ to 2 weeks, even sooner if more than one survey crew is used. The land plats could be generated at about the same rate once the field data reaches the office.



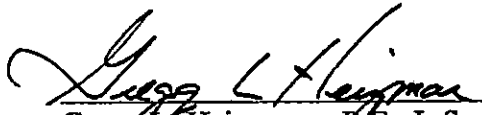
June 1, 2000
Mr. James E. Pokrajac
Survey Capabilities
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In summary, we believe DLZ can meet any needs you may have for surveying and legal descriptions on your project. However, we pledge to cooperate fully with any other surveyors you choose to use on the project. We will share our experience and survey control information to allow and contribute to the efficient completion of the work.

If you have any questions, please call.

Sincerely,

DLZ INDIANA, INC.


Gregg L. Heinzman P.E. L.S.
Engineering Manager

GLH/bf
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**LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN
DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
ATTENDANCE ROSTER**

NAME OF MEETING: LECBDC DATE: 7-6-00

LOCATION: 600 Southport Rd, Portage CHAIRMAN: Emerson Delaney

PLEASE SIGN IN

	NAME (PLEASE PRINT)	ORGANIZATION, ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER
1	DON EWOLDT	LEL
2	DONNA GONZALEZ	DUNES/CAL AUDUBON 924-5985
3	HOWARD ANDERSON	F.T.A. 924-6801
4	Louise Karwowski	Sierra Club
5	George F. Smelka	Sierra Club
6	JIM FLORA	R.W. ARMSTRONG
7	Jonny Cray	DNR - Div. of Water
8	Imad Samara	COE
9	Bill White	COE
10	Bill PETRITUS	HIGHLANDS RES/BUSS. OWNER
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July 5, 2000

Colonel Peter Rowan
District Engineer
Chicago District, CELRC-Executive Office
US Army Corps of Engineers
111 N. Canal St.
Chicago, IL 60606

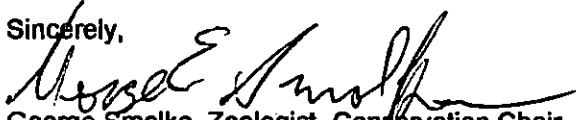
Dear Colonel Rowan:

The Dunelands Group of the Hoosier Chapter of the Sierra Club is very concerned about rumors of major changes in the mitigation plan for the Little Calumet Flood Control Project. We think that the Hobart Marsh site has the most ecological bang for the buck. The mitigation planned was to add about 300 acres of restored land to almost 600 acres of already preserved land in the Hobart Marsh area, creating an almost 900 acre mega preserve. Mega preserves are necessary for the rare wildlife species which need large blocks of habitat with less edge and fragmentation. The need of the existing preserved land in Hobart Marsh to be linked and buffered dovetails with the need for mitigation land to be in an ecologically stable situation, adjacent to natural area, for easier restoration and the best long term viability.

We request that you will stick with the Hobart Marsh site for the bulk of the 342 acres of hardwood forested wetland required. We also request that you stick with the acreage agreed upon at the July 15, 1999 interagency meeting. (Only for this letter to COE—We appreciate the value of your excellent mitigation plan—please see that it is carried out.)

As local taxpayers, we would rather put money into land acquisition at Hobart Marsh for mitigation land that will be in a stable environment and have the best chance for successful restoration, than to put supposedly less money into a mitigation shoe-horned into Little Calumet River Basin land whether it is appropriate or not. That 179 acre Clay St. site has a great deal of wetland that is full of aggressive alien wetland weeds such purple loosestrife and giant reed (Phragmites) which make long term management difficult. Land at Hobart Marsh would be a good investment. The area is relatively accessible to the public of northern Lake County which is quite short of preserved natural land.

Sincerely,



George Smolka, Zoologist, Conservation Chair
Dunelands Sierra
337 Griffith Blvd.
Griffith, IN 46319

RESULTS OF REAL ESTATE MEETING HELD 27 APRIL 2000
ARMY CORPS & LITTLE CALUMET RIVER FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT

IN ATTENDANCE:

LCRBDC

Dan Gardner
Sandy Mordus
Jim Pokrajac
Angie Ogrentz
Lorraine Kray
Judy Vamos

COE

Imad Samara
Bill White
Emmett Clancy

1. SCHEDULE/ACQUISITION PRIORITIES

a. Pump Station 1B: Jim asked to use the pump station format on future COE real estate mapping. Imad said only 2 signatures are needed to complete the present agreement with the Hammond Sanitary Board and the Town of Highland. Imad is in contact with both. Jim mentioned that the locals still have some concerns and Imad said these will be addressed by mid-May, the advertising date. June is the contract award date.

(ACTION: Imad/COE)

b. ERR relocations: Judy explained the problems with Gary Redevelopment in relocating the Jeffries (DC 743 and DC 748). She will contact and work with the Jeffries through a real estate agent. The Oswald family (DC 793) has been relocated and the house is being vandalized, used by gangs, etc. For safety reasons LCRBDC requested permission to demolish the house immediately and receive credit for the demo cost. COE agreed. LCRBDC will need a letter.

(ACTION: Judy/LCRBDC and COE)

c. Mitigation tracts: 29th and Hanley (DC 616) – Judy reported that the owner (Sankstone Enterprises) was appealing his tax bill when the Lake County Commissioners sold the property on a tax sale. The tax sale office will not disclose the new owner as yet. The previous owner has hired an attorney and is considering suing the commissioners. Judy is reluctant to make an offer until we know more about the situation. Emmett suggested making an offer to the new owner and using condemnation if necessary just to have the property in public possession.

(ACTION: Judy/LCRBDC)

Liabe and Cline Avenue (DC 617) – Judy reported that Janet O'Toole is doing the appraisal. Judy will follow-up.

(ACTION: Judy/LCRBDC)

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d. Woodmar Appraisal: Lou reported that he has sent an introduction letter to Woodmar attorney Kenneth Reed. He included Dale's request for Woodmar's financial information. No response as of today. He'll send follow-up letter.

(ACTION: Lou/LCRBDC)

e. Burr Street Relocations: Judy reported that relocations are all tenants. She's working with owners and tenants. Most want to relocate during the summer before the next school session begins.

(ACTION: Judy/LCRBDC)

f. Burr Street Phase 2: Judy reported that the remaining acquisitions in Phase 2 are slowly being acquired. She will continue with appraisals. Imad stated that there is as yet no definite schedule established. LCRBDC should continue acquisition as usual.

(ACTION: Judy/LCRBDC)

g. East Reach Flowage tracts "clean-up": Judy reported that there are 28 tracts remaining to be acquired. Approximately 10 need appraisals. Most offers have already been mailed to the landowners and are either in negotiations or condemnation.

h. Stage V-2: Emmett reminded everyone that the advertise date for Stage V-2 is set for April 2001. This stage/phase includes the Wicker Park Golf Course.

i. Stage VI-1: Emmett reminded everyone that the advertise date for Stage VI-1 is set for September 2001. Just a reminder.

2. COLE PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION

Emmett asked if the problems with DLZ (Cole) have been cleared up. Jim reported that the problems are corrected.

3. COPIES OF OFFERS/AGREEMENTS

a. COE is concerned that copies of offers and agreements are not being sent to them for their files. Without this second quality check on what goes out mistakes are made, i.e. the mistake in the agreement to WIND for DC 59. Sandy said she will start sending copies of offers and agreements to COE. The DC 59 agreement as this point needs to be revised and the hold harmless clause for the COE needs to be inserted. The flowage agreements still need to be signed. Sandy will follow-up.

(Action: Sandy/LCRBDC)

b. COE has questions why the counter-offer is included in the offer to landowners. Judy explained that when the Uniform Land Offer is sent, it is sent for the lesser interest, an easement on the property only. Some lots are small or unusable and the owner desires to sell. We can't counter our own offer, only the owner can counter our offer. The counter-offer is sent in case the owner wants to sell for the fee value.

4. UTILITY RELOCATIONS

a. COE needs title work for utility relocations to perform the opinion of compensability the decision for which utility relos are creditable. The first opinion will be Stage IV-1 South for the NIPSCO/Ameritech relocation. Still some confusion remains about who does what. Agreed that LCRBDC (Lou's office) will order title work, Lou will do the legal opinion. He'll work with Don Valk from the COE.
(ACTION: Lou/LCRBDC and Don/COE)

5. REAL ESTATE TRACKING SYSTEM

COE reports that the prototype for the dbase tracking program is on-line. All the COE data is loaded and LCRBDC can expect a look at the system on the Internet as early as next week.
(ACTION: COE)

6. USE OF E-MAIL

COE is strongly urging the use of e-mail for correspondence between COE and LCRBDC. As of now only Sandy is contact person. Judy and Lorraine will soon be on-line. Lou's office will also have e-mail.
(ACTION: LCRBDC)

7. OTHER ISSUES

a. Appraisals – Judy will write Chris a letter explaining her position on the appraisal problem in the ERR.
(ACTION: Judy/LCRBDC)

b. Mitigation Plan – Imad reported that Greg Moore is working on the finalization of the Mitigation Plan to be submitted to the IN DNR by 15 May 2000. Imad said the COE is considering the area in the ERR at I-65 and I-80/94 for mitigation. Dan reminded the COE that the property was once going to be the Michael Jackson theme park and the Mayor of Gary might not be happy if more Gary property would be taken out for non-economic development. Discussion was held about an RFP for the Hobart Marsh area.

8. NEXT MEETING

Thursday, 25 May 2000, 9.30 AM LCRBDC office

RESULTS OF REAL ESTATE MEETING HELD 25 MAY 2000

ARMY CORPS & LITTLE CALUMET RIVER FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT

IN ATTENDANCE:

LCRBDC

Dan Gardner
Lou Casale
Sandy Mordus
Jim Pokrajac
Judy Vamos

COE

Imad Samara
Bill White
Emmett Clancy
Chris Borton
Tom Mehan

This meeting was a conference call.

1. ACQUISITION STATUS

a. ERR - the overlooked road easement east of I-65

Judy reported that title work is ordered. Jim reported that surveys are being completed by DLZ. Judy will write Informal Value Estimates and Bill will sign them ASAP. Lou will contact Frederick Lawrence at INDOT. All three properties are in the acquisition mode.

(ACTION: LCRBDC)

b. ERR - relocations

Judy reported that there are problems with the two relocations in the ERR. Gary Redevelopment has been working with them with no results. Debra Bates from Home Connection Realty is now also working with them. We'll see how this new approach works.

(ACTION: Judy/LCRBDC)

c. Burr Street - Relocations

Judy explained there are three relos in Burr Street. All are tenants. One I is ready for closing, two are looking for new residences.

2. APPRAISAL STATUS

a. 29th & Hanley (Mitigation) - Judy reported that Janet O'Toole has completed the appraisal, Chris has reviewed, and Janet is now making changes. This property, DC 616, could still be a problem because of the previous owner contemplating legal action against the county for selling the property while he protested his tax assessment.

b. Cline & Liable (Mitigation)- Judy reported that Janet O'Toole is appraising the property but her main focus is re-doing ERR appraisals.

(ACTION: Judy/LCRBDC)

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c. Woodmar – Judy reported that the Woodmar appraisal is stalled. Lou stated that his letters to Woodmar attorney Ken Reed have gone unanswered. Lou will write a follow-up letter.

(ACTION: Lou/LCRBDC)

d. Wicker Park – Jim reported that there is an identification problem with land surrounding Wicker Park. Chris mentioned that if the property belongs to North Township it would have to be appraised with Wicker. Decision will be made after title work is received.

e. Tri-State Coach – Dan, Jim, Judy visited with Administrator Larry Hunter to discuss acquisition and engineering. Needed easements will eliminate close to 100 parking spaces. Jim will speak with the COE about making possible changes.

(ACTION: Jim/LCRBDC)

f. Hotels - Jim reported that DLZ has completed the location surveys in part. If Emmett approves "that there are no changes, DLZ can do the legals." Chris would like Dale's associate David DuBois to appraise the hotels.

(ACTION: Jim/LCRBDC)

3. LAND ACQUISITION COMPANIES

Dan reported that LCRBDC has interviewed two land acquisition companies: Land Acquisition, Inc. and a firm that contracts with R.W. Armstrong, Dennis Otto & Associates. Both can acquire property from cradle to grave including title searches, appraisals, negotiations with landowners, and deed recordings. Main drawback is cost. Bill mentioned that Coldwell Banker may also have land acquisition teams. Judy will investigate. Lou questioned COE ability to review all the appraisals once the appraisal plan for the West Reach is implemented. Bill said the COE has outside resources that could come from other COE districts.

Discussion was held about the upcoming 7 June Partnering Meeting with the facilitator. The agenda is as follows: LCRBDC presents their plan, COE then reacts with questions/suggestions for the plan. LCRBDC critiques COE response. Each group will meet separately, then come to the table for a consensus. Judy will put together a chart showing the proposed timetable and LCRBDC capabilities.

(ACTION: COE and LCRBDC)

4. MITIGATION

- a. Plan for Hobart Marsh – Discussion was held about the Hobart Marsh acquisition plan. In a new development Bill said the Chicago COE has been in touch with HQ who has made a ruling that “the Hobart Marsh plan should be treated as if it were a part of the Little Cal project.” LCRBDC must have a contract with the 3rd party acquisition entity. The contract will be similar to the LCA and the flood project will be responsible for land acquisition and O. & M. COE will have the agreement for construction. Bill explained that the COE is not required by Public Law 96-146 to have a contract with the 3rd party entity.

LCRBDC raised objections to the new developments concerning the new change in acquisition of the Hobart Marsh properties. Lou asked if COE would develop a RFP for the 3rd party. Bill said COE would develop a RFP for the construction of the wetlands, but not for the land acquisition. Imad explained that the RFP would have to be separated into two parts: part one for “who acquires the land, part two for who does the construction.”
(ACTION: COE)

- b. Status of written Mitigation Plan – Imad stated that Greg Moore is working on the final details on the plan and it will be ready for submittal to the DNR in a couple of weeks. All agreed there is much confusion about this new development and Dan asked Bill to send him the official written decision from HQ directing the Hobart Marsh acquisition on the LCRBDC.
(ACTION: Imad/COE)

5. NEXT MEETING

Thursday, 29 June 2000, 9:30 AM, LCRBDC office

LAND ACQUISITION REPORT

Thursday, July 6, 2000

STATUS (Stage II Phase I) – Harrison to Broadway – North Levee:

1. Project completed July 10, 1992.
Dyer Construction – Contract price \$365,524

STATUS (Stage II Phase II) – Grant to Harrison – North Levee:

1. Project completed December 1, 1993
Dyer/Ellas Construction – Contract price \$1,220,386

STATUS (Stage II, Phase 3A (8A) – Georgia to Martin Luther King – South Levee:

1. Project completed January 13, 1995.
Ramirez & Marsch Construction – Contract price \$2,275,023

STATUS (Stage II, Phase 3B) – Harrison to Georgia – South Levee:

1. Project currently 98% complete.
2. Additional land will be required to extend a recreation trail off of the existing levee north of IUN to allow recreation trail users. (Refer to Recreation Report.)

STATUS (Stage II, Phase 3C2) – Grant to Harrison:

1. The final inspection was made on May 18th, 2000 – completion and turnover anticipated by July of 2000.
2. The re-location of the recreation trail due to the crossing at Grant St. would require agreements with the Steel City Truck Stop and the city of Gary to be able to cross Grant St. at the light at 32nd Ave.
 - LCRBDC and COE are considering moving the trail farther east (nearer Gilroy Stadium) and coming south off the existing levee to 32nd Avenue. (ongoing)
 - This work to be done as part of an “East Reach catch all” scheduled for Fall, 2000.

STATUS (Stage II, Phase 4) – Broadway to MLK Drive – North Levee:

1. A letter was sent to the Norfolk Southern Corporation on February 22nd, 1999, enclosing the easement agreements and the offer for these easements.

STATUS (Stage III) – Chase to Grant:

1. Project completed on May 6, 1994.
Kiewit Construction – Contract price \$6,564,520

STATUS (Stage IV – Phase 1-North) – Cline to Burr (North of the Norfolk Southern RR):

1. The new garage for DC448 (David Taborski) was completed on May 16, 2000. We re-located his existing garage on June 13, 2000. We received a sign-off letter from Taborski on June 12, 2000.

STATUS (Stage IV – Phase 1-South) – Cline to Burr (South of the Norfolk Southern RR):

1. Bids were reviewed and Dyer Construction is the contractor. Work started on May 23rd, 2000 – 450 days to complete project (see Engineering Report).

STATUS (Stage IV – Phase 2A) – Lake Etta – Burr to Clark:

1. All construction is currently completed. Pump test is scheduled for mid-April. (Refer to Engineering Report)

STATUS (Stage IV – Phase 2B) – Clark to Chase:

1. Construction currently 95% complete. Projected completion in late fall, 1999. (Refer to Engineering Report)

STATUS (Stage V – Phase 1) – Wicker Park Manor:

1. Project completed September 14, 1995
Dyer Construction – Contract price \$998,630

STATUS (Stage V – Phase 2) – Indianapolis to Kennedy – North Levee:

1. A letter was sent to the COE on June 21st enclosing survey location information for the Tri-State bus terminal. Questions regarding real estate easements need to be addressed. 1-2

STATUS (Stage V – Phase 3) – Northcote to Indianapolis – (Woodmar Country Club):

1. Appraisal with Dale Kleszynski is ongoing.

STATUS (Stage VI-Phase 1) – Cline to Kennedy – North of the river, and Kennedy to Liable – South of the River:

1. At our April 27th, 2000 Real Estate meeting with the COE, they indicated “full-speed” on everything from Cline Ave. to Northcote.
2. We received (4) sets of real estate drawings from the COE on May 9th, 2000, along with an authorization for ROE.
 - At the May 17th, 2000 coordination meeting with the Town of Highland officials. They requested changes to accommodate local requests.
 - A letter was sent to the COE on June 15th including modified project coordinates for a staging area in the Homestead Park area. 3

STATUS (Stage VI – Phase 2) Liable to Cline – South of the River:

1. A letter was sent to the COE from the Town of Highland requesting re-consideration for alignment at the North end of Liable on Highland Park Department property with potential for recreation development.

STATUS (Stage VII) – Northcote to Columbia:

1. A public meeting will tentatively be scheduled with Hammond and Munster upon completion of 50% engineering review (end of July-early August).

STATUS (Stage VIII – Columbia to State Line (Both Sides of River))

1. We received an e-mail from the COE on June 29th requesting LCRBDC to do property I.D. and survey points to determine project coordinates.
 - We are currently questioning scope of work for SEH (Corps A/E) because we do not want to double pay.

STATUS (Betterment Levee – Phase 1) E.J. & E. Railroad to, and including, Colfax North of the NIPSCO R/W – Ditch is South of NIPSCO R/W from Arbogast to Colfax.

1. Refer to Engineering Report for construction scheduling, cost estimates, bids, and utility re-locates.
2. We received the signed ROE from Griffith to do work west of the EJ&E RR on June 12, 2000.

STATUS (Betterment Levee – Phase 2) Colfax to Burr Street, then North N.S. RR, then East (North of RR R/2) ½ between Burr and Clark, back over the RR, then South approx. 1,400 feet:

1. Current schedule is to advertise by October 15th, 2000, award contract by December 15th, 2000, and a construction start of February, 2001 – 360 days to complete.
2. LCRBDC is waiting on COE to finish Norfolk Southern RR engineering maps for an acquisition start.

EAST REACH REMEDIATION AREA – (NORTH OF I-80/94, MLK TO I-65):

1. The construction start was September 1999, with an anticipated one-year completion.
2. Submittals out for property north of I80/94 and east of I-65 anticipated for completion by June 30th (INDOT/City of Gary/Muniz)
 - Gary approved their easements at their June 28th Board of Public Works meeting. We should have signed agreements by July 7th.

WEST REACH PUMP STATIONS – PHASE 1A

1. These stations include Baring, Hohman-Munster, Walnut and South Kennedy.
2. This project is currently on hold due to the bid being 63% over the COE estimate.

WEST REACH PUMP STATIONS – PHASE 1B

1. These stations include S.E. Hessville (HSD) and 81st Street pump station
2. We received a request for R.O.E. from the Corps on March 8th, 2000, for three (3) parcels of real estate.
 - The ROE for 81st St. and Southeast Hessville pump stations was signed by the LCRBDC on May 16th, 2000.

GENERAL

1. A partnering meeting was held with the LCRBDC staff and the COE on June 7th to review scheduling, acquisition, utilities, and facilitation in the west reach. Meeting was held to plan acquisition for the west reach accelerated schedule. (Refer to handout).

1. The first part of the report deals with the general situation of the country and the progress of the work done during the year.

2. The second part of the report deals with the progress of the work done during the year, and the results of the various projects.

3. The third part of the report deals with the progress of the work done during the year, and the results of the various projects.

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June 21, 2000

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

Dear Imad:

The location survey work for the Tri-State Bus Terminal (Cardinal Services Inc.) has been completed and is enclosed for your review and comments. Also enclosed is a copy of the plat of survey from Torrenga Engineering showing the property currently owned by the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission as part of our Stage V Phase 1 construction. We have also enclosed a copy of the real estate drawing for Stage V Phase 2 cross referencing the land we currently own as well as those lands necessary for the upcoming construction in that area. The following is a list of concerns and questions that we have regarding this area:

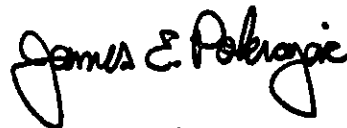
- (1) On the Corps real estate drawing, the area that is crosshatched is bounded by Points E116 through E124 designating those permanent easement coordinates for the property we currently own. It appears that this does not coincide with the existing plat of survey as is currently recorded in Lake County and as designated by the Torrenga drawing.
- (2) On the attached drawing by DLZ, it appears that the centerline for the new concrete I-wall west of Tri-State appears to be approximately 10' east of the sheet piling. With our concern to minimize the real estate impacts to their parking lot, we would ask for your consideration to install the sheet piling as close as possible to the existing sheet piling or even to the west of that sheet piling. If we relocate this sheet piling, it would also allow us to install the recreation trail on the landward side of the I-wall to tie our trail system in with the Hammond/Highland trails, without increasing the impact to the parking lot.
- (3) On the attached DLZ drawing, the temporary work area easement extends into the third row of parking. We would request that this temporary work area be modified further westward to only impact the western two rows of parking.
- (4) The temporary work area easement extends further south than the permanent easement; is this necessary?

Mr. Imad Samara
June 21, 2000
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- (5) We would request that if the temporary work area is relocated, that the specifications for this contract include that the contractor minimize the amount of time necessary to install sheet piling in order that the loss of the second row of parking spaces would be kept to a minimum.

We would appreciate your response on this as soon as possible in order that we may proceed with legal descriptions and appraisal work to expedite what potentially could be a lengthy acquisition. If you have any questions regarding this request, please call me.

Sincerely,



James E. Pokrajac, Agent
Land Management/Engineering

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cc:

Bill White
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Dear Imad:

Enclosed for your use are the project coordinates for the revised staging area in Stage VI Phase 1. These coordinates for the staging area were modified from the original real estate plans as per the request from the town of Highland at the May 17th community coordination meeting. These coordinates extend southward from the river, as discussed, to the south end of the tennis courts. If you have any questions regarding these modified coordinates, please contact me at the above number.

Sincerely,

James E. Pokrajac, Agent
Land Management/Engineering

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cc: Gregg Heinzman, DLZ
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Sandy Mordus

From: Samara, Imad LRC [Imad.Samara@lrc02.usace.army.mil]
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2000 3:17 PM
To: Samara, Imad LRC; Kroll, Tim LRC; Clancy, Emmett T LRC; Borton, Christopher D LRC; White, Bill G LRC; O'riley, James M LRC
Cc: 'Sandy Mordus'
Subject: Property Ownership



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There was some discussion regarding how gets the property ownership on Stage VIII. I really thought the local sponsors will get that information. The local got it for the entire project I don't know why they should stop at Stage VIII. I had a conversation with Murphy and Mike H. from SEH, my understanding that the scope does not require them to provide this information. Unless anybody feels that there is a mistake here please let me know. Jim Pokrajac in his scope to DLZ getting the property line information should be getting the ownership information too. P.S. Jim, SEH will get the notice to proceed tomorrow June 30. The scope states that the propertyline provided by the local sponsor will be given to SEH 60 days from NTP. This means that this information has to be at SEH by August 28.

Imad Samara
Project Manager
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LAND MANAGEMENT REPORT

Thursday, July 6, 2000

NON-PROJECT LAND MANAGEMENT

A. Handicapped-Accessible Park

1. **Lou will discuss the 32 acre site with LEL attorney. The acreage will be sold for credits first to fund the park. Meeting is tentatively scheduled for July 13th.**

B. Chase Street to Grant Street land management issues

1. We received a letter from the COE on March 17, 1999 requesting local review for drainage remediation.
 - A coordination meeting was held with the COE, GSD, and the LCRBDC on February 16th, 2000 to review ongoing drainage concerns.
 - Comments were sent to the COE on April 17th, 2000 indicated that their design appeared to have inadequate pumping capacity (refer to Engineering Report).
 - **Sue Davis from the COR was assigned to address GSD concerns, including drainage in this area, and a meeting was to be coordinated in mid-June. This has not been done as of July 6, 2000.**
2. **Stan Stann lease (communications tower at 35th & Chase) is to be increased from \$1250/month based upon the C.P.I.**
 - **This was as per our agreement signed July 4, 1995 to be upgraded after 5 years.**

PROJECT RELATED LAND MANAGEMENT

A. O&M (Project manual review/accepting completed segments)

1. The COE has requested since August 28, 1997 that we complete our project manual review and accept completed levee segments (ongoing).
2. We will schedule a meeting with a committee of commissioners to review the current COE O & M and make comparisons with what Richmond has in place. (ongoing)
3. It is anticipated to start accepting levee segments (after inspections are completed and found acceptable) as early as late summer, 2000.

B. Mitigation (entire project area)

1. LCRBDC has had concerns about the official mitigation plan procedure to acquire property in the Hobart Marsh area.
2. **Much discussion has taken place about "sole-sourcing" or an "RFP" for Hobart Marsh acquisitions.**
 - The COE stated they would have an initial "final" plan to review by the DNR by May 15th, 2000. **As of July 6, 2000 this has not been implemented.**
3. As per our May 25th, 2000 Real Estate meeting (conference call) it now appears the LCRBDC will be required to enter into a third party agreement for land acquisition and that we will be responsible to pay 100% for all lands (including Hobart Marsh).

1. The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions. It emphasizes that this is crucial for the company's financial health and for providing reliable information to stakeholders.

2. The second part of the document outlines the specific procedures for recording transactions. It details the steps from initial entry to final review, ensuring that all necessary information is captured and verified.

3. The third part of the document addresses the role of the accounting department in this process. It highlights the need for clear communication and collaboration between different departments to ensure that all transactions are properly recorded and categorized.

4. The fourth part of the document discusses the importance of regular audits and reviews. It explains how these processes help to identify any discrepancies or errors in the records and ensure that the company's financial statements are accurate and compliant with relevant regulations.

5. The fifth part of the document provides a summary of the key points discussed. It reiterates the importance of accurate record-keeping and the need for a systematic approach to handling transactions. It also emphasizes the role of the accounting department in ensuring the integrity of the company's financial data.

6. The sixth part of the document concludes with a statement of commitment to transparency and accuracy. It expresses the company's dedication to providing reliable financial information and maintaining the highest standards of accounting practice.

7. The seventh part of the document includes a section for additional notes or comments. This area is intended for any relevant information that may arise during the implementation of the procedures outlined in the document.

8. The eighth part of the document contains a section for the date and signature of the responsible party. This section is used to formalize the document and indicate the date of approval.

9. The ninth part of the document includes a section for the name and title of the responsible party. This section is used to identify the individual who is responsible for the implementation and maintenance of the procedures.

C. Emergency Management

1. The COE submitted to LCRBDC mapping for comments on May 24th, 1999, showing locations of all closures, sluice gates, sandbagging, etc.
 - We will break this down by community, showing how each community would respond during a flood event. (Ongoing)
2. **A coordination meeting was held with the COE, Lake County Emergency Management, the USGS, and representatives from Hammond and Gary on June 27th, 2000 to review new monitoring software and provide technical training.**

D. Landscaping

1. A letter was sent to the COE on June 3rd, 1999, accepting the landscaping project as per plans and specs, but re-stating the ongoing problem with the finished condition of the landscaping (needs more time to establish).
 - At our Technical Review meeting with the COE on November 9th, 1999, Greg Moore said he was finalizing specification changes for future projects as well as modifying procedures for the O & M. **As of July 6th, 2000 we have not received a written response.**

E. Gary Parks & Recreation – Driving Range

1. A meeting was held with the Gary Parks & Rec Dept. on May 18th, 1999 to coordinate the current status.
2. We were made aware during a phone call on March 16th, 2000, that the DNR does not want a driving range in this area.
 - The Gary Parks and Recreation Department are investigating the possibility of building North of 30th Ave. instead of South.

F. Lake Erie Land Company – Wetland banking

1. Lake Erie Land Company full committee met at I.U. Northwest on **June 28th**. **LEL company's "Great Konomick River Restoration Project" is now including Grand Calumet River focus. Member groups are supplying information to create one large master map to include all of the Great Konomick River.**

G. A meeting was held with Lamar Advertising Company (formerly Whiteco) on January 28th, 2000, to review & update current leases.

1. A new balance will be calculated (formerly \$124,825) for removal of Whiteco signs for our project and we will pay this off as per a previous motion by the commissioners.
 - A letter was sent to Lamar on May 8th, 2000, requesting this information in order that we can close out this ongoing issue. (This was a follow-up to a previous letter dated March 21st, 2000.)
 - We received a letter from Lamar on May 17th, 200, indicating that they will review the current balance and modify the existing agreements within the next few months. **(Ongoing)**



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FROM: Jim Pokrajac, Agent, Land Management/Engineering, LCRBDC

DATE: June 19, 2000

RE: MEETING NOTICE

The Army Corps of Engineers has scheduled a meeting at **10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 27th** at the Lake County Emergency Management Agency located at 2293 North Main Street in Crown Point, Indiana (north of Lake County Government Center on 93rd Street).

The purpose of this meeting is to have an overview of the new floodwarning data acquisition system as presented by the Corps and representatives of the USGS. A training session will be held by the USGS on the new software. It is intended to install the new base stations by the end of the month. All current users should be present to overview the new system. There will be an opportunity for hands-on-training with the new software for interested users. Any questions regarding this meeting may be directed to me at 219/763-0696. Any technically-based concerns regarding the new software, or the system in general, may be discussed at the meeting.

cc: Sue Davis, COE
Imad Samara, COE
Jeff Miller, Lake County Emergency Management

Pandy

LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
JANUARY 1, 2000 - MAY 31, 2000

CASH POSITION - JANUARY 1, 2000

CHECKING ACCOUNT		
LAND ACQUISITION		244,197.40
GENERAL FUND		143,144.40
TAX FUND		0.00
INVESTMENTS		1,188,076.15
ESCROW ACCOUNT INTEREST		<u>11,729.84</u>
		1,587,147.79

RECEIPTS - JANUARY 1, 2000 - MAY 31, 2000

LEASE RENTS		20,916.76
INTEREST INCOME		28,422.54
LAND ACQUISITION		2,068,187.94
ESCROW ACCOUNT INTEREST		5,830.44
MISC. INCOME		791.03
WILLIAM TANKE	55.68	
TICOR	50.08	
GTE	10.61	
TICOR	568.00	
CITY OF PORTAGE	106.66	
KRBC REIMBURSEMENT RE: TELEPHONE CHARGE		652.91
PROCEEDS FROM VOIDED CHECKS		163,778.63
CHECK #6034	124,825.00	WHITECO
CHECK #6505	33.60	JOHN MROCZKOWSKI
CHECK #6569	35,000.00	ROBERT STOFFREGEN
CHECK #6615	627.08	GTE
CHECK #6616	3,292.95	DLZ
		<u>2,288,580.25</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS		2,288,580.25

DISBURSEMENTS - JANUARY 1, 2000 - MAY 31, 2000

ADMINISTRATIVE		
1999 EXPENSES PAID IN 2000		88,437.89
PER DIEM		5,400.00
LEGAL SERVICES		2,552.65
NIRPC		52,524.67
TRAVEL & MILEAGE		924.56
PRINTING & ADVERTISING		0.00
BONDS & INSURANCE		237.00
TELEPHONE EXPENSE		5,015.40
MEETING EXPENSE		2,129.24
LAND ACQUISITION		
LEGAL SERVICES		32,119.00
APPRAISAL SERVICES		16,000.00
ENGINEERING SERVICES		54,364.09
LAND PURCHASE CONTRACTUAL		8,217.00
FACILITIES/PROJECT MAINTENANCE SERVICES		32,540.00
OPERATIONS SERVICES		0.00
LAND MANGEMENT SERVICES		64,427.98
SURVEYING SERVICES		48,744.47
ECONOMIC/MARKETING SOURCES		1,400.00
PROPERTY & STRUCTURE COSTS		113,812.45
MOVING ALLOCATION		1,050.00
TAXES		0.00
LAND PURCHASE CONTRACTUAL		0.00
PROPERTY & STRUCTURES INSURANCE		464.00
UTILITY RELOCATION SERVICES		6,538.30
LAND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT		2,107.80
STRUCTURAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS		17,329.83
BANK ONE (PURCHASED CERTIFICATE)		1,500,000.00
BANK CALUMET(PURCHASE CERTIFICATE W/LEL FUNDS)		<u>90,056.60</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		2,057,955.04

CASH POSITION - MAY 31, 2000

CHECKING ACCOUNT		
LAND ACQUISITION		502,383.45
GENERAL FUND		74,724.52
TAX FUND		0.00
SAND MONEY		120,766.84
INVESTMENTS		
BANK CALUMET	316,000.00	02/02/2000
BANK CALUMET	700,000.00	02/02/2000
BANK ONE	105,116.15	10/04/2000
BANK CALUMET	91,433.65	01/02/2001
BANK ONE	11,964.22	07/01/2000
BANK ONE	1,500,000.00	05/25/2001
	TOTAL INVESTMENTS	2,724,514.02
ESCROW ACCOUNT INTEREST		<u>17,560.28</u>

PARTNERING MEETING WITH LCRBDC/COE ON 7 JUNE 2000

(To reach a consensus plan to acquire and construct the West Reach)

Facilitator opened the meeting with an explanation of the ground rules for the discussion. LCRBDC to make presentation, COE will critique, then separate meetings with own group, then consensus.

Dan gave an overview of the LCRBDC plan to acquire the West Reach properties, including scheduling and capabilities. Plan presented today will be cash neutral. Funding will be addressed after LCRBDC meets with Congressman on 6 July. He stated that timetables could vary but this was best projection.

LCRBDC worked on a project projection chart. Priorities for property acquisitions go from "A" (most difficult) to "C" (least difficult). Capability for plan includes, but is not limited to:

- * 3 survey companies
- * 5 title companies (2 more potential)
- * 5 appraisers (12 additional from local groups & land acquisition firms)
- * more help in crediting for Lorraine
- * JV doing Informal Value Estimates
- * utility relos must be addressed (approximately 232 relos in West Reach)
- * Lou explained he's opening new office (6 attorneys with paralegals)

Problem: LCRBDC may have capability for accelerated land acquisition, but no control over the outside contractors (appraisers and surveyors) and court system integral to the acquisition procedure. Discussion about gaining more control of these forces, if possible, or modifying the procedure to include extra time.

Projection chart starts in August 2000 to allow time for "gearing up" of the plan and public meetings. Agreed to have public meeting as soon as possible.

COE introduced their concerns and possible solutions in the works:

- Plan feasibility? Can Judy and Jim handle the work? Is additional help needed?
- Appraisal Review – Mike Muryn is taking appraiser reviewer classes to assist Chris.
- Attorney opinions for utility relos – Bill reported COE now has 3 attorneys available.
- RE Tracking System – almost ready for installation: numbering system needs changes.
- Utility relos(top priority)– need to develop a procedure/assign UR (util relo) numbers.

Discussion about above problems then agreed to:

- 1.) Send out an RFP for appraisal companies to bid to do blocks at a time instead of each appraisal separately. Have a pre-bid meeting (like construction) Chris could answer questions. Agreed.
- 2.) Identification of utilities is difficult. LCRBDC needs more info. COE will develop a SOP (Standard Operating Procedure) with an in-house schedule ASAP so the utilities can coordinate their own relocations.

PARTNERING MEETING WITH LCRBDC/COE ON 7 JUNE 2000 – page 2

- 3.) Bill thinks schedule for VI-2 will be Nov 2000 and VII will be Feb 01. COE will provide engineering and real estate drawings at that time. (Lou inquired if COE current schedule is realistic?)
- 4.) Imad mentioned that the current schedule for V-2, V-3, VI-1 does not meet the construction schedule. The schedule needs to be shortened 2 to 3 months.

COE suggested that the LCRBDC plan is too “front-loaded” in the time frame. Their plan had stretched to 36 months, LCRBDC plan is 26 months. Why not allow more time to accomplish the separate steps in the acquisition procedure? Judy explained the plan is front-loaded to allow time to finish those tasks which may not be accomplished in the beginning. (Chart is based on the formula “a + 4m + b” where “a” is the earliest, “m” is the most likely, and “b” is the longest.)

Agreed to develop 4 teams: (*=captain)

- 1.) Utility relo = Jim Pokrajac, *Jim Flora, Jan Plachta, Emmett Clancy
- 2.) Land buying = Lou Casale, Dan Gardner, *Judy Vamos, Emmett Clancy
- 3.) Appraisal = Chris Borton, *Lou Casale, Judy Vamos, Dale Kleszynski
- 4.) DNR Permit = *Sandy Mordus, Jan Plachta, Jomary Crary

LCRBDC mentioned that O. & M. and emergency management must be addressed soon and a possible fifth committee, Construction, consisting of Imad and Dan be established to coordinate LCRBDC funding and COE construction schedules.

Discussed and agreed that an RFP for appraisers, help for Judy and Jim, and a utility relo plan must be completed. The utility relo team must have the AE's approved utility relocation plans from Senate, Stanley, and Minneapolis by 6/16. Also a SOP would by 6/16 also be developed, sent to Lou for review, then returned to COE to get actions going.

Agreed that by the next real estate meeting on 6/29 committees each committee chairman will give a status report.

Team #1 Util relo – Have up-to-date util relo information from COE for V-2, V-3, VI-1, COE will draft SOP for Lou to review and return to COE.

Team # 2 Land buyer - Judy will have an ad in the MLS and local newspapers for assistance, Bill will investigate for COE help at LCRBDC, and Lou will contact INDOT for land buyer help.

Team # 3 Appraisal – Lou will develop RFP, Judy to identify appraisal firms large enough to handle this scope of work, use Dale as resource, get Frank Palmer's previous scope of work.

PARTNERING MEETING WITH LCRBDC/COE ON 7 JUNE 2000 – page 3

Team # 4 Permit Process - Sandy will put together a list of affected properties that must be notified for permit compliance, contact Jomary for other requirements such as real estate maps, etc. (Property I.D. is completed on V-2, V-3, VI-1 only, no mapping from COE for remainder of West Reach.) Also we're applying for one permit to cover the entire West Reach, not each stage/phase as in East Reach.

The timetable for action is:

- 6/29 - committees report at real estate meeting
- 7/15 - conference call to update all on status
- 8/1 - ready to implement plan

Finally, COE would like to see more computer use, i.e. e-mail, appraisers e-mailing draft appraisals, etc. to shorten acquisition time.

Sandy will complete a short summary of today's meeting with target dates and "agreed to issues" included.

Corps of Engineers' leadership in congressional limbo

WASHINGTON (AP) — Complaints from three Republican senators prompted the Pentagon to put on hold its efforts to restore civilian control over the Army Corps of Engineers. The Defense Department also wants to increase accountability for costly construction projects like the one proposed for the upper Mississippi River.

"I am suspending implementation of the reforms for a reasonable period of time in

Armed Services Chairman John Warner, R-Va., said the Senate committees wanted time to evaluate whether hearings or other actions were warranted before the changes take effect.

Caldera's reforms include granting the Army's assistant secretary for civil works all final decisions on projects in the Corps' \$4 billion portfolio.

The management changes at the Corps came after allegations that top military brass

on the rivers and the resulting increased barge traffic would seriously damage the health of the ecosystem. Shipping interests and farm groups say large-scale expansions are crucial to the region's economy.

In their letter, the Republican chairmen said they were concerned Caldera's reforms would allow the Clinton administration to exert "inappropriate influences" over the recommendations the Corps makes to Congress about projects.

"Embodied in these reforms are changes that may threaten the interests of Congress, expressed in statute, in obtaining objective, technical reports from the chief of engineers on the merits of civil works projects," wrote Warner, Appropriations Chairman Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, and Environment and Public Works Chairman Bob Smith, R-N.H.

Sen. Tom Daschle, D-S.D., has introduced legislation that would create a committee to recommend reforms. He has said the agency disregards laws, and wastes money. ■

"I am suspending implementation of the reforms for a reasonable period of time in order to allow for a broader discussion with members of Congress."

order to allow for a broader discussion with members of Congress on the need for these reforms," said Army Secretary Louis Caldera.

Caldera's decision came two days after the chairmen of the Senate Appropriations, Armed Services, and Environment and Public Works committees contacted Defense Secretary William Cohen about the management changes in March.

doctored data to justify the \$1 billion cost of a project pushed by politically connected agribusiness companies to lengthen seven barge locks on the upper Mississippi and Illinois rivers. The whistle-blower, Corps economist Donald Sweeney, also suggested Corps officials had a plan to grow the agency's construction budget.

Environmentalists believe new construction

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TO: Curtis Vosti, Bob Huffman, George Carlson, Stan Dostatni, Brian Poland, Rick Sutton, Stan Zatorski, Imad Samara

FROM: Jim Pokrajac, LCRBDC

DATE: July 6, 2000

SUBJECT: Notes from the June 28th meeting

We appreciate your cooperation in working with us and the city of Hammond for the upcoming construction for Stages VI-1 and V-2 from Cline Avenue to Indianapolis Blvd. north of the Little Calumet River. This letter will serve as official notes of the June 28th meeting and includes information from the Hammond meeting.

1:00 meeting with City of Hammond at Hammond Civic Center

Attendees:

Jim Pokrajac, LCRBDC
Curtis Vosti, Hammond Parks/LCRBDC
Bob Huffman, LCRBDC
George Carlson, LCRBDC
Imad Samara, COE

Stan Dostatni, Hammond City
Engineer
Brian Poland, Hammond Planning
Dept.
Rick Sutton, Hammond Sanitary
District
Stan Zatorski, Hammond Water
Dept.

1. General project description and introduction by Jim Pokrajac
 - Mr. Pokrajac discussed boundaries of construction
 - Appreciated the interaction with the city of Hammond
 - Thanked Curt Vosti for facilitating this meeting
 - Discussed plans being 4-5 years old and we need any updated information from Hammond that would modify these current plans.
 - That the intent of this meeting was to get community input, answer questions, and address concerns.

2. Imad Samara addressed current Corps scheduling for construction.
 - Currently, Stage V Phase 2 (Kennedy to Northcote) could be advertised in the fall of 2001, with construction starting in the spring of 2002.
 - Currently, Stage VI Phase 1 (Cline to Kennedy) could be advertised in the spring of 2002 and construction could start mid-summer of 2002.
3. George Carlson discussed the importance of money availability to the Commission from the State and that an upcoming meeting was scheduled with Congressman Visclosky on July 6th.
 - Also, that to do this upcoming construction over the next 2 years, it was critical to get enough money to keep up with the current federal money already appropriated to the Corps.
4. Brian Poland requested that in Stage VI Phase 1 (directly east of Kennedy, north of the river) that we accelerate our acquisition of necessary easements from Welsh Oil to avoid potential problems.
 - A. Pokrajac informed Hammond that we had already been in contact with the realtor and developer of this property and we explained the project, and gave them available, current real estate needed to do our project.
 - Mr. Poland requested we provide Hammond with copies of any maps, letters, or other paper work.
 - B. Curt Vosti asked if it might be possible to install I-wall in this area to minimize real estate requirements instead of installing earthen levee.
 - Imad mentioned that Corps design is based upon existing field and site conditions, not what may currently be proposed. If I-wall would be used, it would be a betterment and the incremental additional cost would have to be paid locally.
5. George Carlson discussed his concerns with the area around, and adjacent to, the Carlson-Oxbow Park.
 - A. With water levels high in the Oxbow at the time of this meeting with recent heavy rains, he stated how much more beautiful and functional this area was.
 - B. Accordingly, he questioned about the possibility of directly tying the Oxbow into the Little Calumet River and could this be included as a modification to the Corps plans.
 - It was mentioned that pumping facilities might be installed, but at a local cost.
 - C. It was also discussed that the new culvert and outfall from the Oxbow to the river would be a 24" and would have a gateway structure.
 - It was agreed to check the invert elevation of this pipe relative to the mean water level elevation of the Oxbow and see if raising this pipe might prevent more of the water from draining out of the Oxbow.
 - Imad suggested we investigate this locally and write the Corps a letter with what we would be requesting.
6. Stan Zatorski (Hammond Water Dept.) questioned if we had coordinated with Highland on the existing water lines east of Kennedy Avenue. Imad said we had.

7. Stan Zatorski also mentioned that a new water line was proposed for installation west of Cline Avenue.
 - A. LCRBDC requested that Hammond provide us the design and location of this proposal in order that we could coordinate design changes with the corps.
 - B. Pokrajac then requested from all Hammond utilities that any proposals for future water or sanitary lines also be provided.
 - Points of contact for this information could be John Phipps (NIES ENGINEERING) or Dick Mercer from the Hammond Water Dept.
8. Stan Dostatni referred to the industrial park area east of the Southeast Hessville pump station and that they have done permit review to assure no construction was in the work limits of our project.
 - A. Pokrajac stated that he and Dan Gardner had met with several developers in that area and provided information to them with what real estate and construction requirements would be needed.
9. Curt Vosti questioned what the Corps was proposing for the levee crest from Kennedy Avenue eastward to the Oxbow. He thought it had been discussed in previous meetings that this would be stoned and paved.
 - A. Pokrajac recalled that there were discussions of geotextile and stone, but not paving.
 - B. Imad mentioned that the Corps only stones recreation trails and this was not a proposed trail.
 - C. Hammond requested a letter from the Corps as to what they are proposing to do.
10. Brian Poland raised questions on the location of the recreational trails thought this area.
 - A. Pokrajac said they were all on the Highland side and would cross to the Hammond side at Kennedy Avenue
 - It was also mentioned that with the narrow sidewalks on the Kennedy bridge that the Lake County Highway Dept. should be contacted to see if we could cantilever a walkway off of the bridge on the east side to cross the river.
11. Brian Poland questioned potential future development in the area adjacent to the K-Mart and old Builders Square (south to the river).
 - A. Imad explained that after our project was completed that all of the area would be removed from the floodplain, but that existing wetlands would still be wetlands and development in these areas would still require mitigation and DNR permits.
12. Stan Dostatni wanted to assure drainage considerations were made for the area east of Conrail heading south from 173rd Street. Imad said culverts and closure structures would be provided at the I-wall.

If you have any additions, revisions, or questions regarding these notes, please let me know. If I do not hear from you, I will assume they are correct and they will stand as official notes of the meeting as written.

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June 30, 2000

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Dear Mr. Gardner:

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Thank you for the donation, and please look forward to a clean building on Broadway at 3101 Broadway after your commitment.

Have a pleasant 4th of July, 2000 Holiday.

Sincerely,

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Sent: Tuesday, July 04, 2000 8:20 PM
Subject: Hobart Marsh

Hi again-- This is a reminder that your help is needed in support of the Hobart Marsh area as the mitigation site for the damages caused by the Little Calumet River Flood Control Project.

In constructing the levees, wetlands were filled that now have to be mitigated. The DNR is backing down from the higher number of mitigated acres they wanted last July and Lake Erie Land (NIPSCO) is posturing and using their influence to have the mitigation take place on land they own instead of the Hobart Marsh area.

Please go if you can and tell the LCRBC and the other agencies to mitigate in the Hobart Marsh. The meeting is at 6:00 pm at NIRPC in Portage on Thursday July, 8th.

I am working nights and can not make it.

thanks

JS

"One touch of nature makes the whole world kin." -- Shakespeare

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June 30, 2000

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

Dear Mr. Gardner:

Enclosed please find a copy of the resume for Jerry A. Holcomb, Sr., 1745 Roosevelt Street, Gary, Indiana 46404 for your consideration in lawn-area maintenance care in Northern Indiana. Mr. Holcomb, Sr. comes with excellent credentials and equipment for the job.

Urban League of Northwest Indiana has found Mr. Holcomb, Sr. to be prompt, reliable, trustworthy and professional in his services rendered for the task. He has provided job opportunities for citizens in Gary, Indiana, and it was with aplomb.

Thank you for any consideration given to Mr. Holcomb at this time.

Sincerely,

Eloise Gentry
President and Chief Executive Officer
Urban League of Northwest Indiana, Inc.

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Member: Lake Area United Way

Jerry A. Holcomb, Sr.
Precision LawnCare

*1745 Roosevelt Street
Gary, Indiana 46404
(219) 944-7295 (Home #)
(219) 793-7103 (Beeper #)
(219) 712-5006 (Cell #)*

Objective **To beautify the city in which I live, and employ workers to be trained**

Work History **1990 – Present**
 Precision Lawn Care
 Owner

1981 – 1990
 Hilti (USX)
 Laborer

1982 – 1983
 Post Tribune
 Paper Boy

1975 – 1986
 Holcomb's Liquor
 Stock Boy

Education **Banneker Elementary School** **1969-1975** **Basic Study**
 Tolleston Middle School **1975-1977** **Basic Study**
 Roosevelt High School **1977-1980** **Basic Study**
 Gary Career Center **1978-1980** **Drafting**
 Indiana Vocational Technical
 College **1981** **Auto Body Repair**

Volunteer Work **URBAN LEAGUE OF NORTHWEST INDIANA, INC., SENIOR**
 CITIZEN'S HOME

Membership **URBAN LEAGUE OF NORTHWEST INDIANA, INC., MISSION FOR**
 CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

Services Provided

- **Lawn Maintenance**
- **Landscape**
- **Snow Removal**

References available upon request