MEETING NOTICE

THERE WILL BE A MEETING OF THE
LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN
DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
AT 6:00 P.M. THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 2001
AT THE COMMISSION OFFICE
6100 SOUTHPORT ROAD
PORTAGE, IN

WORK STUDY SESSION - 5:00 P.M.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order by Chairman William Tanke
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Recognition of Visitors and Guests
4. Approval of Minutes of February 1, 2001
5. Chairman's Report
   - Committee structure
   - Report on Retreat meeting held February 6th
   - Report on meeting w/Colonel Roncoli on February 20th
   - Press release from February meeting
6. Executive Director's Report
   - Project Wetland Mitigation/Permit – Status
     - Meeting with Shirley Heinze Environmental Foundation on
       February 21
     - Next steps
   - COE letter with funding schedule
   - Other issues

Signed: [Signature]

Dan Gardner
Executive Director

Lou Casale
Attorney
7. Standing Committees

A. Land Acquisition/Management Committee – Chuck Agnew, Chairman
   - Appraisals, offers, acquisitions, recommended actions
   - COE Real Estate meeting held February 27, 2001
   - Attorney letter to Dale Keleszynski
   - Motion to pursue Lyles cleaning of property
   - Other issues

B. Project Engineering Committee – Bob Huffman, Chairman
   - February 6 meeting with city of Gary for Grant St. remediation
   - Bids opened for North 5th pump station on February 6
   - Utilities meeting held February 27th
   - March 6 meeting for plan-in-hand mitigation design review meeting
   - Other issues

C. Legislative Committee – George Carlson, Chairman
   - State Budget request status – House Ways & Means Budget mark-up
     > Newspaper articles
   - Representative Earl Harris letter
   - Other legislative initiatives
   - Other issues

D. Recreational Development Committee – Curtis Vosti, Chairman
   - Meeting to be scheduled with Gary/I.U. for recreation trail coordination
   - Agreement for Kennedy bridge walkway analysis signed with R.W. Armstrong
   - Other issues

E. Marina Development Committee – Bill Tanke, Chairman
   - Other issues

F. Finance/Policy Committee – Anthony Cenkin, Chairperson
   - Financial status report
   - Approval of claims for February 2001
   - Other issues

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

**Development Commissioners:**
George Carlson  
Charles Agnew  
John Mroczkowski  
William Tanke  
Curt Vosti  
Bob Huffman  
Emerson Delaney  
Steve Davis  
Mark Reshkin

**Visitors:**
Don Ewoldt – Lake Erie Land Company  
Sandy O'Brien – Dunelands Sierra Club  
Jomary Crary – IDNR, Div. of Water  
Jim Flora – R.W. Armstrong Company

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

Commissioner Emerson Delaney made a motion to approve the minutes of January 10, 2001; motion seconded by Chuck Agnew; motion passed unanimously.

**Chairman’s Report** - Mr. Tanke stated he would like to hold off on the committee structure until after the retreat meeting on February 6th at Innsbrook Country Club. He will announce committee structure at that time. He went on to say that he sees this year as being the most critical year ever as far as funding goes. He suggested that each Commission member adopt a legislator to keep him informed and updated on the funding situation. Further discussion will take place at the retreat meeting. Mr. Tanke proceeded to present a plaque to outgoing Chairman Emerson Delaney.

**Executive Director’s Report** - Mr. Gardner updated the Board members with the project wetland mitigation report and implementation of the plan. We have now received a letter from the COE directing us how to proceed and what properties to pursue. Mr. Gardner said that receiving the COE letter now gives us direction. Attorney Casale added that since the Commission only has a one-mile jurisdiction, a third party would have to be contracted with in order to pursue acquiring the mitigation property. And although the COE letter identifies properties to pursue, it still does not allow for as much acreage that we would need to satisfy IDNR and IDEM.
Mr. Gardner has called the new director (Ron Trigg) of the Shirley Heinze Environmental to schedule a meeting with him and their Board president. He invited any Commission members who were interested in attending the meeting once it is scheduled.

Mr. Gardner informed the Board members that he has written a letter to the Lake County Commissioners notifying them of Marion Williams attendance record.

**Land Acquisition/Management Committee** – Committee Chairman Chuck Agnew made a motion for staff to proceed with condemnation on DC497; motion seconded by Bob Huffman; motion passed unanimously. Mr. Agnew announced that we have paid the remaining $10,000 owed by River Forest School to the playground company in advance of the development of the handicapped park. This money will be reimbursed to us by Lake Erie Land when development starts. Mr. Agnew also announced the passing of Dale Nimetz, who has been a long time lessee on property that we own and has also done small jobs in maintenance and contracting for us. Mr. Agnew then made a motion authorizing appraiser Dale Kleszynski to proceed with hiring a golf course architect/developer (contractor) as needed in order for him to complete his appraisal; motion seconded by Bob Huffman; motion passed unanimously.

**Project Engineering Committee** – Committee Chairman Bob Huffman gave the engineering report. He reported that a meeting would be held at the Gary City Hall on February 6th to review preliminary plans for the Stage III Remediation contract at Grant Street and to assure that all existing impacts and utilities are addressed. He further announced that the Stage VII engineering review was given to the COE on February 2nd. The plans and specs the COE had given us did not address over 50% of our preliminary comments. Staff also presented a local point of contact (Viking Engineering) to the COE for the rebuilding of pumps. The bid opening for the North 5th Avenue pump station is scheduled for February 6th (estimated cost is $3.1 million).

**Legislative Committee** – Committee Chairman George Carlson gave the report. He referred to the Post Tribune editorial article contained in the packet. After having met with the Editorial Board, they did a very nice article in the paper. We are still awaiting The Times article. We had met with their Editorial Board also. He complimented Mr. Gardner on his excellent presentation to the respective Boards. Mr. Gardner added that he understands that the budget has gone to the legislators. We understand that we are in the Governor’s recommended budget for $4.5 million ($3 million from General Funds and $1.5 million in Build IN Funds). Mr. Gardner has talked to Mike Landrew, House Ways & Means staff, and he indicated that there is no hearing scheduled and there is no need for the Commission to be represented at this time. Mr. Gardner will continue to talk to area legislators and he encouraged, as did the Chairman, for all Board members to do the same. He will be writing a letter to Representative Earl Harris regarding the possibility of an increase in the $1.5 million BIF monies. The Commission’s original budget request was for $12 million so even the $4.5 million leaves us short if we want to keep on schedule with the COE office. Chairman Bill Tanke suggested that we have copies made of the Commission’s 7-minute video of the flood control/recreation project and mail them with a cover letter to all of Indiana legislators so they have an understanding of what the project is.
Recreational Development Committee – Committee Chairman Curt Vosti informed the Board members that a response letter from the Lake County Highway Dept. was received on January 23, 2001 in regards to the possibility of attaching a walkway to the Kennedy Avenue bridge over the river in Highland. The letter states that it is probably possible to do but the feasibility of doing it would have to be answered first. Any costs incurred in regard to an engineering review of the project would be at Commission cost. Further discussion on this topic needs to be addressed to the COE first. After discussion, Mr. Vosti made a motion authorizing staff to pursue contracting with an engineering firm to do a feasibility study for the pedestrian walking bridge at Kennedy Avenue for a cost not to exceed $7,000; motion seconded by George Carlson; motion passed unanimously. Mr. Vosti then referred to the letter from INDOT to RANI Engineering (firm doing engineering for Stage VI – 2) regarding the recreational trail on INDOT R/W and a pedestrian crossing at Cline Avenue. INDOT's letter stated that they do not construct/maintain recreational trails and that it would be our responsibility to do so. The trail may have to be relocated further south, to the next stoplight on Cline because of INDOT’s disapproval of pedestrians interfering with busy traffic flows. Imai will be scheduling a meeting shortly with RANI and INDOT to further discussions on this topic.

Marina Committee – Committee Chairman Bill Tanke informed the Board members that he understood there was no state funding available for the Lake Michigan Marina Development Commission. Mr. Gardner said that was correct; it does not look realistic right now for any further development monies for the remaining 100 slips to be built out at the marina. We need to develop a strategy on how to go forward from here. Discussion was held regarding the Portage Port Authority raising the ramp launch fee from $3 to $5 this coming season. Mr. Gardner stated it was a condition of IDNR grant monies received to build the launch ramp to keep the fee at $3 for 5 years. That 5-year period is up. Some repair work needs to be done on the ramp. Discussion was held on the possibility of another grant being available to do repair work. The issue will be looked into. Discussion was held on Lake Michigan lake levels. Commissioner Steve Davis distributed several charts depicting lake levels in graphic form and that the lake is almost at a record low. He explained the graphs to Board members.

Finance Committee – In Committee Chairperson Arlene Colvin’s absence, Mr. Gardner gave the finance report. A revised claim sheet was distributed. Mr. Huffman made a motion to approve the financial status report and claim sheet for January in the amount of $60,677.67; motion seconded by George Carlson; motion passed unanimously. Mr. Gardner then referred to the COE’s request letter of $671,410 to be placed in the escrow account. He distributed a draft letter to Col. Roncolli stating our inability to do so at this point in time and request for a meeting with him. After several minor changes were made to the draft letter, George Carlson made a motion approving the letter and worksheet depicting existing monetary obligations and directing staff to send it to the Colonel; motion seconded by Curt Vosti; motion passed unanimously.

Minority Contracting Committee – There was no report.

Other Business – Chairman Bill Tanke asked Judy Vamos about doing a press release for the media. She will start doing press releases of the Commission’s public meetings from now on.
Statements to the Board – There were none.

There being no further business, the next regular Commission meeting was scheduled for 5:00 p.m. for a Work Study session and 6:00 for the regular Board meeting on Thursday, March 1, 2001.

/sjm
LCRBDC OFFICERS
AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS
FOR 2001

CHAIRMAN – WILLIAM TANKE
VICE CHAIRMAN – ROBERT HUFFMAN
TREASURER – CURTIS VOSTI
SECRETARY – JOHN MROCKOWSKI

LAND ACQUISITION/MGMT.
Charles Agnew, Chairman
Arlene Colvin
Mark Reshkin
Curt Vosti

ENGINEERING
Robert Huffman, Chairman
Mark Reshkin
Emerson Delaney
George Carlson

FINANCE
Curt Vosti, Chairperson
Charles Agnew
John Mroczkowski
Arlene Colvin

MARINA
Bill Tanke, Chairman
Charles Agnew
Steve Davis
Emerson Delaney

RECREATION
Curt Vosti, Chairman
Emerson Delaney
Steve Davis
Robert Huffman
Charles Agnew

MINORITY CONTRACTING
Marion Williams, Chairman
Arlene Colvin
Steve Davis
LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Contact: Dan Gardner, Executive Director
Little Calumet River Flood Control and Recreation Project
6100 Southport Road Portage, IN 46368
219-763-0696

FUNDING CRISIS THREATENS FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT

Portage, IN – 7 February 2001

The Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission (LCRBDC) held its regular monthly meeting on 1 February 2001 in Portage, Indiana. The Commissioners discussed the subject of a funding crisis that seriously threatens the continuation of the flood control and recreation project.

According to Executive Director Dan Gardner, "The Little Calumet River Flood Control and Recreation Project is in serious trouble. We have $1,025,000 in the bank and $1,018,271 in existing obligations."

The Army Corps of Engineers with $16 million dollars in Federal funding has an accelerated construction schedule of building flood protection levees along the Little Calumet River. The LCRBDC had petitioned the Indiana State Legislature for $12 million dollars to acquire land and relocate utilities in order to keep up with the Corps schedule.

Gardner said at the meeting, however, that LCRBDC was allocated $3 million in the Governor’s Budget/General Fund and $1.5 million in Build Indiana Funds. "We won't have enough funds to acquire lands, start our mitigation plan, or relocate utilities. That leaves us short of our obligations."

Commissioners discussed the situation and voted to write a letter to Colonel Mark Roncoli, Commander of the Chicago District Army Corps of Engineers, indicating that an Army Corps request for $671,000 to be placed in escrow for construction was not possible at this time. Commissioners are also planning to meet with Congressman Peter Visclosky at the earliest date to plan a funding strategy.

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For additional information contact Mr. Dan Gardner: 219-763-0696
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
CHICAGO DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
11 NORTH CANAL STREET
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60606-7206
February 13, 2001

Project Management Branch

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

Dear Mr. Gardner:

As I’m preparing for our meeting on February 20, 2001, I realized that I have not sent you the breakdown of the federal funds we have in-hand and the non-federal matching fund required for fiscal year 2001. In an attachment to a letter dated November 3, 1999 that I have sent to you, a breakdown was included for fiscal years 2000, 2001 and 2002. I have updated that attachment and I will enclose it with this letter. This enclosure have a breakdown for the years 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003. As you can see I have not included the west reach stages on the 2002 and 2003 funding. The progress of these stages will be determined in the February 20 meeting. I did include the betterment levee because of the fact that these areas are being impacted negatively due to the progress of our levee construction.

As you can see that for fiscal year 2001 the non-federal matching cash contribution required is $1,300,000. I did send you a letter dated January 24, 2001 requesting $671,410 which is the amount needed to keep our construction contracts moving through June 2001. This amount is part of the $1,300,000.

If you have any questions regarding the enclosure please contact me at 312-353-6400 ext. 1809.

Enclosure

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Imad N. Samara
Project Manager
### LITTLE CALUMET RIVER FLOOD CONTROL AND RECREATION PROJECT

**PROJECTED FEDERAL AND NON-FEDERAL FUNDING REQUIRED FOR**


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* This wetland mitigation is being done on project lands.
Programs and Project Management Division  
Project Management Branch

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

Dear Mr. Gardner:

Enclosed is a break down of the Federal fund and the Non-federal matching fund for the Fiscal Years 2000, 2001, and 2002. I request that the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission provide a local cash contribution of $1,000,000 for the Little Calumet River Flood Protection and Recreation Project in accordance with Articles II and VI of the Local Cooperation Agreement executed on August 16, 1990. Please deposit the funds into the established escrow account (Number 7500-0244-4747) as specified in Article VI.6.2 of the Local Cooperation Agreement.

The requested contribution represents the commission’s obligation to contribution in cash 5 percent of the costs estimated to be incurred (related to structural flood control measures) through the end of the Federal Government’s fiscal year ending in September 30, 2000.

Enclosure  

Sincerely,

[Signature]

JOHN E. SIRLES, III  
Deputy for Project Management
# Little Calumet River Flood Control and Recreation Project

## Projected Federal and Non-Federal Funding Required for Fiscal Years 2000, 2001 and 2002

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*This wetland mitigation is being done on project lands*
February 14, 2001

Dale Kleszynski
Associated Property Counselors, Ltd.
3027 Ridge Road
Landing, IL  60438

RE: Woodmar County Club Appraisal

VIA FACSIMILE (708) 895-3834
& REGULAR FIRST CLASS MAIL

Dear Mr. Kleszynski:

Please be advised that you are hereby authorized to hire Nugent Associates as a subcontractor to assist you in the completion of the Woodmar Country Club appraisal. It is my understanding that the range of services will cost between $5,000.00 and $15,000.00. We would ask that the Nugent’s services be capped at $15,000.00. Please send me written confirmation regarding this matter, including an estimated timetable to complete the appraisal process.

I await hearing from you in the near future regarding this matter. If there are any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Louis M. Casale
Attorney at Law

cc: Dan Gardner, LCRBDC
Judy Vamos, LCRBDC
Council:
Help push for levee

Board wants residents to write to the governor.

BY CHARLES F. HABER
Times Correspondent

HIGHLAND - By e-mail or snail mail, the Town Council has called for residents to ask Gov. Frank O'Bannon to cough up the state's portion of funding to complete the flood levee along the Little Calumet River.

In doing this, the board unanimously approved a special resolution to express the town's feeling that the levee must be finished to eliminate the floodplain designation that covers much of the town. "This project has been held up due to insufficient funding in the governor's budget," said Councilman George Geogheff, R-1st. The federal portion of the funding already is in place. If the state comes up with its share, the levee could be completed within two years, Geogheff said, at Monday's Town Council meeting.

This would save Highland residents more than $1 million per year in the flood insurance premiums they are required to pay, Geogheff said. A typical home-own with a mortgage pays between $500 to $700 per year, he said.

"A lot of people are interested in moving to Highland," Geogheff said, but the flood insurance has a negative impact on property values, especially in neighborhoods north of LaPorte Avenue.

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Levee

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Where to write

E-mail: robannon@gov.state.in.us
Postal letters: Gov. Frank O'Bannon, State of Indiana, 206 The Statehouse, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

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State money would keep Little Calumet flood project afloat

By Carole Carlson / Staff Writer

The Little Calumet River Basin project is not exactly drowning in state funding.

So the $5.5 million earmarked for the flood control project in the House budget Tuesday looked pretty good to Dan Gardner, executive director of the Little Calumet Basin Commission.

It's about $6.5 million short of keeping pace with the project's federal funding level secured by U.S. Rep. Pete Visclosky, D-Merrillville, with bipartisan support from Republican Sen. Richard Lugar and Democrat Evan Bayh.

The $181 million project is half done and could be brought to a halt if the state doesn't contribute the necessary match.

The project's goal is to finish a system of earthen levees along a 9-mile stretch of the river through Gary, Highland, Munster and Hammond. It stretches from Interstate 65 to the Illinois state line.

Federal money keeps rolling down the river but state money has barely surfaced. In the past three years, federal funding has reached $22.5 million compared with $1.5 million in state money.

In the 1999-2000 state biennium budget cycle, the project got nothing.

For this budget-writing session now ongoing in Indianapolis, Gardner and other supporters and local lawmakers have stepped up their support. The commission has requested $12 million.
Gov. Frank O'Bannon included $4.5 million for it in his budget and the House increased that to $5.5 million from Build Indiana funds in its budget. The Build Indiana money is generated by the state's share of gambling revenue.

The project, being completed by local contractors under the direction of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, will provide crucial flood protection for homeowners along the river. Since 1957, at least three major floods swamped areas of Hammond, Highland, Griffith and Munster. There are more than 9,500 structures within the flood plain.

On Wednesday, work continued on the levee on Colfax Street in Gary, just south of 29th Place.

Without $12 million from the state, Gardner said the project could be slowed considerably because it won't appear to be a priority to congressmen in Washington. "We have to come up with a 25 percent local share to keep it going."

Gardner has urged homeowners to write their lawmakers and O'Bannon. "We need another $6.5 million in this two-year budget cycle to keep pace."

Once Gary's end of the project is completed, for example, Gardner said residents could escape the flood plain designation and reduce their insurance costs. Flood insurance on a home valued at $100,000 would cost $600 to $900 each year, he said.

Reporter Carole Carlson can be reached at 648-3085 or by e-mail at ccarlson@post-trib.com.

Back...
Lawmakers set aside party differences, find money for schools and local projects.

BY STEVE WALSH
Staff Writer

INDIANAPOLIS — Dismal revenue projections aside, lawmakers still found money for education and local projects in the two-year state budget.

House Ways and Means approved a budget Tuesday that includes 4 percent increase over the next two years, including money for new programs.

Local school officials, saddled with expensive heating bills and rising teacher pension funds, had been upset by earlier versions of the two-year budget that held increases to 2 percent.

"I think it was very positive, especially for education," said Rep. Ralph Ayres, R-Chesterton, a member of Ways and Means.

Overall, the budget used $259 million in gambling money, less than Gov. Frank O'Bannon had used in his original budget.

Ways and Means Chairman Rep. Pat Bauer, D-South Bend, said he avoided using money from casino boats and the lottery to pay for the day-to-day operation of education. Instead, he said, the money would be used to fund the future of education.

"We're not paying for day-to-day operation of education," Bauer said.

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Fiske Township Volunteer Fire Department, $50,000

Michigan City City Neighborhoods
Alive and Well Creek harbor projects, $250,000

Michigan City, Salvation Army, $50,000

Michigan City, YMCA, $50,000

Portage Health Care Clinic equipment, $15,000

Portage, upgrade U.S. 20 and Porter Avenue, $65,000

Portage, upgrade McCool and Portage roads, $55,000

Portage/Valparaiso Meals on Wheels van, $35,000

Lake of the Four Seasons Fire Department, equipment, $50,000

Lowell Fire Department, $50,000

Lowell Parks Department, $20,000

Lowell Police Department, equipment $30,000

Lake County, Fairgrounds $25,000

Lake County, Korean Veterans memorial, $13,000

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Lake County, veterans memorial, $7,000

Highland boys baseball, $20,000

Dyer, water main replacement $17,140 (GOP amendment)

Red Cedars Museum rehabilitation, $85,700 (GOP amendment)
February 14, 2001

Honorable Earl Harris
IN State Representative
4114 Butternut
East Chicago, Indiana 46312

Dear Representative Harris:

I am writing you as a follow-up to our brief conversation at the Saturday, February 3rd Issues Session at the Patio Restaurant. I again want to thank you for your efforts to date in supporting the Governor including in his recommended budget funding for the Little Calumet River Flood Control/Recreation Project. While the $4.5 million recommended in the Governor's budget is certainly significant, securing it will still leave some significant Federal dollars unspent in the period of the next State biennium. The Commission has asked me to appeal to you to (1) hold the existing commitment of the existing $4.5 million in the House version of the budget and (2) explore the possibility of adding some additional Build Indiana funds to the budget in conference committee so as to utilize the maximum amount of Federal construction dollars possible. Our original budget request of $12 million is truly needed. I am currently working with the Corps of Engineers to document which contracts affecting what areas and how many dollars will be unable to be spent, if the budget contains $4.5 million. Once I have that documentation, I will forward it to you for your review and use.

I wish to emphasize that we appreciate all you have done, and we certainly understand the tough fiscal picture the State and Northwest Indiana is facing; but we also wish not to leave any stone unturned in pursuing the available Federal construction dollars that Congressman Visclosky has so diligently worked for. Please feel free to contact me at any time that you feel that we need to be in Indianapolis to personally discuss the project funding or if we need to meet with any particular legislator or staff member. Additionally, I have continued to communicate with Mike Landwer of Pat Bauer's staff regarding our needs.

Again, thanks for all your help.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Dan Gardner
Executive Director

/sjm
cc: Senator Bill Alexa
Representative Chet Dobis
Pete Manous, representing Governor's Office
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# Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission

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### Action List: House Bill 1001

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Below is what is contained in the House Budget bill (H.B. 1001) which was passed 24-1 out of the Ways and Means Committee. It is on Page 97 of the roughly 200 page budget bill.

The line item is included under the “Department of Natural Resources” and contains a totally new provision of requiring a 1 to 1 local match to access the funding!!

22 FOR THE BUDGET AGENCY
23 Indiana Technology Fund
24 Libraries 4,000,000
25 Internet 4,000,000
26 DOE Ed/Tech Grants 15,000,000
27 21st Century Research & Technology Fund 50,000,000
28 Higher Education Technology 40,000,000
29 Transfer to Family and Children's Replacement Fund 100,000,000
30 Community Wastewater & Drinking Water 30,000,000
31 Local Election Equipment Matching Grants 5,000,000
32 (cancelled July 1, 2003)
33 Department of Natural Resources
34 Dams 10,000,000
35 Lake Shafer and Lake Freeman Enhancement 2,000,000
36 Wabash River Heritage Corridor 4,000,000
37 Clean Water Soil Conservation & Water Districts 10,000,000
38 Hometown Indiana 500,000
39 Little Calumet River Basin Commission 5,500,000

The above funds appropriated to the Little Calumet River basin commission may only be spent if there is a dollar for dollar local match. Additionally, prior to the distribution of any funds, the commission shall develop an allocation formula which insures participation by each county participating in the commission. The budget committee shall review the distribution plan of the commission before the release of the state dollars.
BUDGET

Continued from Page 1

July 2003. That's about 20 percent below O'Bannon's stated comfort level for the state to continue paying its bills on time.

You could certainly patch together a budget to get us through the next two years," Riey said. "The question is, what's the state going to look like in 2003?"

That's the year bills from the next property reassessment would come due. O'Bannon's proposed budget and the House version both leave virtually no money in the treasury to lessen the effect on home and business owners of expected property tax hikes.

"Right now, we're just upping the limit on our credit card, but the bill's going to come due at some point," Riey said.

For now, though, the budget's beneficiaries are delighted.

The Senate, the House and the governor are now working on a joint budget, which is expected to be released early next week. The budget will include cuts in state spending, including the elimination of the state's personal income tax.

The House bill, which is expected to pass the Senate, includes cuts in state spending, including the elimination of the state's personal income tax.

But a former Republican chairman of the Senate panel, Patrick J. Riey, president of the Indiana Manufacturers Association, said O'Bannon's budget may be too ambitious.

"For me, it's about politics," said Riey. "I'm concerned about the state's ability to pay for what we're doing."
LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN
DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
MARINA REVENUE BOND CLAIM
MARCH 1, 2001

Marina Sinking Account #185018027630

1-01       BANK ONE       $28,643.84
RECREATION REPORT
For meeting on Thursday, March 1, 2001

(Information in this report is from January 30, 2001 – February 26, 2001)

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 spring of 2002.
  • A supplemental contract will be released as part of the Stage III remediation project in
    the late summer of 2001 that will include the paving of all ramps.

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.

EAST REACH RECREATION

A. We have an existing agreement with Gary for constructing the ramp down from the levee,
   West of Broadway.
   1. We received a letter of response from INDOT on October 18 indicating no concerns
      regarding the crossing as long as we coordinate with the locals, and that a right-of-way
      permit with them would be required.
   2. Had a meeting with Roland Elvambuena (Gary City Engineer) on December 6th, 2000, to
      remind them of our October 18th, 2000 request. We anticipate a response by the end of
      the year. (We have not received as of February 1, 2001)
   3. We sent a letter to the Director of Public Works (Spike Peller) on February 5, 2001
      requesting a meeting to discuss and review our trail re-locations in Gary at
      Broadway and east of Grant.
      • We received a phone call from I. U. Northwest on February 13 requesting a
        meeting to discuss their future plans in the same area. They will be invited to the
        meeting in Gary.
B. LCRBDC is going to coordinate a revised recreation trail alignment at Grant Street.
   1. The original plan was to run the trail South of the existing levee, along the East side of Gas City. They originally objected but appear to be re-considering and will meet with us this January.
   2. A meeting was held with Len McEnery (Gas City) General Manager, on January 23, 2001 to review our re-location.
      - We are considering re-locating our trail further east (near Gilroy Stadium) to avoid construction in a wetland, and will have a meeting with the Gary Parks & Rec and the COE. A letter was sent to Gary on February 5, 2001 to coordinate this meeting.

WEST REACH RECREATION

A. We received a copy of a letter from INDOT to RANI ENGINEERING (Stage VI Phase 2) on January 8, 2001 indicating their concerns regarding our recreation trail crossing, on adjacent to, Cline Avenue.
   1. A meeting will be scheduled with INDOT and the COE by mid-March to review this situation.
      - The scheduled meeting is based upon RANI pre-submittal 50% review due in early March.

   1. The COE has modified the engineering and real estate drawings. It is still the intent to have this recreation trail on the land side.
   2. North Township – Wicker Park recreational trail alignment is being evaluated.
      - It was mentioned to re-locate the trail from between the golf courses to the existing trail along the West and South boundaries.
      - North Township would not have a problem, but are awaiting information from INDOT for impacts to Indianapolis Blvd. R/W which would cause their existing trail to be re-located. (Ongoing)

C. A letter was sent to the Lake County Highway Dept. on December 28, 2000 requesting permission, and comments, to cantilever a walkway on the east side of the Kennedy Avenue bridge to allow our trail to be contiguous.
   1. It was approved at our February 1 Board meeting to contract with R.W. Armstrong to do a feasibility study for the pedestrian walkway and get an agreement at a cost not to exceed $7,000.
      - We had a field meeting on February 9 with Lake County Highway, R.W. Armstrong, and LCRBDC to establish a scope of work and familiarize with field conditions.
      - An agreement was signed on February 21, 2001 in the amount of $7,000 which will have a presentation for this April 5, 2001 Board meeting.
February 5, 2001

Mr. Spike Peller  
Director of Public Works  
City of Gary  
401 Broadway  
Gary, Indiana 46402

Dear Mr. Peller:

Enclosed for your review is a plat of our proposed recreational trail relocation north of Indiana University N.W. and adjacent to the Little Calumet River. Our original proposal with the Army Corps of Engineers was to cross Broadway directly south of the Little Calumet River, but it was found unsafe due to the amount of traffic and no stop light. We have also enclosed a copy of a letter we received from INDOT on October 18, 2000 with their concerns. We propose to cross Broadway at 33rd Avenue at the existing stop light and go northward on the Broadway right-of-way to our levee directly south of the river.

In addition to our concerns with the trail at Broadway, we are trying to coordinate a recreational trail east of the Gas City Truck Stop. We would like to schedule a meeting with you, the Gary Parks & Recreation Department, and any other city of Gary representatives to review and discuss our proposals. Please contact me at your earliest convenience in order that we may facilitate a meeting. If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact me at the above number.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

James E. Pokrajac, Agent  
Land Management/Engineering

/sjm
encl.

cc: Roland Elvambuena, City of Gary  
Imad Samara, COE  
Jan Plachta, COE  
Curt Vostl, LCRBDC  
Bob Huffman, LCRBDC
February 15, 2001

Mr. James E. Pokrajac
Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission
6100 Southport Road
Portage, IN 46368

RE: Kennedy Avenue Pedestrian Walk Bridge Over Little Calumet River

Dear Mr. Pokrajac:

Thank you for meeting with us last Friday regarding the Commission’s desire to place a pedestrian walkway across the Little Calumet River. Per our discussion, site visit, and review of the existing Lake County Bridge No. 143 plans, we are proposing a lump sum fee of $7000.00 to perform a feasibility study for the above referenced project. Our fee will include the following:

- Investigation and preliminary design of a walkway attached to the existing bridge
- Investigation and preliminary design of a stand alone, built in place, pedestrian bridge
- Investigation of a pre-manufactured pedestrian bridge
- Investigation of a walkway placed integrally with the existing bridge through a bridge rehabilitation project
- Providing estimated costs and preliminary details for the above options
- Coordination with Lake County
- Necessary site inspections and meetings

Timber, steel and concrete options for the structure type will be investigated along with several types of railing. It is our understanding that you are in the process of determining a preference for the structure and railing type from some of the board members. Also, we understand that the walkway width is still undetermined.

We will be prepared to present the study to your board along with our recommendations at their April 5th meeting.

We are excited about the opportunity to work with you on this project. If you agree to the above scope and fee, please sign below for approval. If you have any questions or if there are any changes to the above scope, please call me at 1-800-321-6959 ext. 133.

Sincerely,
R.W. ARMSTRONG AND ASSOCIATES

Scott F. Hornsby, P.E.
Director of Transportation

[Signature]

Approved By:

[Signature]

Date
Hi John:

When we talked at the Lake Michigan Marina Development Commission meeting (January 23, 2001), about the need to find funding (Indiana Waters Grant) to extend the Portage Public Marina's boat launch ramp length and water depth for the up-coming 2001 boating season, the question arose whether there was the need to find a "match" for these dollars.

The answer is yes. This program provides 50 - 75% "reimbursement" for the cost of a project. [See the web site.]

Go to the following DNR - Outdoor Recreation web site address to find out more about the Indiana Waters - Fishing and Boating Access program.

http://www.state.in.us/dnr/outdoor/grants/water.htm

Dan Gardner indicated the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission might have some funds available from the sale of sand when the marina basin was being built that could serve as the match.

I talked to Jim Hebenstreit (Asst. Director Div. of Water) and we are checking into the status of the DNR permit issued when the boat launch ramp was originally constructed. I'll get back to you with additional information as soon as I hear something.

I hope this helps!

All for now --- Stephen Davis IDNR Lake Michigan Specialist
INDIANA WATERS: A FISHING & BOATING ACCESS PROGRAM

since March 20, 1997.

What is the Indiana Waters program?

It is a matching assistance program which provides 50-75% reimbursement funding for the acquisition and development of fishing and boating access sites. Beginning in 1986, the Indiana Department of Natural Resources' Division of Fish and Wildlife made monies available for local park and recreation boards to acquire, develop or renovate fishing and boating access facilities. These funds are part of Indiana's share of the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Program (commonly called the Dingell-Johnson for its Congressional sponsors). The local program is administered by the grants staff in the Division of Outdoor Recreation.

The primary purposes of the program are to:

1. restore, manage, and enhance sport fish, and
2. provide public access to sport fisheries resources.

Who may apply?

Only park and recreation boards established under current Indiana law (such as I.C. 36-10-3 et. seq.) are eligible to request funding. This law gives the park board the necessary powers to administer an Indiana Waters project.

Where do federal funds come from?

A federal excise tax on fishing equipment, marine fuel, imported pleasure boats, and electric trolling motors provides the funds for this program. Since these tax dollars are used to generate funds for the program, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service discourages user fees at sites which receive Indiana Waters assistance.

What sources of funding may be used to match an Indiana Waters grant?

When applying for assistance, park boards must secure their share, verify the amount, and identify the source. The local match may be derived from local tax sources, bond issues, certain types of federal

http://www.state.in.us/dnr/outdoor/grants/water.htm 02/05/2001
funds, or force account contributions. The donated value of land, cash, labor, equipment and materials may also be used to match the federal grant. Other federal sources combined with the Indiana Waters grant may not exceed 75% of the entire project cost.

How is the funding received?

Since Indiana Waters is a reimbursing program, the project sponsor does not receive the funds at the time the application is approved. The park board must first pay the project bills and then request reimbursement. The state will return a check for 50-75% of the billing, depending on the percentage approved for the grant.

What types of projects may be funded?

Project proposals may consist of land acquisition and/or facility development for fishing and/or boating access. Projects must provide direct benefits to anglers and boaters at a minimal cost. A Department of Natural Resources district fisheries biologist review and recommend the project for funding. The public fishing and boating benefit and the quality of the fishery, will be evaluated in that review.

Eligible types of projects:

- Fishing docks
- Fishing piers
- Boat launching ramps
- Courtesy docks
- Day-use boat slips
- Fish cleaning stations
- Acquisition of fishing and boating access sites
- Simple access paths to facilities
- Access roads and parking lots
- Restroom facilities which serve boaters and anglers
- Fishing benches/platforms
- Minimal support facilities
- Application fees, A & E fees, archaeological surveys, and appraisal costs

Ineligible types of projects:

- Boat docks for which there is a fee
- Elaborate seawalls or erosion control structures
- Picnic shelters, tables, grills, etc.
- Multiple use park facilities
- Exclusive use facilities for school, sports clubs, etc.
- Costs for operation, project administration, boundary surveys, legal fees and taxes

How should a park board decide what projects are needed locally?
Park and recreation boards are strongly encouraged to develop five-year master plans for park and recreation facilities and services in their jurisdiction. Although this is not mandatory, it is strongly recommended that a master plan is completed and that the project is included as a priority in the plan. In doing so, the project will be well discussed in your local area and is less likely to meet opposition upon implementation. Plans must be submitted for approval by June 1. Information on (re)establishing a park board and developing a master plan is available from the Grants Section.

How may a park board apply for funding?

- Make sure the park board is established under current Indiana law.
- Submit the establishing ordinance to the grants staff for review and approval.
- Develop a five-year park and recreation master plan.
- Obtain local financing to complete the project.
- Request an application packet after June 1.
- Prepare grant application documents and obtain the appropriate reviews. Submit the application to the Division of Outdoor Recreation's Grants Section.

If you want to know more...

The Division of Outdoor Recreation has guidelines to help explain the (re)establishment of park boards, development of master plans, grant applications, and project administration. To request additional information, please contact:

State & Community Outdoor Recreation Planning Section  
Division of Outdoor Recreation  
Indiana Department of Natural Resources  
402 West Washington Street, Room 271  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

(317) 232-4070

This page was last updated by Raju Maharjan, MIS Manager on March 19, 1997.
WORK STUDY SESSION
ENGINEERING COMMITTEE
March 1, 2001

Bob Huffman, Committee Chairman

1. Bids opened for North 5th Street pump station on February 6

   Government Estimate  -  $2,662,000
   Apparent Low Bid     -  $2,387,500
   Bid under estimate   -  $  274,500

2. Scheduled utilities coordination meeting on February 27 was cancelled – will be re-scheduled by the end of March.

3. Scheduled plan-in-hand mitigation review meeting on March 6 was cancelled and will be re-scheduled by the end of March.

4. A final utility plan review was held with city of Gary on February 6

   • COE distributed 50% drawings for pump station review
   • Utilities coordinated
   • Phase 1 to start spring, 2002

5. Pipeline re-locates in Stage V-2 on or adjacent to NIPSCO R/W - $1,080,000
WORK STUDY SESSION
March 1, 2001

LAND ACQUISITION / MANAGEMENT REPORT

CHUCK AGNEW, CHAIRMAN

1. There are no increased offers. There is one condemnation: DC497 (cannot find the owner)

2. Authorization to allow attorneys to proceed with appropriate legal action for Lyles and Sons property to do clean up and damage repair for illegal dumping.

3. Dale Kleszynski has been authorized to hire Nugent Associates as a sub-contractor to complete the Woodmar County Club appraisal. A meeting is scheduled with them on Monday, March 5.

4. Ewen acquisitions for East Reach Remediation area are ongoing, and upon completion of these acquisitions, lease agreements for new billboards will be pursued after LAMAR completes updates for old lease agreements.

5. An order for 150 videos has been placed with Merging Pictures at a total cost of $639. We had gotten 3 quotes and Merging Pictures was the lowest.

6. Handicapped accessible park - Ongoing
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LAND ACQUISITION REPORT
For meeting on Thursday, March 1, 2001

(Information in this report is from January 30, 2001 – February 26, 2001)

STATUS (Stage II Phase I) – Harrison to Broadway – North Levee:
   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:
   Ramirez & Marsch Construction – Contract price $2,275,023

STATUS (Stage II, Phase 4) – Broadway to MLK Drive – North Levee:
   Rausch Construction – Contract price $4,186,071

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.)
3. University Park Medical Center (DC-538)
   - Wrote a letter to the COE on December 29, 2000 enclosing the new location &
     topographical survey. The Med Center added approximately 2' of fill to expand their
     parking facilities that would also raise it above the 100-year event. We requested
     eliminating this acquisition. (Awaiting response from COE as of February 28)

STATUS (Stage II, Phase 3C2) – Grant to Harrison:
1. The final inspection was made on May 18th, 2000 – completion and turnover of O&M
   manuals was done on November 21, 2000.
2. The re-location of the recreation trail due to the crossing at Grant St. would require
   agreements with the city of Gary to be able to cross Grant St. at the light at 32nd Ave.
   - A meeting with Gas City was held on January 23, 2001 to review their re-consideration to
     installing a trail east of their truck stop (Refer to Recreation Report).
   - If this is agreed upon, we will need to pursue additional acquisition for the trail from the
     city of Gary.
   - This work may be done as part of the Stage III Remediation project scheduled for Spring
   - A letter was written to Gary on February 5, 2001 requesting a meeting to review our
     proposals for trails at Broadway & east of Grant. (See Recreation Report)
STATUS (Stage III) – Chase to Grant:
   Kiewit Construction – Contract price $6,564,520
2. Final acquisitions for flowage easements east of Chase and north of the river are ongoing (DC209 to DC213)
   • Lyles & Sons property will be investigated to see if their declaring bankruptcy will affect our offer to the property.

STATUS (Stage IV – Phase 1-North) – Cline to Burr (North of the Norfolk Southern RR):
1. All easements obtained, utility re-locations completed, and construction started. Anticipated substantial completion of project is June 2001.

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 has been completed. (Refer to Engineering Report)

STATUS (Stage IV – Phase 2B) – Clark to Chase:
1. Construction is complete. (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. Modified legal descriptions for the Tri-State Bus Terminal are anticipated for completion by March 7, 2001. Appraisal process will begin then.
2. Wicker Park appraisal is ongoing. We have received the information from Wicker Park necessary for John Snell to begin the appraisal. the packet was forwarded to Snell on 2/22/01.
3. COE Engineering will move the K-Mart recreation trail as far west as possible to minimize taking of parking spaces and reducing impact to fire center at southwest corner of property.
   • As of February 26, 2001, we are awaiting the modifications from the COE before we can proceed with the legal descriptions/appraisal.

STATUS (Stage V – Phase 3) – Northcote to Indianapolis – (Woodmar Country Club):
1. Dale Kleszynski made a presentation to Board members prior to the Work Study Session on February 1, 2001.
2. A motion was made, and approved, at the February 1 Board meeting giving Kleszynski authorization to hire a golf course architect/contractor to consult in the appraisal process.
3. As of 2/22/01 we have received 30 of 39 appraisals assigned under the new system started in October 2000. COE is reviewing. On 2/3/01 appraisal coordinator received 29 more (Stage VI-1) to assign to contract appraiser. Goal of acquiring 389 properties in 3 years is still in sight.
STATUS (Stage VI-Phase 1) – Cline to Kennedy – North of the river, and Kennedy to Liable – South of the River:
1. Surveys for appraisals north of the river were submitted to Dale Kleszynski at an appraisal coordination meeting on February 13, 2001. Dale will assign 29 more appraisals for completion in 30 to 60 days.
   • Highland properties south of the river should be completed by DLZ by early March.
2. Kennedy Industrial Park has caused problems in acquiring title work and surveys due to its congested development. Staff visited area and additional field work and investigation has resulted in a clearer understanding of several corporate acquisitions. New surveys should be completed by mid-March.
   • We are currently working with the COE on how to proceed.

STATUS (Stage VI – Phase 2) Liable to Cline – South of the River:
1. We received a letter from Komark Business Co. on November 17th, 2000, regarding concerns of preliminary real estate design from the COE West of Cline and South of NIPSCO R/W.
2. We are still awaiting final engineering drawings to review. These will affect the preliminary real estate work limits.
   • We anticipate 50% engineering and real estate drawings from the COE in early March for our review and comments.

STATUS (Stage VII) – Northcote to Columbia:
1. Review of real estate drawings was completed on December 8th, 2000, and drawings were found to be totally inadequate – they were based upon FDM5.
2. The COE received real estate drawings from Earth Tech on February 20 and they were still not addressing previous concerns.
   • We concur with the COE that an additional pre-100% submittal needs to be completed.
   • The COE will submit them to the LCRBDC for our review and comments upon receipt from Earth Tech.

STATUS (Stage VIII – Columbia to State Line (Both Sides of River)
1. Muta Advertising is concerned about possible project impacts to his property (letter dated 8/22/00). We’ll meet with him after COE completes hydrology review in this area (Ongoing)

STATUS (Betterment Levee – Phase 1) E.J. & F. Railroad to, and including, Colfax North of the NIPSCO R/W – Ditch is South of NIPSCO R/W from Arbogast to Colfax.
1. Construction started on July 28 (Refer to Engineering Report for details)

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 July 2001; award contract by September 2001; and a construction start of October 2001 – 360 days to complete. (14 acquisitions remaining.)
EAST REACH REMEDIATION AREA – (NORTH OF I-80/94, MLK TO I-65):
1. COE has reviewed and approved all remaining appraisals. Offers to landowners will go out in next few months (27 parcels remaining).

WEST REACH PUMP STATIONS – PHASE 1A
1. These stations include Baring, Hohman-Munster, Walnut and South Kennedy.
2. Refer to Engineering Report.

WEST REACH PUMP STATIONS – PHASE 1B
1. These stations include 81st Street (Highland) and S.E. Hessville (Hammond)
2. Refer to Engineering Report.

MITIGATION
1. Conservation Design Forum (CDF) submitted their plans/designs for the in-project mitigation tracts to the COE on 2/20/01. LCRBDC received on 2/23/01. A “plan-in-hand” coordination meeting will be held on March 6, 2001 to discuss the details.
February 5, 2001

Mr. Spike Peller
Director of Public Works
City of Gary
401 Broadway
Gary, Indiana 46402

Dear Mr. Peller:

Enclosed for your review is a plat of our proposed recreational trail relocation north of Indiana University N.W. and adjacent to the Little Calumet River. Our original proposal with the Army Corps of Engineers was to cross Broadway directly south of the Little Calumet River, but it was found unsafe due to the amount of traffic and no stop light. We have also enclosed a copy of a letter we received from INDOT on October 18, 2000 with their concerns. We propose to cross Broadway at 33rd Avenue at the existing stop light and go northward on the Broadway right-of-way to our levee directly south of the river.

In addition to our concerns with the trail at Broadway, we are trying to coordinate a recreational trail east of the Gas City Truck Stop. We would like to schedule a meeting with you, the Gary Parks & Recreation Department, and any other city of Gary representatives to review and discuss our proposals. Please contact me at your earliest convenience in order that we may facilitate a meeting. If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact me at the above number.

Sincerely,

James E. Pokrajac
Agent
Land Management/Engineering

/sjm
encl.
cc: Roland Elvambuena, City of Gary
Imad Samara, COE
Jan Plachta, COE
Curt Vosti, LCRBDC
Bob Huffman, LCRBDC
February 14, 2001

Dale Kleszynski  
Associated Property Counselors, Ltd.  
3027 Ridge Road  
Landing, IL  60438

RE:  Woodmar County Club Appraisal

VIA FACSIMILE (708) 895-3834  
& REGULAR FIRST CLASS MAIL

Dear Mr. Kleszynski:

Please be advised that you are hereby authorized to hire Nugent Associates as a subcontractor to assist you in the completion of the Woodmar Country Club appraisal. It is my understanding that the range of services will cost between $5,000.00 and $15,000.00. We would ask that the Nugent's services be capped at $15,000.00. Please send me written confirmation regarding this matter, including an estimated timetable to complete the appraisal process.

I await hearing from you in the near future regarding this matter. If there are any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Louis M. Casale  
Attorney at Law

cc:  Dan Gardner, LCRBDC  
     Judy Vamos, LCRBDC
LAND MANAGEMENT REPORT  
For meeting on Thursday, March 1, 2001

(Information in this report is from January 30, 2001 – February 26, 2001)

NON-PROJECT LAND MANAGEMENT

A. Handicapped-Accessible Park
   1. Teachers at River Forest Elementary School are concerned about the start date of
      the handicapped-accessible playground. Playground equipment representative met
      with them on February 21 to discuss equipment to be installed and a possible
      starting time. LCRBDC staff and LEL will set a meeting time to discuss the start
      and payment for Phase I site preparation and existing equipment installation. Phase
      II will follow later in this coming summer.

B. Chase Street to Grant Street land management issues
   1. LCRBDC confirmed that we own the land (Don Ewen parcel DC83), and have an
      easement agreement with INDOT for the property necessary to construct a new pump
      station west of Grant and south of the Little Calumet River.
      • Refer to Engineering Report for engineering/land acquisition information

PROJECT RELATED LAND MANAGEMENT

A. O&M (Project manual review/accepting completed segments)
   1. It is anticipated to start accepting levee segments (after inspections are completed and
      found acceptable) as early as April 2001.
   2. The LCRBDC agreed that we would initially inspect and accept the projects on an
      individual basis to relieve the contractor of his obligations. However, we will require
      a procedure to mutually sign off with the COE to accept O & M responsibility.
      (Ongoing)
   3. We sent a letter to the COE on February 14, 2001 enclosing information from
      IDEM on controlled burns dated January 31, 2001. We have been awaiting
      written response from the COE on this issue for over 2 years.

B. Mitigation (entire project area)
   1. LCRBDC and Shirley Heinze Environmental Foundation (SHEF)
      representatives Ron Trigg and Myrna Nugent met on February 21 to discuss a
      partnering concept for the mitigation plan acquisition in Hobart Marsh. SHEF
      reps will take ideas to their Board. We still need more definite answers from the
      COE on many issues: acquisition procedures, contract awards, bid or RFP
      specs, etc. Dan and attorney will conference call the COE before Board meeting.
C. Emergency Management/River Monitoring
   1. It is our intent to update the current computer equipment for the city of Hammond
      and to install the new equipment for monitoring for Gary at the Gary Sanitary District
      no later than Spring, 2001. **COE will provide equipment, hook-up, and training at
      their cost.**
      - It is our understanding that the GSD will expect compensation for monitoring
        river levels as part of the emergency response participation plan.
      - The LCRBDC will be approaching the city of Gary to discuss not only this
        situation, but overall participation by the city of Gary and GSD to help with O&M
   2. LCRBDC has reviewed COE mapping which shows locations of road closings,
      sandbagging, and emergency response locations. A plan to coordinate each
      community flood event response needs to be formulated.
      - LCRBDC will break this down by community and then have a coordination
        meeting.

D. Lake Erie Land Company
   1. Northwest Indiana River Corridor Partnership is still working on a map of mitigation
      areas. **No meeting in February 2001. This is the 3rd month of no meetings. A
      meeting with LEL will be requested by LCRBDC to ask “What happened to the
      904 acre vision of environmental improvement and recreation facilities along the
      river corridor?”**

E. A meeting was held with Ed Marcin of the Lamar Advertising Company (formerly
   WHITECO) on January 28, 2000 to review turnover of WHITECO signs to LAMAR
   Advertising.
   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.
      LAMAR agreed to complete this by May, 2000. **LAMAR has not submitted the new
      balance as of this date 2/21/01.**
   2. **We received a copy of a letter from LAMAR (dated December 29, 2000) on
      February 12, 2001 enclosing lease information and requesting our comments and
      our consideration for the new sign leases.**
      - Closings on two properties with billboard signs (DC707, DC816) are being scheduled
        for February. The leases are ready. **However, we will not sign until the new balance
        is submitted so we can end this long outstanding financial obligation.**

F. Gary Sanitary District (White River Environmental Partners (WREP)) O&M
   1. A field meeting was held with Dean Button (WREP) on August 24th to review
      security for all (4) east reach pump stations. The LCRBDC has agreed to install
      fencing and locks as necessary to secure the stations and their equipment.
      - Agreements were signed with the Hammond Fence Company for $5,000 to
        provide security for the Broadway, Burr and Grant Streets pump stations.
      - Work scheduled to start on January 3, 2001 and be completed by **March 17, 2001.**
        (Delayed due to weather)

General:
   1. We currently have $58,750 in annual leases and anticipate three (3) additional signs
      in 2001 for an additional total that could be $10,000, for a new total of $68,750
      annually. (2 in the ERR and 1 at 29th & Hanley). The new sign leases are at an
      increased value.
February 14, 2001

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

Dear Imad:

Enclosed is a copy of a memorandum from IDEM to interested parties regarding a controlled burn in our general project area. Please refer to Sheets No. 2 & 3 that outline the conditions for burning vegetation waste. As we have requested in the past, we are still awaiting information from the Corps as to whether or not controlled burns could be done for our project as part of the O&M specifications.

In previous conversations with Greg Moore, he indicated to me that there was a person from the DNR who was considered to be THE expert on controlled burns. Over the past several years, we have been mowing levees but are under the understanding that it is the preferred method to enhance the plantings to do the controlled burn. Controlled burns encourage the growth of native grasses and vegetation and over a long-term basis, we would like to do what is best for the project.

Will you please review this enclosure and respond back to us in writing as to what recommended procedures we should use for future O&M. If you have any questions, please call me.

Sincerely,

James E. Pokrajac, Agent
Land Management/Engineering

/sjm
encl.
cc: Jan Plachta
     Greg Moore
MEMORANDUM

TO: Interested Parties

FROM: Janet McCabe, Assistant Commissioner

SUBJECT: Notice of Decision

Please be advised that on behalf of the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Management, I have issued a decision on the enclosed document. If you wish to challenge this decision, IC 4-21.5-3-7 requires that you file a petition for administrative review. The petition may include a request for stay of effectiveness and must be submitted to the Office of Environmental Adjudication by mail at 150 West Market Street, Suite 618, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204, within 15 days of your receipt of this notice. The petition must include facts demonstrating that you are either the applicant, a person aggrieved or adversely affected by the decision, or otherwise entitled to review by law. Please include the following information in your request:

1. the name and address of the person making the request;
2. identification of the permit or variance in question;
3. the interest of the person making the request;
4. identification of any persons represented by the person making the request;
5. the reasons, with particularity, for the request;
6. the issues, with particularity, proposed for consideration at the hearing; and
7. identification of the terms and conditions which, in the judgment of the person making the request, would be appropriate in the case in question to satisfy the requirements of the law governing documents of the type issued by the commissioner.

Pursuant to IC 4-21.5-3-5 (d), the Office of Environmental Adjudication will provide you with notice of any prehearing conferences, preliminary hearings, hearings, stays or orders disposing of the review of this decision if a written request is submitted to the Office of Environmental Adjudication at 150 West Market Street, Suite 618, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204 within 15 days of receipt of this notice.

Attachment
Dear Mr. Simons:

You are hereby notified that your request for a variance from 326 IAC 4-1 to burn grasses, forbs, and dead wood vegetation on approximately 7.0 acres for wetland restoration natural area management purposes at Three Oaks Subdivision Constructed Wetland Mitigation Site, south of the Little Calumet River between Colfax Street and Elgin/Joliet and Eastern Railroad, Griffith, Lake County.

NOTE: The Northwest Regional Office of IDEM (both Ralph McCullers: 219/881-6712 and Rick Massoels: 219/881-6740), Lake County Health Department, Lake County Sheriff, Lake County Fire Chief's Association, and the Griffith Volunteer Fire Department must be notified at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the date and time of the burning.

Following are the conditions for burning vegetative waste:

1. Only vegetation shall be burned.
2. No burning shall be conducted during unfavorable meteorological conditions, such as: high winds, temperature inversions, or air stagnation; or when an open burning ban has been officially declared by either appropriate state or local officials; or when a pollution alert or ozone action day has been declared. You may contact Steve Lengerich at 317/308-3264 (or in Indiana, 800/451-6027, press 0, and ask for extension 8-3264) for information regarding pollution alerts and ozone action days.
3. Burning shall be conducted during daylight hours only, and all fires shall be extinguished prior to sunset.
4. If at any time the fire creates an air pollution problem, a threat to public health, a nuisance, or a fire hazard, the burning shall be extinguished.
5. This approval letter shall be made available at the burning site to state and local officials upon request except during emergency burning.
6. Adequate fire fighting equipment shall be on-site for extinguishing purposes during burning times.
7. Burning may take place within one hundred (100) feet of any structure or powerline; or three hundred (300) feet of a frequently traveled road, fuel storage area, or pipeline only if adequate precautions are taken as prescribed in the burn plan. Wind speed, direction, mixing height, and transport winds shall be considered in setting the burning so that there is minimal or no impact to nearby roads, structures, powerlines, fuel storage areas, or pipelines.
8. Fires must be attended at all times until completely extinguished.
9. All burning must comply with other federal, state, or local laws, regulations and ordinances, including 40 CFR 61 Subpart M* (National Emissions Standards For Asbestos).
10. The issuance of this variance does not mean that future variances will be issued. If additional burning is contemplated, you may be required to investigate alternative methods of disposal and submit those findings with your next variance request.
11. This approval will not take effect until fifteen days after date of receipt.
This variance will expire January 31, 2002.

If you wish to discuss this matter further, please write to the attention of Pat Powlen, Office of Air Quality, at the above address, or contact him via telephone at (317)233-5672 or toll free at 800/451-6027, press 0 and ask for extension 3-5672.

Sincerely,

Phil Perry, Chief
Compliance Branch
Office of Air Quality

PAP
Variance APC-6276 replaces Expired APC-6153 (expired 11/1/00)
cc: Lake County Health Department
    Lake County Sheriff
    Todd Wilkening, Coordinator, Lake County Fire Chief's Association
    Griffith Volunteer Fire Department
    Northwest Regional Office, IDEM
    Ralph McCullers, Northwest Regional Office, IDEM
    Rick Massoels, Northwest Regional Office, IDEM
    Ramesh Tejuja, Northwest Regional Office, IDEM
    Tom Anderson, Charlotte Read, Save The Dunes Council
    Pat Powlen, Office of Air Quality
December 29, 2000

Mr. Louis Casale
Casale, Skozen, Woodward & Buls
5201 Fountain Drive
Suite A
Crown Point, IN 46307

Re: Lamar Advertising Sign Leases on property now owned by the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission:

a. Lease #3180 (formerly Chancellor Media Whiteco Outdoor Corporation Lease IN 2650) – West side of I-65, 1,400 south of I-65 (formerly owned by Harry K. Ewen)

b. Lease #3185 (formerly Whiteco Lease IN 2651) – South side of I-94, approximately 1,000 feet west of I-65 (formerly owned by Harry Ewen)

c. Lease #3190 (formerly Chancellor Media Whiteco Outdoor Corporation Lease IN 2652) – North side of I-94 approximately 2,000 feet west of I-65 (formerly owned by David & Judith Ewen)

d. Lease #3195 (formerly Whiteco Lease IN 2653) – North side of I-94, approximately 3,100 feet west of I-65 (formerly owned by David and Judith Ewen)

Dear Mr. Casale:

It was a pleasure speaking to you last week. Pursuant to your request, I have enclosed information on the following Lamar “billboard” sign lease agreements as mentioned above. I understand that the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission will be closing on the Ewen property shortly.

Lamar has secured the local permits from Gary to erect Lamar Sign #3180 and #3190. These signs are located in a “Flood Zone” and Lamar has received additional approvals in the last 2 years from the following organizations:

a. Indiana Department of Natural Resources
b. Department of the Army (Corps. Of Engineers)
c. Indiana Department of Environmental Management
d. United States Department of the Interior
Mr. Louis Casale  
Casale, Skozen, Woodward & Buls  
12/29/00  
page 2  

I have enclosed all the permits and correspondence for your review. I have sent  
correspondence recently to the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) to update  
our state permits for Signs #3180 and #3190. I will be glad to forward this information to  
you as soon as I receive it back from INDOT.  

We are looking to erect either one or both of these signs (#3180 and #3190) prior to  

Pursuant to the request made by Ms. Judith Vamos and James E. Pokrajac from the Little  
Calumet River Basin Commission, Lamar Advertising Company will be glad to revise  
the land rental compensation for lease agreements #3180 and #3190. The revised terms  
are as follows:  

Lamar will pay $3,300.00 (three thousand three hundred dollars) per annum per  
sign lease to the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission, and this  
rental compensation shall be subject to a three and on-half percent (3-1/2%)  
annual inflationary increase which shall be implemented every three (3) years  
during the entire term of the lease.  

Please be advised that Lamar has not obtained the permits to erect Lamar Signs  
#3185 and #3195. Whiteco/Lamar was waiting to finish the first two (2) signs before  
we would proceed with permitting the next two (2) locations (#3185 and #3195). The  
current lease agreements for these two (2) signs have expired. Lamar would like to  
renew these lease agreements with your client for sites #3185 and #3195. Lamar would  
also offer the same land rental terms as mentioned above. We would appreciate any  
consideration from your client regarding this matter.  

If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact me.  

Very Truly Yours:  

Ed Marcin  
Real Estate Manager  

cc: Jon Terpstra – Vice-President/General Manager - Lamar
PROJECT ENGINEERING
MONTHLY STATUS REPORT
For meeting on Thursday, March 1, 2001

(Information in this report is from January 30, 2001 – February 26, 2001)

STATUS (Stage II Phase 1) Harrison to Broadway – North Levee:
   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:
   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) $200,016
   Project 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. A final inspection with the LCRBDC and the COE will be scheduled for this entire portion of the project, including the pump station, no later than spring of 2001.

STATUS (Stage II Phase 3C2) Grant to Harrison: (8A contract)
1. The final inspection, and punch list items have been completed. We received a letter from the COE on November 22nd, 2000, indicating Webb Construction has completed this work in accordance with the provisions of the plans and specs.
   • Currently, $3,915,178.36 has been spent on this project.
   • 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. (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. A final inspection will be scheduled with the LCRBDC and the COE for this entire project, including the Ironwood stormwater pumping station, no later than spring of 2001.

STATUS (STAGE III) Chase to Grant Street:
   Kiewit Construction – Contract price $6,564,520.
2. STAGE III DRAINAGE REMEDIATION PLAN.
   A. The COE has agreed to engineer and design the stormwater pump station West of Grant and South of the line of protection.
      1. The COE will submit the 50% review plans and specs no later than March 2, 2001.
      2. A meeting was held on February 6th at the Gary City Engineers Office to coordinate a utility field check.
         • (Minutes of the meeting were distributed for record on February 15, 2001.)
   B. Technical review meeting discussed remediation plan on November 1st, 2000.
      • COE estimates approx. $1 million to do this work. $800,000 for ditches and pumps, $50,000 to engineer $18,500 GPM pump station West of Grant St. & Remainder toward work with the City of Gary.

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, was awarded to Dillon Contractors on November 30th, 1999, and received the notice to proceed on January 14th, 2000. (Project currently approx. 90% complete.) Projected completion in Spring 2001 when the weather permits.
      • The contractor is currently working on clean-up and minor punch list items.
      • Fine grading and seeding will be done when weather permits.
      • Anticipate a May inspection.
   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.
      • Extras on contract - $292,771.00
      • Balance (to pay) - $1,608,719.00

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.

B. Overall construction is approx. 70% complete, approx. all of the clay is placed, sheet piling is approx. 80% completed. Colfax to Calhoun Streets piling is approx. 95% complete.
   - Last section of I-wall completed west of Burr Street.
   - All sleeving was done on Wolverine Pipeline west of Burr. Wolverine did 22" sleeve over 16" pipe, Dyer installed 30" sleeve over 22".
   - An inspection is anticipated for Fall, 2001.

2. 450 days to complete (September 2001 completion of landscaping.)
3. We received a cost estimate from the EJ & E RR on July 8th, 2000, in the amount of $22,758. (This is anticipated to be done in the spring 2001)
   - We are awaiting a cost estimate from the N.S.RR to do the work on their adjacent spur, and a letter of authorization allowing the EJ&E to do the work with their labor.
   - This work is anticipated to start in early Summer, 2001.

STATUS (Stage IV Phase 2A) Burr to Clark – Lake Etta:
1. Dyer Construction - 95% complete.
   A. Currently, $3,477,249.66 has been spent on this project.
      - Overrun (over original bid) $183,281.00
      - Balance (to be paid to contractor) $197,137.00

2. The North Burr Street stormwater pumping station has been completed.
   A. 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 done as an addendum to the contract with Dyer Construction subcontracting the work. Anticipated start spring of 2001; anticipated completion summer of 2001.

3. A final inspection will be scheduled with the LCRBDC and the COE for this entire project, including the pump station in spring of 2001.

STATUS (Stage IV Phase 2B) Clark to Chase
1. 100% of levee construction has been completed, and the projected overall completion is for the spring of 2001. A final inspection will be held approximately mid-June with the LCRBDC prior to turnover.

2. Project money status:
   - $1,938,358 has been spent.
   - Overrun (over original bid) $408,000
   - Balance (to be paid to contractor) $155,980

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 low bidder is Dyer Construction.
   - Government estimate is $2,108,500 and Dyer bid $2,078,523.
2. Overall construction is approx. 75% complete, and the overall construction is expected to be completed in August 2001.
   - The clay base plate is installed and approx. 90% overall of the clay is placed.
   - Colfax Road raise is scheduled to start in the spring of 2001. The majority of the material is currently being stockpiled adjacent to that area.
   - The cutoff wall for the EJ&E embankment started in mid-October and is completed on both sides. Cutoff work has been done on the Griffith side. Earthwork on both sides is scheduled for the Spring of 2001.
3. We received a copy of a letter from the engineering firm representing Richard Kortenhoven to the DNR dated January 16, 2001 requesting a permit to install a culvert west of the EJ&E RR
   - A meeting will be scheduled with the COE, DYER CONSTRUCTION, and Griffith to discuss impacts to our contract and construction costs - approximately early March.
   - We sent a letter to the TROYER GROUP (designers) and the town of Griffith on February 12, 2001 indicating our concerns and the necessity of a meeting.

**STATUS (Betterment Levee – Phase 2) Colfax to Burr Street, then North NSRR, then East (North of RR R/W) 1/2 between Burr and Clark, back over the RR, then South approx. 1,400 feet:**
1. Current schedule is to complete 50% engineering by March of 2001; award contract by July 2001; and a construction start of September 2001 – 360 days to complete.
2. The projected government estimate for this project is approximately $2.4 million.

**STATUS (Stage V Phase 1) Wicker Park Manor:**
1. Project completed on September 14, 1995.
2. Dyer Construction – Contract price $998,630
3. Phillips Pipeline directional bore under the existing levee is currently being engineered by Phillips. Awaiting their design and cost by April, 2001.

**STATUS (Stage V Phase 2):**
1. At the June 7th, 2000 partnering meeting, the current schedule shows a March 2002 advertising date.
2. 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.
   - We received modified real estate requirements due to engineering revisions in December 2000 and will have modified legals by early March.
3. A utility coordination meeting was held on November 16th, 2000 with all pipelines, utilities, etc. that will be impacted in the NIPSCO corridor West of Kennedy Ave.
   A. We have received cost information from the pipeline companies to do the work necessary to accommodate I-walls. The total cost in this corridor and for 2 directional bores west of the RR will total approximately $1.1 million.
   B. Sent email to the COE on November 21st, 2000, confirming necessity of locating the pipes in this corridor (should have been done by Stanley Assoc. (COE P/E for this project.)
• We had a field meeting with Badger Daylighting on February 14, 2001 to review the scope of work and anticipate a cost estimate no later than March 2

STATUS (Stage V Phase 3) Woodmar Country Club:
1. Refer to Land Acquisition report for status of appraisal process and revised schedule.
   • As per our June 7\textsuperscript{th}, 2000 partnering meeting, the schedule shows a March 2002 advertising date.
2. Appraisal work ongoing (refer to Land Acquisition report).

STATUS Stage VI – Phase 1 (Cline to Kennedy – North of the river, and Kennedy to Liable, South of the river.):
1. A utility coordination meeting was held with the Town of Highland and City of Hammond on September 12\textsuperscript{th}, 2000, to update original Stage VI – plans from 1996 and gather information on new or proposed utilities.
2. Legal descriptions North of the river have been completed by GLE, and legals South of the river have been completed by DLZ.
   • Some modifications to real estate are ongoing (Refer to Land Acquisition Report)

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. 50\% plans and specs, and real estate drawings were submitted to LCRBDC & town of Highland for comments on December 6\textsuperscript{th} (letter dated November 21, 2000)
   • Plans, specs, and real estate drawings were incomplete and will be re-submitted.
3. We received a letter from INDOT to Rani Engineering on January 8, 2001 indicating their concerns regarding culverts & recreational proposals.

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 21\textsuperscript{st}, 1999.
2. We received a request for a 75\% review from the COE on January 16, 2001 along with their comments and responses to our 50\% review.
   • A typical page of these responses shows that many of the questions or concerns we had were addressed by “Noted”.
   • We sent a letter to the COE on February 1 with comments to their 75\% submittal indicating a number of concerns and requesting another review opportunity prior to the 100\% review.
3. A public meeting will be scheduled with both communities around the middle of March. (This will be after the 50\% BCOE review process).

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 a letter from SEH to the COE (dated January 31, 2001) on February 5, 2001 along with utility responses indicating additional follow-up and coordination will be required.
• There may be a request for the LCRBDC to help because not enough money is left in their contract because of contract re-negotiations that lessened money for this coordination.

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 was completed in December, 2000 excluding minor punch list items.
2. Contract price - $1,657,913
   Extras - $145,483
   Balance (to be paid to contractor) - $287,950
3. The entire project is completed with the exception of minor gate and sign installations. Anticipated inspection should be scheduled for spring of 2001 when the weather permits.

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). Notice to proceed issued November 7th, 2000 – 700 days to complete – October 2002. Successful bidder was Overstreet Construction.
   A. A pre-construction meeting was held on November 27th, 2000, to discuss scheduling, establish points of contact, and coordination.

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 start construction by late September – 350 days to complete.
   • Pumps have been ordered and are expected for delivery in the late spring of 2001.
3. Thieman Construction (from Griffith, IN) was the successful bidder.
   • The government estimate was $2,092,000
   The low bid was $1,963,400, which was under estimated by $128,600
4. We received a status report from the COE for S.E. Hessville and 81st Street on January 23, 2001.

West Reach Pump Stations – General
1. We received an e-mail from the COE on January 2, 2001 with a breakdown of pump disposal for each project (who keeps the existing pumps after removal- the contractor or the community).

North Fifth Avenue Pump Station:
1. The Town of Highland submitted a letter to the COE dated December 8th, 2000, requesting that the electric transformer cost of $120,000 be part of the project.
• The LCRBDC wrote a letter to the COE on January 23 requesting that rather than us entering into an agreement with Highland (as a utility re-locate) the costs be treated as a project cost. (No response as of February 22, 2001)

2. The bid opening for North 5th was on February 6, 2001. The government estimate without profit is $2,662,000. The low bid was Overstreet Construction at $2,387,500. This was $274,500 under the government estimate (Not including profit).

GENERAL:
1. 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.
   B. Lou Casale submitted a utility relocation memo to Don Valk (COE attorney) on September 5th, 2000, requesting review and comments for reimbursement on public right-of-ways. (No response as of November 3rd, 2000.)
   - At our December 5th Real Estate meeting, attorney again suggested a meeting to review this. We will try to schedule it no later than mid-February, 2001.
   C. LCRBDC comprised a list of 4 issues where we have concerns for coordination, costs, and communication with the COE that are ongoing.
   D. A utility coordination meeting was held on February 27, 2001 to review upcoming west reach implementation.
February 15, 2001

Indiana Department of Transportation
100 North Senate Avenue, Room N-601
Indianapolis, IN 46402

Attention: Mr. Robert Rhoades, Area Engineer,
Local Assistance

RE: Minutes of 2/6/01 Field Check Meeting for
Proposed South Grant Street Stormwater Sewer
and Pump Station, I-80/94 to Ridge Road - Gary, IN
STP-N 501 ( ), Des. No. 0090210

Dear Mr. Rhoades:

Transmitted herewith is a corrected final copy of the Field Check Minutes for the above referenced project. This is for your review and file.

It is our understanding that the next step will be for the public hearing on the project design, which we ask that you please arrange and schedule.

Note that the categorical exclusion was approved on December 14, 2000 by your office.

Very truly yours,

ARAVIND MUZUMDAR
ARAVID MUZUMDAR, P.E.,
President

AM/m
Enclosure

cc: Larry Koebcke, Area Engineer, LaPorte District, INDOT
Roland Elvambuena, P.E., City Engineer, City of Gary
Imad Samara, Project Manager, US COE, Chicago
J. Murphy O'Reiley, Civil Engineer, US COE, Chicago
Eric Sampson, Structural Engineer, US COE, Chicago
Jim Pokrajac, LCRBDC
Herb Woldt, NIPSCO
Mike Rigby, Indiana American Water Co.
James Meyer, GSD Attorney
Otho Lyles, III, Pres., BSC
Don Smales, Greeley and Hansen
MINUTES OF THE 2-6-01 FIELD CHECK MEETING FOR THE
SOUTH GRANT STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
PHASE I - STORM SEWERS AND PUMP STATION - DES # 0090210

February 15, 2001

A field check meeting was held in the office of City Engineer, Roland Elvambuena on
Tuesday, February 6, 2001 at 10:00 A.M. for the above project with the following in attendance:

INDOT        Larry Koebcke, Area Engineer, LaPorte District
             Robert Rhoades, Area Engineer, Local Assistance

CITY OF GARY  Roland Elvambuena, P.E., City Engineer

US COE, Chicago Imad Samara, Project Manager
             J. Murphy O‘Riley, Civil Engineer
             Eric Sampson, Structural Engineer

LCRBDC        Jim Pokrajac

NORTH-WEST ENGINEERING CO.
             Aravind Muzumdar, P.E.
             Ravindranath Chigurupati
             Thomas Weinmann

NIPSCO        Herb Woldt

INDIANA AMERICAN WATER CO.  Mike Rigby

All present were introduced. Mr. Muzumdar presented a brief synopsis of the project,
explaining that this was Phase 1 of the two-phase project. Phase 1 consists of the Storm Sewer and
Pump Station and Phase 2 being the Widening and Reconstruction of the Roadway, including traffic
control and street lighting. It was pointed out that the intent is for Phase 1 to commence
construction by early Spring 2002.

Mr. Rigby stated that he had not received a set of drawings showing the proposed sewer line.
An 11" x 17" set of the sewer plans was then distributed to all present.

Mr. Muzumdar noted that Phase 1 is a two-component plan - 1) storm sewers and 2) pump
station. The sewers are being designed by NWE and the pump station by US COE. The total
capacity of the pump station is at 18,500 gpm. Phase 2 is for the complete Reconstruction of the
Pavement, Lighting and Traffic Signals under (DES #9980010) and is being designed by NWE.
Construction for Phase 2 is anticipated to commence in October 2003.

Mr. Samara distributed a set of drawings for the pump station which plans are about 50%
complete. He noted that the NWE drawings show two gas mains to the pump station site and questioned the depth of the lines, as they may need to be relocated, depending upon the depth of the lines.

Mr. Woldt responded that he will check and respond as to the exact location and depth of the gas lines. Mr. Samara was advised by Mr. Muzumdar that he would have to coordinate this work directly with NIPSCO and Mr. Woldt.

Mr. Muzumdar reminded all, that while Phase 1 has two different designers and that the plans will have to be submitted as one project, so that only one contractor will be awarded the project for the sewers and the pump station. This is necessary for the project to comply with the NIRPC Grant Application.

Mr. Chigurupati stated that the COE drawings are in the English System and sewer drawings are in the Metric System. In order to avoid any confusion to the contractors, the matter was discussed with Mr. Wayne Weise of INDOT who stated that as long as there is only one lump sum bid for the pump station project, it would be acceptable. COE then stated they would prepare a total estimated cost for the pump station, and maintain a list of quantities that add up to the lump sum cost. They will also submit complete specifications for the pump station.

Mr. Woldt asked what the electrical power requirements would be for the pump station, so that they may plan accordingly. This information was not known at this time, and will be submitted as soon as it is available.

Mr. Chigurupati stated that the all testing of the pump station should be in accordance with the INDOT Material Department Frequency Manual. Items not covered by the INDOT Material Department Frequency Manual shall meet the frequency requirements of the US COE, and those requirements must be included in the Pump Station Special Provisions.

Mr. Koebcke commented that there was a problem with the lack of adequate water to test the pumps of Gary's Burr Street Project. He stated that arrangements should be made to insure adequate water to test the pumps as per GSD requirements for this station. Mr. Muzumdar advised that by connecting the existing box sewer to the new storm line adequate water can be made available to test the pumps. The connection can then be sealed after Phase 2 of the project is completed.

Another concern expressed by Mr. Koebcke was that during the reconstruction of Phase 2, the box sewer will be exposed with a minimal cover. He requested that the engineer consider evaluating the structural integrity of the box sewer as there will be movement of the heavy equipment...
in the area during the construction period. Mr. Muzumdar responded that this evaluation is beyond the scope of the street improvement design work agreement, but would discuss this issue with the City of Gary. Mr. Koebcke also inquired as to how the traffic would be maintained during construction, and Mr. Muzumdar stated that the sewers would be installed one side of the street, while the other half is used for two-way traffic. Upon completion of one side the construction will continue on the other side, again allowing two-way traffic on the opposite side.

Mr. Woldt noted that the power poles and possibly a 12" gas main would have to be relocated during the Phase 2 construction. It was further noted that the power poles on the west side carry the inter-connect cable for the traffic signals, and the relocation would disrupt the traffic signal operation during the relocation of the poles. It was suggested by Mr. Koebcke that any utility relocation, if possible, be performed either under Phase 1 or during the intervening period (between Phases 1 and 2) and the feasibility should be explored.

In view of the utility relocation situation and its effect on the traffic signals, it was recommended that a special meeting be held with the Traffic Department, City of Gary, NIPSCO and NWE to explore the installation of traffic signal conduit and relocation of any (private) signs that may be encroaching the r/w and which may have a conflict with the NIPSCO lines.

It was also agreed that a separate meeting be held between US COE and NWE to assure that the temporary bench mark elevations for the sewer and pump station are in conformance.

There being no other business at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 Noon.

Minutes prepared by
Aravind Muzumdar, P.E.

Aravind Muzumdar
February 12, 2001

Mr. Dennis Zebell, P.E.
THE TROYER GROUP
550 Union Street
Mishawaka, Indiana 46544

Dear Dennis:

I received a copy of your letter dated January 16, 2001 to Mr. Mike Neyer from the IN Department of Natural Resources with your request for a permit to install an 18" storm sewer pipe through the levee west of the EJ&E RR in Griffith. As we have discussed, the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission has agreed to pay for the levee from the EJ&E westward to tie into the newly constructed levee for Richard Kortenhoven. In discussing this issue with the Army Corps of Engineers, it appears there may be some complications with our construction if this storm sewer pipe is installed prior to the installation of the levee. Dyer Construction, who is the contractor for the Army Corps of Engineers, prepared a cost estimate to install that levee under existing conditions. We have a concern that the cost will increase if this culvert is put in place as described in this permit application prior to our levee installation. In addition, we propose to expand and build onto this levee to the south to allow our recreation trail to continue westward to Cline Avenue. This will require additional culvert work that would accommodate this expansion.

We suggest facilitating a meeting with the town of Griffith, Richard Kortenhoven, the Army Corps of Engineers, Dyer Construction, the Little Calumet River Development Commission, and yourself to review the impacts of this installation. Please contact me in order that we may coordinate this meeting in a timely manner.

Sincerely,

James E. Pokrajac, Agent
Land Management/Engineering

/jgm
cc: Wayne Govert
    Mike Galley
    Jim Reynes
    Bill Greco
    Robert Schwerd
    Imad Samara, COE
    Tom Deja, COE
### STAGE V - PHASE 2
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### STAGE V - PHASE 2
**(WEST OF NORFOLK-SOUTHERN RR)**
**PHILLIPS PIPELINE - DIRECTIONAL BORES**

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**NIPSCO PIPELINE CORRIDOR** - $650,000.00
**PHILLIPS DIRECTIONAL BORE** - $430,000.00
**PROJECTED TOTAL COST** - $1,080,000.00
February 1, 2001

Mr. Timothy J. Kroll, P.E.
Technical Advisor
Corps of Engineers
111 North Canal Street, Suite 600
Chicago, IL 60606-7206

Re: Little Calumet River Levee
   Stage VII
   75% Plans

Dear Mr. Kroll:

This letter is in response to your Memorandum dated January 16, 2001 and was formulated with the assistance of James Pokrajac of the LCRBDC. The following paragraphs are numbered in accordance with your January 16, 2001 Memorandum:

1. and 3.
   a. We received 75% plans, however we did not receive 75% specifications.
   b. Regarding real estate issues, the real estate drawings had too many items missing or not addressed to do a proper review at this time:
      (1) No coordinates were provided.
      (2) There was no distinction between permanent easement, temporary easement and right-of-way lines.
      (3) Until the issues listed later in this letter are adequately addressed there seems to be a high probability of significant changes in the plans and real estate drawings. In reality we do not see a way that real estate drawings can be finalized until after the construction plans are complete.
   c. Should work limits be extended riverside to minimize impact to residential backyards or to allow removal of trees on the riverside of the levee.
d. Review of Sheets C-2 through C-4 indicates that the contractor's access points to the levee will be limited to the following locations from public streets: Columbia Avenue, River Drive North at the Walnut Street Pump Station, Northcote Avenue. With the limited number of access points and the very narrow work limits in many areas, is there adequate space for the contractor to efficiently perform the construction. Please explain the anticipated construction procedure the contractor will use when he is clearing and grubbing as well as excavating and sheet pile driving. (This could impact current work limits.)

2. Regarding the response to 50% BCOE review comments we have the following comments:

a. Many of the responses indicated the word “noted” with little or no further explanation. Comparison of a number of these comments with plans do not indicate that the comments have been incorporated into the plans. We believe that each comment needs a definitive answer. Some comments would result in changes in the plans and specifications if implemented. If a comment was incorporated into the plans and specs then the response should indicate that. If a comment was rejected then the response should indicate that and why. Other comments just require an explanation which should be provided as the response.

b. Review of the responses to date indicate that the following significant comments still have not been addressed:

(1) Input from Hammond and Munster regarding the change in project design concept resulting from implementing the value engineering concept. See comments 144 and 145.

(2) Problems associated with sheet pile driving. See comments 149 and 150.

(3) Potential corrosion of the sheet piling and anticipated useful life. See comments 155 and 156.

(4) Utility relocation. The response to comment 146 indicates that utilities are to pass under the SPFW. Is this adequate? Just letting these utilities pass under the SPFW does not appear to provide adequate safety to the line of protection. Note that the plans show petroleum pipelines as well as storm and combined sewer crossing the line of protection or running parallel to it.

4. Landscaping issue still are a major area of concern.

(a) Our comments 183 and 184 need to be addressed. In particular, input on landscaping still needs to be obtained from Hammond and Munster.
(b) The "Typical Levee Planting Scheme" on Sheet 13 shows an area labeled "Herbaceous Material Only" extending out from the levee crest to almost the toe of the levee. In areas where only the crest of the levee is being disturbed to allow for installation of sheet piling, the area labeled "Herbaceous Material Only" contains many large trees and shrubs. Is this acceptable? Will the earthen levee in this area provide adequate support for the sheet piling when these trees die and the root systems decay? Should new tree and shrub growth in these areas be controlled?

In summary we believe that the design of this section of levee should be put on hold until many of the issues listed above are addressed and resolved. Once the issues have been resolved and the plans adjusted accordingly and all 50% comments addressed, we will need to schedule a public meeting with both Hammond and Munster residents similar to the earlier meeting we had with Highland residents.

Very truly yours,


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

JIF: kf
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cc: Dan Gardner, LCRBDC
    Jim Pokrajac, LCRBDC
    Emmett Clancy, Corps of Engineers
    Chrystal Spokane, Corps of Engineers
    Imad Samara, Corps of Engineers
January 31, 2001

RE: Chicago District Corps of Engineers
Little Calumet River, Stage VIII
DACW23-00-C-0005
SEH No. A-USACOE9902.00

Ms. Velma Salinas-Nix, Chief
Contracting Division
111 North Canal Street, Suite 600
Chicago, IL 60606-7206

Dear Ms. Salinas-Nix:

A mid-design conference on the referenced project is scheduled for February 1, 2001. However, we have received very little information regarding the 90 utilities in or near the project site as well as the Railroad Company. There are also outstanding issues with respect to the type and location of the flood barrier at the Ted Muta site, hydraulic modeling of the Hohman Avenue Bridge, impact of the I-80 widening and extensive field surveys required. As a result of the magnitude of the outstanding information SEH is requesting the mid-design conference be delayed until most if not all of the information is made available. Once all of the information is received SEH will make a formal request for an extension of the contract time.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Jeffery Davis, P.E.
Technical Project Manager

cc: James Murphy O’rily, Chicago District
   Eric Sampson, Chicago District
   Paul Mohrhardt, Chicago District
   Imad Samara, Chicago District
   Jim Pokrajac, Little Calumet River Basin Commission
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BID OPENING RESULTS
February 6, 2001
LITTLE CALUMET RIVER, INDIANA FLOOD PROTECTION,

WEST REACH LEVEE SYSTEM, REHAB OF THE NORTH 5th AVENUE
PUMP STATION, HIGHLAND SANITARY DISTRICT, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA

Solicitation Number: DACW27-01-B-0002

Bid Opening Officer: Kim McKnight
Bid Opening & Recording: Pete Williams

APPARENT LOW BIDDER: Overstreet Engineering & Construction, Inc. $2,387,500. Total Bid
4220 North Davis Highway, Bldg. B
Pensacola, FL 32503

2nd Low Bidder: Thieneman Construction, Inc. $2,639,000. Total Bid
320 East Industrial Drive
Griffith, IN 46319

3rd Low Bidder: D.A. Dodd, Inc. $2,955,400. Total Bid
14 East Michigan Street
Rolling Prairie, IN 46371

$3,043,600. Telegraph Amended Bid Total

4th Low Bidder: Kovilic Construction Company $3,213,550. Total Bid
3721 Carnation Street
Franklin Park, IL 60131

5th Low Bidder: Illinois Constructors Corp. $3,222,000. Total Bid
39W866 Fabyan Parkway
Batavia, IL 60510

There were no other bids received.

GOVERNMENT ESTIMATE WITHOUT PROFIT: $2,662,000.

GE is 111% of Low Bid or Low Bid is 90% of GE
LCRBDC ISSUES

1. Scheduling

The Corps needs better and more realistic schedules for the following reasons:

a. From the big picture standpoint, scheduling needs to be coordinated with the financial budgets to build the project. For many years the LCRBDC has had difficulty in obtaining local funding to keep pace with the COE schedule. At the current time the lack of local funding availability has reached the critical point.

b. Projects should not be designed 4 to 5 years before the project is realistically scheduled to be bid for construction. Too many things can change. A perfect example of this is Stage V-2 which was designed by Stanley. The design of this Stage of the project was completed 3 to 4 years ago, but now, that construction is nearing, utility relocation is being totally rethought and reanalyzed because new utility personnel are involved.

c. Scheduling should allow adequate time for local sponsor action. In many cases LCRBDC and municipality reviews are not given the review time that had been previously agreed to. Additionally adequate time needs to be allowed for real estate acquisition.

2. Utility Relocation

Utility relocation needs to be carried all the way to point where an acceptable (to the COE and LCRBDC) relocation plan and cost estimate have been obtained from the utility. In recent projects (Stage V-2, V-3, and VI-1) this was not done by the A/E, even though it was apparently their responsibility.

3. Local Community Involvement

One important aspect of the project is communication with the local community. It is extremely important to get local community leaders input during the design process so they buy into the project and so they can explain and sell the project to their citizens. It is also important because the LCRBDC is counting on these communities to assist with operation and maintenance. To date this communication has only been done sporadically.

4. Engineering Scope of Work and Pricing

It is still unclear the exact engineering scope of work the Corps uses for design services. For example the LCRBDC has had large amounts of survey work performed for design purposes. When this is done the costs are creditable, however they are not project costs which means the LCRBDC pays a much larger share of the cost.

Also it is not clear how the fee charged to the LCRBDC for design services is determined.
Agenda for the Utility Coordination Meeting

February 27, 2001 – LCRBDC Conference Room

1. Agenda Overview.

2. Review of schedule of activities. (Discuss Money Availability and Scheduling)

3. Discussion on how to implement the relocation plan. One utility, one contractor, or one contractor for all utilities. Other ideas? (For Stage I - Phase 2)
   - Phillips Pipeline Re-locations.

4. Discussion on coordination between the A/E's, utilities and the Corps.
   - Stage VIII - SEH Scope of Work.

5. Utilities concerns.
   - Compe nsibility

6. Closing remarks.
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**COMMENTS:**
Issuing miscellaneous letters and instruction to Contractor.

Scheduling Pre-Construction Conference on 7 FEB 2001 at the Calumet Area Office.

Preparing Pre-Construction Agenda and QA/QC Coordination Meeting Agenda.

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**COMMENTS:**
Contractor is installing DWP pumps and discharge pipes at 81st Street.

Material continues to arrive on-site.


FC-35.05 – Issued RFP for seal water system design change.

Awaiting PP-PMED-D responses to following items: None at this time.
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**COMMENTS:**
Installing sheeting east of Collax.
FC-15.01 - Combining IV-1 South and Burr Street Betterment Trailers; Wood chip disposal, and Partnering, and FC-15.03 - Installing conduit and backfilling trench for NIPSCO pipeline. CEMVR preparing modification.
FC-15.04 - Removal of unsuitable material (organic) from Sta. 49+50-53+50 and Sta. 54+50-62+50. CEMVR received and evaluating.
FC-15.10 - Concrete slab in railroad ballast storage area, WIND access ramp, widening of levee crest, preparing RFP.
FC-15.05 - Debris Removal Station 34+00, and near Burr Street. CO-S preparing modification.

Awaiting riprap field change and modification documents from ED-DC.

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**COMMENTS:**
Stone source approved. No stone placement allowed until 1 JUN 2001, due to environmental restrictions.
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**COMMENTS:** Contractor is preparing submittals.

PP-PM scheduling Partnering Conference for 07 and 08 MAR 2001.

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**COMMENTS:** Initiating contract closeout activities.

Awaiting PP-PM response to following items: Completion of As-Built Drawings.

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**COMMENTS:** Preparing closeout files.

Awaiting PP-PM response to following items: None at this time.

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**COMMENTS:** Continued Dredging, Completed original contract areas and starting added areas.

Awaiting PP-PM/ED-D responses to the following: None at this time.
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**COMMENTS:**
Operation suspended due to weather.

P00008 (FC-03.07) - Adverse Weather; 114 Calendar Day Extension. Revise Completion Date = 1 May 01. Executed and Distributed.

Preparing $10,918,21 Modification P00008 (FC-03.08) for additional work at 29th and Stevenson Street structure.

Awaiting PP-PMD responses to the following: None at this time

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**COMMENTS:**
Adverse weather is restricting operations.

Finished the SSP wall east of the EJ&E tracks.

Continued work on 36" gatewell structure.

Continued installing concrete I-Wall.

Evaluating Contractor proposal for additional sewer bypass work.

P00008 (FC-21.08) - $100,000.00 Continuing Contract Funding. Executed and Distributed.

FC-21.04 - Issued RFP for addition of access ramp, change in riprap thickness, increase in access ramp width; Evaluating Contractors proposal.

FC-21.05 - Issued RFP for design modification to 72" gatewell structure.

Awaiting PP-PMD response to the following items:
A. Additional funding is required from Local Sponsor.
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**COMMENTS:**
Contract closeout completed. Boxing files for transfer to CO-C.
Awaiting PP-PM/ED-D responses to following: None at this time.

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**COMMENTS:**
Monitoring turf establishment.
Contractor and CO-S conducted final inspection. Due to weather conditions, Contractor to complete punchlist by Spring.
Preparing Contract Closeout.

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**COMMENTS:**
Contractor CO-S final inspection, and completion of punchlist delayed until Spring by weather conditions.
Contractor A/E preparing As-Built Drawings.
Awaiting PP-PM/ED-D responses to following: None at this time.
## CALUMET AREA OFFICE
### CONTRACT STATUS REPORT
**29 JAN - 17 FEB 2001**

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**COMMENTS:**
Due to weather conditions, Contractor to complete punchlist by spring.

Awaiting PP-PM/ED-D responses to following issues: None at this time.

| 95-0073    | STA. IV-PHS 2A | OYER        | $2,473,311.50 |                    |                |                                     | 100        |     |     |
| 71755528   |              | (GARCES)    | $3,367,042.04 |                    |                |                                     |            |     |     |
| (RUNDZAITIS) | (TURNER)   |             |          |                    |                |                                     |            |     |     |

**COMMENTS:**
FC-73.36 - Generator input at pump station, CO-S (CEMVR) Preparing modification.

Awaiting PP-PM/ED-D responses to following: None at this time.

| 95-0075    | STA. II-PHS 4 | RAUSCH      | $3,066,692.00 |                    |                |                                     | 100        |     |     |
| 71608714   |              | (GARCES)    | $4,186,070.75 |                    |                |                                     |            |     |     |
| (KARWATKA) | (TURNER)    |             |          |                    |                |                                     |            |     |     |

**COMMENTS:**
Due to weather conditions, Contractor to complete punchlist by spring.

**CITY OF HOBART ROAD REPAIR** - Contractor yet to resolve with City.

FC-76.XX - LEVEE QUANTITY OVERRUN EXCEEDING 115% - Received revised final cross-section from Contractor scheduling meeting in March to finalize.

FC-76.XX - Contractor requesting additional cost due to wet material from Deep River Borrow Site. CO-S has completed review, and presented results of review to Contractor. Contractor reviewing CO-S information.

Awaiting PP-PM/ED-D Responses to the Following Issues: None At This Time.
From: Craib, Robert A LRC <Robert.A.Craib@lrc02.usace.army.mil>
To: 'littlecal@nirpc.org' <littlecal@nirpc.org>
Cc: Deja, Tom LRC <Tom.Deja@lrc02.usace.army.mil>; Anderson, Douglas M LRC <Douglas.M.Anderson@lrc02.usace.army.mil>; Samara, Imad LRC <Imad.Samara@lrc02.usace.army.mil>; Go, Ernesto T LRC <Ernesto.T.Go@lrc02.usace.army.mil>; Shah, Bharat S LRC <Bharat.S.Shah@lrc02.usace.army.mil>; Albert, Dick LRC <Dick.Albert@lrc02.usace.army.mil>
Date: Tuesday, February 27, 2001 9:13 AM
Subject: Pump Station Rehab Status

Hi Jim,

Sorry I did not get this to you sooner.

**Pump Rehab 1B Contract**
81st Station-
1. Both dry weather pumps and 90%+ of their discharge piping have been installed.
2. Wet well access cover installation (concrete work) is 95%+ complete.
3. Discharge box modifications (concrete work) is 20%+ complete.
4. Storm water pumps will be delivered soon, and their discharge piping is currently stored on site.
5. Standby pumps are site and will be installed soon.
6. Motor control center and pump controller have been installed. Various other electrical items are continuing to be installed.

S.E. Hessville Station-
1. Discharge box modifications (concrete work) is 20%+ complete.
2. New pumps are being manufactured.

**Pump Rehab 1A Contract** Overstreet Electric
1. Various submittals are in review.
2. No on-site construction activity.
3. Partnering meeting is scheduled for March 7-8, 2001.

**North 5th Pump Station Rehab** Overstreet Electric
1. No activity.

See ya,
Bob

02/27/2001
Action List: House Bill 1001
02/26/2001 06:40:09 PM EST

Authors: Bauer, Cochran

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Below is what is contained in the House Budget bill (H.B. 1001) which was passed 24-1 out of the Ways and Means Committee. It is on Page 97 of the roughly 200 page budget bill.

The line item is included under the “Department of Natural Resources” and contains a totally new provision of requiring a 1 to 1 local match to access the funding!!

22 FOR THE BUDGET AGENCY
23 Indiana Technology Fund
24 Libraries 4,000,000
25 Intelenet 4,000,000
26 DOB Ed/Tech Grants 15,000,000
27 21st Century Research & Technology Fund 50,000,000
28 Higher Education Technology 40,000,000
29 Transfer to Family and Children's Replacement Fund 100,000,000
30 Community Wastewater & Drinking Water 30,000,000
31 Local Election Equipment Matching Grants 5,000,000
32 (cancelled July 1, 2003)
33 Department of Natural Resources
34 Dams 10,000,000
35 Lake Shafer and Lake Freeman Enhancement 2,000,000
36 Wabash River Heritage Corridor 4,000,000
37 Clean Water Soil Conservation & Water Districts 10,000,000
38 Hometown Indiana 500,000
39 Little Calumet River Basin Commission 5,500,000

41 The above funds appropriated to the Little Calumet River basin commission may only
42 be spent if there is a dollar for dollar local match. Additionally, prior to the
43 distribution of any funds, the commission shall develop an allocation formula which
44 insures participation by each county participating in the commission. The budget
45 committee shall review the distribution plan of the commission before the release
46 of the state dollars.
The House panel OKs budget that spends more than state will take in, spending for prisons, Medicaid would suffer.

By Kevin Corcoran
STAFF WRITER

The House's budget-writing panel approved a two-year spending plan Tuesday that would force Gov. Frank O'Bannon to slash prison costs and health-care spending on the poor and disabled.

Balancing the state's budget under House Bill 1001 also would require spending nearly $400 million in gambling revenue and funneling Indiana's general fund, or "checking account." What's more, it relies on the state getting almost every penny in tax revenue it's counting on.

The legislation sets aside more each year for education than O'Bannon proposed with public schools receiving 4 percent increases and the state's colleges and universities getting up to 4.3 percent more.

But a former Republican chairman of the same House panel, Patrick J. Riedy, president of the Indiana Manufacturers Association, said O'Bannon's budget may not work.

For example, it virtually eliminates Medicaid spending in the 2002 budget year and allows just 6.3 percent growth in 2003. That falls $147 million short of the state funding. O'Bannon says it is needed to pay Medicaid expenses during the next budget cycle. The governor said he doubts the administration can meet Riedy's demands.

"Expecting increases of less than 6 percent for Medicaid would be absolutely playing games with the numbers," Riedy said.

Medicaid, established by Congress in 1965, is a joint federal-state entitlement that covers hospital, nursing home and other medical care for more than 650,000 poor children, pregnant women, senior citizens and disabled people in Indiana. If no cost-cutting steps are taken, program costs are expected to swell to $4.33 billion by 2003. The state's share would exceed $1 billion.

But if "we solve Medicaid spending figures," Riedy said, "we are doing a disservice to the administration. They simply have to get control over the increase," he said. "If we give them the money, they wouldn't find the cuts." Riedy's bill would leave Indiana with a budget surplus of just $275 million by 2003.

July 2003. That's about 20 percent below O'Bannon's stated comfort level for the state to continue paying its bills on time.

"You could certainly patch together a budget to get us through the next two years," Riedy said. "The question is, what's the state going to look like in 2005?"

That's the year bills from the next property reassessment would come due. O'Bannon's proposed budget and the House version both leave virtually no money in the treasury to lessen the effect on home and business owners of expected property tax hikes.

"Right now, we're just upping the limit on our credit card, but the bills is going to come due at some point," Riedy said.

For now, though, the budget's beneficiaries are delighted.

The House bill will allow school districts to avoid layoffs and larger class sizes, said Dan Clark, deputy executive director of the Indiana State Teachers Association, the state's largest teachers union.

John Cardwell, executive director of the Indiana Home Care Task Force, thanked Bauer for forging $85 million a year more for the CHOICE home health-care program, which would bring funding to $480 million a year.

The budget also would spend $85 million more to extend Inhome, Medicaid-paid care to hundreds more Hoosiers, such as 6-year-old Jon Jeffrey Clifton, whose family lives near Humtown near Fort Wayne.

"It's about time," said his mother, Jennifer Clifton. "We're barely making it.

Her boy, J.J., has been on a state waiting list for services since 1998. The family has lived in poverty since to keep him eligible for Medicaid.

J.J. doesn't talk, has cerebral palsy and a seizure disorder and is severely mentally retarded. He's in special education classes and receives occupational, physical and speech therapy away from home.

His mother wants help caring for him at home.

"When he's mad, he does a lot of biting and scratching," she said. "I know I'm definitely going to need help when he gets older."

But the budget bill leaves on the uncertain health of the economy and budget cuts yet to be identified. Even so, the $21 billion plan was the first in a decade to win bipartisan support among members of the Ways and Means Committee.

Lawmakers had fewer than 20 minutes to study the amended budget before voting 24-1 to send it to the House floor for debate.

But support reached a crescendo immediately after Bauer allowed Republicans to add $141.4 million of projects in GOP-represented districts to a list of $36.5 million of gambling-funded projects for Democrats already in the bill.

Amid a festive atmosphere, lawmakers did not dwell on the bill's flaws:

- It spends more than the state will take in.
- It includes no money for local road repairs or new contributions to underfunded police, fire and teacher pension funds.
- It allows Medicaid officials to tap the Rainy Day Fund, which was created to tide the state over during economic recessions.

"By and large, I support this budget as it stands," said Rep. Jeffrey Espich, a Republican from Uniondale and a frequent critic of
State money would keep Little Calumet flood project afloat

BY CAROLE CARLSON
Staff Writer

The Little Calumet River Basin project is not exactly drowning in state funding.

So the $5.5 million earmarked for the flood control project in the House budget Tuesday looked pretty good to Dan Gardner, executive director of the Little Calumet Basin Commission.

It's about $6.5 million short of keeping pace with the project's federal funding level secured by U.S. Rep. Pete Visclosky, D-Merrillville, with bipartisan support from Republican Sen. Richard Lugar and Democrat Evan Bayh.

Kurt Opara, from Atlas Excavating, arranges stones at the bottom of a drainage ditch, at 29th Place and Coffax, in Gary, as part of the Little Calumet River flood project. It is the largest federal flood control project under way in the state.

Please see FLOOD, Page A6

FLOOD
Continued from Page A1

The $181 million project is half done and could be brought to a halt if the state doesn't contribute the necessary match.

The project's goal is to finish a system of earthen levees along a 9-mile stretch of the river through Gary, Highland, Munster and Hammond. It stretches from Interstate 65 to the Illinois state line.

Federal money keeps rolling down the river but state money has barely surfaced.

In the past three years, federal funding has reached $22.5 million compared with $1.5 million in state money.

In the 1999-2000 state biennium budget cycle, the project got nothing.

For this budget-writing session now ongoing in Indianapolis, Gardner and other supporters and local lawmakers have stepped up their support.

The commission has requested $12 million.

Gov. Frank O'Bannon included $4.5 million for it in his budget and the House increased that to $5.5 million from Build Indiana funds in its budget.

The Build Indiana money is generated by the state's share of gambling revenue.

The project, being completed by local contractors under the direction of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, will provide crucial flood protection for homeowners along the river.

Since 1957, at least three major floods swamped areas of Hammond, Highland, Griffith and Munster. There are more than 9,500 structures within the flood plain.

On Wednesday, work continued on the levee on Coffax Street in Gary, just south of 29th Place.

Without $12 million from the state, Gardner said the project could be slowed considerably because it won't appear to be a priority to congressmen in Washington.

"We have to come up with a 25 percent local share to keep it going."

Gardner has urged homeowners to write their lawmakers and O'Bannon.

"We need another $5.5 million in this two-year budget cycle to keep pace."

Once Gary's end of the project is completed, for example, Gardner said residents could escape the flood-plain designation and reduce their insurance costs.

Flood insurance on a home valued at $100,000 would cost $600 to $900 each year, he said.

Reporter Carole Carlson can be reached at 648-3085 or by e-mail at ccarlson@post-trib.com.
House approves spending plan

BY TERRY BURNS
Times Statehouse Bureau Chief

INDIANAPOLIS — With little opposition or controversy, the Indiana House overwhelmingly approved a Democratic-crafted, $21 billion spending plan Monday that relies on millions of dollars in gaming revenues and surplus funds to balance the state's books over the next two years.

Although the measure received uncharacteristically bipartisan support in the House, which passed the spending package 81-18, Senate leaders already are promising some major retooling of the budget proposal when it arrives in the Republican-led chamber.

Many in the Senate are uncomfortable with the fact that the House budget contains a $700 million shortfall yet includes increased spending on education and ignores the spiraling costs of Medicaid, which might require hundreds of millions of additional dollars in the coming years.

The House, “in essence, has dumped the problem on the Republicans,” said Senate Finance Committee Chairman Lawrence Borst, R-Greenwood. “They assume the Republicans will be statesmanlike and correct the mistakes, and chances are we will.”

Despite the criticism emanating from across the Statehouse rotunda, House Ways and Means Committee Chairman B. Patrick Bauer, D-South Bend, who devised the spending plan, called it an acceptable compromise given the recent economic slump and dwindling state revenues.

Although the budget bill avoids higher taxes, lawmakers crafting the spending plan still had to rely on some creative accounting schemes and fiscal sleight of hand to make the numbers work.

The budget taps into nearly $400 million in gambling money and reserves, using part of the cash to pay for a 4 percent funding increase to public schools and hike spending on universities and colleges, which initially feared their budgets might be flat-lined.

The House plan also depletes the state's $206 million Medicaid reserve fund to pay for $73 million in cost overruns this year and to cover anticipated double-digit increases in the health care program for the poor over the coming biennium.

The move still leaves the Medicaid program about $147 million short of the anticipated revenue needed to operate the program in the next two years.

At the same time, the measure allows the state to dip into the Rainy Day Fund to cover expenses, including Medicaid, and provides an additional $25 million to the Department of Corrections, which plans to open a new 1,600-bed prison this year in Miami County.

The plan also would spend 75 percent of the state's share of the nationwide tobacco lawsuit settlement, which is 15 percent more than originally agreed on last year, a decision that has many Senate Republicans balking.

But House Republicans, who normally oppose deficit spending, supported the budget proposal.

Why the political change of heart? Key Republicans threw support behind the budget only after Bauer and his budget-writing panel agreed last week to earmark more than $14 million in Build Indiana funds for GOP legislative districts.

For his part, Democratic Gov. Frank O'Bannon, who earlier this year unveiled a far less sweeping budget proposal, called the House spending plan a solid first step, even though the measure doesn't contain money for all of the governor's education initiatives.
March 1, 2001

Honorable Earl Harris
IN State Representative
Member, Ways & Means Committee
Indianapolis IN

Dear Representative Harris:

I have left messages with your secretary regarding the recently passed House budget containing the provision of the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission funding of $5.5 million requiring a 1 to 1 local match. While we are certainly thankful for the additional $1 million from the Governor’s recommendation, the Development Commission is not empowered to compel any municipality or county to contribute to the project. As you know, the Commission was created in 1980 to act as a conduit to leverage three Federal dollars for every State dollar invested. To date, over $79 million of Federal money has come to Northwest Indiana, with $24 million in State appropriations. This matching provision could cost the stoppage of the Federal contracts if we cannot use the Federal money as our match or have the clause deleted altogether.

Please call me at your earliest convenience to discuss the reason this was inserted and a strategy to deal with it. Thank you for your immediate attention to this most critical matter.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Dan Gardner
Executive Director

/sjm
encl.

cc: Rep. Chet Dobis
March 1, 2001

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IN State Representative  
Indianapolis IN

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Dan Gardner  
Executive Director

/sjm  
encl.
February 6, 2001

Col. Mark A. Roncoli
U. S. Army Corps of Engineers
111 N. Canal Street
Chicago, Illinois 60606-7206

Dear Col. Roncoli:

I am writing to you in response to the COE's letter dated January 24, 2001 requesting $671,410 be deposited into the project's escrow account. Due to the severely limited State funds available until the General Assembly can pass a new budget, the Commission does not presently have sufficient unobligated funds available to meet the Army Corps of Engineers request.

The Commission requests a meeting at the earliest date with you, John Sirles, Project Manager Imad Samara and a representative from Congressman Viscolsky's Office to develop a strategy to utilize the existing $1,025,000 currently available to the Commission in the best way to keep the project moving forward.

As you are aware, the Commission has continuing obligations in process of identifying, appraising, and ongoing needed properties for the upcoming construction contracts, ongoing utility relocation commitments, a letter directing beginning of securing lands suitable for mitigation needed to acquire the west reach construction permit, as well as the escrow account requirement. Attached is a work sheet listing existing obligations. These concurrent requirements exceed the funds available until July. We look forward to hearing from you of your availability and wish to work with the COE to best address this current crisis.

This is an urgent priority item and we wish to meet as soon as your schedule will allow.

Sincerely,

Dan Gardner
Executive Director

/cc: John Sirles, COE
Imad Samara, COE
Congressman Pete Viscolsky
Senators Lugar and Bayh's office
Dan Novakes, State Budget Agency staff
Mike Landwer, House Ways & Means staff
Pete Manous, representing Governor's Office
Representative Chet Dobis
Representative Earl Harris
Senator William Alexa
LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
EXISTING OBLIGATIONS
From February 1 to August 30, 2001 (Prepared 2/1/01)

Little Calumet River Flood Control/Recreation Project Funding Available: $1,025,000

**Acquisition dollars currently committed: $249,875**

- Burr Street Betterment Levee
- East Reach DC 59
  - DC 574 $5,500 condemn.
  - DC 575-A $2,500
  - DC 576 $72,300 relo
  - DC 577 $3,000
  - DC 70-A $500
  - DC 578 $6,300 relo
  - DC 582/583 $8,000
  - DC 69/584 $88,500 condemn.
  - DC 594/603 $275
  - DC 595 $35,000
  - DC 597 $3,000
  - DC 600 $2,000
  - DC 605 $5,000 (safety fencing)

**Appraisal invoices submitted/obligated: $65,000**

- Woodmar Country Club $20,000
- Wicker Park Golf Course $7,500
- West Reach: 25 in V-2 & V-3 $37,500

**Utility relos, survey contracts/invoices submitted/obligated: $548,396**

- GLE/DZL existing survey contracts $20,000
- WIND Grounding relocation $37,500
- NIPSCO relocates Burr Street $120,107
- Marathon relocates $255,000
- E.J. & E. + NS RR advance relo payment $42,000
- Utility Pipeline locations in V-2 plus
  - Stage III Remediation $25,000
- DC 743 and 748 demolitions $35,000
- Wolverine IV-1 South $13,789

**Administrative Services: $155,000**

- Legal: $35,000
- Contractors: $90,000
- Engineering: $30,000

**GRAND TOTAL EXISTING OBLIGATIONS = $1,018,271**