



Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission

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WILLIAM TANKE, Chairman Porter County Commissioners' Appointment

ROBERT HUFFMAN, Vice Chairman Governor's Appointment

CURTIS VOSTI, Treasurer Governor's Appointment

JOHN MROCZKOWSKI, Secretary Governor's Appointment

CHARLES AGNEW
Governor's Appointment

GEORGE CARLSON Mayor of Hammond's Appointment

ARLENE COLVIN Mayor of Gary's Appointment

STEVE DAVIS
Dept. of Natural Resources
Appointment

EMERSON DELANEY
Governor's Appointment

DR. MARK RESHKIN Governor's Appointment

MARION WILLIAMS Lake County Commissioners Appointment

DAN GARDNER
Executive Director

LOU CASALE Attorney **MEETING NOTICE**

THERE WILL BE A MEETING OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AT 6:00 P.M. THURSDAY, MAY 3, 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 April 5, 2001

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- Chairman's Report
 - COE letter giving preliminary estimated local share costs for the next two years (through FY03). Cost is \$9.8 million.
 - Possible budget impact on Commission
- 6. Executive Director's Report
 - Receipt of COE Project Funding Schedule
 - · Other issues

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7. Standing Committees

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- A. Land Acquisition/Management Committee Chuck Agnew, Chairman
 - Appraisals, offers, acquisitions, recommended actions
 - COE Real Estate meeting held April 9th and May 1st
 - Received response from LAMAR for compensation for billboards
 - Meeting to be scheduled with GSD, City of Gary, WREP to review East Reach operation and maintenance
 - Report on River Forest School Board meeting April 24th
 - Other issues
- B. Project Engineering Committee Bob Huffman, Chairman
 - Realignment of levee adjacent to Hart Ditch Request by North Twp. Trustee
 - Meeting on May 1st with Highland to review drainage issues at Indianapolis Blvd.
 south of the river
 - Other issues
- C. Legislative Committee George Carlson, Chairman
 - Report on State Budget
 - Meeting with Rep. Earl Harris on April 6th
 - > Letter to Senator Robert Meeks, Republican Budget Conferee
 - ➤ Letter to Senator Sue Landske
 - Correspondence re: funding between Sen. Landske and Lake County Surveyor George Van Til

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- N.W. IN Forum Environmental Committee letter of funding support to Rep. Earl Harris
- Newspaper article 2
- D. Recreational Development Committee Curtis Vosti, Chairman
 - Meeting was held on April 11th with RANI Engineering
 - Meeting held April 12th with Gary/I.U. for recreation trail coordination
 - Other issues
- E. Marina Development Committee Bill Tanke, Chairman
 - Report on status of Burns Waterway maintenance dredging
 - Other issues
- F. Finance/Policy Committee Curt Vosti, Chairman
 - Financial status report
 - Approval of claims for May 2001
 - Property liability insurance renewed for another year
 New underwriter is Nautilus Insurance Company
 - Other issues
- G. Minority Contracting Committee Marion Williams, Chairman
 - Minority participation in construction contracts
 - Other issues
- 8. Other Business
- 9. Statements to the Board from the Floor
- 10. Set date for next meeting

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION HELD AT 6:00 P.M. THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 2001 AT THE COMMISSION OFFICE 6100 SOUTHPORT ROAD PORTAGE, INDIANA

Chairman William Tanke called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. Nine (9) Commissioners were present. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Quorum was declared and guests were recognized.

Development Commissioners:

<u>Visitors:</u>

George Carlson Charles Agnew John Mroczkowski William Tanke Curt Vosti

Don Ewoldt – Lake Erie Land Company Sandy O'Brien – Dunelands Sierra Club Jim Flora – R. W. ARMSTRONG CO. Dale Gick – IDNR, Div. of Water Ruth Mores – Hammond resident

Bob Huffman

Marion Williams

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Steve Davis
Mark Reshkin

Staff:

Dan Gardner
Sandy Mordus
Lou Casale
Jim Pokrajac
Judy Vamos

Commissioner Bob Huffman made a motion to approve the minutes of March 1, 2001; motion seconded by Steve Davis; motion passed unanimously.

<u>Chairman's Report</u> – Mr. Tanke read a letter from the COE stating the preliminary estimated funds required from the Commission for the next two years (through FY03) is \$9.8 million. Discussion ensued on the \$5.5 million budget request for this biennium.

Mr. Tanke also announced that the Little Calumet River project video has been sent to all 150 Indiana legislators accompanied by a letter.

Executive Director's Report - Mr. Gardner informed the Board members that we have sent a check to the COE for \$250,000 (which is a partial payment of escrow funds required as part of the cash contribution) in order to keep ongoing construction contracts working. We are hoping that this amount will take us through until about the end of May. Attorney Casale added that they had talked to Imad Samara nd Imad will send us a letter verifying that the \$250,000 will be sufficient until the end of May.

Mr. Gardner referred to the financial breakdown of expenditures incurred, COE credits and other project credits, and non-creditable expenditures that is included in the agenda packet. He distributed additional information on

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the expenditures by category. He explained the information to the Board members. All of the figures presented are monies that have been spent in the past – not future monies. Chairman Tanke suggested we update these figures at the end of each year to keep it up to date. Commissioner Agnew thanked staff for assembling these figures into the categories. He stated that since he has been on the Commission since 1980, he is not ashamed of one penny we've spent – we have always spent every dollar given us to the best use possible. Discussion ensued on properties that were originally purchased by the IDNR before the LCA was signed and now since those particular lands are not needed, shouldn't we still be able to get credit for them since they were bought in good faith at the time. It was suggested that we write a letter documenting the history of why the IDNR purchased certain lands to substantiate those dollars spent.

<u>Land Acquisition/Management Committee</u> – Committee Chairman Chuck Agnew reported that there were no increased offers or condemnations this month. He reported that Tim Nugent (golf course architect) inspected the Woodmar Country Club grounds for appraisal purposes. Accompanying him were Dale Kleszynski, Lou Casale and a representative of the Club. The appraisal should be completed shortly. Mr. Agnew also reported that the Land Acquisition committee met on March 27th to discuss the handicapped-accessible park construction. As a result of that meeting, Mr. Agnew made a motion to proceed with Phase I development of the park at a cost of \$73,732; motion seconded by George Carlson; motion passed unanimously. This money will come from LEL monies and bills will not be payable until after July 1st because the LEL monies are currently in a CD that does not come due until July. Money will be reimbursed by LEL.

<u>Project Engineering Committee</u> – Committee Chairman Bob Huffman gave the engineering report. He reported that a meeting was held with the town of Griffith, the COE, Kortenhoven and the Commission on April 3rd to review the impact of new culvert installation west of the EJ&E RR. A meeting is scheduled on April 9th with Overstreet Construction to review shut down procedure for completely shutting down pump stations one at a time. A meeting is scheduled for April 11th with RANI ENG. and INDOT to review Stage VI-2 plans. Discussion ensued on the COE's Stage III remediation plans & specs which were very incomplete. This is a problem we've had in the past. Engineering Committee meeting may be scheduled to talk about this issue. Discussion then took place on west reach utility relocation. Jim Pokrajac and Jim Flora have put together a utility compensability milestones worksheet as a utility format to follow. There are over 250 new utility relocations in the west reach.

<u>Legislative Committee</u> — Committee Chairman George Carlson reported that the committee met this week to discuss if there was anything else they could do in regard to the removal of the language requiring a 1 for 1 local match placed on the proposed \$5.5 million currently contained in the budget. Staff has written a letter to Representative Earl Harris and Senator Lawrence Borst. Also, at the NIRPC Board meeting on March 15th, they passed Resolution 01-07 that supported the original \$12 million budget request without the requirement of local matching dollars. Mr. Carlson also referred to several letters contained in the agenda packet written to our area legislators, various newspaper articles and a letter from Senator Sue Landske acknowledging receipt of our letter regarding the language in the budget bill. Mr. Gardner stated he had talked to Mayor Pastrick also and then referred to a letter to Jeff Viohl from IN Federal Liaison Office in Washington, representing the

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Governor's office. Staff has also sent a letter to Congressman Pete Visclosky. The letters detailed all the monies spent thus far into categories of how those dollars were spent.

Mr. Gardner stated that it would be in conference committee where it would be determined whether the language comes off the bill or not. We have received a lot of support from a lot of different areas. He thanked Mark Reshkin, who is writing in support of the funding, representing the Northwest IN Forum Environmental Committee. He thanked the local elected officials supporting the NIRPC resolution. He thanked the town of Highland for letters they have written in our support. Chairman Bill Tanke stated that he thinks we have done everything we could possibly do — if anyone can think of anything else we can do, please let us know. He thanked Mr. Gardner for writing the letters to the representatives and senators.

<u>Recreational Development Committee</u> – Committee Chairman Curt Vosti informed the Board members that a meeting is scheduled with the City of Gary, I.U. Northwest, the COE, and the Commission on April 12th to review our proposals for recreation trail re-alignment at Broadway and Grant. He also stated that R. W. Armstrong Company presented their proposal/conclusions in regard to constructing a pedestrian walkway at Kennedy Avenue in Highland. Several options were presented for consideration. Staff will review and we will share with the COE. Costs that were given were engineering costs only – not construction costs.

<u>Marina Committee</u> — Committee Chairman Bill Tanke referred to a public notice contained in the agenda packet that was received from IDNR for the sediment removal project at the mouth of Burns Waterway at the Portage Public Marina.

<u>Finance Committee</u> – Mr. Gardner referred to the monthly financial status report in the agenda packet and referred to the claims for approval. Chuck Agnew proceeded to make a motion to approve the financial status report and claims sheet totaling \$303,324.77; motion seconded by Bob Huffman; motion passed unanimously. Mr. Gardner informed the Board that we have been talking with Dave Driver, insurance agent for Valparaiso Insurance Company, in securing a land liability insurance policy with a new underwriter.

<u>Minority Contracting Committee</u> – Committee Chairman Marion Williams reported that contractors continue to send in monthly reports. They are on file if anyone wishes to see them.

Other Business - There was none.

Statements to the Board – Don Ewoldt questioned whether we were the only agency singled out in the budget process requiring a 1 for 1 local match; and if we were, wouldn't it be unconstitutional to do so? Attorney Casale stated that he didn't think so but he would look into it.

Ruth Mores, resident along the river in Hammond, stated that the river is low and there are trees down that need to be removed. She has talked to the city but cannot get a good answer on whose responsibility it is to clean up

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the river. Mr. Gardner informed her that cities could declare an emergency situation, if it is warranted, that would allow them to remove minor debris from the river without a permit (but no sediment removal). Although the Commission has a 75' easement from the top of the bank, it is to maintain the drain only. Mr. Gardner offered to call Stan Dostatni, Hammond city engineer, to see if he would check the obstructions to see if it warrants removal.

There being no further business, the next regular Commission meeting was scheduled for <u>5:00 p.m. for a Work Study session and 6:00 for the regular Board meeting on Thursday, May 3, 2001.</u>

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

CHICAGO DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS

111 NORTH CANAL STREET

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60606-7206

April 5, 2001

ng, Programs and Project Management Division

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Mr. Bill Tanke Chairman, Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission 6100 Southport Road Portage, Indiana 46368

Dear Mr. Tanke

This is to confirm discussions in our meeting of February 20, 2001 and subsequent staff discussions related to financial analyses of expenditures for the Little Calumet River Flood Reduction Project.

The Local Cooperation Agreement (LCA), in Article VI-1, states that the Government shall notify the Commission by 30 April of each year of the estimated funds required from the Commission to meet its share of the total cost for the upcoming fiscal year.

We will provide a final estimate this month. At this time the preliminary estimated requirement is \$9.8M.for your share of costs for the next two years (through FY 03). This includes the cash requirement, estimated LERRDS and the Burr Street Betterment.

We plan to continue construction on the on-going contracts. No new construction can begin until all real estate associated with the new work is acquired.

I request your assurance that you can deliver the funding required to continue work on this project.

JOHN E SIRLES, III, P.E.

Deputy for Project Management

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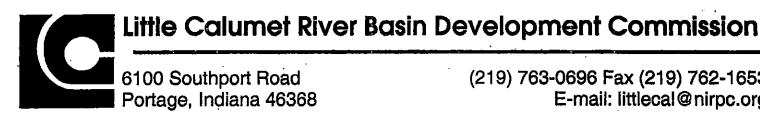
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JOHN MROCZKOWSKI, Secretary Governor's Appointment

CHARLES AGNEW Governor's Appointment

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April 19, 2001

Honorable Robert L. Meeks Indiana State Senator 5840 East 025 North LaGrange, Indiana 46761

Dear Senator Meeks:

Thank you for taking the time to speak to me on Wednesday, April 18th, regarding the Little Calumet River project funding contained in this year's State budget. I am writing you just to emphasize our concern regarding the language currently contained in the budget requiring a 1 for 1 local match and the disastrous consequences if this language remains in the bill.

This project has been under federal construction since 1990 and has reached an accelerated pace of approximately \$10 million a year due to the aggressive work of Congressman Peter Visclosky and Senators Richard Lugar and Evan Bayh. This accelerated schedule has heightened the need for the additional state funding we have requested to avail ourselves of the roughly 3 Federal construction dollars for every State dollar invested in the project. I appreciate your concern for the amount of funding and for the length of the project; and I again assure you, we are working to complete the project as quickly as possible and at the least cost to the Indiana taxpayers. The best approach to assuring speedy completion and contained costs is to schedule full construction capacity and finish within 6-8 years. To accomplish this, we must not have the local match requirement: as it will, rather than help, halt the Federal construction due to the Commission's statutory inability to raise local dollars or compel local contributions. Up to this point, this local match has not been required with the strategy that every State dollar leverages 3 Federal construction dollars.

While there has been significant community and county contributions to the project (which we have documented for the State Budget Agency and can provide to you) the requirement for a 1 for 1 local match to access the state dollars now would halt the Federal construction and jeopardize the State's good legal standing with the Federal contract.

Senator Robert L. Meeks April 19, 2001 Page 2

The Development Commission was created in 1980 to act as a State development commission in the place of the IN Department of Natural Resources due to new Federal requirements at that time that prohibit the IDNR from signing as the non-Federal sponsor. In that regard, the Development Commission acquires, holds land, and participates with the Federal government in the name of the State of Indiana.

Additional to the over 9,500 homes, businesses, and public institutions that will be protected by this project, the state of Indiana has significant public investments that will be protected; namely, (1) I-80/94 (Borman Expressway) which parallels the river corridor and is currently subject to flooding; (2) U. S. 41 and State Routes 53 and 912 that cross the river corridor and are subject to flooding; and (3) 2 regional campuses of state colleges, Indiana University Northwest and Purdue Calumet, which are located in the floodplain. As you can see, the State dollars invested leverage significant Federal construction and will protect major state institutions.

In conclusion, I again ask for your consideration of the elimination of this language so as to not jeopardize this project for Federal construction or for future state relationships that could be called into question by the Federal government if we default.

Thank you again for your time and attention to this extremely important issue to the State of Indiana and the affected residents of Gary, Griffith, Hammond, Highland and Munster.

Sincerely,

Dan Gardner

Executive Director

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cc: Congressman Peter Visclosky

Senators Lugar and Bayh

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Appointment

DAN GARDNER
Executive Director

LOU CASALE Attorney April 11, 2001

Honorable Sue Landske Indiana State Senator 7325 West 143rd Avenue Cedar Lake, Indiana 46303-9664

Dear Senator Landske:

Thank you for responding to us regarding our requesting your intervention on our behalf in the Senate budget. What you point out is true—the House representatives did vote for the budget that contained the \$5.5 million along with the match provision language. In talking directly with Representatives Chet Dobis and Earl Harris, it is their intent to remove that language in the conference committee of the budget while holding the \$5.5 million figure. We would appreciate anything you could do to support this action to the Senate conferees. The Commission reaffirms its need for the \$5.5 million to allow the Federal construction contracts to go forward. We sincerely believe this provision for local match could harm other current and future water projects in northwest Indiana, i.e. the Indiana Ship Canal project and the Kankakee River flood control project.

We thank you for your support in the past and your continued support in the future.

Sincerely,

William S. Tanke

Chairman

Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission

/sjm

Lake County Surveyor

From:

Sue Landske [SLANDSKE@iga.state.in.us]

Sent:

Monday, April 23, 2001 5:06 PM

To:

surveyor@cyberz.net

Subject:

Re: Support for LCAR Through Developmental Disabilities

Sorry, I have not received any messages from you or your office so I did not know that you were trying to reach me. I believe that you will find that the Lake Co. delegation of legislators is very proactive when it comes to issues that affect our part of the state whether it is roads, funding for the 317 Plan, or property taxes and I have not perceived any change in that attitude.

>>> "Lake County Surveyor" <surveyor@cyberz.net> 04/23 3:42 PM >>> Dear Senator Landske:

Please do everything you can to provide necessary funding for our area for local roads and streets, for continued work on the Little Calumet and Kankakee Rivers, for support of the Lake County Association for the Retarded through the 317 Plan for Developmental Disabilities, and for the South Shore R.R.. Our legislators, regardless of party caucuses, must support our area!

Also I must say, despite our respect and good communication in the past, I've been very disappointed that you never called me back after many calls to your office several weeks ago in reference to a County Surveyor's bill. Oh well.

George Van Til, Lake County Surveyor

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Northwest Indiana Forum Environmental Committee Minutes of April 5, 2001

Call To Order: G. Allie called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m.

Attendance: G. Allie, Ispat Inland, Chairman; A. Blessing, IDEM; D. Bley, Bethlehem Steel; T. Easterly, NiSource; R. Gyurko, Gary-Chicago Airport, Rees Madsen, BP Amoco; K. Nelson, Forum; V. Nordlund, US Steel; M. Reshkin, Forum; S. Simco, BP Amoco; and M. Tylee, Stateline Energy.

Approval of Minutes of March 1, 2001: M. Tylec moved and V. Nordhard seconded and approval of the minutes was unanimous.

IDEM - HPA EnPPA Agreement for 2001-2003. Adriane Blessing Northwest IDEM Director presented the process for the Environmental Performance Partnership Agreement between the two agencies. This year the public is asked to comment. Adriane and Donna Reed Wise, IDEM Chief of Staff, presented this participation opportunity to the NIRPC Environmental Policy Committee meeting which followed our meeting. M. Reshkin inquired about the specific section on northwest Indiana in past agreements and the stants of both agencies' Northwest Indiana Geographic Initiative. Comments followed concerning the numbering of priorities and the need to focus on improving the agencies environmental services with special emphasis on permits. K. Nelson and Mark Reshkin were to draft a letter reflecting the Committee's concerns and distribute it for comment. M. Reshkin subsequently proposed to the Quality of Life Council that a workgroup be established also to draft comments with emphases on the monitoring and assessing progress on specific activities proposed in the EnPPA. That body approved the proposal. M. Reshkin suggests we participate in and awart the results of the QLC effort before sending a Forum letter. An April 27th end to the comment period was noted. IDEM, however, is extending that for a meeting with environmentalists in Indianapolis in May. We will ask for similar consideration and perhaps a meeting with the Commissioner.

<u>Indiana Legislature</u>: G. Allie and others discussed legislation under consideration and the following is an <u>Indiana Legislative Update as of our meeting</u>.

- HB1058 Recycling and combustible landfill gases study.

Author: Jonathon Weinzapfel Sponsor: Beverly J. Gard

03/05/2001 S: 1st Reading Assigned Environmental Affairs

- HB1492 Environmental bodies.

Author: David Alan Wolkins Sponsor: Beverly J. Gard

03/22/2001 S: Committee Report amend do pass, adopted

- HB1830 Solid waste disposal.

Author: David Alan Wolkins Sponsor: Marvin D. Riegsecker

04/03/2001 S: Committee Report do pass, adopted

- HB1901 Mercury and mercury products.

Author: Dennis T. Avery Sponsor: Beverly J. Gard

04/02/2001 S: 2nd Reading Pass Amend

- HB1935 Shoreline environmental trust fund.

Author: Earl L. Harris Sponsor: Beverly J. Gard

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S: Ret 1st House No Amendments 03/27/2001

- HB2147 Administrative rules.

Author. Winfield C. Moses, Jr. Sponsor: Howard 'Luke' Kenley

S: Committee Report amend do pass, adopted 03/29/2001

- SB0016 Solid waste processing.

Author: Marvin D. Riegsecker Sponsor: Jonathon Weinzapfel

H: 1st Reading Assigned Environmental Affairs 03/12/2001

- SB0121 Environmental committees.

Author, Beverly J. Gard Sponsor: Jonathon Weinzapfel

03/21/2001 H: Ret 1st House Amendments

- SB0133 Violation of environmental rules.

Author: Howard 'Luke' Kenley Sponsor: Robert D. Kuzman

02/26/2001 H: 1st Reading Assigned Rules And Legislative Procedures

- SB0169 Wetland inventory.

Author: Vi Simpson

Sponsor: Jonathon Weinzapfel

H: 1st Reading Assigned Rules And Legislative Procedures 03/12/2001

SB0226 Regulation of steel making slag.

Author: Beverly J. Gard

Sponsor: Jonathon Weinzapfel

04/03/2001 H: Committee Action Pass Amend(9-0) Environmental Affairs

- SB0243 Groundwater quality rules.

Author: Beverly J. Gard

Sponsor: Jonathon Weinzapfel

H: Committee Report amend do pass, adopted 04/02/2001

- SB0273 Tax credit for brownfield program.

Author: Beverly J. Gard

Sponsor: Jonathon Weinzapfel

04/04/2001 H: Committee Sched 10:30 AM Room 404 Ways And Means

- SB0321 IDEM enforcement of restrictive covenants on land.

Author: Beverly J. Gard

Sponsor. Jonathon Weinzapfel

04/02/2001 H: Committee Report do pass, adopted

- SB0339 Environmental remediation revolving loan fund.

Anthor: Beverly J. Gard

Sponsor. Jonathon Weinzapfel

H: 1st Reading Assigned Ways And Means 02/26/2001

Annex 2001 re: out of basin withdrawals and in basin withdrawals of Great Lakes water: Last month a proposed annex to the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreements between the U.S. and Canada was presented at the EMPC meeting following ours. Environmental groups have proposed an in-basin moratorium on new withdrawals above 1MGD. A hearing followed in Valparaiso and the Council of Great Lakes Industries led a letter writing opposing aspects of the annex. Tom

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04/09/01 15:02 FAX 219 763 2653

McDermott has sent a letter containing our comments to the appropriate officials. We have learned that the Governors' Association is not proposing any such moratorium.

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Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission Funding: M. Reshkin reported on the state budget including 5.5 million dollars for continued Little Calumet Flood Control work in Highland. Hammond, and Munster over the next biennium. An unusual requirement was added - a dollar for dollar match of state funds. The River Commission has no taxing or bonding authority. An attempt will be made to rectify this complication. The COE has used this State Commission as a funding channel for the IN Harbor Ship Canal project preliminary work. M. Reshkin will draft a letter of support for full state funding for the Committee. State funds are matched 3:1 by Federal funds which Congressman Visclosky already has secured.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 a.m. and many members attended the NIRPC Environmental Management Committee public meeting on the EnPPA.

Next Meeting: is May 3rd,

- DRAFT -

The Honorable Earl Harris Indiana House of Representatives Indianapolis, IN

Date

Dear Representative Harris:

The Environmental Committee of the Northwest Indiana Forum requests your assistance in obtaining the necessary State of Indiana funding to continue the Little Calumet River flood control and recreation project. 5.5 million dollars are in the proposed state budget as match for the Federal funds already approved to continue this project. The budget bill requirement of a dollar-for-dollar local match is a new approach and may be unique for such a state sponsored project and, realistically, is not attainable.

The project is entering its "west reach", the western part of Lake County, Highland, Hammond and Munster – the area where the most people are under threat of flooding as a result of heavy rain events. Indeed, this state agency, the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission, also has served as a funding channel for major U. S. Army Corps of Engineers' studies leading to the long overdue dredging of the Indiana Harbor Canal Grand Calumet River waterway in East Chicago.

The efforts of this Commission are leading to a safer and improved quality of life in northwest Indiana. Your support in resolving this concern is earnestly desired and most appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Gary Allie, Chairman
Northwest Indiana Forum Environmental Committee

Revenue -

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Senate Finance Committee Chairman Larry Borst, R-Greenwood, said the budget plan Senate Republicans recently passed already was designed to brace the state for leaner times.

The plan included smaller increases for schools and universities than the budget approved by the Democrat-controlled House, and it would place a moratorium on bonding for university capital projects.

Borst said the March figures and a new fiscal forecast due next week could force further scalebacks in proposed funding for schools and other programs and might prompt considerations of dipping into the state's Rainy Day Fund.

He predicted the fiscal forecast "will look like a disaster."

"I think the updated forecast is going to look bad because Indiana has to be at negative growth," he said. "I don't think we're going to show an upswing until next year of anything signif-

Revenue collections for February were \$102.6 million below that projected in December 2000. They were \$61 million - or 9.2 percent - below that forecast for March.

Although sales tax collections were slightly above the target for March, individual income taxes were \$39 million, or 15 percent, below projections. Corporate income taxes were \$25.4 million, or nearly 60 percent, below target.

The O'Bannon administration has blamed some of the recent decline on more people than anticipated filing earlier for elec-

tronic tax refunds.

Cockrum said next week's fiscal forecast will give lawmakers a more complete picture of the state's finances to finalize a budget in the closing weeks of the legislative session.

Revenue falls short of state's projection

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - The cloud over the state's finances grew darker Thursday with word that tax revenue collections were \$61 million below projections for March.

For the first nine months of the fiscal year, the state has taken in \$214 million less than projected.

"We've known for some time that we're in a slowdown, and this report continues to demonstrate that," said State Budget Director Betty Cockrum, an appointee of Democratic Gov. Frank O'Bannon.

Lawmakers already have been grappling with tighter fiscal times in trying to craft a new, two-year state budget. Thursday's news could make that task even trickier.

Compounded over two years, the \$214 million shortfall would take away more than \$400 million that House Democrats and Senate Republicans were banking on while drafting their competing budget proposals.

See REVENUE, A11

LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FINANCIAL STATEMENT JANUARY 1, 2001 - MARCH 31, 2001

CASH POSITION - JANUARY 1, 2001 CHECKING ACCOUNT			
LAND ACQUISITION		541,026.11	-
GENERAL FUND		49,902.51	
TAX FUND		0.00	
INVESTMENTS		2,596,370.26	
ESCROW ACCOUNT INTEREST		21,476.77	
			3,208,775.65
RECEIPTS - JANUARY 1, 2001 - MARCH 31,	2001		
LEASE RENTS	2001	14,000.00	
INTEREST INCOME		1,998.87	
LAND ACQUISITION		391,951.74	
ESCROW ACCOUNT INTEREST		227.32	
MISC. INCOME AMERITECH 16,74	16.91	17,253.80	
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KRBC REIMBURSEMENT RE: TELEPHO	ONE CHARGE	455.42	
PROCEEDS FROM VOIDED CHECKS		0.00	(0.5.00.0.1.5
TOTAL RECEIPTS			425,887.15
DISBURSEMENTS - JANUARY 1, 2001 - MA	DCU 21 2001		
ADMINISTRATIVE	KC1131. 2001		
2000 EXPENSES PAID IN 2001		179,730.72	
PER DIEM		3,800.00	
LEGAL SERVICES		1,955.49	
NIRPC		36,982.09 523.80	
TRAVEL & MILEAGE PRINTING & ADVERTISING		2,306.00	
BONDS & INSURANCE		77.00	
TELEPHONE EXPENSE		1,988.86	
MEETING EXPENSE		2,097.00	
LAND ACQUISITION		11 706 76	
LEGAL SERVICES	•	11,705,75 42,275.00	
APPRAISAL SERVICES ENGINEERING SERVICES		23,894.69	
LAND PURCHASE CONTRACTUAL		13,809.00	
FACILITIES/PROJECT MAINTENANCE	SERVICES	1,250.00	
OPERATIONS SERVICES		0.00	
LAND MANGEMENT SERVICES		40,137.24	
SURVEYING SERVICES ECONOMIC/MARKETING SOURCES		37,331.72	
PROPERTY & STRUCTURE COSTS		195,083.00	
MOVING ALLOCATION		·	
TAXES		1,138.56	
LAND PURCHASE CONTRACTUAL	~=	13,000.00	
PROPERTY & STRUCTURES INSURANG UTILITY RELOCATION SERVICES	CE	550.00	
LAND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT		29,745.00	
STRUCTURAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMEN	ITS	1,250.30	
PURCHASE CERTIFICATE CALUMET E	ANK	21,500.00	
PURCHASE MONEY MARKET BANK O	NE	393,040.41	555 440 01
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS			875,440.91
CASH POSITION - MARCH 31, 2001			
CHECKING ACCOUNT			
LAND ACQUISITION		124,420.95	
GENERAL FUND		16,720.79	
TAX FUND		0.00	
INVESTMENTS .			
BANK CALUMET	316,000.00	10/30/2001	
BANK CALUMET	700,000.00	10/30/2001	
BANK ONE	105,116.15	10/04/2001	
BANK CALUMET	162,684.25 12,593.99	07/03/2001 07/01/2001	
BANK ONE BANK ONE	124,546.62	MONEY MARKET	
BANK ONE	610,620.92	MONEY MARKET	
BANK ONE	396,805.52	MONEY MARKET	
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ESCROW ACCOUNT INTEREST		21,704.09	2,591,213.28
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LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT, APRIL 2001

								6 MONTH	UNALLOCATED
	2001							ALLOCATED	BUDGETED
	BUDGET	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	TOTAL	BALANCE
5801 PER DIEM EXPENSES	16,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			0.00	16,000.00
5811 LEGAL EXPENSES	8,500.00	903.83	368.33	988.83	1,770.83			4,031.82	4,468.18
5812 NIRPC SERVICES	125,000.00	8,860.29	9,620.29	9,773.09	9,377.53			37,631.20	87,368.80
5821 TRAVEL/MILEAGE	14,000.00	0.00	24.08	150.92	8.68			183.68	13,816.32
5822 PRINTING/ADVERTISING	5,000.00	2,306.00	0.00	0.00	702.50			3,008.50	1,991.50
5823 BONDS/INSURANCE	7,500.00	0.00	77.00	0.00	5,565.63			5,642.63	1,857.37
5824 TELEPHONE EXPENSES	7,000.00	113.26	244.35	677.99	0.00			1,035.60	5,964.40
5825 MEETING EXPENSES	8,000.00	137.05	609.24	163.60	253.44			1,163.33	6,836.67
5838 LEGAL SERVICES	62,500.00	3,907.48	5,670.91	6,963.27	4,430.48			20,972.14	41,527.86
5840 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	250,000.00	43,899.76	33,497.23	92,147.57	34,758.31			204,302.87	45,6 97.13
5860 PROJECT LAND PURCHASE EXP.	678,622.00	0.00	9,888.56	186,152.00	1,975.97			198,016.53	480,605.47
5881 PROPERTY/STRUCTURE INS.	12,500.00	550.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			550.00	11,950.00
5882 UTILITY RELOCATION EXP.	100,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,307.50	202.50			1,510.00	98,490.00
5883 PROJECT LAND CAP. IMPROV.	125,000.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00			5,000.00	120,000.00
5884 STRUCTURES CAP. IMPROV.	12,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			0.00	12,500.00
	1,432,122.00	60,677.67	59,999.99	303,324.77	59,045.87	0.00	0.0	0 483,048.30	949,073.70

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<u> </u>	2001							ALLOCATED	BUDGETED
	BUDGET	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER N	OVEMBER	DECEMBER	TOTAL	BALANCE
5801 PER DIEM EXPENSES	16,000.00							0.00	16,000.00
5811 LEGAL EXPENSES	8,500.00							4,031.82	4,468.18
5812 NIRPC SERVICES	125,000.00							37,631.20	87,368.80
5821 TRAVEL/MILEAGE	14,000.00							183.68	13,816.32
5822 PRINTING/ADVERTISING	5,000.00							3,008.50	1,991.50
5823 BONDS/INSURANCE	7,500.00							5,642.63	1,857.37
5824 TELEPHONE EXPENSES	7,000.00							1,035.60	5, 964.40
5825 MEETING EXPENSES	8,000.00							1,163.33	6,836.67
5838 LEGAL SERVICES	62,500.00							20,972.14	41,527.86
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5883 PROJECT LAND CAP. IMPROV.	125,000.00							5,000.00	120,000.00
5884 STRUCTURES CAP. IMPROV.	12,500.00							0.00	12,500.00
	1,432,122.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	483,048.30	949,073.70

CLAIMS PAYABLE FOR APRIL 2001

ACCT	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	EXPLANATION OF CLAIM
			DETAINED FEE BILLED TUBOLICH 4/02/04
5811	LOUIS CASALE		RETAINER FEE BILLED THROUGH 4/23/01
5811	LOUIS CASALE	••••	ADD'L LEGAL SERVICES THROUGH 4/23/01
5812	NIRPC		SERVICES PERFORMED MARCH 2001
5812	KRAMER & LEONARD		OFFICE SUPPLIES
5821	SANDY MORDUS		MILEAGE FOR PERIOD ENDED 4/26/01
5822	MERGING PICTURES INC		DUPLICATION OF VIDEO OF COMMISSION PROPERTY
5823	DON POWERS AGENCY INC	·	RENEWAL POLICY FOR DIRECTORS & OFFICERS
5825	SAND RIDGE BANK		EXPENSES INCURRED AT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING 4/2/01
5825	SAND RIDGE BANK	98.94	MEETING EXPENSES INCURRED 4/6/01 WITH
			REPRESENTATIVÉ EARL HARRIS
5825	SAND RIDGE BANK		LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING 4/23/01
5838	LOUIS CASALE	4,430.48	LAND ACQUISITION/LEGAL SERVICES THROUGH 4/23/01
5841	ASSOCIATED PROPERTY COUNSELORS	5,200.00	APPRAISAL FOR DC-1131,DC-1132,DC-1133,DC-1134,DC-1135,
			DC-1138,DC-1139,DC-1163,DC-1164,DC-1165,DC-1166,DC-1167
			& DC-1168
5842	R. W. ARMSTRONG	3,120.79	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR PERIOD ENDED 4/13/01
5842	R. W. ARMSTRONG	7,000.00	KENNEDY AVE WALKWAY BRIDGE FEASIBILITY STUDY
5843	MERIDIAN TITLE CORPORATION	75.00	TITLE WORK PREFORMED FOR DC-615
5843	MERIDIAN TITLE CORPORATION	225.00	TITLE WORK PREFORMED FOR DC-810
5843	MERIDIAN TITLE CORPORATION	150.00	TITLE WORK PREFORMED FOR DC-811
5843	MERIDIAN TITLE CORPORATION	275.00	TITLE WORK PREFORMED FOR DC-575A
5843	LAKE COUNTY RECORDER	16.00	TO RECORD DEED FOR DC-707
5844	JAMES POKRAJAC	2,668.00	ENGINEERING/LAND MANAGEMENT SERVICES 3/16/01-3/23/01
5844	JAMES POKRAJAC	157.64	MARCH MILEAGE
5844	JAMES POKRAJAC	3,588.00	ENGINEERING/LAND MANAGEMENT SERVICES 4/2/01-4/12/01
5844	JUDITH VAMOS	2,970.00	LAND ACQUISITION/MANAGEMENT SERVICES 3/16/01-3/30/01
5844	JUDITH VAMOS	47.88	MARCH MILEAGE
5844	JUDITH VAMOS	1,749.00	LAND ACQUISITION/MANAGEMENT SERVICES 4/2/01-4/12/01
5844	SANDY MORDUS	588.00	CREDITING TECHNICIAN SERVICES 3/17/01-3/29/01
5844	SANDY MORDUS	306.25	CREDITING TECHNICIAN SERVICES 4/2/01-4/12/01
5844	G. LORRAINE KRAY	627.00	CREDITING TECHNICIAN & LAND ACQUISITION ASST 3/19/01-3/29/01
5844	G. LORRAINE KRAY	602,25	CREDITING TECHNICIAN & LAND ACQUISITION ASST 4/4/01-4/11/01
5845	DLZ	5,392,50	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RE: DC-1005-DC-1008, DC-1020,
30-10		-,	DC-1030-1031,DC-1042-DC-1050
5863	LAKE COUNTY TREASURER	1,975.97	TAXES FOR DC-541(Lot 25, 26, & 27),DC-578,DC-743 (MAY & NOV
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			PAYMENT),& DC-743(DEL. TAX)
5882	R.W. ARMSTRONG	202 50	UTILITY RELOCATION SERVICES FOR PERIOD ENDED 4/13/01
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TOTAL

59,045.87

PUBLIC OFFICIALS LIABILITY POLICY

POL 0063199 ·

THIS IS A CLAIMS MADE POLICY **DECLARATIONS**

STOCK COMPANY

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TUDOR INSURANCE COMPANY

KEENE, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03431

ITEM 1. INSURED AND ADDRESS

LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION 6100 SOUTHPORT ROAD PORTAGE, IN 46368

ITEM 2. POLICY PERIOD

12:01 A.M., Standard Time at the address of the Insured as stated herein.

FROM:

3/31/01

TO:

.3/31/02

ITEM 3. LIMIT OF LIABILITY (Inclusive of Defense Costs)

\$ 1,000,000

ITEM 4. RETENTION (Applicable to Each Loss)

\$ 5,000

This Insurance Is Underwritten By An Approved Surplus Lines Insurer And Is Not Protected in The Event Of Insolvency Under The Provision Of The Indiana Insurance Guaranty Association Law.

ITEM 5. PREMIUM

\$ 5,225.00 + \$130.63 SLT + \$210.00 Policy fee = \$5565.63

ITEM 6. RETROACTIVE DATE

NOT APPLICABLE

ITEM 7. DESIGNEE OF PUBLIC ENTITY TO RECEIVE NOTICES FROM INSURER

DAN GARDNER - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

ITEM 8. POLICY FORM AND ENDORSEMENTS ATTACHED AT INCEPTION

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e declaration page and endorsements and/or forms listed above and attached hereto together with the completed and hed application shall constitute the contract between the Insured and the Company.

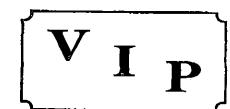
Countersigned:

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FRANKLIN LAKES, NJ 3/20/01

VALPARAISO Over 60 years of "Nothing but Insurance" INSURANCE PROFESSIONALS

P.O. BOX 288 / 2621 BEECH STREET / VALPARAISO, IN 46384 / AREA 219 482 5106



April 12, 2001

Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission 6100 Southport Road Portage, IN. 46368 Attention: Sandy Mordus

Dear Sandy,

Just thought I'd write you a short letter to confirm that your liability coverage with us is still in full force and effect, though now it is through the Nautilus Insurance Company. The policy number is NC140023 and it started April 5, 2001 when your other policy expired. The premium for this coverage is considered 25% fully earned at exception and, on an annual basis, is about the same as last year's. I wanted to remind you that, as we have discussed, we cover only the locations that are on the schedule from last year's policy, at this time. In order for other locations to be added, we need addresses and acreage (approximate). While we have talked about this for some time, we have not received anything further from you. Also, if any coverage is needed for the house and business location that you rent out, we need the addresses for these locations.

As we discussed, when you own land that is leased, rented, or loaned to another entity such as the Lake County Park Department, we require that your entity be added as an additional insured to that other entity's insurance coverage. From our last meeting, it seemed that we were all "on the same page" as to the need for that to happen as I believe you have already done this with several other entities. Please keep us advised of any changes in hazard or additions of other recreational activities to those that are currently on your policy. We hope to hear from you soon on the above and should have your new policy to you shortly.

We very much appreciate your insurance business!

Yours truly,

David F. Driver, CPCU

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RECREATION REPORT

For meeting on Thursday, May 3, 2001

(Information in this report is from March 24, 2001 – April 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. (As per our April 12 coordination meeting, this will not be needed.)
 - 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. A meeting was held with the City of Gary, Indiana University, LCRBDC, and the COE on April 12, 2001 (at Indiana University) to review our proposals for recreation trail re-alignment at Broadway Street and at Grant Street.

Trail on Broadway can cross south of river instead of at the light on 32nd Ave.
 Temporarily we will cross at the light until I.U. completes their work on Broadway.

- We will submit a letter to Gary requesting review of our trail proposal between Grant and Harrison.
- B. LCRBDC is going to coordinate a revised recreation trail alignment at Grant Street.
 - 1. We will submit a proposed layout between Harrison and Grant to the city of Gary, Indiana University N.W. and the Gary Planning Dept. for review, comments, and suggestions.

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 was held with INDOT and the COE on April 11, 2001, to review this situation.
 - INDOT agreed we could cross further south at the existing light at Highway Avenue.
 - We need to coordinate with Highland on the west and Griffith on the east to finalize routes to tie into our trails.
- B. Tri-State recreational trail tie-in for the Highland/Wicker Park/Erie Lackawanna Trail Systems.
 - 1. The COE will modify the engineering and real estate drawings. It is still the intent to have this recreation trail on the land side. (Refer to Land Acquisition & Engineering Reports).
 - 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.
 - R.W. Armstrong (Indianapolis) made a presentation at our April 5, 2001 Board Meeting. We will have a discussion with the Engineering/Recreation Committee to review the different options.



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MEMORANDUM

TO:

Bill Staehle, Spencer Cortwright, Roland Elvambuena, Spike

Peller, Kim Lyles, Imad Samara, Tim Kroll, Jan Plachta, Dan Gardner, Curt Vosti, Bob Huffman, Chuck Agnew, Emerson

Delaney, Steve Davis, Lou Casale

FROM:

Jim Pokrajac, Land Management/Engineering Agent

SUBJECT:

Notes from Recreational Trail Coordination Meeting

DATE:

April 26, 2001

Enclosed are notes from our recreational trail coordination meeting held on April 12, 2001 at 9:30 a.m. at Indiana University Northwest. These notes are for your information, and coordination regarding these issues will be forthcoming. It is our intention to facilitate a final plan for the recreational trail installation and locations at Broadway and Grant Streets. It is our intention to release the contract to do this work this year.

If you have any questions regarding any of these issues, please contact me.

/sjm encl.

NOTES FROM RECREATIONAL TRAIL COORDINATION MEETING HELD AT 9:30 A.M. APRIL 12, 2001 AT I.U. NORTHWEST

ATTENDEES: Dan Gardner, LCRBDC

Jim Pokrajac, LCRBDC Curtis Vosti, LCRBDC

Roland Elvambuena, City of Gary Bill Staehle, I. U. Northwest Spencer Cortwright, I. U. Northwest

Tim Kroll, Corps of Engineers

- 1. Jim Pokrajac presented current Corps of Engineers proposal for east reach recreational trail alignment
 - It is intended to make our recreational trail contiguous from Martin Luther King Drive to Cline Avenue
 - The Development Commission currently has easement agreements with the City of Gary to install a ramp from the existing levee eastward to the Broadway right-of-way.
- 2. Bill Staehle presented current I. U. Northwest/City of Gary proposal
 - The boundaries are from Ridge Road on the south to I80/94 on the north, I65 on the east, and Grant Street on the west.
 - This area includes Ivy Tech, I. U. Northwest, and Gary Technical Vocational, which will be referred to as the "University Park District".
 - It is their purpose to improve this area to minimize gangs, drugs, and to provide general clean-up.
 - · A number of sponsors are currently in place for this project.
 - The City of Gary and I. U. Northwest would like to concentrate on making the I80/94/Broadway intersection as a focal point as part of this development.
 - It is currently proposed to install a 11' wide island along the center of Broadway. This will include trees, lighting, and landscaping.
 - The installation of this island would slow traffic down in this area.
 - The adjacent lanes to this island would remain at 12' wide and would be configured to allow turn lanes where necessary.
 - · The next comprehensive plan will be due in 2 years.
 - Improvements on the Broadway right-of-way will be a state cost.
- 3. Dan Gardner presented other considerations in this general area
 - INDOT is proposing to expand I80/94 over the next 10 years. Two interchanges at Grant Street and Broadway will be reconstructed. Designs have not been shared yet with the communities.
 - Mr. Gardner suggested that I. U. Northwest and the City of Gary coordinate with INDOT to provide input for design at these interchanges.
 - The flood protection levees are now installed and operation and maintenance will eventually be required. The Development Commission will be working with the City of Gary and I. U. Northwest to see if a joint effort could be made for levee maintenance.

- Landside development would now be available with drainage improvements such as pumping or detention areas. The Development Commission will be currently working with the COF and FEMA to remove adjacent properties from the flood plain in the city of Gary once construction in Gary is complete.
- The Gary Sanitary District is currently proposing overflow storage east of Broadway and south of the levee. (Mr. Staehle had concern that this would interfere with their comprehensive plan.) (Size of tank would be 10 million gallons)
- Mr. Gardner suggested that I. U. Northwest, the City of Gary, and the Gary Sanitary District review this proposal in order to come up with a plan for the ultimate use of this area.
- The Gary Parks & Recreation Department currently desires to install a driving range in the Gleason Park area and that the Development Commission has some money available for them to do this work.
- 4. It was suggested that the Development Commission use their original proposal which has the recreation trail crossing Broadway south of the Little Calumet River and adjacent to the south line of flood protection.
 - I. U. Northwest has plans to plant and develop the area between the west side of Broadway and our levee, between 32nd Avenue and the Little Calumet River.
 - I. U. Northwest concurred that the further north of the University we can install our trail, the better; and that they would support this proposal.
 - The City of Gary proposed, until I. U. Northwest has completed their work in this area, that we could use the existing sidewalks on the west and east sides of Broadway (crossing at the stoplight at 32nd Avenue) to allow the trail to be contiguous at this time. We should also provide proper signage.
 - By doing this, the Development Commission/Corps of Engineers could eliminate the installation of the current proposed ramp coming down from the existing levee.
- 5. The Grant Street crossing for our recreation trail was also discussed. The COE's proposal indicated we would cross Grant Street south of the Little Calumet River, but found that the heavy truck traffic in that area would prohibit the usage at that point.
 - The Development Commission proposed to modify the trail alignment by installing a ramp south off their existing levee south of the river to the east of Gilroy Stadium, then west to 32nd Avenue.
 - We would follow 32nd Avenue westward to cross Grant Street at the existing stoplight.
 - The Development Commission will write a letter and attach a proposal for review to the city of Gary (Roland Elvambuena) and the Gary Parks & Recreation Department (Kim Lyles) to get input, comments, and concurrence for this installation.
- 6. Bill Staehle suggested a coordination meeting with the City of Gary and INDOT to review work to be done on both Broadway and I80/94.
 - A meeting was also suggested between the City of Gary, Gary Sanitary District, I. U. Northwest and the Development Commission to facilitate a comprehensive plan for this area where the existing features of the Little Calumet River flood control project could be incorporated with the comprehensive plan by I. U. Northwest.

PROJECT ENGINEERING MONTHLY STATUS REPORT For meeting on Thursday, May 3, 2001

(Information in this report is from March 24, 2001 - April 26, 2001)

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

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

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

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:

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

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

- 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 **July 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 July, 2001.

STATUS (STAGE III) Chase to Grant Street:

- 1. Project completed on May 6th, 1994. Kiewit Construction – Contract price \$6,564,520.
- 2. STAGE III DRAINAGE REMEDIATION PLAN.
 - A. The LCRBDC submitted comments to the COE on April 12, 2001 for their 50% /-2 plans and specifications submittal.
 - These plans were incomplete for 50% review and lacked much detail and information.
 - 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 an 18,500 GPM pump station West of Grant St. & Remainder toward work with the City of Gary.
 - A letter was sent to the COE on March 23, 2001, requesting cost/budget information on remaining money for this work and whether it will be enough to complete the "East Reach Construction Clean-Up Project."
 - As of April 24, 2001 we have not received a response to this request. It is critical to determine the scope of work to assure missing or incomplete items in the East Reach area done.

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 <u>Dillon</u>

 <u>Contractors</u> on November 30th, 1999, and received the notice to proceed on January
 14th, 2000. (Project currently approx. 95% complete.) Projected completion by May
 1, 2001, when the weather permits.
 - The contractor is currently working on clean-up and minor punch list items.
 - Fine grading and seeding has been completed.
 - Anticipate a June preliminary inspection and a July mutual <u>FINAL</u> acceptance inspection.
 - Contractor responsible for removing unsuitable material from overburden storage area at 35th & Chase as part of the final inspection.
 - B. The low bidder was <u>Dillon Contractors</u>, <u>Inc.</u> 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

- C. On March 6, 2001, it was brought to our attention by the COE, that we were having erosion problems in the drainage ditch (sloughing) and we would try seeding to cure this problem.
 - These areas were hydro-mulched on April 2, 2001 and the seed is starting to take. Periodic inspections are being made.

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. 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. 72% complete, approx. all of the clay is placed, sheet piling is approx. 95% completed. Colfax to Calhoun Streets piling has been completed.
 - An inspection is anticipated for Fall, 2001.
- 2. 450 days to complete (September 2001 completion of seeding and fine grading.)
- 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.
 - An additional request to the NSRR was sent out on March 22, 2001 to get their authorization. (Ongoing)
 - A request was sent to the NSRR on April 26th to provide an updated cost estimate to relocate their tracks west of WIND Radio.

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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 summer of 2001; anticipated completion will be the end of September, 2001.
 - A preliminary construction meeting will be held in the field with GSD/WREP to review the scope of work and keep them informed.
 - B. Austgen Electric will be the contractor.
- 3. A final inspection will be scheduled with the LCRBDC and the COE for this entire project, including the pump station in **summer** 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 summer of 2001. A final inspection will be held approximately mid-July 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
- 3. A meeting was held with the COE and Dyer Construction on March 8, 2001, to turn over equipment for operating the sluice gates.

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. 80% 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.
 - The road raise at Colfax started on March 14, 2001 and all stockpiled material has been installed and graded. (Approx. 30% completed with fill.)
 - 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. All work has been
 completed on the East side and earthwork on the West side is scheduled to start
 in early May. (Kortenhoven culvert is now installed).
- 3. A meeting was held with NIPSCO and Ameritech on March 21, 2001 to review the pole line relocations on both sides of Colfax due to the road raising.
 - An agreement was signed with NIPSCO on April 6, 2001 in the amount of \$35,166 and was completed on an emergency basis on April 26, 2001. Ameritech removed their lines on April 18, 2001.
- 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. A meeting was held on April 3, 2001 with the COE, Dyer Construction, and town of Griffith to discuss impacts to our contract and construction costs.
 - Kortenhoven completed this installation on April 24, the COE inspected and found it satisfactory.

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

- 1. Current schedule is to complete 50% engineering by May of 2001; award contract by September 2001; and a construction start of November 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.

 Dyer Construction Contract price \$998,630
- 2. Phillips Pipeline directional bore under the existing levee is currently being engineered by Phillips. Awaiting their design and cost by June, 2001.
 - As of March 23, 2001, a temporary hold has been put on this engineering request due to current funding restrictions.

STATUS (Stage V Phase 2):

- 1. At the June 7th, 2000 partnering meeting, the current schedule shows a March 2002 advertising date.
 - This will be pushed back due to funding restrictions, even if we get \$5.5 million for this biennium.
- 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 April. (This will include Tri-State and K-Mart Properties.)
 - Additional engineering changes will modify Real Estate requirements. As of April 26, 2001, we are awaiting these changes.
- 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. A field meeting was held with <u>Badger Daylighting</u> on February 14, 2001 to review the scope of work and anticipate a cost estimate no later than April 2, 2001.
 - We received a quote from Badger Daylighting dated March 27, 2001, in the amount of \$11,500 (dry conditions) or \$37,000 (wet conditions). We submitted a letter to the COE on April 5, 2001 requesting we wait for dry conditions to save money.
- 4. We received a request from North Township on April 20, 2001 to re-align the levees adjacent to Hart Ditch further Westward to allow more room to develop property on the Wicker Park Gold Course.
 - The COE agrees a meeting should be held and Munster should be represented.
- 5. We requested an email from Highland/COE regarding drainage concerns with INDOT in the area around and adjacent to the Tri-State Bus terminal.
 - Highland/INDOT have a proposal for culvert installation but have not involved the COE/LCRBDC. A meeting is scheduled on May 1st for engineering/ hydrology review.

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 7th, 2000 partnering meeting, the schedule shows a March 2002 advertising date. This date will be pushed back due to funding restrictions even if we get the \$5.5 million for this biennium.
- 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 12th, 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)
 - We received a letter from the COE on April 19, 2001 requesting we facilitate a coordination meeting with Krosan Development to discuss engineering modifications for our levee to accommodate their construction. Encroachments onto our proposed easements.

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. LCRBDC wrote a letter to the COE on March 8, 2001, regarding the inadequacy of the 50% BCOE responses to our 50% review.
- 3. We received a letter from INDOT to Rani Engineering on January 8, 2001 indicating their concerns regarding culverts & recreational proposals.
 - A. A meeting was held with Rani, the COE, INDOT, and the LCRBDC on April 11, 2001 to review these and other engineering issues.
 - INDOT agreed we could cross Cline Avenue at the existing light at Highway Avenue. (See Recreation Report).
 - We are still not at the 50% level of review many issues to still be resolved. The COE agreed we would have one more opportunity to review and comment prior to their 100% submittal.

STATUS (Stage VII) Northcote to Columbia:

- 1. The final contract with <u>Earth Tech</u> to do the A/E work for this stage/phase of construction was signed and submitted by the COE on December 21st, 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.
 - 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. (No response as of May 3, 2001).
- 3. A public meeting will be scheduled with both communities. (This will be after the 75% BCOE review process).

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

The A/E award was given to S.E.H. (Short, Elliot & Henderson Inc.)

We received a letter from SEH to the COE (dated January 31, 2001) on February 5, 2001 2. along with utility responses indicating additional follow-up and coordination will be required.

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

- Dyer Construction is the contractor. Construction was started on September 13th, 1999, and was completed in December, 2000 excluding minor punch list items.
- Contract price \$1,657,913 2.

Extras - \$145,483

Balance (to be paid to contractor) - \$287,950

- The entire project is completed with the exception of minor gate and sign installations. 3. Anticipated inspection should be scheduled for May 2001 when the weather permits and the signage & seeding are done.
 - We received a copy of a letter from the COE to Dyer Construction dated March 22, 2001 including the remaining punch list items. (Yet to be completed.)

West Reach Pump Stations - Phase 1A:

The four (4) pump stations that are included in this initial West Reach pump station project are Baring, Walnut, S. Kennedy, and Hohman/Munster.

Pump station Government estimate was \$2,915,265 - Low bid was \$4,638,400 (63%) 2. 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.

1. Anticipated start for Baring is July 2001, Hohman/Munster in August 2001, and S. Kennedy and Walnut in September 2001. Anticipated completion is October 2002.

A partnering meeting was held with the COE, Overstreet, LCRBDC, and the HSD on 3. March 7, 2001. "

We received a status report from the Army corps on April 24, 2001. 4.

West Reach Pump Stations - Phase 1B:

- The Two (2) pump stations included in this contract are S.E. Hessville (Hammond), and 81st Street (Highland).
 - A. The 81st Street Pump Station is approximately 45% complete.
 - The drywell pump inspection was held on April 17, 2001 and was found to go 12 generally well - minor items need to be resolved to allow this partial acceptance.
 - An agreement will be needed with both Highland and Hammond to allow 13-15 their respective representatives to sign off, as owners for partial acceptance and turnover of these projects.

B. The S.E. Hessville Pump Station approximately 10% complete.

- The current COE schedule, as per our January 26th, 2000 coordination meeting, is to start 2. construction by late September - 350 days to complete.
 - Pumps have been ordered and are expected for delivery in the late spring of 2001.

- 3. Thieneman 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 Army corps on April 24, 2001.

5. We received a status report from the COE for S.E. Hessville and 81st Street on March 21, 2001. (See W. Reach Pumps – General)

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 **March 23**, 2001.)
 - A fax was sent to the COE on March 8, 2001, again requesting this information and also enclosing information from Highland (Nies engineering) providing a status report with NIPSCO.
- 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 <u>Overstreet Construction</u> at \$2,387,500. This was \$274,500 under the government estimate (Not including profit).

GENERAL:

- 1. Utility Re-locations:
 - A. On March 13, 2001, a utility coordination meeting was held with the LCRBDC and the COE to discuss utility status and how to track each relocation.
 - This procedure was submitted to the COE for review on March 15, 2001.
 - Compensability for utility relocations was also discussed and milestones were presented for review to Don Valk and the COE on March 20, 2001.
 - A letter was sent to Don Valk on April 26th requesting letter of concurrence regarding utility milestones to be used for west reach utility relocations.
- 2. A letter was sent to the LCRBDC from the COE on April 19, 2001, regarding budgeting of money over this biennium if we get \$5.5 million based upon our coordination meeting of February 27, 2001.



April 12, 2001

Mr. Imad Samara
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Re: Little Calumet River Levee Project Stage III Drainage Remediation

50% Plans and Specifications

Dear Mr. Samara:

We have reviewed the 50% Plans and Specification for the Stage III Drainage Remediation Project with Mr. Jim Pokrajac of the LCRBDC. In making that review we found the plans to be very incomplete and question why such an incomplete plan set was issued for comments:

- 1. Of the 42 pages listed in the Index, the plan set we received did <u>not</u> include Sheets 11 through 24 or one-third of the plan sheets. In addition the plan sheets that were missing were the civil design drawings which are key to the understanding the total scope of the project.
- 2. Many of the other sheets lacked detail or information needed for a good review and timely comments.

For these reasons the Corps should anticipate that comments made at the next review (100% BCOE) may contain comments which may require significant changes or redesign. At the time of 100% BCOE please leave a minimum of 3 weeks in your schedule for our review and anticipate that some comments may result in significant additional design effort and time. In the future we request that 50% plans contain all plan sheets and that at least these sheets all show the basic design features.

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Mr. Imad Samara Corps of Engineers April 12, 2001 Page Two

Attached to this letter are our specific comments on the 50% plan set. Also attached to this letter are two letters to the Corps dated December 28, 2000 and March 23, 2001 concerning this project. The issues in these letters should also be considered comments on the 50% Plans and Specifications and should be responded to along with the other comments attached to this letter.

If you have any questions, please call.

Very truly yours,

R. W. Armstrong & Associates, Inc.

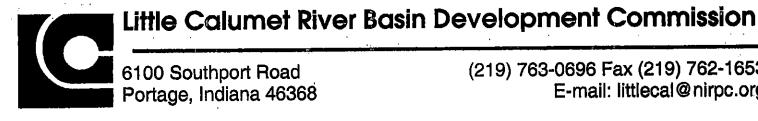
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cc: Dan Gardner, LCRBDC

Jim Pokrajac, LCRBDC



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DAN GARDNER Executive Director

LOU CASALE

Mr. Dave Orrison Norfolk Southern Corporation

99 Spring Street S. W.

Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Dave:

Recently we had a field meeting with Steve Deathridge representing your corporation, on the site west of the WIND Radio on the railroad spur that is owned by the EJ&E RR. He informed us that the work should be done by your own union personnel and should not to be done by the EJ&E RR. Accordingly, could you provide me an updated cost for the Norfolk Southern RR personnel to do the work we previously discussed. Upon receipt of this estimate, we will review the costs and upon COE concurrence, we will enter into an agreement with you to do this work.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact me at the above number.

Sincerely,

April 26, 2001

James E. Pokrajac, Agent Land Management/Engineering

/sjm

cc:

Imad Samara Tim Kroll Jan Plachta Tom Deja



Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission

April 6, 2001

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DAN GARDNER Executive Director

LOU CASALE Attorney Mr. Jim Fitzer NIPSCO

801 E. 86th Avenue Merrillville, IN 46410

Dear Jim:

Enclosed please find four (4) copies of an agreement between NIPSCO and the Development Commission for the relocation of utility poles at the NIPSCO R/W on Colfax Avenue in Gary, IN. These copies have been approved and signed at the Commission board meeting held on April $5^{\rm th}$.

Please cause to have these agreements countersigned, notarized and then return 3 copies back to our office, retaining 1 copy for yourself.

Please consider this letter as your authorization to proceed. If you have any questions, please call me at the above number. Thank you for attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

James E. Pokrajac, Agent Land Management/Engineering

/sjm encl.



Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission

April 5, 2001

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DAN GARDNER Executive Director

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

Dear Imad:

Enclosed is a copy of an estimate from Atlas Daylighting LLC dated March 27, 2001 to provide the pipe locations and elevations for the Stage V Phase 2 pipeline corridor. We obtained this cost as per your request in order to provide the pipelines with more accurate location and elevation information than was provided on the original A/E drawings provided by Stanley & Associates.

This proposal indicates that we could pay \$11,500 to locate all the pipelines on both sides of the river when conditions are dry and accessible. It also indicates a cost of \$37,000 to perform the same work during wet conditions.

We would request that we wait until there are dry conditions to give you this information in order to save \$25,500. We realize you requested this information be provided to you in order that you could modify, or supplement, the existing V-2 drawings, but would suggest waiting several months in order to save this amount of money. Please let me know what concerns you have about this short delay.

Sincerely,

James E. Pokrajac, Agent Land Management/Engineering

/sjm encl.

cc:

Jan Plachta Tim Kroll Tom Deja Jim Flora





March 27, 2001

Mr. James E. Pokrajac Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission

Fax: 219-762-1653

Dear Jim:

Proposed price for coordination with 8 pipeline Companies to obtain top of pipe locati and elevation for 14 underground pipelines in Nipsco Utility easement.

\$11,500.00 includes backfilling holes and restoration when conditions are dry accessible.

\$37,000.00 if accessibility requires swamp mats or other means of gaining entry for location in wet conditions.

We will require access to utility easement on the north and south sides of Little Caluma River. Please call if you have any questions,

Sincerely,

Mike Jackson

Operations Manager

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Date: Friday, April 20, 2001 1:54 PM

Subject: RE: Little Calumet River Stage V, Phase 2

Jeff, thank you for the email, this subject did come in the past and yes it was always thought that this area is owned by the town of Munster. A good amount of coordination did go in developing these plans and specifications. I feel that the home owners on the west side of Hard Ditch were very vocal against the Corps moving the levees closer to their homes. The requirement is that the distance between the two levees (east and west of Hard Ditch) can not be changed. If the levee east of Hard ditch move west then the levee west of Hard ditch moves west too. I know that there is another factor which is the flood wall west of Hard Ditch due to the small area between Hard ditch and the road.

I would not mind meeting but coordination with the town of Munster needs to be done. I would like to make sure that a representative of the town be present at the meeting. I'm copying the Little Cal. Commission office and Sue Davis the project's hydraulic engineer and Chrystal Spokane the project's real estate specialist.

I will wait to hear from you, my phone number is 312-353-6400 ext. 1809

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

----Original Message-----

From: Jeff Yatsko [mailto:jeffyatsko@hotmail.com]

Sent: Friday, April 20, 2001 11:56 AM

To: Samara, Imad

Cc: jegarcia@gleng.com

Subject: Little Calumet River Stage V, Phase 2

Dear Mr. Samara,

On behalf of the North Township Trustee I am writing you in regards to the Stage V, Phase 2 Levee project on the south side of the Little Calumet River, along the Hart Ditch. Recently we received plans from Jan Plachta showing the alignment of the levee along the west and north boundary of Wicker Park. The proposed alignment of the levee from Station 5S 47+00 to 5S 58+00 appears to run parallel and 130 feet east of the centerline of Hart Ditch. We believe that the levee on the west side of Hart Ditch is proposed to run parallel however much closer than 130 feet. In the past the west side of the ditch was thought to be owned by the Town of Munster, Indiana, however after a recent Title search of the North Township property it was shown that North Township owns both sides of the ditch. We would like to discuss options of shifting the levee to the west however keeping the centerline distances between the levees making the east levee closer the Hart Ditch. This would give us more area for the existing golf course and park land and utilize area that is not currently in use. If you have any questions please call.

Sincerely,

Jeff Yatsko, LSIT GLE Project Engineer 219-933-1954

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From: Samara, Imad LRC < Imad.Samara@lrc02.usace.army.mil>

To: 'Terry Hodnik' <thodnik@niesengineering.com>; Samara, Imad LRC

<lmad.Samara@lrc02.usace.army.mil>

Cc: John Bach <highlandpwd@aol.com>; Jim Pokrajac <littlecal@nirpc.org>

Date: Tuesday, April 24, 2001 8:17 AM

Subject: RE: Interior Drainage Stormwater Relief - Highland, IN

Terry, I will be in the area for a meeting in Portage Tuesday May 1. Can we meet at 2:00PM, I also would like to discuss the Grace Street Pump Station Improvement and if the City going to improve the sewer system to take advantage of the new pump capacity.

P.S. is INDOT Adding any pump west of Indianapolis to account for the additional runoff? This is something that the city was asking INDOT to do.

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

----Original Message----

From: Terry Hodnik [mailto:thodnik@niesengineering.com]

Sent: Monday, April 23, 2001 5:27 PM

To: Imad Samara

Ce: John Bach; Jim Pokrajac

Subject: Interior Drainage Stormwater Relief - Highland, IN

Imad:

John Bach and I have met with INDOT Engineers and they have agreed to design and pay for a proposed stormwater relief sewer from Indianapolis Blvd, easterly along the south side of the Little Calumet Levee system to the Town's 81st St Stormwater Pump Station. The sewer would be constructed as part of the Phase I Indy Blvd roadway improvements scheduled to start construction in the Spring of 2002 (so I really need to get this moving quickly). The sewer would normally be valved closed and only opened to relieve interior drainage from Indianapolis Blvd to the pump station for those times when the river level is too high to permit normal drainage. If you will be in the local field office in Griffith any time soon, I would like to review with you the feasibility of routing a 24-inch diameter storm sewer through the land north of the Speedway station and south of the levee, from the east side of Indy Blvd to the 81st St Pump Station. How soon can we get such a meeting together? Would it be easier if I came to Chicago?

Terry Hodnik



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

CHICAGO DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60608-7206
April 19, 2001

Planning, Program and Project Management Branch

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

Dear Mr. Gardner:

We have examined the survey data provided by your office, which describes the impact of our current real estate acquisition plans on the Krosan Development, located along the north side of the Little Cal River. Based upon the current Stage VI-1 project design, there are two locations where conflicts exist between the lands the drawings denote for acquisition, and the buildings currently existing on this property.

The most severe conflict occurs with the westernmost of **Kro**san's two buildings. This structure extends approximately 10' into the levee embankment footprint at STA. 8N 8+89.0. However, the landside slope of this levee reach was developed to include a planting zone. The planting zone results in the landward slope of the levee extending outward from the levee crown at 5H:1V.

To address this issue, our first recommendation is to adjust the levee slope adjacent to this building to the standard slope of 2.5H:1V, eliminating the planting zone. If this measure is used, the resulting landside levee footprint will be reduced, and the toe of the slope would then be located approximately 10' south of the existing building. This solution would substantially reduce the redesign efforts necessary for the completion of project plans and specs. However, the levee embankment would still substantially impact the paved area south of the westernmost building, and cut off traffic flow around the south side of this structure. Currently, the minimum width of pavement south of Krosan's westernmost building is approximately 65' wide. Approximately 55' of this paved area would be eliminated by this proposal due to levee construction, and further new pavement areas would be eliminated in any areas on this property where the landside planting zone was left in place as originally designed.

A second alternative would be to realign a section of the levee southward towards the Little Calumet River. This levee realignment would be performed in addition to using the revisions described in the first alternative above. This proposal shifts the levee centerline southward approximately 23.50' between Sta. 8N 8+30 and Sta. 8N 10+00. Pursuing this alternative would require a greater redesign effort than the first alternative, but still will not constitute a large amount of work. With this revision made, the width of the area available widens to 30' between the south side of the building and the northern permanent easement boundary.

The conflict with the easternmost of Krosan's two buildings is much less significant. This occurs near levee STA. 8N 11+22.5. In this location, the existing building extends southward into the

10' wide temporary work easement by approximately 6'. At this location, there is sufficient room to adjust the temporary work limit, and the permanent easement, such that neither impacts this structure. This is the first (and preferred) alternative. However, it is still important to note that with such an adjustment, an area only approximately 25' wide will remain between the permanent easement and the south side of this building. Currently, the width of the paved area behind this eastern building varies between approximately 75' - 100'. There is no planting zone proposed in this area.

A second alternative to realign the levee riverward behind the easternmost building could also be pursued. There is not as much room to move riverward in this location as at the western building. Despite this limitation, the COE proposal is to shift the levee centerline and ramp southward approximately 9.0', between STA.8N 10+00 and Sta. 8N 11+60. With this revision made, the width of area available widens to 35' between the south side of the easternmost building and the northern permanent easement boundary.

Our chief of Hydraulic Engineering, Jim Mazanec, recommends to pursue the first alternative in each case. The second alternatives are less desirable due to the fact that the river channel is narrow in these areas, and by adjusting the levee alignment the channel will be further narrowed. Mr. Mazanec stated that any levee relocation should avoid encroachment into the river.

We requests that your office set up a meeting with the property owner and our design team so that we can present these alternatives, and together come up with a solution that is acceptable to all involved. This meeting needs to be conducted as soon as possible, as both the Stage VI Real Estate and Construction drawings cannot be completed until this issue is resolved. Enclosed with this letter are the construction sheets C-2 and C-16 showing the toe of the levee and the work limits. These sheets are enclosed for information only they don't show any of the alternatives. If you have any questions please contact me at 312-353-6400 ext. 1809.

Enclosure

Sincerely.

Imad Samara Project Manager From: Craib, Robert A LRC <Robert.A.Craib@lrc02.usace.army.mil>

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Date: Tuesday, April 24, 2001 11:26 AM

Subject: Pump Station Rehab Status 4/24/01

Hi Jim,

Pump Rehab 1B Contract

81st Station - 46%+- complete to date.

- 1. Both dry weather pumps are 100%, accepted, and have been placed in service
- 2. No Change... Wet well access cover installation (concrete work) is 95%+- complete.
- 3. No Change... Discharge box modifications (concrete work) are 20%+- complete.
- 4. Delivery of new SWP pumps and motors is expected soon. The removal of existing SWP pumps, motors, and their discharge piping is currently being removed.
- 5. Standby pumps have been installed.
- 6. Previous delay due to DWP motor rotating in the wrong direction has been resolved and is working properly.
- 7. Various other electrical items are continuing to be installed.
- 8. Heating and Ventilation installation is continuing.
- S.E. Hessville Station 20%+- complete to date.
- 1. Discharge box modifications (concrete work) are 95%+- complete.
- 2. New pumps have been manufactured, tested, and will be delivered soon.
- 3. Electricians are making required changes to the existing MCC and new station lighting has been installed.
- 4. Existing mechanical trash rack has been inspected by manufacturer and no additional repairs are required, outside required contract work.
- 5. Removal operations of SWP 1-4 pumps and their motors have begun.

Pump Rehab 1A Contract Overstreet Electric

- 1. Various submittals are being prepared.
- 2. No on-site construction activity.
- 2. Coordination meeting, previously scheduled on April 10, 2001, revealed that Overstreet would not pursue the previously purposed combined sewer pump station bypass pumping.

North 5th Pump Station Rehab Overstreet Electric

1. No activity.

See ya,

Bob



From: Anderson, Douglas M LRC < Douglas.M.Anderson@lrc02.usace.army.mil>

To: 'Jim Pokrajac, LCRBDC' < littlecal@nirpc.org>; Samara, Imad LRC

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Date: Wednesday, April 18, 2001 8:07 AM

Subject: 81st Street Station - DWP Startup

FYI:

The DWP startup generally went well. The pumps and motors operated very well, with low vibration. The seal water supply system also functioned properly. The DWP portion of the pump controller and one transducer worked. The ability of the controller to simultaneously control DWP's and SWP's was not tested, as the old SWP's are still being controlled by the existing float tube system.

There is still an unresolved question about the capability of the pump controller to start and shut off the DWP and SWP pumps in the sequence required by the contract drawings. This issue is currently being resolved based on input from Bharat Shah, Mike Pipta, and other parties.

Call me or Bob if you have questions.

Doug

From: Craib, Robert A LRC <Robert.A.Craib@lrc02.usace.army.mil>

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Date: Monday, April 16, 2001 8:05 AM Subject: Pump Station (partial turnovers).

Pump Rehab 1B C-0035

Hi Jim,

Per your request.

As you know, at 81st pump station, we may be accepting the DWP pumps, their motors, and one transducer on April 17, 2001. The contract requires us to accept equipment, "when it is place in operation". Per Thieneman Construction (verbally), it is understood by all the various equipment manufacturers, that the equipment warranties run with the location where they are installed. Meaning, when equipment is installed at 81st pump station, the Highland San. Dist. is the owner, and at S.E. Hessville, the Hammond San. Dist. will the owner. Requests for warranty service can be phoned in by the appropriate District.

In the near future we will be excepting various other pieces of equipment for this Pump 1B contract, the Pump 1A contract, and the N. 5th contract.

Items for thought:

- Who should sign equipment acceptance for the Highland San. Dist., Hammond San. Dist., and LCRBDC?
- How do you envision the various turnovers taking place?
- Who needs to be in attendance, for each item?
- Will each San. Dist. track the turn over dates?
- If an equipment problem is observed, who (for each San. Dist.) will be responsible for the determination if it is a maintenance issue, or a warranty claim?

Thanks.

Bob

From: Anderson, Douglas M LRC <Douglas.M.Anderson@lrc02.usace.army.mil>

To: 'Jim Pokrajac, LCRBDC' < littlecal@nirpc.org>

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Date: Wednesday, April 11, 2001 1:33 PM

Subject: FW: Pump 1B - 81st Street DWP Startup Schedule

Jim:

The revised Pump 1B project schedule calls for startup and turnover of the DWP pumps on April 17, as indicated below. The manufacturer will be on-site first thing in the morning and will do a final inspection. Startup will follow the inspection. After successful startup, Thieneman will conduct the operator training and turn the DWP system over to the local sponsor for operation.

Call me or Bob Craib if you have any questions.

Doug

---Original Message-----

From: Anderson, Douglas M LRC
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2001 3:35 PM

To: Craib, Robert A LRC; Deja, Tom LRC; Samara, Imad LRC; Go, Ernesto T LRC; Shah, Bharat S LRC

Cc: Albert, Dick LRC; Patel, Umer I LRC

Subject: Pump 1B - 81st Street DWP Startup Schedule

The DWP non-reverse ratchet mechanism is scheduled to be disabled on Friday, April 13, 2001.

The DWP startup is scheduled for April 17, 2001.

Thanks to all for your help in resolving this problem. If you have any questions or comments, please call or e-mail me.

Doug

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LITTLE CALUMET RIVER PUMP STATION PHASE 1B - LAKE COUNTY, IN

THIENEMAN CONSTRUCTION JOB #9007

MEMORANDUM

DATE:

April 10, 2001

TO:

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Mike Pipta, Town of Highland	Fax:	???-???-????
Brian Davis, Thieneman Construction	Fax:	219-924-8049
Ken Thieneman, Thieneman Construction	Fax:	219-924-8049

FROM: Alan R. Holding

SUBJECT:

Startup of the New DWP-1,2 Pumps, Seal Water System, and Pump

Controller

Startup and Training for the 81st Street DWP-1, 2 pumps, seal water system, and the pump controller has been re-scheduled for Tuesday, April 17, 2001 beginning at 8:00 a.m. The installation will be checked and the equipment will be field tested in the morning hours. As soon as testing is complete and the manufacturers accept the equipment, training will begin with the operation personnel. The O&M manuals will be reviewed in detail during the training sessions.

Please review your schedules and plan on attending the startup and training sessions. If you have a conflict, please notify me immediately.

Please know that the startup and training is very critical to the projects success. We appreciate your cooperation in scheduling these items.

If you have any questions, please call me at 219-922-7295. Thank you.



Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission

April 26, 2001

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LOU CASALE Altorney Mr. Don Valk U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 111 N. Canal Street Chicago, Illinois 60606-7206

Dear Don:

We received your email dated March 26th regarding utility milestones that relate to utility relocation compensability. We would like to establish a final sheet that we will use as our procedure in the future for all west reach utility relocations. Upon completing these milestones, we would request that you send a letter of concurrence to us.

We will use this as part of the Dbase system that will be established to track west reach utilities. At this point in time, we anticipate approximately 250 utility relocations and this procedure will need to be implemented for all of these relocations. We have recently agreed that Stage VI-1 (Cline Avenue to Kennedy Avenue) will be the first construction segment that we will do based upon money being made available until the next biennium in 2003. We suggest starting this procedure as soon as possible in order that we may keep up with the ongoing real estate acquisition for this area. If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact me at the above number.

Sincerely,

James E. Pokrajac, Agent Land Management/Engineering

/sjm

CC:

Bill White
Jan Plachta
Chrystal Spokane
Jim Flora
Lou Casale

LAND MANAGEMENT REPORT For meeting on Thursday, May 3, 2001

(Information in this report is from March 24, 2001 - April 26, 2001))

NON-PROJECT LAND MANAGEMENT

- A. Handicapped-Accessible Park
 - LCRBDC attended River Forest School Board meeting on April 24, 2001 to explain
 the Phase I portion of the Handicapped accessible park. The presentation included
 an explanation of our funding situation. Construction will begin in June.
 Groundbreaking ceremony will be coordinated with the school corporation and
 LCRBDC staff. Playground equipment has been ordered.
- B. Chase Street to Grant Street land management issues
 - 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 July 2001.
 - 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. (No response as of May 4, 2001.)
- B. Mitigation (entire project area)
 - 1. No action on mitigation until funding crisis is resolved.
- C. Emergency Management/River Monitoring
 - 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 July, 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. This will be discussed at the upcoming coordination meeting with Gary/GSD/and WREP.

- 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. (Ongoing)
- D. Lake Erie Land Company
 - Northwest Indiana River Corridor Partnership is waiting on information from the Grand Cal Task Force to finish mitigation maps. No meeting in March or April.
- E. A meeting was held with Ed Marcin of the <u>Lamar Advertising Company</u> (formerly WHITECO) on January 28, 2000 to review turnover of WHITECO signs to LAMAR Advertising.
 - 1. LCRBDC is accountable for costs incurred by LAMAR to remove signs on previously acquired properties. The amount of \$124,825 needs to be re-calculated.
 - We received a letter from LAMAR on April 23, 2001 providing information, and cost breakdown, of what the LCRBDC owes them for sign removal. It appears we owe a balance of \$93,352.56 (which is currently being reviewed).
 - 2. We have closed on two properties (DC816 & DC707) that have LAMAR signs. They want new leases on these signs.
 - 3. A field inspection was held with FOCUS Sign Company on April 18th to review the installation of two of their signs in the area of I-65 and I-80/94.
 - They do not obstruct our roadway access. FOCUS installed extra stone to improve the roadway, and we will review an agreement to allow them to use some of our property to gain access to their signs.
- 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 started on March 1'2, 2001. Work completed on March 21, 2001 inspection scheduled for April 26, 2001.
 - 2. On April 16th, it was discovered that the pumps at the Burr Street Pump Station (east of Burr, north of the river) were not operating a red light goes on, on top of the pump house. This was corrected by Austgen Electric (Dyer Construction sub-contractor) who had completed their work as per their contract.
 - It is imperative we have a meeting with city of Gary, GSD, and WREP to discuss their responsibilities for East Reach pump stations operations and maintenance.

G. Farm Lease

1. Jerry Ewen has requested that LCRBDC continue a farm lease that he had with previous owner David Ewen (DC707) on 52 acres on the I-65 and I-80/94 intersection. LCRBDC staff and attorney will prepare a new lease agreement.

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H. General issues

1. The City of Gary Redevelopment Commission has a program to demolish disintegrating and burned buildings. They are trying to recover their demolition costs and contacted LCRBDC to see if any of the lots are in our project. We responded "No". We expect more inquiries.



April 23, 2001

Ms. Judith Vamos
Land Acquisition Agent
Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission
6100 Southport Road
Portage, IN 46368

RE: Lamar Advertising Signs on Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission property:

- a. Lamar Sign #3475 (formerly Whiteco IN 2630) I-80/94 S/S 900 feet W/O Grant, Gary, IN (double face 14' x 48' painted bulletin sign)
- b. Lamar Sign #3480 (formerly Whiteco IN 2629) I-80/94 S/S 1,650 feet W/O Grant, Gary, IN (double face 14' x 48' painted bulletin sign)
- Lamar Sign #3480 (formerly Whiteco IN 2316) Grant W/S 3250, Gary,
 IN (double face 12' x 24' poster sign)
- d. Lamar Sign #815 (formerly Whiteco 2312) Grant W/S .1 mile S/O I-94, Gary, IN (single face 8' x 16' painted bulletin sign)

Dear Ms. Vamos:

Pursuant to the request made by the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission, Lamar Advertising Company will provide you information for the remaining balance owed to Lamar (formerly Whiteco Outdoor) as "just compensation" for outdoor advertising signs that had to be removed as part of your flood control project (IN 2403, IN 1271, IN 1272, IN 2247, and IN 2236). The documentation for the "just compensation" is stated in the "Agreement For Sign Removal and/or Relocation" document, and the "License For Sign Locations" for Whiteco Sign IN 2629 (now Lamar Sign #3480) and Whiteco Sign IN 2630 (now Lamar Sign #3475) that was executed on December 6, 1995, between the Little Calumet River Basin Development and Whiteco Outdoor Advertising, a Division of Whiteco Industries, Inc. The total compensation owed to Whiteco in 1995 was \$144,033.31 (just compensation of \$124,825 plus interest of \$19,208.31).

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Ms. Judith Vamos
Land Acquisition Agent
Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission
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Here is the breakout of land rental that was applied to the "just compensation" for the two Lamar Sign #3475 and 3480) from December 6, 1995 to December 5, 2002:

Dates	Lamar Sign #3475	Lamar Sign #3480
12/6/95 to 12/5/96	\$3,300.00	\$3,300.00
12/6/96 to 12/5/97	\$3,300.00	\$3,300.00
12/6/97 to 12/5/98	\$3,300.00	\$3,300.00
12/6/98 to 12/5/99	\$3,658.77	\$3,658.77
12/6/99 to 12/5/00	\$3,658.77	\$3,658.77
12/6/00 to 12/5/01	\$3,658.77	\$3,658.77
12/6/01 to 12/5/02	\$4,056.55	<u>\$4,056.55</u>
Total:	\$24,932.86	\$24,932.86

In the event the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission would like to pay the remaining amount of "just compensation" to Lamar (as stated on page 3 of this correspondence), the first monthly land rental payment would be made to the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission for each sign (#3475 and #3480) on December 6, 2002. The monthly amount of land rental compensation for each sign will be \$338.05 (three hundred thirty eight dollars and 5 cents) from December 6, 2002 to December 5, 2004. After this date, the land rental would be adjusted as stated in the License Agreement.

In addition, I also reviewed the License Agreement (dated December 9, 1998) for Lamar Sign #1050 (formerly Whiteco IN 2316). I noticed an incorrect annual payment to the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission. Pursuant to the terms of the License Agreement, the annual land rental is to be \$600.00 starting on December 9, 1998 (which increases accordingly). The annual land rental paid by Whiteco (August 1, 1999) and Lamar (August 1, 2000) was \$400.00. In order to bring this land rental current, there is back rental owed (\$814.84 total) to the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission from December 9, 1998 to December 8, 2001. This amount could be subtracted from the "just compensation" owed to Lamar. The next annual land rental that will be paid to the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission by Lamar is \$665.24 on December 9, 2001.

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Ms. Judith Vamos
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Finally, I would like to inform you that Lamar Sign #815 (formerly Whiteco IN 2312) was removed from Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission property due to the reconstruction of the Grant Street/I80/94 interchange project. No further compensation is owed to the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission at this time..

The land rental that will be applied towards the "just compensation" to Lamar is as follows:

\$24, 932.86 (Lamar Sign #3475) — 12/6/1995 to 12/5/2002 \$24, 932.86 (Lamar Sign #3480) — 12/6/1995 to 12/5/2002

\$ 814.84 (Lamar Sign #1050) - 12/9/1998 to 12/8/2001

Total: \$50,680.56 (Fifty Thousand Six Hundred Eighty and 56 cents)

In the event the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commissions would like to issue the final balance to compensate Lamar Advertising Company for the signs removed by Whiteco (IN 2403, IN 1271, IN 1272, IN 2247 and IN 2236) on your property is \$93,352.75 (Ninety Three Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-Two and 75 cents).

Lamar Advertising Company would also like to discuss as soon as possible the outdoor advertising sign leases on property now owned by your organization (formerly owned by the Ewen Family) near the I-65 and I-80/94 intersection. I forwarded a letter to Mr. Louis Casale (attorney for the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission) on December 29, 2000 regarding this matter.

If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Thank you again for your assistance. I look forward to speaking with you soon.

Very Truly Yours,

Ed Marcin

Real Estate Manager

cc: Jon Terpstra – Lamar Advertising Company - Lamar

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LOU CASALE Attorney

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Lou Casale

FROM:

Jim Pokrajac

SUBJECT:

FOCUS Roadway Access

DATE:

April 26, 2001

Enclosed is a copy of the map showing our roadway access from Central Avenue to I-65 where our closure structure was installed. FOCUS has installed two (2) billboards: 1 is installed north of I-80/94 on the NIPSCO right-of-way and the other is installed on the north right-of-way south of I-80/94. The sign that was installed north of I-80/94 can be accessed by FOCUS primarily on NIPSCO right-of-way and Marie Ewen property. We do not own any of this roadway in fee although we have roadway easement agreements in place up to that point. The sign south of I-80/94 can be accessed by FOCUS by crossing only a small portion of property we own in fee north of I80/94 on the David and Judith Ewen parcel. As per our conversation on April 25th, I am asking you to review this information to determine if any compensation may be obtained from FOCUS to access their signs for maintenance or commercial purposes.

We will make a presentation to the Commissioners as part of our Land Management agenda for the Work Study Session. I had a field inspection with FOCUS on April 18th to review their sign installations. FOCUS has improved several areas of this access roadway with stone at their own cost as a betterment to this access roadway. It was found that their signs caused no obstructions to our access to the closure structure at I-65.

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

/sjm encl.

cc:

Chuck Agnew Judy Vamos



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LOU CASALE Attorney 18 April 2001

Mr. Lou Casale, Attorney Casale, Skozen, Woodward & Buls 5201 Fountain Place Crown Point, IN 46307

Dear Mr. Casale:

RE: Farm Lease with Jerry Ewen on DC 707

Mr. Jerry Ewen has requested that LCRBDC continue a farming lease he had with his nephew David Ewen on the 52 acre parcel at the intersection of I-65 and I-80/94. He has already purchased the seed in preparation of planting. On 6 April 2001 I spoke with Mr. Ewen and gathered the following information:

- 1.) Mr. Jerry Ewen's present lease with David Ewen is for \$3,000. He has offered that amount to the LCRBDC.
- 2.) The lease was a verbal agreement between him and his uncle.

 There is no written document.

I've attached a blank farm license agreement for your review as you requested and Mr. Jerry Ewen can be reached at:

Mr. Jerry Ewen 2600 Colorado Street Lake Station, IN 46405 Cell phone: 781-7354

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Please contact me if you need more information. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Judith (Judy) Vamos Land Acquisition

Attachment

JAMES B. MEYER REBECCA L. WYATT MEYER & WYATT, P.C. ATTORNEYS AT LAW 363 S. LAKE ST. GARY, IN 46403 219-998-0800 FAX: 219-939-3070

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April 16, 2001

Attorney Louis Casale LUCAS, HOLCOMB & MEDREA 300 East-90th Drive Mertillville, IN. 46410

Sent by Facsimile: 75

RE: Properties for which the City has incurred demolition expense

Dear Mr. Casale:

As you know, the City of Gary has been demolishing unsafe buildings within the city limits under the Unsafe Building Law IC 36-7-9 which has been adopted by ordinance. The law allows the City to recover the costs of demolition by filing a complaint for recovery of expenses and getting a judgment which is a lien on all real and personal property. 1C 36-7-9-13. To date, the City has judgments on 17 properties and is ready to file complaints on another 50 properties. In the first set of judgments, one property has the Little Calumet River Basin Commission listed as an entity with a substantial interest in the property as defined by the statute. However, in checking with Judy Vamos, I was told that the LCRBC had not acquired that property. An additional 12 properties that list the LCRBC are included in the next set of complaints that the City intends to file. To avoid the expense of serving the complaints on the LCRBC, I would like to know if it had a fee interest or equitable interest in the property at the time of the demolition. While, I do not believe that the LCRBC had such an interest, I would like to know whether the LCRBC has a flowage easement on the properties in question. The City will need this information to determine how the properties fit into its redevelopment plan.

I have included a list of the properties in question, their demolition dates, legal addresses and key numbers. If you have any questions, or need more information, feel free to contact mo.

Sincerely,

Rebecca L. Wyatt

cc: Ms. Geraldine Tousant

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BY: CASALE, SKOZEN, WOODWARD & BULS; 219 736 5025;

LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN **DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION PROPERTIES**

democration parties

Address:

2291 Connecticut Street Gary, IN. 46407 Demo on (10-6-99)

2246 Massachusetts Street Gary, in. 46407 Demo on (7-30-99)

2276 Massachusetts Street Gary, ln. 46407 Demo on (8-31-99)

2340 Massachusetts Street Gary, In. 46407 Demo on (11-23-99)

2412 Massachusetts Street Gary, In. 46407 Demo on (10-10-99)

2472 Massachusetts Street Gary, In. 46407 Demo on (7-19-99)

2513 Massachusetts Street. Gary, In. 46407 Demo on (6-28-99)

Legal Description:

C.T.L. & I. Co's Oak Park Add. S 12 Pt. Lot A all of Lot B B1, 35. Key # 46-0164-0002 (\$5,500)

Oak Park Add. Lot 12, BI. 5 Key # 46-0133-0012 (\$7,600.00)

Lot 20, Bl. 5 (except that part in the rear of said lot taken for alley purposes), Land and Investment Company's Oak Park Add. To tolleston, in the City of Gary, as shown in Plat book 2, Page 35. in the office of the Recorder of Lake County. (\$3,990.00)

Oak Park Add. Lot 10, Bl. 6 Key # 46-0134-0010 (\$5,600.00)

Oak Park Add, Lot 4, Bl. 17 Key # 46-0145-0004 (\$6,990.00)

Oak Park Add. Lot 19, Bl. 17 Key # 46-0145-0019 (\$5,000.00)

Oak Park Add. Lot 45, Bl. 19 Key # 46-0147-0045 (\$3,000.00)

1.

2551 Massachusetts Street Gary, In. 46407 Demo on (6-27-99)

2231 Nichols Place Gary, In. 46407 Demo on (11-16-99)

1929 Pennsylvania Street Gary, In. 46407 Demo on (7-20-99)

2425 Pennsylvania Street Gary, In. 46407 **Demo on (10-25-99)**

2431 Pennsylvania Street Gary, In. 46407 Demo on (10-25-99) Oak Park Add. Lot 36, Bl. 19 Key # 46-0147-0036 (\$5,000.00)

Oak Park Add. E,. 2 ½ ft. of Lot 74 Bl. 2 Key # 46-0131-0026 (\$7,800.00)

Broadway Add. Lot 41, Bl. 17, S. 15 Ft. of Lot 42, Bl. 17. Key # 41-0148-0042 (\$2,400.00)

Oak Park Add. Lot 42, Bl. 14 Key # 46-0128-0029 (\$3,000.00)

Oak Park Add. Lot 41, Bl. 14 Key # 46-0142-0040 (3,200.00)

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MEMO

TO:

Lou Casale, Attorney, LCRBDC

Angela Ogrentz, Paralegal

FROM:

Judith (Judy) Vamos, Land Acquisition

FAX Delivered: 219-736-5025

DATE:

17 April 2001

SUBJ:

Properties Demolished which the City of Gary is seeking re-imbursement for the

incurred demolition expense.

I received your fax concerning the City of Gary's attempt to recover demolition costs on property that may be in our flood project.

After checking our master list I find that *none* of the properties listed on the attached pages are in the flood project. The initials "NIP" are defined "Not In Project." The LCRBDC didn't have and does not have an any interest in the property either in fee or as permanent, temporary work, or flowage easement.

Please inform Ms. Wyatt.

Thank you.

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LAND ACQUISITION REPORT For meeting on Thursday, May 3, 2001

(Information in this report is from March 24, 2001 - April 26, 2001)

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

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

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

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:

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

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

Project completed September 15, 1998.
 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 temporarily extend a recreation trail along both the sidewalks east and west of Broadway to allow recreation trail continuation. (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 April 26)

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 was held on April 12, 2001, to review our proposals for trails at Broadway & East of Grant. (See Recreation Report)

STATUS (Stage III) - Chase to Grant:

- 1. Levee construction completed on May 6, 1994. 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)
- 3. Sent a letter to Lou requesting acquisition of Lyles & Sons property (CLEAN EARTH INC.)

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 <u>Dyer Construction</u> 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:

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 **April 30**, 2001. Appraisal process will begin then.
- 2. Wicker Park appraisal is ongoing.
- 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 tire center at southwest corner of property.
 - As of April 26, 2001, we are awaiting the modifications from the COE.

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

- 1. Tim Nugent, golf course architect for Woodmar appraisal, is still requiring information. Additional information sent April 6, 2001. A conference call with the COE took place on April 26, 2001. Nugent needs additional hydrology information.
- 2. There was an article in the TIMES on April 10 regarding the 75th anniversary of Woodmar Country Club and an overview of its current status.

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

Dale Kleszynski has assigned the second batch of appraisals. This Stage, VI-1, has 11
corporate appraisals. Land values are high in this section and could be a future problem.
Offers cannot be made due to our funding crisis.

- 2. Surveys and legal descriptions for properties owned by Highland (parks, public works, and the town) total approximately 66 acres that will be needed for our project.
 - We received legal descriptions for these properties on April 18 and are currently reviewing the final set.

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.

STATUS (Stage VII) - Northcote to Columbia:

- 1. Review of the real estate AE drawings was completed on December 8th, 2000, and drawings were found to be totally inadequate.
 - The COE submitted Stage VII real estate drawings for us to review on April 11th 4-7 with a request to complete by April 23rd.
 - We submitted comments to the COE on April 24th.

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. & E. 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, 2000 (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 August 2001; award contract by September 2001; and a construction start of November 2001 – 360 days to complete. (14 acquisitions remaining.)

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- 2. Administrative settlement for DC595 has not been returned from COE. It was submitted on December 29, 2000. Still awaiting response.
- 3. DC-618 is officially eliminated. See attached letter.

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

1. Due to the funding crisis and Burr Street levee and in-project mitigation acquisitions being priorities, the 27 flowage acquisitions in the ERR are "On Hold" for now.

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. On hold due to funding crisis.

GENERAL LANDOWNER "NEWS"

- 1. Mary Mulligan, Brownfield Specialist for the city of Gary, inquiring about land for mitigation.
- 2. Official relocation notices to Ted Stoffregen, Sharon & Ron Huff
- 3. Frances Danner, west reach, wants home re-appraised.
- 4. Verna Hein, DC459, is not sure she was paid.

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LOU CASALE Attorney

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Lou Casale, Attorney-at-Law

FROM:

Jim Pokrajac, Land Management/Engineering Agent

SUBJECT:

Lyles &: Sons property

DATE:

April 26, 2001

I recently investigated the possibility of eliminating the Lyles & Sons parcels (CLEAN EARTH INC.) and found that to not be possible, because the easements required by the COE for flowage as part of the Stage III (Chase to Grant) construction, fall below the level of the line of protection and will have water on the property during a major event. Accordingly, we are proceeding with the appraisal process and will coordinate the acquisition of this property through you upon completion of the appraisal.

As per our conversation of April 25th, I would request that we provide information to Mr. Lyles regarding the removal of the culverts and driveway material from this property as he was ordered to execute by the court. We suggest giving him a 30-day time limit to remove this material or proceedings will follow as necessary to enforce the court action.

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

/sjm

cc: Jim Spivak, Attorney-at-Law

Chuck Agnew Judy Vamos



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DAN GARDNER Executive Director

LOU CASALE Attorney Mr. Tim Nugent, Principal Nugent Golf Associates 20540 West Highway 22 Long Grove, IL 60047-8324

Dear Mr. Nugent:

RE: Engineering drawings for Woodmar Country Club Stage V-3

Enclosed in this mailing is a set of engineering drawings for the Woodmar Country Club. These are half-size but I checked with our engineer Jim Pokrajac and he assured me that the detail is readable.

Please call Jim or me if you have questions about the drawings. I send my thanks for your cooperation on the Woodmar Country Club appraisal.

Respectfully,

Judith (Judy) Vamos Land Acquisition

Enclosure



Hammond's Woodmar Country Club is working on its next 75 years

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BY MARY K. WILDS Times Correspondent

AMMOND - The dark wood trim, plush car-pets, fireplaces and sober paintings at Woodmar Country Club all bespeak tra-

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Woodmar is in the midst of a membership drive, one year after celebrating its 75th anniversary. Club Manager Becky Davidson says the members have decided to make such celebrations part of its yearly calendar; the club will hold another anniversary party this year and hopefully, every year after. Club privacy rules forbid mentioning the number of current members or the annual dues they pay, Davidson said. However, the late 1990s have been both a blessing and a curse for private clubs such as Woodmar. The high-flying economy has meant more disposable income, and more potential clients for the country club market.

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On the other hand, there are more golf courses than ever before: hundreds are opened each year. "We re lucky we're so established," Davidson said, adding that Woodmar is the oldest private course in Northwest Indiana.

west indiana.

Members complete about
17,000 rounds of golf a year and
yet, because of the 100-acre expanse of the place, never have
to wait for a tee time, she said.
Club rules forbid advertising
for new members, hence almost
all are gained through word-ofments. Deviden said.

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Like many institutions in Hammond, Woodmar has felt the impact of the population's move south. Changes in the move south Changes in the business climate have also made a difference. When the region lost a sizable chunk of its manufacturing base in the early 1980s, Woodmar lost about 70 members in a matter of months, club member Jerry Paucak said.

Paucak said:
Then again, most families who join Woodmar tend to stick with it for generations. Besides the course, they get to enjoy a 40,000-square-foot clubhouse, bathhouse, nool, snack shop, pro shop, men's and lades' grills and a menu that includes Chilean sea bass and ethnic dishes.

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"It's a nice place," said Pau-cak, a member since 1976 and cak; a member since 19/6 and a past member of Woodmar's board of directors. "You can entertain guests" and know that you've brought them some-place special. Woodmar is particularly good for business meetings, he said.

See DRIVEN, C2



Susan Kulkman works the pro shop at Woodmar Country Club in Hammond.



of Munster with his friends at Woodmar Country Club last

"We're lucky we're so established."

Becky Davidson, club manager at Woodmar, the oldest private course in Northwest indiana



April 24, 2001

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LOU CASALE Attorney Mr. Tim Kroll
Engineering Department
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
111 N. Canal Street
Chicago, Illinois 60606-7206

Re: Little Calumet River Levee Project Stage VII Real Estate Drawings Pre-Final Drawing Review

Dear Tim:

We, or the local communities or utilities, have not completed the 75% engineering review for plans and specifications. We are concerned that engineering modifications could change the work limits, or even if the work limits stay the same that the permanent or temporary easements may need to be modified within the work limits. Many of the attached comments are based upon previous meetings with Hammond and Munster that relate directly to decisions, and considerations, regarding engineering and construction issues. Also, keep in mind, that upon completion of the preliminary review (50% or 75%) that we have agreed, and committed to, having a public meeting. It is imperative to have engineering issues resolved and to have a "FINAL" set of real estate drawings that can be brought to the meeting. At our previous meeting with Highland, many of the residents met with us after our presentation to ask specific questions regarding their own particular lot and we should be prepared to give them FINAL and accurate information.

I have submitted this set of pre-final drawings to Hammond (Stan Dostatni and Curt Vosti) as well as Munster (Jim Mandon). At this point in time, I have received no comments from them.

If you have any questions regarding these comments, please call.

Sincerely,

James E. Pokrajac, Agent Land Management/Engineering

cc:

Imad Samara Jan Plachta

Chrystal Spokane

Jim Flora

Stan Dostatni Jim Mandon Curt Vosti

Judy Vamos

COMMENTS and RESPONSES

Project: Review Item:

Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission

Stage VII - Real Estate Drawings

Date: April 24, 2001 Type: Pre-Final Review Responders: James Pokrajac

#	REFERENCE	REVIEWER	COMMENT	RESPONSE/ACTION
1.	GENERAL		a. Show legend on each sheet depicting type of easement (It's more clear than just labeling each line).	
			b. All utilities should be shown with location (stationing and ownership) as part of A/E scope of work.	
<u>-</u> .			c. Section corner coordinates are not provided. When we do legals later, we might need to tie into the same points the COE used to determine their coordinate system.	
			d. All recreation features require acquisition in fee, including our trail on top of the levees. Will the COE accept easements for this – much of this property is owned by Hammond & they don't sell property.	
-			e. All easements on the Hammond side (South of River Drive North) only show a permanent easement South of the pavement. As per Hammond's request to not use River Drive as a haul route, what is the intent for ingress & egress of trucks hauling clay – is there enough room?	
		-	f. Should any easements on either side of the river extend to the river center line to allow for cleaning of deadfalls or debris (as discussed) in the river bed area?	
			g. Could we set coordinates on all drawings showing the intersection of property lines with easement lines in order that we could do our legals? Current coordinates only show changes in geometric lines.	
			h. The staging areas seem rather limited – is it possible to check with Hammond about an area in the Riverside Park area West of Columbia?	:
			i. How has background mapping been determined (including permanent structures) and is it current and accurate. When we do legal descriptions will we need to do individual location surveys to assure locations of structures?	

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				j. Where we modified our real estate to avoid structures (garages, etc.) we discontinue the temporary easement? Will this cause a problem for the contractor to do his work? (As shown on drawings RE - 7 thru RE - 10.)	
				k. Are any fence lines shown – this would also help us when we do our legals?	
				1. The access area at station 119+00 shows how we can get to the permanent easement. Didn't Munster also express concern about heavy equipment using River Drive South? (As shown on RE – 8.)	
	2.	RE – 1		The owner's names were based on tax card information in June 2000. Owners will change and it would be very helpful to include the key numbers on the table.	<u>-</u>
	3.	RE - 6		Is there an overlap of easements from the V-3 real estate drawings - the road closure easement for V-3 extends onto, and West of, Northcote?	
	4.	RE-2 RE-7		Adjacent to Columbia and Northcote is there adequate area in the permanent easements to store material that can be used during a flood event for closures?	
	5.	RE-2 RE-7		As we need temporary easements on either side of the permanent easements on Columbia Ave. to install the concrete slabs for closures.	
	6.	RE-6		The access area shown on this page. How do you get to this access area with heavy equipment without using River Drive North?	
	7.	RE - 7		Adjacent to permanent easement points 252,500 and 498, we have a temporary easement that includes some structures – does this mean we have to purchase them if we need room to work?	
	8.	RE-8		a. On property #26, our permanent easement appears to be taking a portion of an area designated with a "P". Is this a pool? If so, is this shown on any legend, and also if so, should we consider an I – wall or some other design?	·

COMMENTS and RESPONSES

Project:

Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission Stage VII – Real Estate Drawings

Review Item:

Date: April 24, 2001 Type: Pre-Final Review Responders: James Pokrajac

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			b. On property #77, our permanent easement appears to butt against a garage. Is there room to construct as well as to build in this area?	
9.	RE-9	,	On property #37, our permanent easement appears to butt against a structure. Is there room to construct as well as to build in this area?	
10.	RE – 10		Why is there a swimming pool on parcel #69 which is owned by the Town of Munster? (As shown on property table).	
11.	RE-11		Between stations 135+00 & 137+00, our easements are very close to a house and a pool. Has any consideration been given to vibration concerns with heavy equipment in this area?	•
12.	RE-10 RE-11		The staging and access areas have been combined. Is it the intent to get to this are from Northcote? It not, the same concern exists about driving heavy equipment on city streets which would have to be reviewed as haul routes by the Town of Munster.	



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Executive Director

LOU CASALE Attorney 5 April 2001

Ms. Chrystal Spokane, Realty Specialist Army Corps of Engineers Real Estate 111 North Canal Street Chicago, IL 60606

Dear Chrystal,

RE: Administrative Settlement for DC 595

Owners Herman (deceased) and Sandra M. Moshinsky

Lot 2 Burr Street Gary, Indiana .94 acre

Burr Street Betterment Levee

Attached are copies of a letter and request for approval of an Administrative Settlement for the above-referenced property, DC 595. I mailed the documents on 3 January 2001 and have received no response as yet from Mr. White, Chief of Acquisitions, Real Estate, USACE.

Would you please follow-up on this matter and contact me with your results?

I understand your and Mr. White's busy schedule, however, the Moshinsky's have been waiting since 24 November 2000 for an answer to this question.

I send my thanks for your cooperation and time.

Sincerely

Judith (Judy) Vamos

Land Acquisition, LCRBDC

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LOUIS CASALE Attorney 29 December 2000

Mr. William White, Chief, Real Estate
Army Corps of Engineers Real Estate Division
111 North Canal Street
Chicago, IL 60606

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Dear Mr. White,

RE: Request for an Administrative Settlement for DC 595 Owner(s) Herman (deceased) and Sandra M. Moshinsky Lot 2 Burr Acres, Gary, Indiana .94 acre Burr Street Betterment Levee Stage II

My letter respectfully requests an approval of the attached Administrative Settlement for DC 595, owner Herman (deceased) and Sandra M. Moshinsky.

The Uniform Land Offer of \$35,000 for fee value of the property was made on 15 February 2000 and rejected by Mr. Moshinsky, age 82. Mr. Moshinsky passed away in September 2000. Mrs. Moshinsky now refuses to sign the Uniform Land Offer unless an increase of \$8,000 is provided. A lengthy condemnation would result if this request is denied.

In the interest of time and to avoid costly condemnation proceedings, I respectfully request that you approve an Administrative Settlement of \$8,000 over the appraised value of \$35,000. This second request for an increase of \$8,000 follows a first request for a \$10,000 which was denied.

If approved please sign the forms, keep a copy for your files, and return the original to me.

I send my thanks for your cooperation on this matter and ask that you contact me if you have questions.

Respectfully,

Judith (Judy) Vamos Land Acquisition Agent

Judy Vamos

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Army Corps of Engineers, Chicago District

Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission

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U.S. Army, Corps of Engineers TO: Chicago District, CENCC-RE 111 North Canal Street Suite 660 Chicago, IL 60606-7206

P.L. 91-646, Title III, as amended	
Tract Number: DC 595 Stage/Phase: BURR BETTERMENT. PHASE I Owner(s): HERMAN + SANORA MOSHINSK	' }
The above described owner(s) has not accepted the uniform offer, which was based on a approved appraisal, submitted to them in the amount of the Lesser Interest of \$ and the Greater Interest of \$ for fee for an uneconomic remnant.	n <u>-</u>
In accordance with 49 CFR §24.102i, it is requested that an Administrative Settlement be approved for the subject tract.	e
The reason for this request is as follows:	
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The recommended settlement is \$ 43.600. This amount is expected to be accepted to	շչ
the owner(s).	
Dan Dardner 1-3-01	
Executive Director Date	
Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission	
Agreed to:	
Chief, Real Estate Date	



MEMO

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TO:

Lou Casale, Attorney

Angela Ogrentz, Paralegal

FROM:

Judy Vamos, Land Acquisition

FAX Delivered: 219-736-5025

DATE:

23 April 2001 ...

SUBJ:

DC 618 (owner City of Gary) officially eliminated from

Burr Street Betterment Levee Phase 2.

My MEMO today officially informs you that DC 618, owner City of Gary, is officially eliminated from the Burr Street Betterment Levee Phase 2.

As you will recall from our staff meeting DC 618 was one of the remaining acquisitions in Burr Street Phase 2. DC 618 is the extension of 37th Avenue to be used as a haul route and the acquisition is a temporary work area easement on the street, a public right-of-way.

On Thursday 4 April 2001 Imad Samara officially eliminated this parcel. He said the COE did not know the owner was the City of Gary at the time of the engineering planning and, therefore, the COE imposed a take. Since 37th Avenue is a platted public street no easement is necessary. I have sent Imad an e-mail asking for written confirmation.

Our acquisition list for Burr Street is now shortened. Yeah!

Call me if questions. Thanks.



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LOU CASALE Attorney Mrs. Chrystal Spokane U. S. Army Corps of Engineers 111 North Canal Street Chicago, Illinois 60606-7206

Dear Chrystal:

Enclosed for your information is a copy of a 1999 Lake County sidwell for Section 25 Township 36N Range 9 West that shows the platted right-of-way of 37th Avenue that will access the southern end of the betterment levee Phase 2 project. As per our request to eliminate this portion of 37th Avenue as a temporary work area easement, this information shows that this area is owned as a public right-of-way by the city of Gary.

We requested, again, to eliminate that portion of the temporary work area easement from the betterment levee Phase 2 project. If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact me.

Sincerely,

April 26, 2001

Judith Vamos, Agent Land Acquisition

Judy Vamos

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cc:

Imad Samara Tim Kroll Jan Plachta



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LOU CASALE

6 April 2001

Ms. Mary Mulligan, Brownfield Specialist City of Gary Department of Environmental Affairs 504 Broadway Room 1012 Gary, IN 46402

Dear Ms. Mulligan:

RE: Property Information at 29th Street and Clark Road Junction

Thank you for calling the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission (LCRBDC) on 3 April 2001 and inquiring about the property at the northwest corner of 29th and Clark Road. I had completed property research for that entire area (approximately 46 acres) then found that we need to acquire only the west half. You're interested in the east half. I'm happy, however, to share all the research information with you.

In this packet you'll find maps, pages from the Little Calumet River Flood Control and Recreation Project Mitigation Plan, and a scientific "matrix" with technical information. The property is divided into two large sections and we need to acquire the parcel on the west. The west half has one owner and we refer to it as DC 616 or "29th and Hanley." The parcel you inquire about is on the east and has many owners.

As I stated in our conversation if you visit the sites you'll find the properties to be mirror-images of each other. There are variations, of course, and I suggest you schedule soil borings or perform an environmental assessment to obtain accurate information for the specific site.

I send my thanks for calling the LCRBDC and invite you to call again if you need more information. I am happy to cooperate.

Respectfully,

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5 April 2001

Mr. Ted Stoffregen 3300 Burr Street Gary, IN 46406

Dear Mr. Stoffregen,

RE: Your relocation from the 3300 Burr Street property legally described as Burr Acres Lot 1 (1.06 acres)

My letter today will confirm our conversation of 4 April 2001 and is the official notification that the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission (LCRBDC) must have you relocated by 1 August 2001. That date is the new acquisition deadline for the LCRBDC. The Army Corps of Engineers will advertise and award construction contracts after that for the construction of Phase II of the Burr Street Betterment Levee portion of the Little Calumet River Flood Control and Recreation Project.

In our past conversations you mentioned moving to a home that needed repairs located on the east side of Burr Street. As we discussed I will arrive at your residence at 3300 Burr Street at 3 PM on Tuesday, 10 April 2001 to give you the relocation benefit check, discuss repairs on that replacement house, and schedule a timetable for your moving.

Please call me at your convenience at 219-763-0696 if you have questions about this letter. I send my thanks for your cooperation.

Respectfully,

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DAN GARDNER Executive Director

LOU CASALE Attorney Mr. and Mrs. Ron Huff 3339 Calhoun Street Gary, IN 46406

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Huff,

RE: Your relocation from the 3339 Calhoun Street property legally described as the N 90 ft. of W 280 ft of NE SW S24, T36, R9 (.597 acres)

My letter today will confirm our conversation of 4 April 2001 and is the official notification that the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission (LCRBDC) must have your family relocated by 1 August 2001. That date is the new acquisition deadline for the LCRBDC. The Army Corps of Engineers will advertise and award construction contracts after that date for the construction of Phase II of the Burr Street Betterment Levee portion of the Little Calumet River Flood Control and Recreation Project.

The owners of the property, Harold and Shirley Mauger, have accepted the Uniform Land Offer for the above-addressed land and our attorney will be scheduling a date for the property closing at the title company. Your presence is requested at that closing to sign a new lease with the LCRBDC. If you are unable to attend we will gladly make other arrangements.

I am available to explain the procedures and secure real estate help to assist in your search for a replacement dwelling. Please call me at 219-763-0696 if you have questions about this letter. I will contact you shortly to further explain the situation and I send my thanks for your cooperation.

Respectfully,

Judith (Judy) Vamos Land Acquisition Agent

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MEMO

TO:

Dale Kleszynski, Appraisal Coordinator

FŔOM:

Judy Vamos, Land Acquisition, LCRBDC

DATE:

5 April 2001

FAX DELIVERED: 708-895-3834

SUBJ:

DC 1128 owner Frances Pauline Danner

2705 North Drive Highland West Reach

I received a call on 3 April 2001 from landowner Frances Pauline Danner DC 1128. Her home was appraised by Andy Sharmat in November of 2000.

Since that time she has had her kitchen remodeled and wants a re-appraisal which she thinks would show an increase to the value of her property resulting in an increased easement offer amount to her.

I told her I would tell you, however, it may be awhile before we can take action, if any, because of our funding situation.

As you mentioned in our conversation today the property was appraised for land value only, thereby resulting in no increased land value. I leave the reappraisal decision to you. Please let me know that decision at the proper time and I will call Ms. Danner.

Please file this for future reference and accept my thanks, Dale, for your cooperation.

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LOU CASALE Attorney 6 April 2001

Ms. Verna Hein 6021 West 30th Avenue Gary, IN 46406

Dear Ms. Hein,

My letter today is in answer to your question about the land payment you received on 12/29/95 for the easement on your property taken by the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission. You were concerned that you may not have received the money.

I spoke with you on 5 April 2001 and said we have copies of the purchase order and check # 004514 in your file along with my note that said you came to our office with your son to pick up the check, however, a copy of your *endorsed cancelled* check could not be found. Well, a second search was successful and we found the cancelled check.

A copy of both checks are attached to this letter. Notice that you did endorse the check which was for \$1660, an increase of \$150 over the easement offer of \$1510.

It was enjoyable speaking with you and I send my thanks for your patience. Please call me any time you have questions about the easement or the Little Calumet River Flood Control and Recreation Project. I'm happy to help.

Respectfully,

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WORK STUDY SESSION ENGINEERING COMMITTEE May 3, 2001

Bob Huffman, Committee Chairman

- 1. Realignment of levee adjacent to Hart Ditch
 - Request by North Township Trustee
- 2. Meeting on May 1st with town of Highland to review drainage issues at Indianapolis Blvd. south of the river
- 3. Krosan meeting scheduled on May 7th at Griffith COE office
- 4. \$5.5 million budget request



WORK STUDY SESSION

3 MAY 2001 LAND ACQUISITION / LAND MANAGEMENT REPORT

CHUCK AGNEW, CHAIRMAN

- **1.)** There are no increased offers. There are no condemnations.
- 2.) LCRBDC attended the River Forest School Board meeting on 24 April to explain Phase I of the Handicapped-Accessible Park. Remaining equipment (ramps, swing set, etc.) has been ordered and construction will begin in June when school is closed for the summer. A groundbreaking ceremony will be scheduled for sometime in June. LCRBDC and the school corporation will coordinate the ceremony.
- 3.) FOCUS Sign Company has erected two billboards in the I-65 and I-80/94 area on Nipsco land. The signs do not obstruct our roadway easement, however, FOCUS is using our roadway for maintenance access. They have improved the roadway with stone. We will review an agreement to allow them use of our property. Should we expect compensation? Discussion.
- 4.) Boy Scout Troop #280 sponsored by the Christ Lutheran Church will once again complete their "Levee Landscaping" week-end on Friday to Sunday, June 1 to 3, starting at the pump station on River Drive and continuing east. This year the troop received \$2000 from the Hammond Community Corporation (casino money) and has over 100 scouts signed up to shovel, plant, weed, and construct flower beds with the help of the Hammond Park Department which owns the land. Pizzas again for the scouts this year?

* Need a motion to supply pizzas for the scouts on Saturday, 2 June, from Edwardo's.

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RESULTS OF REAL ESTATE MEETING HELD 9 APRIL 2001 ARMY CORPS & LITTLE CALUMET RIVER FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT

IN ATTENDANCE:

<u>LCRBDC</u> <u>COE</u>

Dan Gardner Imad Samara
Lou Casale Chris Borton
Sandy Mordus Chrystal Spokane

Jim Pokrajac Lorraine Kray

(Due to difficulties with scheduling there was no real estate meeting in March 2001) (This report is a composite from notes taken by attendees at the meeting)

1. INDIANA BUDGET UPDATE

Dan reported that he met with Representative Earl Harris on Friday 6 April 2001. Mr. Harris is the Northwest Indiana conferee who will be in the (budget) conference committee meeting. (The conference committee makes final budget recommendations for the budget vote the end of April. Harris is Vice-President of the Ways and Means Committee.)

The meeting went well according to Dan and Harris explained that the reason the "matching monies" language was inserted in the budget was to balance the budget, i.e. \$5.5 million revenue - \$5.5 million expenditure). Mr. Harris is comfortable that he can eliminate the language in conference committee. Dan will talk to key Senate people, Senator Gorton and Senator Meeks as well as Hammond Mayor Dedelow.

Imad reported that COE Deputy Colonel John Sirles is concerned that LCRBDC is not meeting 75-25 split at each year's end. Dan stated that this is the first time we've had this question raised. His understanding is that LCRBDC was accountable for crediting at the completion of the entire project. He explained the reasons for several items not being creditable but thinks a meeting to explain more fully to Sirles is needed.

Jim suggested that the COE should concentrate on one stage at a time, instead of the three stages currently being worked on in the West Reach. To work on all stages at once could accomplish nothing being completed. Imad agreed.

Discussion then centered on federal dollars for the project. Imad will provide Sandy the federal report the COE is mandated to complete which shows how the federal dollars were spent each year.

(ACTION: Imad/COE)

2. STATUS OF ACQUISITIONS

Judy was absent this meeting (jury duty) but had spoken with Chrystal earlier to report appraisals ongoing in V-2, V-3, VI-1. Jim reported that 85% of the survey work is complete on Stage V-2 and Stage VI-1. Utility relocations are an issue and costs need to be calculated. Lou is concerned about Compensability issues. Imad stated that the COE has identified the utilities in V-2 and when the mapping is completed, LCRBDC should have an idea of the monies that need to be spent.

a. Stage V-2 (WICKER PARK)

North Township has requested moving the levee closer to Hawthorne Drive on the Munster side of the park. Greg will send a letter to Imad discussing the issue. (ACTION: Greg Moore/COE)

b. Stage V-3 (WOODMAR COUNTRY CLUB)

Lou mentioned that he had met with appraiser Dale Kleszynski and golf course Architect Tim Nugent for a field review at Woodmar. Nugent has some new ideas about the golf course configuration after levee construction that would take less land from Woodmar for the flood project.

c. Stage VI-1

The hotels are assigned to Dale. He will be doing a preliminary property assessment to see how much damage to the parking lots will be done. This gives LCRBDC an idea of the cost for acquisition. The Town of Highland, the Highland Park Board, and Highland Sanitary District surveys will be delivered by this Friday according to Jim.

COE would like LCRBDC to set up a meeting with Krosan Development to discuss design options. Krosan is the acquisition in the Kennedy Industrial Park where the levee cuts into the driveway and building.

(ACTION: LCRBDC)

d. 29th and Hanley (in-project mitigation parcel)

COE will send a letter asking the LCRBDC to proceed with this acquisition. Dan is concerned about the cost of this parcel at this time.

(ACTION: Chrystal/COE)

3. CREDITING

Lorraine presented an overview of the problems LCRBDC has with the dbase tracking system. Sandy concurred and Chrystal and Chris agreed that they too have had problems. COE now has a new real estate assistant Brenda Alexander to do data entry and that will bring info up-to-date. Sandy requested that Bill White attend the next real estate meeting and presented a list of questions not yet resolved regarding "approved credit." COE has obtained a new computer administrator, Mark Selquist, to take Mary Carson's position. Mark will oversee the tracking program. (ACTION: COE)

Sandy expressed concern that when the "250+ utility relocations for the West Reach" are entered in the dbase, problems will multiply. She thinks utility relos should be kept separate from DC numbers. Credit for administration and legal costs are already mixed in and adding utility relos will make the problems worse. COE has agreed to have a coordination meeting to establish a format.

(ACTION: COE and LCRBDC)

4. MAP DELIVERY FOR STAGE VII

COE delivered Stage VII mapping. Comments are due back to the COE by 23 April 2001. (ACTION: Jim/LCRBDC)

5. NEXT REAL ESTATE MEETING

Next real estate meeting: Tuesday, 1 May, 2001, 9:30 AM, LCRBDC office

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

CHICAGO DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS 11 NORTH CANAL STREET CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60606-7206 April 19, 2001

Planning, Program and Project Management Branch

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

Dear Mr. Gardner:

I finally got around to writing down what we discussed in the February 27, 2001 real estate meeting. At that meeting we discussed the priorities of the project through Federal Fiscal Years 2002 and 2003 based on the state's next biennial budget. At the meeting we used a biennial budget of \$5.5Million. This is what we agreed to in the meeting:

We agreed that the priorities of the project for the next two years are:

- Continue the construction contracts of Stage IV-1 South, Stage IV-1 North, Burr Street Betterment Phase 1, Pump Station 1A, Pump Station 1B and North 5th Pump station.
- Award two new contracts Burr Street Phase 2 and wetland Mitigation Contract 1. Burr Street is high priority because we can't start any construction until Burr Street is under construction. And the wetland mitigation contract is priority because we have build half of the project and INDR expect to us to mitigate for some of the lost wetland.
- Complete acquisition on Stage VI-1. The construction of this stage will provide more storage in the area between Liable Road and Cline Avenue. And most of the tracks are owned by the City of Highland.

Here is the way we agreed to distribute the funding:

In my February 13, 2001 letter to you I did include a table that showed the matching local cash for fiscal years 01, 02 and 03. The table included the cash required to continue the construction contracts and awarding the two new contracts mentioned above. The total matching cash funds needed are \$3.2Million.

The balance of \$5.5Million minus \$3.2Million is \$2.2Million. The table below show how we distribute \$2.2Million:

\$300,000 Burr Street P 2 Acquisition Mitigation (29th & Hanley) \$86,000 \$400,000 Stage VI-1 \$50,000 Utility Relocation Burr Street P2 \$375,000 Stage VI-1 \$530,000 Administration Two Years \$1,741,000 Total \$559,000 Balance

In the meeting we also talked about the additional funding needed to maintain the project's capability schedule. The table below identify the additional funds needed in order for us to award new contract in federal Fiscal Year 2003.

Acquisition	Stage V-2	\$405,000
1104000000	Stage V-3	\$1,020,000
	Mitigation	\$500,000
Relocation	Stage V-2	\$2,500,000
Kolodulion	Stage V-3	\$50,000
Total		\$4,475,000

Our conclusion at the end of the meeting is \$5.5Million will keep the project going but it will delay the project schedule about 2 years. If we get \$5.5Million and \$4.5Million more then the project will stay on schedule. Please review all the information above and let me know if any comments.

Enclosure

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Sincerely,

Imad Samara Project Manager

FY 2001-2002 FY 2002-2003 Biennial Appropriation Appropriation Appropriation 1 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION 2 Airport Development - State Match 3,000,000 3 4 The foregoing allocation for the Indiana department of transportation is for airport 5 development and shall be used for the purpose of assisting local airport authorities 6 and local units of government in matching available federal funds under the sirport 7 improvement program and for matching federal grants for airport planning and for 8 the other airport studies. Matching grants of aid shall be made in accordance with 9 the approved annual capital improvements program of the Indiana department of 10 transportation and with the approval of the governor and the budget agency. 11 12 GENERAL GOVERNMENT 13 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION 14 Preventive Maintenance 4,061,020 15 Parking Lease Payment 13,224,933 16 IGCN Lease Payment 32,484,744 17 IGCS Lease Payment 34,652,741 18 Wabash Valley Lease Payment 28,249,378 19 Rockville Lease Payment 8,665,459 20 Miami lease Payment 26,751,710 21 Pendicton Juvenile Lease payment 9,684,415 22 New Castle Lease Payment 17,097,559 23 State Museum Lease Payment 6,949,828 24 ADA Compliance 3,500,000 25 **Energy Savings Projects** 3,000,000 26 STATE BUDGÉT AGENCY 27 Health and Safety Compliance Contingency Fund 5,100,000 28 Capital Needs Assessments 700,000 29 Regional Health Care Construction Account (IC 4-12-8.5) 30 State Operated Facilities 26,061,378 31 DNR Inn Expansion 6,000,000 32 Indiana State Senate 750,000 33 Indiana House of Representatives 1,500,000 34 SECTION 38. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001] 35 36 **BUILD INDIANA FUND (BIF) (IC 4-30-17)** 37

For the 2001-2003 blennium the following amounts are hereby appropriated from the Build Indiana Fund.

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41	FOR THE BUDGET AGENCY	
42	Indiana Technology Fund	
43	Libraries (IC 4-34-3-2)	6,000,000
44	Intelenet (IC 4-34-3-4)	4,000,000
45	DOE Ed/Tech Grants (IC 4-34-3-5)	49,000,000
46	Scientific Instruments	2,509,000
47	21st Century Research & Technology Fund	50,000,000
48	Purdue University-Nanotechnology	5,000,000
49	Higher Education Technology	58,000,000

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	Appropriation Appropriation	Appropriation
1	Community Wastewater & Drinking Water	30,000,000
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3	Of the above appropriation, \$500,000 shall be used for Crown Point School sewe	rs.
4 5	Local Election Equipment Matching Grants	4,000,000
6	Local Election and Voter Registration Equipment	5,000,000
7	Lake Michigan Environmental Trust Fund	500,000
8	Local Airport Development Grants (nonfederally funded)	2,000,000
9	Department of Natural Resources	,,
10	Dams	5,000,000
11	Lake Shafer and Lake Freeman Enhancement	2,000,000
12	Wabash River Heritage Corridor	4,000,000
13	Clean Water Soil Conservation & Water Districts	2,000,000
14	Indiana Heritage Trust	2,500,000
15	Hometown Indiana	500,000
16	Little Calumet River Basin Commission	5,500,000
17	Habitat for Humanity (House of Representatives Project)	45,000
18	Evansville-Housing Trust Fund	100,000
19	Center for Agricultural Science and Heritage	1,000,000
20	Krannert Building	2,000,000
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22	FOR THE BUDGET AGENCY - LOCAL PROJECTS	
23	<u>:</u>	
24	A Better Way - Muncie - Delaware Co.	25,000
25	African American Achievers - Lake Co.	10,000
26	African American Achievers Youth - Lake Co.	50,000
27 .	African American Historical Museum - Allen Co.	30,000
28	African American United, Inc Lake Co.	25,000
29	African-American Museum - Vanderburgh Co.	50,000
30	Albany Community Library - rehab of building for use as library - Delaware	Co. 40,000
31	Allen Co. Council for the Aging	10,000
32	Allen Co. League for the Blind	10,000
33	Anderson Public Library - technology equipment - Madison Co.	10,000
34	Anderson Twp. VFD - Perry Co.	10,000
35	Arboretum - South Bend - St. Joseph Co.	50,000
36	Argos Community Ambulance Service - Marshall Co.	26,500
37	Argos Public Library - Marshall Co.	40,000
38	Argos VFD - Marshall Co.	40,000
39	Arlington High School-computer equipment/instructional materials-Marion	
40	Armstrong Twp. Recreation Center - basketball/tennis courts - Vanderburgi	
41	Attica Parks swimming pool - Warren Co.	10,000
42	Attica Save the Cannon - Warren Co.	3,000
43	Banks of the Wabash Chorus - Terre Haute - Vigo Co.	30,000
44	Barker Middle School Outdoor Nature Preserve - LaPorte Co.	10,000
45	Baugo Twp. Little League - Elkhart Co.	10,000
46	Mishawaka Parks Dept Baker Park - H.S. Baseball Field - St. Joseph Co.	15,000
47	Beanblossom-Stinesville VFD fire apparatus - Monroe Co.	50,000 £0,000
48 49	Benton County Ambulance Service	50,000
47	Benton Co Boswell Community Ambulance Service	50,000

\$21 billion spending plan OK'd

Differences set aside to wrap up session before midnight deadline

BY TERRY BURNS Times Statehouse Bureau Chief

INDIANAPOLIS - After ending a divisive walkout by House Republicans that brought the General Assembly to a virtual standstill for nearly two days, lawmakers got back to work Sunday, giving final approval to a nearly \$21 billion budget plan that avoids any across-the-board tax increases.

The Indiana House late Sunday voted 53-44 to pass the new two-year budget. The Senate voted 31-18 for approval. Both votes came just minutes before a midnight deadline to avert the need for a special session.

Earlier Sunday, the House and Senate reached a final agreement on a set of new legislative maps, a highly charged political measure that sparked the stalemate in the House, which had threatened to send lawmakers into special session for the first

time since 1997

Lawmakers also gave approval to measures exempting them-selves from the state's openrecords law, reforming state elec-



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tion procedures and changing the way the Bureau of Motor Vehicles does business.

Despite the crush of pending legislation awaiting final action during the closing hours of the session, the real focus of attention during the daylong legislative marathon undoubtedly was on the budget, a blueprint for how the state will spend its money for the next two years.

Among the other spending ini-tiatives included in the budget are \$5.5 million for the Little Calumet River Basin Commission Calumet River Basin Commission and a tax credit for Safety Kleen in East Chicago, which could save the company \$400,000 a year.

In another move, lawmakers also included a \$16 million bailout for East Chicago, but attached some strings to the deal

tached some strings to the deal. The city can only apply for the money after LTV Corp., which recently filed for bankruptcy, misses its first tax payment.

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Spending

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Budget crafters also nixed a plan aimed at eliminating the business inventory tax and gave the final go-ahead to the suspension of a personal property tax credit enacted in 1999 that gave an unanticipated tax break to mobile-home owners and others. Many GOP lawmakers labeled the Democrat-backed suspension a veiled tax increase.

The final spending plan proved incredibly difficult to piece together, budget negotiators acknowledged, because the state is facing an anticipated revenue shortfall of nearly \$923 million over the biennium.

The state's dwindling revenue, coupled with the growing costs of Medicaid and the need to provide more public school funding, even had some lawmakers considering proposed tax hikes, some of them suggested by De-mocratic Gov. Frank O'Bannon.

In the end, however, lawmakers on both sides of the aisle rejected calls for hiking the cigarette tax, legalizing dockside gambling and completely doing away with a personal property tax credit adopted in 1999 as a means of balancing the state's financial books.

Senate Republicans had insisted from the beginning that a budget could be crafted without tax increases, but only if the state learned to live within its means. House Democrats, mean-while, initially supported some the proposed "revenue enhance-ments," but quickly backed away from their stance when it became clear there wasn't enough support for the measures in either chamber.

In order to make up for the funding gap and avoid the need for a tax increase, House and Senate budget writers agreed to tap into the state's rainy day fund to the tune of \$100 million and delay an estimated \$403 million in payments to schools and universities, an accounting trick used in the past when the economy slowed down.

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Despite tactics used to make up for the shortfall, the new spending plan actually leaves the state with a \$585 million deficit at the end of the budget cycle and nearly depletes the ceneral fund. general fund.

Legislative fiscal leaders said they are counting on an economic turnaround to erase most, if

not all, of that projected deficit. This is a budget built on believing what the economists have said, that we'll have a good economy by 2002," said House Ways and Means Committee Chairman B. Patrick Bauer, D-South Bend. "We do build our budgets on their forecasts.

"I believe we are already coming out of our (economic) slow-down in Indiana," he added, "and I just hope it continues."

Based in part on that opti-mistic outlook, the budget package boosts funding to public education by an average of 3.5 percent a year, slightly more than sought by the governor and Senate Republicans, but less than desired by House Democrats.

In all, spending on elementary and secondary education will grow by \$515 million, with school districts being guaranteed at least 2 percent funding increases. The spending plan also includes \$20 million each for full-day kindergarten and teacher development.

development.

According to projections, most schools in Lake County will average slightly more than the guaranteed 2 percent funding increases in each of the next two years. Among the exceptions are Munster schools, which could re-ceive increases of 4.3 percent in 2002 and 6 percent in 2003; Lake Central schools, which are in line for 2.9 percent and 4.7 percent increases, respectively; and Merrillville schools, with project-ed increases of 2.5 percent and

At the same time, state-run universities and colleges, which feared being flat lined over the next two years, will see operating money increase by 3.3 percent.

Before considering the budget plan, however, lawmakers in the Democratic controlled House first tackled the politically volatile issue of legislative redistricting, eventually approving a set of proposed House and Senate maps by. a party-line vote of 52-46. The lone Democratic holdout was Rep. John Aguilera of East Chicago, who chose not to cast a vote, claiming the maps ignored Indiana's Hispanic communities.

The Senate later followed suit, approving the redistricting measure 32-18, again on straight

partisan lines.

The Times, lues. May 1,2001

EDITORIALS

Indiana's new budget taxes the imagination

The Issue: Indiana's new budget

Our opinion: It was a budget cobbled together at the last minute,
as usual, and the haste shows.

ndiana's lawmakers put expediency ahead of other concerns when they adopted a new state budget for the next two years.

Sure, they met the deadline – barely – and finished work by midnight Sunday. But the budget they created is a Frankenstein that will haunt Indiana for years to come.

The \$21 billion budget lets the legislators look like heroes in some regards. The Kankakee River Basin Development Commission gets the \$5.5 million it needs to remain in business, and funding for elementary and secondary education was increased by \$515 million. State-run colleges and universities will get 3.3 percent increases in operating funds and will be able to issue \$234 million bonds, including \$2.6 million for a construction project at Ivy Tech State College in Valparaiso.

It was a budget cobbled together at the last minute, as usual, and the haste shows.

Questionable accounting tricks and a major raid on the state's savings account were used.

Lawmakers agreed to take \$100 million from the state's rainy day fund and will delay an estimated \$403 million in payments to schools and universities. The tactics are not without precedent, but it is shameful to resort to them.

Strip away the facade, and the budget actually leaves the state with a \$585 million deficit at the end of the two-year budget cycle and nearly empties the general fund.

In doing so, they avoided increasing the cigarette tax, a move which should have been a no-brainer. Gov. Frank O'Bannon's proposal for a 50-cents-perpack increase would have raised additional money for the state budget while



2001 INDIANA GENERAL ASSEMBLY discouraging a habit that costs Hoosiers millions of dollars each year in additional healthcare costs.

Lawmakers are hopeful that the economy will bounce

back by 2002. They have ignored the anticipated budget shortfall of nearly \$923 million over the biennium. That's like an employee basing his household budget on what he thinks his employer should pay, rather than what the employer actually should be expected to give him.

Perhaps the lawmakers forgot that Indiana is supposed to be a fiscally conservative state. Perhaps they wanted to avoid a special session to do the hard work that they couldn't do effectively in the regular session.

Then again, it must be remembered that the law-makers haven't had a pay raise in years. Perhaps it's simply true that you get what you pay for.

It's not over yet. O'Bannon could veto the budget, although that isn't likely. He might also veto the separate legislation that provides raises to the legislators, a decision he is reportedly considering.

If the governor does sign off on the budget, however, he should work harder to get consensus on the need for a comprehensive look at the state's taxation sys-

Not since 1972 has the state given its revenue engine a major overhaul. It should have been done about 15 years ago, and it's showing its age.

Becoming more realistic about how the state raises the revenue it needs might help the lawmakers become more realistic about not spending more than they can afford.

Governor: Over \$600 million shortfall possible

By Steve Walsh

Staff Writer

INDIANAPOLIS — The tight state budget approved by lawmakers provided victories and defeats for some Northwest Indiana interests.

After three days of on-again, off-again negotiations, lawmakers came to terms on a state budget and legislative maps by midnight Sunday and avoid a special session.

"It was about the best we could do given that there was no new money," said Rep. Scott Pelath, D-Michigan City.

Money was tight for local projects. Lawmakers did receive the money they requested from the Build Indiana Fund.

The Gary/Chicago Airport did not fare as well.

Despite a show of support by the governor and lawmakers, there was no major appropriation for the airport.

Gary Mayor Scott King expressed disappointment at the lack of monetary support and responded with an alternative plan.

He will ask the City Council to put \$1 million toward completing the building of a hangar there, with another \$500,000 appropriated for airport marketing.

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BUDGET

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The Little Calumet River Basin Commission received \$5.5 million for its flood control projects. It was less than \$12 million the commission wanted but the final draft eliminated language requiring a local match.

"We are very pleased with the money we got from the budget," said Dan Gardner, executive director, of the Little Calumet River Basin Commission.

South Shore riders can expect fewer delays in the next five years as the railroad begins to replace aging signals and overhead wiring.

If the governor signs the budget, the Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District will have access to an existing state tax on rail car leases, which generates \$4.2 million to \$4.5 million a year.

"The system is 75 years old. It's as old as the railroad and it needs to be replaced," said John Parsons, spokesman for NICTD.

Ivy Tech in Valparaiso received \$2.6 million to begin developing a new campus, south of U.S. 30 on Indiana 49.

The Lake Michigan Environment Trust Fund, created this year in a bill by Rep. Earl Harris, D-East Chicago, received \$500,000 to 2001



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Battle ends in red



CHRISTOPHER SMITH/POST-TRIBUNE

An employee of Dyer Construction Co. digs a drainage ditch Monday beside the Little Calumet River in Gary as part of the Little Calumet Improvement Project. The flood-control project gets \$5.5 million in the state budget.