MEETING NOTICE

THERE WILL BE A MEETING OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
AT 6:00 P.M. THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2002
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 October 3, 2002

5. Chairman’s Report
   - Special Commission meeting held October 16
   - Selection of Nominating Committee

6. Executive Director’s Report
   - West Reach permit application – Notices in process of being mailed out
   - Hartsdale Pond ceremony – Lake County Surveyor’s Office

7. Old Business
   - Process of property disposal started for Berkheimer property (about 6.45 acres)
8. Standing Committees
   A. Land Acquisition/Management Committee – Arlene Colvin, Chairperson
      Land Acquisition
      • Appraisals, offers, acquisitions, recommended actions
      • Issues for Discussion
      Land Management
      • Issues for Discussion
   
   B. Environmental Committee – Mark Reshkin, Chairman
      • Report on offers status for Hobart Marsh mitigation Meeting November 7
      • Meeting with LEL, DNR re: lease/option extension issue held October 21
      • Issues for Discussion
   
   C. Legislative Committee – George Carlson, Chairman
      • Update on Budget request – Meetings with area legislators, community officials
        > Communications re: upcoming State budget and need for local participation
      • Issues for Discussion
   
   D. Project Engineering Committee – Bob Huffman, Chairman
      • Issues for Discussion
   
   E. Recreational Development Committee – Emerson Delaney, Chairman
      • No Recreational work scheduled until Recreation Phase 2 is released
      • Issues for Discussion
   
   F. Marina Development Committee – Bill Tanke, Chairman
      • Meeting with Bank One/City of Portage/ Port Authority to discuss revenue bonding to
        finance build out of marina slips held October 31
      • Issues for Discussion
   
   G. Finance Committee – Curt Vosti, Chairman
      • Financial status report
      • Approval of claims for October 2002
      • Committee meeting held October 10
      • Approval of $5,470 for USGS Hart Ditch gage station operation (LEL fund)
      • Issues for Discussion
   
   H. Policy Committee – George Carlson, Chairman
      • Issues for Discussion
   
   I. Public Relations Committee – Bob Marszalek, Chairman
      • Issues for Discussion

9. Other Issues/New Business
10. Statements to the Board from the Floor
11. Date for next meeting – Wednesday, December 11 (Note: This is not our usual meeting date)
Chairman William Tanke called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Ten (10) commissioners were present. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Quorum was declared and guests were recognized.

**Development Commissioners:**
- William Tanke
- Robert Huffman
- Mark Reshkin
- George Carlson
- Steve Davis
- Arlene Colvin
- Robert Marszalek
- Curt Vosti
- John Mroczkowski
- Emerson Delaney

**Visitors:**
- Jim Flora – R.W. Armstrong Company
- Sandy O'Brien – Hobart
- Don Ewaldt – Lake Erie Land Company
- Imad Samara – COE
- Sean Fahey – IDNR
- Jomary Crary – IDNR
- Jody Melton – KRBC
- Frank Gaweda – Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

**Staff:**
- Dan Gardner
- Sandy Mordus
- Lou Casale
- Judy Vamos

The minutes of the September 5 meeting were approved by a motion from Bob Huffman; motion seconded by Arlene Colvin; motion passed unanimously.

**Chairman's Report** – Chairman Bill Tanke and Bob Marszalek attended the NAFSMA conference in New Orleans held September 9-13. Mr. Marszalek commented that he thoroughly enjoyed the conference. There were many important speakers such as representatives from FEMA, USEPA, USACOE, State Water Pollution Control Boards, House Water Resources Committee, National Wildlife Federation, Nature Conservancy and the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago who gave presentations on a wide variety of topics that included floodplain mapping, mitigation process, local planning, stormwater issues regarding TMDLs, waste water, emergency issues, streams and banks water quality, legal permits, water retention ponding, etc. He attended each session each day of the conference.
- Chairman Tanke added that some of the presentations were repeated ones from previous conferences, although some of the information was updated. He expanded on FEMA floodplain mapping, saying that they need more money to complete remapping; they need $800 million and have only gotten $300 million. It appears that environmental issues are on the bottom of the list right now, with Homeland Security getting all the money. The subjects of “betterments” and wetland restoration were interesting.
- Chairman Tanke named several subjects that he feels are of great importance to the Commission that warrant a special meeting for discussion. Subjects included: future of Commission, funding vs. no funding, a plan to take employees into consideration, how do we maintain what we have with no funding mechanism in place yet, relationship with the COE, and the need for a written plan. He asked other Board members to be thinking about these issues.

**Executive Director's Report** – Executive Director Dan Gardner informed the Board that a meeting was just held at the Lake County Surveyor's Office relative to the remapping of Lake County floodplain maps. We would like to show Gary being out of the floodplain on the new mapping. With a commitment in place for funding from the City (and 50% of construction completed), the new mapping would be able to show floodplain removal status for the city. Mr. Gardner showed the Board members the old FEMA maps compared to new sample FEMA maps. FEMA has hired a consulting firm to produce the mapping. It probably will take 2 years to complete the process.
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- Mr. Gardner introduced Frank Gaweda from the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago who gave a slide presentation of the flood control efforts across the state line using the Thornton Quarry as a flood reservoir. The Illinois and Indiana projects were both federally constructed by the Corps of Engineers, and both projects need each other to protect their respective residents. The presentation was very informative.
- Mr. Gardner continued on with informing the Board members that the attorney has drafted an agreement for us to sign with the IDNR so that we can proceed with buying land in Hobart Marsh. Attorney Casale explained the agreement, pointing out that an amendment will be added to the agreement once deed restoration language is worked out with the COE. After explaining the language, Curt Vosti made a motion to accept the agreement as presented knowing the amendment will be forthcoming; motion seconded by Mark Reshkin; motion passed unanimously.

**Old Business** — Attorney Lou Casale referred to a letter he wrote to the Attorney General's Office regarding whether the Commission qualifies for insurance coverage under the IN Tort Claims Fund. He has not received a response yet. Commissioner Vosti suggested that since this issue has been talked about for a while now, that it be referred to the Finance Committee to revisit it when a letter is received from the Attorney General's Office.
- Mr. Gardner talked about the agreement that USGS wants the Commission to sign, making us responsible for payment of two gauge stations for a cost of about $17,000. Since the cost is not creditable to the Commission, we cannot draw the money from the State. Mr. Gardner has explained the situation to USGS and has been talking to them and IDNR and the COE to try to reach a solution. We can (1) seek a waiver from the State on the crediting status; (2) not pay it or (3) if it is extremely necessary, then we need to find some money elsewhere. Commissioner Reshkin added that the gauge station probably gives vital information relative to TMDLs. Imad also pointed out that the information is used for our flood warning system. Dr. Reshkin recommended that we pursue cost sharing with EPA. Sean Fahey suggested we try to talk to the communities where the stations are located. A motion was made by Mark Reshkin to ask the other communities to be responsible; motion seconded by Steve Davis; motion passed unanimously.

**Land Acquisition/Land Management Committee** — Committee Chairman Arlene Colvin gave the report. She reported that we have been evaluating our leases and surplus properties. The properties include Berkheimer and Chase Street Produce leases, and they have been appraised for current market value. Based on the information we have received, it appears it would be better to sell the Berkheimer property (about 6.46 acres). The attorney stated that it must comply with State regulations and go through the Property Disposal Act. A motion was made by Arlene Colvin directing the attorney to start the process so we can advertise it for sale; motion seconded by Mark Reshkin; motion passed unanimously.
- Ms. Colvin continued to say that the Commission would fare better keeping the lease on Chase Street Produce property. There have been no increases to the lessee since 1997. Ms. Colvin then made a motion to increase the monthly rental from $1700 to $2100 (based upon the Consumer Price Index) and we will add an escalation clause to the new lease beginning January 2003 with an annual CPI increase built in; motion seconded by Bob Marszalek; motion passed unanimously.
- Ms. Colvin continued to make a motion approving payment to the appraiser for the two properties for a total of $3,000 to be paid out of LEL funds; motion seconded by Bob Huffman; motion passed unanimously.
- It was reported that the appraisal on DC-M-01 (Kim property) has been completed for the Hobart Marsh area. Ms. Colvin made a motion to make an offer on this property based on the appraisal price of $224,000 (approx. 63 acres); motion seconded by Mark Reshkin; motion passed unanimously.

**Environmental Committee** — Committee Chairman Mark Reshkin reported that the status on the Hobart Marsh area has already been discussed.
- Regarding the in-project mitigation contract, the contract award has gone to Renewable Resources from Georgia as the low bidder at a cost of $921,108. Imad Samara added that this is below the COE's estimate.
- Regarding the project mitigation land lease with have with LEL, that discussion will be postponed because it is still under review. A meeting will be pursued to discuss legal, permitting, and natural resource management issues.
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**Legislative Committee** – Committee Chairman George Carlson gave the legislative report. He reported that the budget request has been submitted to the Budget Agency, and that we now need to start meeting with area legislators to gain their support.

- Mr. Carlson referred to the news release from the Congressman’s office approving congressional committee funding authorization increase in the Water Resources Development Act for 2002 for the flood control project to $186,500,000. The action now goes before the House for passage. It was pointed out that this shows the strong commitment by Congressman Visclosky to the project, but also carries with it an increase in the non-federal cost share.

**Project Engineering Committee** – Committee Chairman Bob Huffman gave the engineering report. He reported that the Stage III remediation contract has gone to Dyer Construction as the lowest bidder at a cost of $1,291,846. The bid was under the COE’s estimate. It is anticipated that construction start will be in the spring of 2003.

- Mr. Huffman reported that final inspection took place for the auxiliary power for the North Burr Street pump station with the COE and WREP on September 13. Staff has received the O&M manuals but no segments or pump stations can be accepted for O&M until GSD issues are resolved.

- Mr. Huffman also announced that a meeting was scheduled for October 7 with the COE, INDOT, town of Highland and North Township to review the proposed drainage plans at the Indianapolis Bridge in Highland.

**Recreation Committee** – Committee Chairman Emerson Delaney reported that we should be receiving a letter from North Township soon in response to our letter to them requesting written confirmation that we can tie our trail into the existing Wicker Park trail, thus saving quite a bit of money. Imad Samara also stated that the recreational trail will be part of the Burr Street Phase 2 levee construction project and not a separate recreational contract.

**Marina Committee** – Committee Chairman Bill Tanke reported that the city has received the marina financial information they have had reviewed by their consultant, Crowe Chizek. Dan Gardner has talked with John Smolnar from the Portage Port Authority and they are reviewing the figures now. Once that is complete, a meeting now can be scheduled with Bank One to talk about revenue bonding for the build-out of the marina. Mr. Tanke asked attorney Casale to check with Greg Sobkowski, City of Portage attorney, within a week to get the meeting date set.

**Finance Committee** – Committee Chairman Curt Vosti referred to the financial statement and the claim sheet. Mr. Vosti proceeded to make a motion approving the claim sheet for September with total claims being $84,911.47; motion seconded by Bob Marszalek; motion passed unanimously.

- Mr. Vosti added that a Finance committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 10. The committee members will be notified where the meeting will take place. Financial status and 2003 budget preparation will be covered.

**Policy Committee** – Committee Chairman George Carlson stated that the issue of travel has been discussed at earlier meetings. If any other question regarding future travel comes up again, it will be handled at that time.

**Public Relations Committee** – Committee Chairman Bob Marszalek stated that he has already reported on the NAFFMA conference.

**Other Issues** – Mr. Gardner thanked Judy Vamos for the extra effort she has put in regarding the Hobart Marsh appraisals and with her contacts with Trust for Public Land. We have received a letter from TPL and they are looking forward to working with us. Mark Reshkin appreciated the fact that they recognize our need for quick action and was happy they are complying. Mr. Gardner added that he has talked to Tom Anderson from Save the Dunes, and they are willing to work with us regarding property they are acquiring in the Hobart Marsh area.
Bob Huffman reported that the Hohman Avenue bridge reconstruction is completed. He asked about the status of the four houses west of Hohman along River Drive. Mark Reshkin added that we need to meet with the town of Munster for this discussion. Mr. Huffman suggested we put this item under Old Business to be followed up on later.

**New Business** - Chairman Tanke stated he wanted the Board members to be considering his topics that he presented at the beginning of the meeting and proceeded to set a special meeting on October 16 for further discussion. Staff will notify Board members of time.

**Statements to the Board** – There were none.

There being no further business, the next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, November 7, 2002. (It was also determined that the December meeting would be scheduled for Wednesday, December 11 instead of our normal date of the first Thursday of the month.)

/sjm
Drainage pumps for pond activated

Project should reduce flooding in Schererville, Highland, Griffith.

BY EMILY HISER
Times Staff Writer

SCHERERVILLE — Lake County Surveyor George Van Til, along with County Commissioners Gerry Scheub and Fran DuPey activated the switch Friday for two pumps that will move 11,000 gallons of water a minute from the Hartsdale Pond into the Spring Street Ditch, helping the towns of Schererville, Highland and Griffith avoid future flooding problems.

A project nearly five years in the making, the two 50 horsepower automatic pumps will regulate the flow of 180 acres of storm water retained in the pond into the Spring Street Ditch, which leads north to the Cady Marsh Ditch and eventually on to the Little Calumet River.

Preliminary drainage projects in Schererville, Highland and Griffith were completed between 1994 and 1998 as joint endeavors between the respective towns, the Lake County Drainage Board and the County surveyor’s office. Those projects eventually led to the construction of a low-flow diversion channel next to the pond, which lies south of Main Street and just west of Kennedy Avenue.

This fall, a concrete spillway will be constructed at the south end of the pond to facilitate the flow of stormwater between the channel and the pond.

“This is an emotional time for me,” Van Til said, describing how he remembers the Spring Street ditch overflowing when he was just a child. “This is what it’s all about in terms of government service.”

The pumping project cost approximately $700,000, the majority of which came from the budgets of the surveyor’s office and drainage board. Van Til also credits Rep. Dan Stevenson, D-Highland, with providing $125,000 from the Build Indiana Fund.

During the past seven years, the combined cost of all town and county projects associated with the drainage issues along Spring Street Ditch cost about $1.5 million, Van Til said.

The Spring Street Ditch begins just north of 85th Street in Schererville, and meanders north about 6.5 miles, connecting up with the Cady Marsh Ditch north of Martha Street in Highland.

The towns of Schererville and Highland have entered an interlocal agreement to maintain the new pumps and pay the electric bill, according to Van Til.

Schererville Public Works Director Bob Volkmann said the project should help alleviate some of the flooding problems residents of downtown Schererville have faced over the years.

“(Flooding) was a long-standing problem with Schererville in severe rains,” he said.

Van Til explained that storm water often remained at the south end of the Spring Street Ditch too long, flooding Schererville and south Griffith, and would sometimes flow too quickly into Highland, causing flooding there.
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## Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission
### Monthly Budget Report, October 2002

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**TOTAL** 60,165.99
RECREATION REPORT
For meeting on Thursday, November 7, 2002

(Information in this report is from August 28, 2002 – October 30, 2002)

GENERAL STATEMENT
A. At this point in time, the existing construction contracts in the East Reach are almost all completed. The only remaining area of construction is the Betterment Levee – Phase II.
B. Currently, the joint recreation venture with the Army Corps is completed; 90% of the completed East Reach levees have stoned trails completed; the remainder of East Reach trails are currently being coordinated and should be included in an upcoming recreation contract. It is anticipated that the next recreation contract may be in 2003-2004, and that the construction and real estate costs for this work would be delayed until that contract is ready to let.
   1. A supplemental contract will be included as part of the Stage III remediation project which will be released for bids in August of 2002, that will include the paving of all stoned ramps. (Construction start projected in the Spring of 2003.)

RECREATION – PHASE I
(This contract included 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 & 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. Recreation trail re-alignments will be required in the East Reach due to conflicting land use plans with the City of Gary, I.U. Northwest, or other regulatory groups. (Refer to general statement.)
   1. Broadway to Harrison Crossing – Stage II-3B: (currently on hold until the next recreation contract.)
      • 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.)
      --Upon completion of I.U. Northwest modifications on, and adjacent to, Broadway, we will install a permanent trail crossing South of the river and along the line of flood protection, as originally proposed by the COE (ongoing)
2. **Harrison to Grant Street Crossing:** (currently on hold until the next recreation contract.)
   - In the COE letter dated February 7th, 2002, they indicated, under the "remaining East Reach recreation features" response, that these remaining features will be incorporated into the next recreation contract.

3. We submitted a request to Attorney Casale on August 3rd, 2002, along with a letter from the EJ&E RR to proceed with an agreement to allow us to install an at grade recreation trail crossing East of Cline Avenue.
   - We received a letter from the EJ&E on September 1st, 1999, allowing us to proceed, along with their requirements. (To Lou at September 10th, 2001 utility coordination meeting.)
   - The scope of this work will be done as part of the Recreation Phase 2 project instead of Stage VI-2

**WEST REACH RECREATION**

**A. Cline Avenue Crossing:**

1. We had recreation coordination meetings with Highland and Griffith to determine trail relocations which allow us to cross at Cline Avenue at Highway Avenue.
   - A field meeting was held with Griffith on June 27th, 2001, to walk and review potential recreational trail adjustments East of Cline.
   - A meeting was held with Highland on July 5th, 2001, to review the recreation trail location West of Cline Avenue. A follow-up meeting was held with the Cline Avenue Baptist Church on July 16th, 2001, to review the possibility of getting an easement across their property adjacent to Cline Avenue.

2. A letter was sent to the COE on July 23rd, 2001, along with sketches showing the proposals and suggesting a meeting to review and discuss these locations.
   - The COE indicated to LCRBDC on July 17th, 2002 (in a conference call with RANI ENGINEERING) that this will be part of the Recreation Phase 2 project.
   - A letter was sent to the COE and RANI ENGINEERING on August 22nd, 2002, indicating the proposed ramp location from our upcoming levee segment that would allow the Town of Highland the opportunity to tie in their existing trail system with ours. We need real estate requirements and engineering modifications. **(ongoing)**

**B. Tri-State recreational trail tie-in for the Highland/Wicker Park/Erie Lackawanna Trail System:** (Part of Stage V – Phase 2 construction.)

1. The COE modified the engineering and real estate drawings and submitted them to us at the Real Estate meeting on July 19th, 2001. 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.
   - A letter was sent to North Township on August 23rd, 2002, requesting a letter of confirmation that we could tie into their existing trail rather than extending our trail between Wicker Park and Woodmar.
   - We received a response from North Township on September 30th, 2002, indicating that they see no reason why we couldn’t incorporate our trail with theirs, but they would still need to review our proposal.
C. A letter was sent to the Lake County Highway Dept. on December 28th, 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 1st, 2001, 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.
   - R.W. Armstrong submitted a cost to coordinate and design this walkway in the amount of $26,000. The Board deferred doing this work until a later date due to financial constraints. (See Stage VI-1 Engineering Report.)
2. We coordinated this with the COE through emails and on July 3rd, 2002, the COE agreed that this design will be addressed in their next fiscal year.

D. Stage VIII Trails:

1. Currently on hold as part of the Stage VIII construction due to lack of funding.
2. We received a letter from NICTD on October 15th, 2001 (dated October 9th) indicating problems with the location of our trail on their R/W under I-80/94
   - They feel it is a safety concern and suggested we re-route our trail along their R/W to 173rd Street.
   - LCRBDC is currently contacting NICTD to do a review with the Corps, and SEH (Corps engineer) to discuss their request.
3. A meeting was held with NICTD on March 11th, 2002, to review recreation trail re-alignment, review hydraulic information, and discuss other local and COE concerns.
   - It appears we may be doing our construction in this area before the railroad would be proceeding. It is our intent to use our current design and when they proceed, we can work together accordingly.
September 30, 2002

Mr. James Pokrajac
Land Management/Engineering
Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission
6100 Southport Road
Portage, IN 463682

Dear Jim,

In response to your letter dated August 23, 2002, based on the information available to me, I see no reason why the trail project could not be incorporated into your upcoming construction project.

With regards to changing the proposed trail route, I am also concerned with pedestrian safety, but before I commit to diverting the trail from its current proposed location to a new location, I would like to review the new proposal. Also it is necessary to be reassured that we have addressed public safety as well as any drainage, maintenance and security issues.

Please feel free to contact my office to schedule a meeting where we may review and discuss the recommended changes. My office telephone number is (219) 932-2530.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Greg Cvitkovich
North Township Trustee
LAND ACQUISITION:
1.) There are no increased offers. There are no condemnations.

2.) Update on Hobart Marsh Mitigation:
A Technical Review meeting for land acquisition was held Thursday (today) 7 November to review and define some land acquisitions issues concerning the Hobart Marsh Area. Attendees from the Corps, DNR, and Trust for Public Lands (TPL) made procedural decisions that will affect future Hobart Marsh acquisitions.

The second appraisal on the Kim property will be completed by Wednesday 13 November 2002. The Corps Reviewer will then review it immediately and the offer to Dr. Kim will be sent as soon as the appraisal is approved.

3.) FYI - Charles Agnew Park Phase II:
Attached is a picture of the sign supplied by Playworld Systems for the Charles Agnew Park. The sign will match colors of the park equipment.

LAND MANAGEMENT:
1.) Disposal of Surplus Property:
Berkheimers - The property disposal process has begun. The attorney's office will mail information about the property to the required (35) state agencies. If there are no responses during the 30 day response period, we can then bid the property for sale. The appraisal for 6.45 acres is $16,000.

2.) Operation and Maintenance:
The Commission needs to review and establish Operation and Maintenance methods/procedures for the upcoming Corps turnover of the East Reach to LCRBDC. The Commission needs to decide:
   a.) if a new committee needs to be formed,
   b.) or if a committee of the whole would be preferred,
   c.) or if O.& M. should be included as part of an existing committee.

A meeting needs to be scheduled to review the costs, tasks, and funding.

A brief presentation will be made in the Work Study Session prior to the tonight's Commission meeting.
This park designed for children 5 to 12 YEARS OF AGE with proper adult supervision.

This project made possible through the combined efforts of the River Forest PTA, Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission and Lake Erie Land Company.

The above image is a representation of the Custom Sign that has been created per your specifications. Once approved, the Custom product cannot be CANCELED. The Custom product typically ships 9 weeks from the time Playworld Systems, Inc. receives the approved image.

I approve the above image

[Signature]

Please Print Name ___________________________ Date ___________________________
WORK STUDY SESSION
ENGINEERING COMMITTEE
November 7, 2002
Bob Huffman, Committee Chairman

1. Frank Halcarz parcel west of Burr Street north of the Norfolk Southern RR
   - Our survey was completed on October 2 delineating the north permanent easement
     line for our levee.
   - Jim Pokrajac’s letter of September 27 indicated that he would not be allowed to plant,
     fence, or stone and develop anything south of this line.
   - Dan’s letter indicated the levee is there, and he is protected from flood water from the
     Little Calumet River, but until Burr Street Phase 2 construction is completed, Gary
     cannot be taken out of the floodplain.

2. Upcoming inspections of completed levee segments
   - The COE indicated three inspections will be coming up within the next three months. They
     are (1) Stage II Phase 4 (Broadway to Martin Luther King Drive north of the
     Little Calumet River), (2) Stage II Phase 3B (Harrison Street to Georgia Street south
     of the Little Calumet River), and (3) Stage IV Phase 1South (Cline Avenue to Burr
     Street south of the Norfolk Southern RR).
   - The COE is in the process of preparing to turn over these segments and the
     Development Commission needs to proceed with O&M.

3. Gary Sanitary District outstanding issues
   - We received a response from the COE regarding the Gary Sanitary District issues on
     November 6.
   - Development Commission staff will review this response and comment prior to
     scheduling a meeting with the Gary Sanitary District.

4. Meeting was held with INDOT on October 7 to review drainage issues along Indianapolis
   Blvd. near the Little Calumet River
   - The COE and the town of Highland have submitted necessary hydrology data to
     INDOT for their review.
   - INDOT will take this data and provide a preliminary design and a cost estimate as to
     what the incremental cost differences will be to install this station.
   - These cost figures will then be submitted to both North Township and the town of
     Highland to present to their respective boards to determine if they want to participate
     in this pump station upgrade.
5. Pre-construction meeting was held for the in-project mitigation on October 31
   • The contractor is Renewable Resources from Georgia
   • The contractor will be required to submit plans to the COE for quality assurance, quality control, safety, and obtain all necessary permits for construction.
   • They are anticipating a construction start early in 2003.
November 6, 2002

Dear Dan:

Thank you for your letter dated October 3, 2002 regarding the Gary Sanitary District (GSD) remaining issue. As you know that these issues have been going on for a long time. We would like to work with you to resolve them. Below you will find my responses to the seven outstanding issues that we have with the GSD.

Telemetry Request

After the June 5, 2002 meeting we revisited this issue. We evaluated all the materials you provide us and we reviewed the COE regulations that govern this request. Our conclusion was that we are in concordance with the letter that I wrote to your office in August 1999 regarding this issue. This item is not a project-funded item, as we have stated before the installing of this system is a local sponsor responsibility. This is consistent with what we informed the west reach communities when the same concern came up.

Permitted Outfalls and their impact from this project

This item is progressing slower than I would have liked. Sue Davis, Chief of Hydrology and Hydraulics, is currently coordinating this with Barth Tech, the consultant that ran the SWIM Model for GSD.

Ironwood Storm water pumping station

Access is obtainable to the pump station. During flood event access to the pump station will be reached from the top of the levee. During normal condition, non-flood condition, access to the pump station can be reached from the road next to the pump station on the other side of the railroad. There was a suggestion of a mock drill to access the pump station from the levee. To date I have not been contacted to participate in that drill.

In regard to the flood levels for the area around the pump station, we included these flood levels in my letter to your office dated February 7, 2002. The flood protection for this area has been evaluated when we completed the East Reach Remediation Post Authorization Report (PAC) in May 1997. All decisions regarding flood protection in that area were looked at in this PAC.
GSD requests documentation to confirm that contractors practiced soil and erosion control measures during construction.

A meeting needs to be set up with the Calumet Area Office to go over these questions. I would suggest that Jim Pokrajac and I set up a meeting with GSD and Tom Deja, from the Calumet Area office, to go over that request.

Flood Protection O&M Manual

The Chicago District is working on this item. We are working on completing by December 2002. Once this is complete we will submit to you to distribute to the community.

GSD concerns regarding drainage at the 27th and Chase Street Pump Station

The Chicago District is evaluating this concern. I do believe that our preliminary assessment revealed that this area warrant a reevaluation.

In regard to the additional item that was brought up in your letter, I would like to suggest that Mr. Jim Meyer, the attorney for the GSD, provide any information he has that requires the project to obtain an EPA discharge permit. If this permit were necessary for the project, the Chicago district would have obtained the permit. We have done all the necessary coordination needed for this project with all regulatory agencies. We have obtained all the necessary approval for this project from all these agencies. This permit that is mentioned above is not necessary from the Corps of Engineers.

I hope my responses did address your concerns. I know that responses to some of these concerns are still being worked on. I will work hard to get everything resolve before years end, so that we can focus our energy on getting contracts ready for the west reach construction contracts. If you have any additional question please call me at 312-353-6400 ext. 1809.

Sincerely Yours

Imad N Samara
Project Manager
LAND ACQUISITION REPORT
For meeting on Thursday, November 7, 2002
(Information in this report is from September 27, 2002 – October 30, 2002)

STATUS (Stage III) – Chase to Grant:
1. Final acquisitions for flowage easements east of Chase and north of the river are on hold due to our ongoing funding crisis.

STATUS (Stage III) – REMEDIATION
Pumping west of Grant Street
1. Status of Right-of-Entry:
   - ROE was signed by the LCRBDC on April 4th, 2002.

STATUS (Stage IV – Phase 1 South) EJ&E RR to Burr St – South Levee:
1. WIND permanent easement needs to be signed.
   - We received a letter from the WIND attorney on September 11th, 2002, requesting proposed easement language for them to review.
   - An updated appraisal will be completed to make a new offer to WIND.

STATUS (Stage V – Phase 2) – Indianapolis to Kennedy – North Levee:
1. The tentative schedule for this project as of October, 2002 is for advertisement in December 2005, construction start in spring 2006, and completion in the fall of 2007.
2. Wicker Park appraisal is currently under COE review. Additional appraisal and a tree survey may be needed.

STATUS (Stage V – Phase 3) – Northcote to Indianapolis – (Woodmar Country Club):
1. Construction is currently projected to start in the summer of 2006 due to lack of State funds.

STATUS (Stage VI-Phase 1) – Cline to Kennedy – North of the river, and Kennedy to Liable – South of the River:
1. Appraisals for Highland town, park, and Public Works parcels were sent to reviewer on July 31st, 2002 and are being reviewed by the COE.
   - Corps reviewer has requested revisions on the appraisals. Appraiser will submit revisions ASAP.
2. We received an appraisal for the Burger King property west of Cline Avenue in the amount of $90,000. This was sent to the COE chief appraiser to review on August 7th.
   - We presented this preliminarily to the COE on July 26th for design re-considerations that could save considerable money on project costs. (Awaiting COE review)
3. Kennedy Industrial Park appraisal is being reviewed by the Corps. The reviewer will be here the first week in November to visit the subject site and discuss revisions with the appraiser.
4. It was agreed at the October 29th, 2002 Corps Real Estate meeting that LCRBDC will pay for temporary fencing around swimming pools during construction of Stage VI -1. It will be creditable. Temporary fencing will allow landowners to be in compliance with state safety requirements for pools.
STATUS (Stage VI-Phase 2) – Liable to Cline – South of the river:
1. We had a meeting with the COE on July 17th, 2002, to review coordination, design, and real estate for Stage VI-2. In a phone conversation on August 27, 2002, COE indicated they are modifying their contract with RANI Engineering and will probably have drawings complete by mid-September.
   - Corps Real Estate has not approved the Rani Engineering drawings and are requiring revisions. No new date has been set to get drawings to LCRBDC.
   - Acquisition deadline of October 1st, 2003, may not be met due to continued delays. Appraisals can’t be assigned until drawings are available. (See Real Estate meeting results.)

STATUS (Stage VII) – Northcote to Columbia:
1. Acquisition in this area will be in sequence, working westward from Cline Avenue (by stage and phase) due to hydrology considerations.
2. COE Real Estate Dept. is proposing that we deviate from Federal policy and acquire bike trail easements on the levee instead of fee purchases. A sample easement was sent on August 13th, 2002. Attorney and COE are in discussion. (ongoing)

STATUS (Stage VIII – Columbia to State Line (Both Sides of River))
1. The Corps has put Stage VIII on hold. At the October 29th, 2002 Real Estate meeting, LCRBDC was informed that the contract with SEH has been terminated. Stage VIII is a few years in the future and engineering would have to be re-done. (See Real Estate meeting results.)

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. Acquisition deadline is currently on hold. Existing offers will be paid, however, no new offers will be sent. Burr Betterment levee is not creditable.
2. A letter was sent to the COE on September 25th, 2002, along with legal descriptions for the (2) NSRR easements requesting confirmation that these are current and have not been modified. (ongoing)
   - If they are current, we can proceed with preliminary work on all NSRR permanent easement wording without charging this betterment levee expense.
3. Gary is preparing an ordinance for the use of casino dollars for 2003. LCRBDC will write a letter by November 7th, 2002, recommending $2.3 million be used for construction and possible 8A contracts for the Burr St. Betterment levee Phase 2. The letter will mention that completion of the Betterment levee would initiate discussions with FEMA to bring Gary out of the floodplain. (See Real Estate meeting results)

EAST REACH REMEDIATION AREA – (NORTH OF I-80/94, MLK TO I-65):
1. Clean-up acquisition continues for those offers already sent. No new offers will be sent due to funding problems.

IN-PROJECT MITIGATION:
1. Bids were opened on September 17th, 2002: Implementation and maintenance. Construction will probably start in the Spring of 2003. (Refer to Engineering Report for breakdown.)
HOBART MARSH MITIGATION:

1. The Corps reviewer has asked for a new appraisal submission after a mistake in the legal drawings was discovered. Appraiser and reviewer are working together to complete the review by November 7th, 2002.

2. A meeting will be held on November 7th, 2002, to discuss acquisition of Hobart Marsh properties with the DNR, Corps and LCRBDC. LCRBDC acquisition and engineering are working from a sketchy map and work limits for legal drawings must be more clearly defined. The location of hydric soils must be outlined to acquire the correct sections of properties. Several more discrepancies, similar to the Kim problem, have been discovered.

3. Trust for Public Lands has inquired if Phase I environmental study was conducted on Hobart Marsh properties. Corps has completed a vegetation survey only and will perform the Phase I after options to purchase are acquired.
LCRBDC MEMO

TO: Dr. Mark Reshkin, Commissioner, LCRBDC
FROM: Judy Vamos, Land Acquisition, LCRBDC
DATE: 22 October 2002
SUBJ: Update on the first Hobart Marsh Acquisition - Kim Property

As you requested on 10/21/02 this Memo will update you on the Kim property acquisition in the Hobart Marsh Area. I've not listed the phone calls, faxes, e-mails, and overnight mails that communicated problems/solutions. Those are saved in M-1, the Kim file.

7/30/02 - LCRBDC completed legal drawing for the Kim property based on a map (not real estate drawings) supplied by the Corps and a Hobart Marsh environmentalist. Appraisal was assigned with a contract that it would be finished by 8/21/02.

8/22/02 - Appraiser submitted the Kim appraisal. LCRBDC reviewed and mailed the appraisal to the Corps Pittsburgh Appraisal Reviewer.

8/23/02 - LCRBDC requested that DNR send us their offer-to-purchase forms to make the Kim offer. Received e-mailed forms a week later.

8/28/02 - Corps Reviewer requested appraiser make Kim appraisal revisions.

9/20/02 - LCRBDC received appraiser's revisions, forwarded appraisal to Corps Reviewer.

9/28/02 - Reviewer issued verbal approval for the appraisal, however, an offer can't be made until a written approval is received from Corps (federal rule). LCRBDC waited for approval.

10/7/02 - LCRBDC met with attorney, anyway, to review the DNR offer forms in anticipation of sending out the Kim offer. A discrepancy in the legal drawing was discovered. Chicago Corps Real Estate approved an "amended legal supplement to the appraisal." Pittsburgh reviewer, however, suggested a new "before-and-after narrative appraisal" according to Federal Land Acquisition and Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice Rules (USPAP) rules.

Week of 10/7 to 10/11/02 - Correspondence/phone calls traveled between LCRBDC and Pittsburgh reviewer to discuss and agree on the new legal and appraisal.

10/13/02 - Corps Reviewer then requested the new appraisal, a "before-and-after narrative" instead of "an amended legal supplement."

10/15/02 - LCRBDC contacted the appraiser who cleared her work schedule to do new appraisal.

10/18/02 (Friday) - Reviewer approved new legal.

10/21/02 (Monday) - Appraiser agreed to complete new appraisal. LCRBDC will help as much as possible to have appraisal completed. LCRBDC, the Corps Reviewer, and the appraiser understand the urgency of a completed/approved appraisal on the Kim property.

Please contact me if you have questions. Thank you.
16 October 2002

Howard Hee Han Kim. et.al.
34 Ramsgate Drive
Palos Park, IL 60464

Dear Dr. Kim:

RE: Acquisition of Acreage fronting Liverpool Road

Thank you for speaking with me on 9 October 2002 about the Indiana Department of Natural Resources making an offer for your property fronting Liverpool Road in Hobart, Indiana. You asked me to mail the offer first so you could discuss it with your co-owners. A meeting would be scheduled later. I stated that the offer would be coming in a week or so.

My letter today is to apologize and explain there is a slight delay in sending the offer. The appraiser will revisit the appraisal and call you for further information on the property. The appraiser is:

Janet O'Toole of Janet O'Toole & Associates
1027 Hull Terrace  Suite 100
Evanston, IL 60202
1-847-424-9200

Ms. O'Toole will be contacting you shortly.

If you have any questions about my letter, please call me at 219-763-0696. I thank you for your patience.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Judith (Judy) Vamos
Land Acquisition
MEMO

TO: Dan Gardner, Executive Director, LCRBDC
FROM: Judy Vamos, Land Acquisition
DATE: 11 October 2002
SUBJ: Hobart Marsh - DC M-1 Kim Property

My Memo today will inform you that there is an additional problem with the first appraisal in the Hobart Area DC M-1, the Dr. Kim property.

The appraiser has been asked by the Corps Reviewer to make additional revisions. I have assurances from both the reviewer and appraiser that this new development will be treated with the utmost urgency, however, instead of the offer being mailed the week of 10-14-02, I anticipate the offer to be mailed the week of 10-21-02.

I spoke with Dr. Kim on 10/9/02 and introduced the idea of a personal meeting with the interested parties of the DNR and LCRBDC to present the offer. He responded that he would prefer we mail the offer first. He will then share it with his attorney and co-owners and call me to set up a meeting date. I informed him the offer would come in a week or so and:

- we are not interested in purchasing the house and barn, only acreage,
- the offer may be low in his initial estimation but it is for 63 acres of vacant land only.

I apologize to you and the Commission for the extended time needed to approve the final appraisal and thank you for your patience in dealing with this step in the land accession procedure.

Please contact me if you have questions.
Hi Judy -

Thank you for your e-mail. The Corps performed a vegetation survey for the properties identified in the Hobart spreadsheet dated 11 Dec 2000. After the LCRBDC acquires options to purchase, we will perform the Phase One Environmental Survey.

Imad will be out at your office today if you have any further questions.

Take care,
Chrystal Spokane
Chicago District, Real Estate Acquisition Branch
Army Corps of Engineers
111 North Canal Street, Suite 600
Chicago IL 60606-7208
Phone: 312-353-6400 ext 5010

----Original Message----
From: None
Sent: None
Subject: None

27 September 2002

Dear Chrystal,

I had an interesting question this morning from Mike McCurdy, Project Manager of Trust for Public Land. We met this morning to discuss acquisition procedures for the Hobart Marsh area.

Has the Corps completed or plan to complete a Phase I Environmental Study on Hobart Marsh properties? We haven't. Mike said his board would ask about this and require one.

Let me know. Thanks!

JV
Judith (Judy) Vamos
Land Acquisition Agent
Little Calumet River Flood Control and Recreation Project
Phone: 219-763-0696
Fax: 219-762-1753
e-mail: jvamos@nirpc.org

Called Mike - 10/1/02

First message 10/4/02

10/9/2002
LAND MANAGEMENT REPORT
For meeting on Thursday, November 7, 2002

(Information in this report is from September 27 – October 30, 2002)

A. NON-PROJECT LAND MANAGEMENT
Board voted approval at 9/5/02 meeting for completion of Phase II of Charles Agnew Handicapped Park, Playworld Systems representative has contacted River Forest Elementary School to coordinate installation this fall. Representative will supply samples of directional and safety signs for review.

B. Gleason Park-Driving Range
1. Construction started on April 15th, 2002, for the area East of the parking lot and North of 30th Ave. (Grading and seeding are currently completed.)
   • Grading and seeding have started for the practice holes West of the driving range and East of Harrison.
2. We have started to receive invoices from the Gary Parks & Recreation Dept.

C. Lease Agreements
1. VILLAGE SHOPPING CENTER
   LCRBDC received title work for the Village Shopping Center on September 18, 2002. Review ongoing.
   • R.W. Armstrong sent a memo on August 15th, 2002, indicating that the new, proposed 24" line did not include flow from the Village, and that the 96" sewer on the East side of Grant Street would need a determination from the city.

2. CHASE STREET FARM STAND
   An appraisal has been completed to determine the full value of this property in the amount of $170,000.
   • A fair market value for monthly rent was not determined, but if we would compare our agreements with Chicago towers (Stan Stann @ 35th & Chase), it would increase the existing rent approximately 4400/mo – new rent @ $2000/mo.
   • This is based upon an increase every (5) years based upon Metro Chicago Consumer Price Index.
   • A letter was sent to the Witvoets (lessees) on October 21st, 2002, indicating the increase in rent effective January 1st, 2003, and that a revised lease agreement with an escalation clause will be sent to them prior to January 1st.

D. Disposition of Property
1. Commission members voted at the July 9th, 2002 meeting to sell the 3120 Gerry St. property for its appraised value of $36,000. First offer was agreed to go to current tenants, Mike and Melinda Adams. A letter was sent on July 22nd, 2002.
   • Tenants are having second thoughts about purchasing the property for $36,000. They are considering a lower counter-offer or purchasing a different home. Decisions will come shortly.
2. A letter was sent to Berkheimer's (Dale Cobble) on July 24th, 2002, informing him that we are now able to sell surplus property and asking him if he is still interested in purchasing additional property adjacent to their existing facilities so that they would be able to expand their business.

- LCRBDC (attorney) to comply with state regulations for disposition of property
- It is the intent of the LCRBDC to advertise the sale of the 6.45 acres in fee.
- We anticipate advertising no later than mid-December.

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 November 2002.
      - The COE requested a list of all the “as built” drawings and reproducibles they have sent us to date. List was sent by LCRBDC on October 16th, 2002.
   2. The LCRBDC agreed that we would initially inspect and accept the projects on an individual basis to relieve the contractor of his obligations. However, we will require a procedure to mutually sign off with the COE to accept O&M responsibility. (COE is currently working on this procedure.)
      - A letter was sent to the COE on October 3rd, 2002, reminding them of the importance of getting these issues resolved as well as to address a new question of whether an EPA discharge permit may be necessary for the project.
      - LCRBDC sent follow-up e-mail on October 23rd, 2002, to assure we would have something for our November 7th, 2002 commissioners meeting. COE responded saying they are working on it. (Refer to item #1)
   3. LCRBDC is currently working on O&M responsibility tables to establish each task and who will do each item.
      - A spreadsheet for Gary has been completed that shows all tasks, frequency of tasks, and locations. Costs and quantities for (5) completed segments have been completed for the East Reach.

B. Emergency Management/River Monitoring
   1. 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 has been obtained by the LCRBDC and submitted to the COE to be incorporated into the final O&M submittal.
   2. An e-mail was sent to the COE on October 16th, 2002, requesting they investigate information on elevations for sandbagging requirements at the Clark St. bridge.
      - It was brought to our attention by the Lake County Highway Dept. that this bridge will be re-habbed. Scheduled Fall, 2003, advertising & Spring, 2004, construction. They may be able to raise the deck to eliminate sandbagging during a flood.

C. Portions of West Reach pump stations in Hammond and Highland have been turned over to their respective communities. Representatives of the Hammond and Highland Sanitary Districts have inspected these facilities with the COE and contractor and signed off as owner.
   1. The Inter-Local Agreement with the town of Highland has been signed, and recorded, for the 81st Street & North 5th Avenue Pump Stations.
2. A memo was sent to Lou Casale on September 9, 2002 requesting a similar agreement be put in place with the Hammond Sanitary District for the S.E. Hessville Pump Station. (ongoing)

D. The late fall mowing of levees to be done by C&H Mowing.
   - A second mowing was completed on October 25th, 2002. The regular levees did not need to be mowed. However, all levees from MLK to Chast St. were mowed to the toe on both the riverside and landward side to eliminate further growth of small trees.

General Items
1. A letter was sent to the COE on April 8th, 2002, regarding the use of a controlled burn for completed levee segments along with information from IDEM. We feel a controlled burn is the best method of enhancing the growth of our native grasses and landscaping. (Still awaiting a response as of November 7th, 2002.)
October 21, 2002

Mr. Bert and Wayne Witvoet
Village Farm Stand
1 West Sibley
South Holland, Indiana 60473

Dear Bert and Wayne:

At a recent Commission meeting, a discussion was held regarding the current monthly rental for all of the Commission's properties. The Chase Street Farm Stand has been at $1,700 per month since June 18, 1997. The Board of Commissioners made a motion to increase the current monthly rate to $2,000 per month, effective January 1, 2003. This increase is based upon the Metro Chicago Consumer Price Index. We will be sending you a revised lease agreement prior to January that will reflect this increase. The agreement will also include an escalation clause which will automatically increase the rate on a yearly basis.

If you have any questions regarding the lease or this letter, please call me at the above number.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
James E. Pokrajac, Agent
Land Management/Engineering

Cc: Dan Gardner, Ex.Dir., LCRBDC
Arlene Colvin, LCRBDC member
Lou Casale, LCRBDC Attorney-at-Law
October 16, 2002

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

Dear Imad:

Recently, I was requested by Ed Kawatka to provide him information on what as-built drawings we have received, to date, from the Army Corps of Engineers. I have enclosed a copy of all the prints that you have sent us since the beginning of this project. I itemized our file inventory as follows: Full size reproducibles, half size reproducibles, full size prints, and half size prints for each stage and phase already completed or projected for the future.

As per our previous conversations regarding turnover, I have indicated, if possible, that we would like one (1) full size set of reproducibles, one (1) half size set of reproducibles, and three (3) sets each of full size prints and half size prints. This request may vary depending upon the request of the communities.

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

Sincerely,

James E. Pokrajac, Agent
Land Management/Engineering

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cc:    Tom Deja, w/encl.
      Ed Kawatka, w/encl.
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"AS-BUILT" Drawings
October 3, 2002

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

Dear Imad:

It has been brought to our attention by the city of Gary and the Gary Sanitary District (GSD) that the remaining seven (7) issues with the GSD have not yet been resolved. It is critical that these items be discussed and agreed upon prior to the Development Commission accepting responsibility for upcoming operation and maintenance of various completed east reach segments or project features. It is our intent that upon concurrence with the GSD that we will pursue Gary's participation for the 4 completed east reach pump stations as well as the sluice gates.

I have enclosed copies of the 7 outstanding issues that we have currently listed on the Business Process Tracking Plan along with the minutes of our June 6th coordination meeting with the GSD and Ray Coughenour. I hope that the minutes from this meeting can provide some help in having you work with us and the GSD to resolve these issues.

In addition to the above 7 concerns, Jim Meyer, the attorney for the GSD, has indicated that an EPA discharge permit may be necessary. I would like a definitive response as to whether or not such a permit is necessary from the Army corps of Engineers. In the event such a permit is necessary, he has requested that the Corps move forward and obtain the permit before the city of Gary accepts the finished product. He stated that a recent EPA Appeals Board decision cited as (NPDES Appeal Nos. 00-14 and 01-09, issued February 20, 2002) has heightened his concern regarding the necessity of an EPA permit. If a permit is not necessary, or can be waived, he requests the opinion and/or waiver in writing.
We are aware that the Army Corps is in the process of requesting the Development Commission to start accepting responsibility for these segments in the east reach. As you are aware, we do not have funds available to do this work. All of our monies from the Indiana General Assembly, at this point in time, are being used for acquisition, construction, utility relocations, and other costs associated only with ongoing or upcoming flood control segments. Once again, it is critical that we can start our coordination with appropriate representatives from Gary and the GSD in a timely manner whereby we will be able to assure that responsible party will be able to assume some of these responsibilities.

Sincerely,

Dan Gardner
Executive Director

/sjm
encl.
cc:  Jim Meyer
     Roy Deda
     Linda Sorn
     Sue Davis
     Lou Casale
     Jim Flora
Jim, thank you for you email, I'm going to try to response to the concerns raised in the email:

1. As we discussed on the phone last Friday I'm working on getting you a response before your November commissioner meeting to address the remaining GSD issues. In regard to the letter and the new issue that was raised in that letter regarding IDEM requiring a new permit. If Gary Sanitary District is being ask to submit a new discharge permit as a result of the Little Calumet River Project, then they should furnish the COE that request in writing from IDEM. We have done the coordination required for the project and no such requirement has came up. I just want to point out that the COE are not the permit holder and the owner (which in this case GSD) is the permit holder. If the permit is being impacted by the project we are welling to coordinate the technical information necessary for IDEM's request in regard to the project impact (just like we coordinate the IDNR permit that the LCRBDC requests). I have to say that again our coordination with IDEM and IDNR did not require any new permits.

2. The only change to the original scope was the elimination of the earth work and the elimination of the 5 year maintenance and operation. The maintenance and operation will be done under a separate contract. You should have been able to see the plans and specification by downloading them from the internet. I did let Sandy know which web site had them. I did give a copy of the plans and specification to the area office for you. Please contact Curtis Lee and find out if he has your copy.

3. I do appreciate you hard work on coordinating the utility on Stage VI. I have not talked to Rani Eng. regarding final submittal. I know that Chrystal is reviewing the RE final submittal. I will let you know about that when I get back to the office.

Imad Samara
Project Manager

The following are several items that I would like to either bring to your attention or to get an answer from you:

1. On October 8, 2002 we requested that you address the final 7 issues, and a question regarding an EPA discharge permit, from the Gary Sanitary District, and to date we have not been given the status. It has been brought up to us again by the city of Gary as well as the Sanitary District questioning when you are going to be able to respond to these items. Once again, we cannot proceed with any type of O&M plan until we can involve the city of Gary and the GSD. They will not meet with us or discuss any O&M until these issues are resolved. In addition, it would show good faith on the part of the city of Gary to help participate in costs incurred due to this project. It would be a good tool for us to show local participation when we meet with the State Budget Committee.

2. QUESTION: Could you please clarify for me if there has been a change in the scope of work for the in-
project mitigation; if there are any changes regarding the cost estimates, and if revisions have been done to the original scope of work? I have not seen the final construction plans to date, nor have I seen any information regarding the bids or bid process for the first bid release nor for the second.

8. **UPDATE** I have contacted both NIPSCO and the town of Highland regarding utility relocations for Stage VI-1 and VI-2. Highland has indicated they should have all the information to us no later than the end of this month. NIPSCO has indicated they should have the information to us no later than November 8. Upon receipt of the information from Highland and NIPSCO, I will do a review and determine if any additional information will be needed and if so, I will coordinate that with Jan Plachta.

- Both Highland and NIPSCO are supplying utility information for Stage VI Phase 2 and to date, although we have not received final engineering drawings. When do you anticipate we will receive these and do you anticipate any changes that would affect utility relocations in that area?

I realize you are in the process of a training session, but these issues are critical, and ongoing, and need to be addressed immediately. Please respond to these in order that we may proceed with our coordination with Gary as well as with the communities for utility relocations.
Sandy Mordus

From: "Davis, Susanne J LRC" <Susanne.JDavis@lrc02.usace.army.mil>
To: "Sandy Mordus" <smordus@nirpc.org>
Cc: "Bucaro, David F LRC" <David.F.Bucaro@lrc02.usace.army.mil>
Sent: Friday, October 18, 2002 11:12 AM
Subject: RE: Notes from Jim Pokrajac

Sandy

Please let Jim know that I've passed on this e-mail to Rick and Bob. Also, just a friendly reminder, I need to get those contacts for the soil and water folks and NRCS from Dan G. We are working on a study for Burns.

Thanks much,

Sue Davis

-----Original Message-----
From: Sandy Mordus [mailto:smordus@nirpc.org]
Sent: Wednesday, October 16, 2002 5:33 PM
To: Davis, Susanne J LRC
Cc: Samara, Imad LRC
Subject: Notes from Jim Pokrajac

Sue:

1. A friendly reminder, will you please contact Duane Alverson with the Lake County Highway Dept. at 219/769-4247 to discuss their removal of our staff gauge at the northwest corner of the Hohman Avenue bridge. It appears you may have to facilitate this with Bob Behrns to provide Duane the necessary information for re-installation of this gauge.

2. As per our conversation of October 16, would you please check whatever information you have available for sandbagging at the Clark Street bridge. It has recently been brought to my attention that the lake County Highway Dept. is going to do a rehabilitation of the existing bridge that will only include the rebuilding of the structural deck support and all associated deck work. If it would be possible for them to raise the elevation of the bridge to avoid sandbagging during a flood event, it may help us to provide that information to them. Duane Alverson indicated to me that preliminary engineering has just started and that they anticipate advertising in the fall of 2003 with a construction start in the spring of 2004. If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact me.

Jim Pokrajac

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10/18/2002
PROJECT ENGINEERING  
MONTHLY STATUS REPORT  
For meeting on Thursday, November 7, 2002  

(Information in this report is from September 27, 2002 – October 30, 2002)

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STATUS (Stage II Phase 1) Harrison to Broadway – North Levee:  
   Dyer Construction – Contract price: $365,524

STATUS (Stage II Phase II) Grant to Harrison – North Levee:  
1. Project completed on December 1st, 1993  
   Dyer/Ellas Construction – Contract price: $1,220,386

STATUS (Stage II Phase 3A) Georgia to Martin Luther King – South Levee:  
1. Project completed on January 13th, 1995  
   Ramirez & Marsch Construction – Contract price: $2,275,023

Landscaping Contract – Phase I (This contract includes all completed levee segments 0  
installing, planting zones, seeding, and landscaping):  
1. Project completed June 11, 1999  
   Dyer Construction – Final contract cost: $1,292,066

STATUS (Stage II Phase 3B) Harrison to Georgia – South Levee:  
1. Rausch Construction started on November 20th, 1995. (Construction is now completed)  
   - Current contract amount - $3,477,249.66  
   - Original contract amount - $3,293,968.00  
   - Amount overrun - $183,281.66 (5.6%)  
2. A final inspection with the LCRBDC and the COE will be scheduled for this entire portion of  
   the project. (One punch list item remaining.)

STATUS (Stage II Phase 3C2) Grant to Harrison: (8A contract)  
1. WEBB Construction was the contractor.  
   - Currently, $3,915,178.36 has been spent on this project.  
   - Overrun (over original bid) $463,196

STATUS (Stage II Phase 4) Broadway to MLK Drive – North Levee:  
1. Project is completed.  
   - Current contract amount - $4,186,070.75  
   - Original contract amount - $3,089,692.00  
   - Amount overrun - $1,096,378 (36%)
2. A final inspection will be scheduled with the LCRBDC and the COE for this entire project, including the Ironwood stormwater pumping station.
   - Final quantities for fill are currently being tabulated so costs can be determined.
3. LCRBDC awaiting as-built drawings.

**STATUS (Stage III) Chase to Grant Street:**
1. Project completed on May 6th, 1994
   - Kiewit Construction – Contract price: $6,564,520

**STAGE III Drainage Remediation Plan:**
1. 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. 7 remainder toward work with the City of Gary.
2. The scope of this project is to include the following:
   A. Lift stations West of Grant to remediate drainage problems due to Stage III construction.
   B. East Reach remediation life station for interior drainage.
   C. Extending the combination sewer, East of Grant St., North to our line of protection.
3. Bids were opened on September 10th, 2002, and it appears Dyer Construction is the successful bidder. **Currently awaiting bonds from the contractor.**
   - The government estimate is $1,695,822 and the low bid came in at $1,231,845 (this is $463,977 under estimate).
   - The bid is currently being reviewed and the COE anticipates award by September 30th, 2002 and a construction start in the spring of 2003.
4. A memo was sent to the COE on September 17th, 2002, asking them to provide pertinent information to NIPSCO in order that they may engineer the electrical services. (see item #1)
   - LCRBDC also requested information from the COE on what our local share of $168,000 would be for this project is primarily to remediate drainage problems caused by the COE when they cut the field drain tiles during Stage III construction. (see item #6)

**STATUS (Stage IV Phase 1 – North) Cline to Burr (North of the Norfolk Southern RR):**
1. IV-1 (North) The drainage system from Colfax to Burr St. North of the Norfolk Southern RR.
   - Current contract amount - $2,956,964.61
   - Original contract amount - $2,708,720.00
   - Amount overrun - $248,244.60 (9%)
2. We received “as built” drawings from the COE on March 13th, 2002. The only item needed to be completed is to assure turf growth in all areas.
3. **A request was made by Frank Halcarz (3210 Burr St.) to delineate our North permanent easement line South of his property to allow for his future development.**
   - This survey was completed on September 30th, 2002.

**STATUS (Stage IV Phase 1 – South) South of the Norfolk Southern RR):**
1. Dyer Construction was low bidder. Given 450 days to complete
   - Current contract amount - $4,285,345
   - Original contract amount – 3,862,737
   - Amount overrun - $422,608 (11%)
2. Overall construction is now complete. The COE did a preliminary walk—thru with the contractor on October 17th, 2001, and comprised a preliminary punch list.
   - An inspection needs to be facilitated with Dyer Construction/COE/LCRBDC.
3. WIND Radio facilities:
   - The erosion and levee damage has been completed by Dyer Construction, including grading and seeding.

**STATUS (Stage IV Phase 2A) Burr to Clark – Lake Etta:**
1. Dyer Construction – 95% complete.
   - Current contract amount - $3,329,463.66
   - Original contract amount - $2,473,311.50
   - Amount overrun - $856,152 (34%)
2. The North Burr St. stormwater pumping station has been completed.
   A. The complete auxiliary power hook-up was completed by Austgen Electric and the inspection was held with the COE and GSD on September 13th, 2002.
   B. A memo was sent to the COE on September 17th, 2002, requesting their consideration to add some minor items to the contract. This will be incorporated into the Stage III remediation contract.

**STATUS (Stage IV Phase 2B) Clark to Chase:**
1. Project money status:
   - Current contract amount - $1,948,053.31
   - Original contract amount - $1,530,357.50
   - Amount overrun - $417,696 (27%)
2. The COE submitted “as built” drawings to the LCRBDC on October 2nd, 2002.

**STATUS (Betterment Levee – Phase 1) EJ & E RR to, and including Colfax – North of the NIPSCO R/W (Drainage from Arborgast to Colfax, South of NIPSCO R/W):**
1. The bid opening was held on May 9th, 2000
   - The low bidder is Dyer Construction.
   - Current contract amount - $2,228,652.16
   - Original contract amount - $2,074,072.70
   - Amount overrun - $113,604.62 (6%)
2. The drainage ditch north of the Mansards is having sloughing problems that should be corrected when Burr St. Phase II is completed.

**STATUS (Betterment Levee – Phase 2) Colfax to Burr St., the 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. The projected government estimate for this project is approx. $3.6 million.
   - A meeting was held with Mayor King on July 19th, 2002, to review current construction status of our overall project in Gary, present the LCRBDC dilemma with crediting and funding, and discuss if Gary could help us in any way.
   - Gary indicated that they would make every effort to include money for the betterment levee in their budget for 2003.
2. Utility coordination needs to be reviewed (but not money spent) and a letter was sent to NIPSCO on September 27th, 2002, requesting this information.

**STATUS (Stage V Phase 1) Wicker Park Manor:**
1. Project completed on September 14th, 1995.
   Dyer construction – Contract price: $998,630

**STATUS (Stage V Phase 2):**
1. This project will be on hold for future utility coordination as well as land acquisition until money is available.
   - Tentative schedule for this project as of October, 2002, is for advertisement in December, 2005, construction start in Spring of 2006, and completion in the Fall of 2007.
2. INDOT drainage issues at Indianapolis Boulevard and the Little Calumet River.
   A. An on site meeting with the COE, LCRBDC, INDOT, Highland, and North Township was held on October 7th, 2002 to review their drainage proposal.
   B. INDOT agreed to allow a “window of opportunity” to let the locals provide hydrology information. There may still be an opportunity to have a joint pump station if the boards approve money.
   C. INDOT anticipates that this project will have a March, 2003 letting, and a construction completion near the end of 2004.

**STATUS (Stage V Phase 3) Woodmar Country Club:**
1. Refer to Land Acquisition report for status of appraisal process and revised schedule.
   - The current schedule shows a March 2006 advertising date. This date is due to lack of funding. The construction sequence due to hydrology will push construction back in the schedule.
2. This project will be done after all other construction between Cline Ave. and Northcote is completed due to hydrology concerns with installing the control structure as part of the project.

**STATUS (Stage VI – Phase 1) Cline to Kennedy – North of the river, and Kennedy to Liable, South of the river:**
1. The COE is currently planning to advertise this project in October, 2003, award in February of 2004, and start construction in April, 2004. This will be advertised at the same time as Stage VI-2. The contract estimate for Stage VI-1 is $6 million, Stage VI-2 is $3,650,000, and with the addition of the Grace Street pump station at $1.5 million, these total contracts are estimated at a cost of $11,150,000 (local share at 7% would be $780,500.)
2. A letter was sent to NIPSCO on September 27th, 2002, requesting all utility information be forwarded to the LCRBDC for review & coordination.
   - An e-mail was sent to the COE on October 23rd, 2002, with an update on utilities. NIPSCO should have their information for review by November 8th, 2002, and the Town of Highland by October 31st, 2002. (see item #3)
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. It is the intent of the COE to advertise this segment simultaneously and separately from Stage VI-1. The anticipated schedule is to advertise in October, 2003, award in February, 2004, and start construction in April of 2004.
3. A conference call was held with the COE, LCRBDC, and RANI ENGINEERING on July 17th, 2002, to review final engineering decisions, real estate, utilities, and recreation for VI-2.
   - RANI said they could complete real estate (2) weeks after they receive final information from the COE. COE anticipates final drawings for review approximately mid-September (after modification of contract between COE & RANI). Rani is still waiting as of November 7th, 2002.
   - An e-mail was sent to the COE on October 23rd, 2002, with an update on utilities. NIPSCO should have their information for review by November 8th, and the Town of Highland by October 31st, 2002. (See item #3)

STATUS (Stage VII) Northcote to Columbia:
1. The final contract with Earth Tech to do the A/E work for this stage/phase of construction was signed and submitted by the COE on December 21st, 1999.
2. We sent a letter to the COE on February 1st, 2000 with comments to their 75% submittal indicating a number of concerns and requesting another review opportunity prior to the 100% review. (ongoing)
   - The COE anticipates we should be getting the 100% drawings for review and comment no later than the end of 2002. (ongoing)

STATUS (Stage VIII) Columbia to the Illinois State Line:
1. The A/E award was given to SEH (Short, Elliot & Henderson, Inc.)
   - This project is currently terminated due to funding constraints.

East Reach Remediation Area – North of I-80/94, MLK to I-65
1. Project cost information
   - Current contract amount - $1,873,784.68
   - Original contract amount - $1,657,913.00
   - Amount overrun - $215,971 (13%)
2. The lift station at the Southwest corner of the existing levee that will handle interior drainage will be done as part of the Stage III remediation project. (see Stage III remediation in this report for details.)

Mitigation (Construction Portion) for “In Project” Lands:
1. Bids were opened on September 17th, 2002, and it appears Renewable Resources, Inc. (from Barnesville, Georgia) is the successful bidder.
   - The government estimate is $1,017,082 and the low bid came in at $921,103 (this is $95,979 under the estimate).
   - The bid has been reviewed and the COE awarded this contract on September 30th, 2002, with a construction start scheduled for the Spring of 2003.
• An e-mail was sent to the COE on October 23rd, 2002, questioning the scope of work changes when this project was re-bid. COE said earth work was eliminated as well as the 5 year O&M for the plantings. The O&M will be advertised under a separate contract. (refer to item #2)

2. We received a letter from the COE on May 14th, 2002, requesting that we make our 198 acres between Chase and Grant available for hydric soil to meet IDEM requirements.

• LCRBDC currently is investigating other properties we own for hydric soils outside the line of flood protection.

3. We sent an email to the COE on August 6th, 2002, requesting confirmation as to what utility re-locations need to be done in order that we may begin the agreement process.

• The COE anticipates no physical re-locations will be needed, but field representatives from the pipelines and utilities need to be present during work in or around any of their pipelines.

4. A pre-construction meeting was held with the COE, LCRBDC, contractor, utilities, and the City of Gary on October 28th, 2002.

**Landscaping – Phase II (East Reach):**

1. This landscaping contract will include all completed East Reach construction – engineering is ongoing.


**West Reach Pump Stations – Phase 1A:**

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

2. Low bidder was Overstreet Construction. Notice to proceed was given on November 7th, 2000 – 700 work days to complete (Anticipated completion date is March 13th, 2003.)

   • Current contract amount - $4,810,825
   • Original contract amount - $4,638,400
   • Amount overrun - $172,425 (3.7%)  


**Baring Pump Station**

• 35% complete
• 2 pumps and motors are on site and being stored.
• Discharge box modification work is continuing.
• Standby pumps are installed and ready for operation if needed by HSD.
• Underground electric service duct bank has been installed.
• New bar screen is installed.
• Sump pump is installed.

**Walnut Pump Station**

• 55% complete
• 3 pumps have been rebuilt and are ready for testing. (These need new impellers.) New impellers have been delivered and once installed, they will be factory tested.
• Concrete discharge box is installed.
• Electric installation ongoing.
• Mechanical trash rack has been removed and the new rack is stored on site.

**S. Kennedy Pump Station**

• 45% complete
• Pump #5 has been rebuilt and is being factory tested. A **different impeller has been installed.**
• Concrete discharge box modifications **are completed.**
• New flap gates have been installed and part of the 8” discharge pipe has been removed.
• Mechanical trash rack removed. Pad for new hack has been modified and installed. **Testing is scheduled soon.** (Testing and training will take place once electric is installed.)
• A **new motor control center has been set in place.**

**Hohman/Munster Pump Station**

• 70% complete
• Electric installation 90% complete
• Ventilation ductwork is being removed and new ductwork is being installed.
• 2 additional pumps received have been installed (can be used as standbys)
• All new pumps and motors have been received and are in storage

4. We received the last status report from the COE on **October 23rd, 2002**

**West Reach Pump Stations – Phase 1B:**

1. The two (2) pump stations included in this contract are S.E. Hessville (Hammond), and 81st St. (Highland). Overall contract work is completed.
   • A final inspection was held for both stations on September 18th, 2001. We received a letter that day listing key turnover items.
2. Thieneneman Construction from Griffith, IN was the successful bidder.
   • Current contract amount - $2,120,730.12
   • Original contract amount - $1,963,400.00
   • Amount overrun - $157,330 (9%)  
3. We received the last status report from the COE on **October 23rd, 2002.**

**North Fifth Avenue Pump Station:**

1. The low bidder was **Overstreet Construction**
   • Current contract amount - **$2,417,023.93**
   • Original contract amount- **$2,387,500.00**
   • Amount overrun - **$29,523.93 (1.2%)**
   • Project is currently **60%** completed
   • Project completion date is March 17th, 2003.
2. There are currently 10 pumps and all of these will be replaced with new and will be coordinated with the Town of Highland.
   • All pumps and motors have been delivered and are currently being stored on the job site.
3. We received the last status report from the COE on **October 23**th, 2002.
4. (4) pumps and motors have been removed.
   - Flap gates have been installed.
5. Exterior concrete work is complete, and the concrete for the South wet well and new trash rack are installed.
6. New mechanical trash rack has been delivered and is stored on site.
7. Demolition of old electrical continues and installation of new.

**General:**
1. A dedication ceremony (ribbon cutting) was held for the pump start up at the Hartsdale Pond by the Lake County Surveyors Office on October 18th, 2002.
   - The water currently stored is being pumped down and will be used for future stormwater storage during major events.
Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission

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September 27, 2002

Mr. Frank Halcarz
8210 Burr Street
Gary, Indiana 46406

Dear Frank:

We have authorized a survey for the north permanent easement line we have with you west of Burr Street and south of your property as you have requested. We anticipate the survey to be done the end of September and intend to stake this area out. I have enclosed 2 surveys that indicate the easements in this area. One survey is for the easement and property acquisition for the Gary Sanitary District that is a 40’ strip of land north of our north permanent easement line, as indicated in orange on the GSD survey. The other survey shows the location of our permanent easement, as indicated in yellow on our plat from Cole Associates.

The intent of this survey is to provide you the north line of our permanent easement, that by the signed agreement with you, indicates you cannot install any permanent structures on this property. This would include fencing and/or trees or landscaping.

We appreciate your concern in this area for security and realize you would like to improve the appearance of this open land. Accordingly, we are performing this survey for you in order that you may have some information regarding property ownership and easements in the open area and levee south of your property. It would be your responsibility to coordinate with the Gary Sanitary District if you intend to secure or plant upon their easement (area indicated in orange). If you have any questions regarding this information, you may call me at the above number.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

James E. Pokrajac, Agent
Land Management/Engineering

/sjm

cc: Lisa Dobrowski, DLZ
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ATTENTION OF
Construction Operations Division
Calumet Area Office

SUBJECT: Contract No. DACW23-97-C-0026
Stage IV - Phase 2B
Levee Construction
Little Calumet River, Indiana
As-Built Drawings and Checklist for Turnover

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

Dear Mr. Pokrajac:

Enclosed are the reproducible mylar copies of the final As-Built drawings for the subject contract, including one full-scale reproducible drawing and one half-scale reproducible drawings. You were previously furnished two full-scale paper sets and two half-scale paper sets. You were also provided with nine sets of operation and maintenance manuals.

If you have any questions, please contact Ven S. Garces at (219) 923-1763 or 923-1764.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Thomas A. Deja, P.E.
Area Engineer
Calumet Area Office

Enclosures
September 27, 2002

Mr. Jim Fitzer
Utility Highway Affairs
NIPSCO
801 East 86th Avenue
Merrillville, Indiana 46410

Dear Jim:

As per our conversation on September 9, I am sending this letter to follow up on our discussion regarding utility relocations in upcoming construction segments between Kennedy Avenue and Cline Avenue, as well as our Burr Street phase 2 project.

I realize that, in the past, this was coordinated with Mr. Jan Plachta from the Corps office, but now I would like to follow up and gather all current information to assure that we have all we need to proceed with our process to enter into utility relocation agreements with NIPSCO. You have already provided some, or all, of this information to the Corps office and I have “bits and pieces” of this material. Will you please send all of the pertinent information you have directly to me in order that I may begin this process in a timely manner. The current Corps schedule is to advertise both projects in October of 2003 with the actual construction starting in the spring of 2004.

The Corps has previously submitted to you their most recent drawings for Stage VI Phase 1, which includes all of our levee construction along the south side of the river from Liable Road westward to Kennedy Avenue and levee construction from Cline Avenue to Kennedy Avenue on the north side of the river. We have not received final drawings for the Stage VI Phase 2 project which will go south along Liable Road from the Little Calumet River to the NIPSCO right-of-way, thence east along the north side of your right-of-way to Cline Avenue. When I receive these final drawings, I will forward a set to you in order that we may coordinate this segment in the same manner.

Similarly, the Corps has submitted information to you for our Burr Street II project which extends along both sides of your right-of-way from Colfax to Burr. At Burr Street, it crosses to the north side of the NSRR and continues parallel with the railroad approximately ¾ the way to Clark. Along this line, we cross your right-of-way with a concrete I-wall. These are not final.
Mr. Jim Fitzer  
September 27, 2002  
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drawings, but I don’t anticipate any changes that will affect your utilities in a different manner. I know Jim Hayward and Neal Arndt have already reviewed this and I would appreciate the same information requested for VI-1 and VI-2.

In addition to the utility information you have already provided, will you also assure that we get individual cost estimates for each of these items, as well as proof of ownership of the lands where these utilities are located. Upon receipt of this information, the Development Commission will make a determination of compensability that is required by Federal regulations. We also must forward your cost estimates to the Corps in order that they may review them to assure that they are current and fair. After these determinations have been made, we will contact you again so that we may enter into the necessary agreements to relocate these utilities.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please feel free to call me any time. Being that this is a request for a large amount of information, I would also be available for a meeting at your convenience.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

James E. Pokrajac, Agent  
Land Management/Engineering

/cc:  Imad Samara, ACOE  
Lou Casale, LCRBDC attorney  
Jim Flora, R.W.Armstrong Co.
Sandy Mordus

From: "Samara, Imad LRC" <Imad.Samara@lrc02.usace.army.mil>
To: "Sandy Mordus" <smordus@nirpc.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 23, 2002 4:43 PM
Subject: Little Calumet River, Several Local Sponsor concerns

Jim, thank you for your email, I'm going to try to respond to the concerns raised in the email:

1. As we discussed on the phone last Friday I'm working on getting you a response before your November commissioner meeting to address the remaining GSD issues.
In regard to the letter and the new issue that was raised in that letter regarding IDEM requiring a new permit. If Gary Sanitary District is being ask to submit a new discharge permit as a result of the Little Calumet River Project, then they should furnish the COE that request in writing from IDEM. We have done the coordination required for the project and no such requirement has came up. I just want to point out that the COE are not the permit holder and the owner (which in this case GSD) is the permit holder. If the permit is being impacted by the project we are welling to coordinate the technical information necessary for IDEM's request in regard to the project impact (just like we coordinate the IDNR permit that the LCRBDC requests). I have to say that again our coordination with IDEM and IDNR did not require any new permits.

2. The only change to the original scope was the elimination of the earth work and the elimination of the 5 year maintenance and operation. The maintenance and operation will be done under a separate contract. You should have been able to see the plans and specification by downloading them from the internet. I did let Sandy know which web site had them. I did give a copy of the plans and specification to the area office for you. Please contact Curtis Lee and find out if he has your copy.

3. I do appreciate you hard work on coordinating the utility on Stage VI. I have not talked to Rani Eng. regarding final submittal. I know that Chrystal is reviewing the RE final submittal. I will let you know about that when I get back to the office.

Imad Samara
Project Manager

----Original Message----
From: Sandy Mordus [mailto:mmordus@nirpc.org] JAMES E. POKRAVAC
Sent: Wednesday, October 23, 2002 2:07 PM
To: Samara, Imad LRC
Subject: Sandy here

The following are several items that I would like to either bring to your attention or to get an answer from you:

1. On October 8, 2002 we requested that you address the final 7 issues, and a question regarding an EPA discharge permit, from the Gary Sanitary District, and to date we have not been given the status. It has been brought up to us again by the city of Gary as well as the Sanitary District questioning when you are going to be able to respond to these items. Once again, we cannot proceed with any type of O&M plan until we can involve the city of Gary and the GSD. They will not meet with us or discuss any O&M until these issues are resolved. In addition, it would show good faith on the part of the city of Gary to help participate in costs incurred due to this project. It would be a good tool for us to show local participation when we meet with the State Budget Committee.

2. QUESTION: Could you please clarify for me if there has been a change in the scope of work for the in-
project mitigation; if there are any changes regarding the cost estimates, and if revisions have been done to the original scope of work? I have not seen the final construction plans to date, nor have I seen any information regarding the bids or bid process for the first bid release nor for the second.

3. UPDATE. I have contacted both NIPSCO and the town of Highland regarding utility relocations for Stage VI-1 and VI-2. Highland has indicated they should have all the information to us no later than the end of this month. NIPSCO has indicated they should have the information to us no later than November 8. Upon receipt of the information from Highland and NIPSCO, I will do a review and determine if any additional information will be needed and if so, I will coordinate that with Jan Plachta.

- Both Highland and NIPSCO are supplying utility information for Stage VI Phase 2 and to date, although we have not received final engineering drawings. When do you anticipate we will receive these and do you anticipate any changes that would affect utility relocations in that area?

I realize you are in the process of a training session, but these issues are critical, and ongoing, and need to be addressed immediately. Please respond to these in order that we may proceed with our coordination with Gary as well as with the communities for utility relocations.
Project Progress Update: 10-23-02

Pump Rehab 1B Contract C-0035 (Thieneman Const.)
Contract - 100% complete and closed.

Pump Rehab 1A Contract C-0001 (Overstreet Electric Co.)
Baring Ave Pump Station - 35%+- Complete.
1. One new SWP pump has been delivered and is stored on site. Motor will be delivered shortly.
2. The SWP-2 pump and motor has been previously removed and installation of the new pump has begun.
3. New underground electrical service entrance duct bank has been installed.
4. Installation of new bar screen is about complete.
5. New sump pump has been installed.
6. New flap valves have been previously installed.
7. Concrete discharge box modification work is ongoing.
8. Two standby pumps have been installed are ready for operation, by Hammond SD, if needed.

South Kennedy Ave Pump Station - 45%+- Complete.
1. Viking Engineering continues to resolve issues regarding pump performance of rebuilt pump #5. A different impeller has been installed to meet the contract’s pump performance requirements. Factory re-testing of this pump is about completes. Preliminary results indicate this pump meets the specified performance criteria.
2. New motor control center (MCC) has been set in place. Demolition of old and installation of new electrical equipment is complete until a new pump is installed.
3. Concrete discharge box modifications have been completed.
4. The new mechanical trash has been set in place. Testing/turnover and Hammond’s “station operator training” will take place soon.
5. No construction activity, at this station, this month.

Hobman/Munster Pump Station- 70%+- Complete.
1. Startup/testing/turnover of the new SWP-1 and SWP-2 pumps and motors has been previously completed.
2. DWP-2 pump and motor have been removed. A new concrete pump support and pipe support has been installed.
3. No activity this month on new Ventilation ductwork.
4. Very little construction activity, at this station, this month.

Walnut Ave. Pump Station - 55%+- Complete.
1. Viking Engineering has removed and rebuilt three pumps (#1, #2, and #3). It has been determined that the incorrect impellers have been installed. These impellers will need to be removed and the correct impellers installed in order to meet the contracts pump performance requirements. Viking is has received the new impellers to replace the previously installed deficient impellers. Once new impellers are installed, factory testing of these pumps will be performed to ensure the specified performance criteria is achieved.
2. Concrete discharge box modification work is complete.
3. The old mechanical trash rack has been removed. Concrete modifications, to facilitate the installation of the new trash rack, are complete. A new mechanical trash rack is being
stored on site and should be installed soon.
4. Very little construction activity, at this station, this month.

North 5th Pump Station Rehab Contract C-0008 (Overstreet Engineering & Const.)
1. Sub contractor "Piping Technologies" has previously removed various pumps & motors.
   New pump #1 and #2 have been installed. The drive shaft of pump #2 is not the proper size (too long). Another new drive shaft has been ordered.
2. Discharge piping for pump #1 and #2 has been installed.
3. Exterior concrete work, above the discharge boxes is complete. Repairs have been made to the areas of concern mentioned by Highland SD.
4. New mechanical trash rack has been delivered and is stored on site.
5. Concrete reinforcement steel and forms are being installed in the inlet to the south wet well. This concrete work is needed to facilitate the installation of the new mechanical trash rack.
6. Demolition of old and installation of new electrical equipment continues.
7. No construction activity observed this month on installation of new ventilation ductwork.
October 10, 2002

Dear Friend,

Next Friday, October 18th will be a great day for a significant part of Lake County! At 10 o'clock on that morning, we'll be turning on the switches for the first time to power up the newly installed pumps at the Hartsdale Pond Stormwater Control Facility.

We've worked for more than five years to come to this exciting day, and we want to invite you to be with us, to make this date even more special.

So many people contributed to make this day possible, it's just great. This project comes from my vision and my determination, but the culmination of this project simply could not have happened without the continued cooperation of County Commissioner Gerry Scheub and the Lake County Drainage Board, State Representative Dan Stevenson, the Town Councils of Highland and Schererville, Highland Clerk-Treasurer Michael Griffin, and many other fine local officials, as well as the dedication of former Drainage Administrator Larry McClelland, and the expertise of Christopher Burke Engineering.

This is a wonderful example of inter-governmental cooperation, and we want you to help us celebrate the "turn-on" of this new stormwater retention facility, which can significantly reduce flooding potential in parts of Highland and Schererville, as well as in south Griffith, and all along the Little Calumet River.

So please join us at 10:00 a.m. next Friday, October 18th at the site, on Hartsdale Pond, in Schererville to check out a great new flood control project for our area.

I appreciate you and hope to see you on Friday!

Warmest regards,

George Van Til
### CONTRACT NO: DACW23-95-C-0071
**DESCRIPTION:** STAGE II – PHASE 3B
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**COMMENTS:**
Contractor has one (1) punchlist item remaining, and will complete soon. Scheduling final inspection with Local Sponsor.

Reviewing draft next to last payment.

Awaiting PP-PM/ED-D responses to following issues: Completion of As-Built drawings by ED-DT

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**DESCRIPTION:** STAGE IV – PHASE 2A
**CONTRACTOR:** DYER CONSTRUCTION
**PR & C NO.:** 759328

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**COMMENTS:**
Final inspection conducted on generator plug on 13 Sep 2002.

Local Sponsor requesting phase indicator system for generator plug-in. Will be incorporated via modification to Stage III Remediation

Initiating Contract Closeout.

Awaiting PM-M/ED-D responses to following TS-C-S has As-Buits for Chief TS-C to sign. However, holding pending upcoming modification for generator phase indicator system.
**CONTRACT NO:** DACW23-95-C-0076  
**DESCRIPTION:** STAGE II - PHASE 4  
**CONTRACTOR:** RAUSCH  
**PR & C NO.:** 608714

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**COMMENTS:**  
Contractor will complete punchlist soon. Scheduling final inspection with Local Sponsor.

Finalizing quantities on all unit priced items. Contractor provided final supporting data. CO-S and Contractor discussed. Awaiting Contractors response to point made.

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

Preparing to transfer As-Builts to TS-C-C for signature.

Awaiting PM-M/ED-D Responses to the Following Issues: None.

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**CONTRACT NO:** DACW23-97-C-0026  
**DESCRIPTION:** STAGE IV-2B  
**CONTRACTOR:** DYER CONSTRUCTION  
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**COMMENTS:**  
Contract closeout package routed to District Office for approval.

Preparing letter to forward As-Builts to Local Sponsor.

Awaiting PM-M/ED-D responses to the following items. None at this time.
**CONTRACT NO:** DACW27-00-C-0015  
**DESCRIPTION:** STAGE IV - PHASE 1 SOUTH  
**CONTRACTOR:** DYER CONSTRUCTION  
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**COMMENTS:**

Punchlist items completed. Contractor completing A00001 work items added at request of PM.

A0001 (FC-15.21-25) - PM directed installation of guardrail around IV-1 North Structure by automobile, additional rip-rap IV-1 North, Landscape repairs to IV-1 South levees damaged by WIND, and cleaning of IV-1 North concrete ditch; $18,850.35 Executed and Distributed.

Awaiting PM-M/ED-D responses to the following items: CO-S forwarded As-Builts to CO-C for signature. Awaiting return of CO-S and Local Sponsor required signed copies.

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**CONTRACT NO:** DACW27-01-C-0008  
**DESCRIPTION:** PUMP NORTH 5TH AVE.  
**CONTRACTOR:** OVERSTREET CONST. CO.  
**PR & C No.:** 115055

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**COMMENTS:**

Contractor preparing and submitting submittals.

Removal of old and installation of new electrical equipment is ongoing.

New pumps have been delivered and are in storage.

DWP-1 and DWP-2 installation is about complete.

Concrete work, in the south wet well, to facilitate new mechanical trash rack continues.

A00004 (FC-08.08 Modify Existing Flap Valve Mounting Flange & FC-08.09 - Extend Access Ladder) $3,511.00 INCREASE and no time. Issued modification for signature. Awaiting return.

FC-08.04 - DELETE three (3) Ton Portable Gantry Crane. Negotiated and Preparing Mod.

FC-08.11 - Replacing corroded piping into wall on Pump Nos. 6 and 7. Awaiting proposal.

FC-08.12 - Revision from manholes & underground service to standard duct bank. Negotiated and preparing credit modification.

FC-08.13 - Passive vent relocation in wet well. Awaiting Contractor proposal.

FC-08.14 - Upgrade power panel Issued RFP.

Awaiting PM-M/ED-D responses to the following items: None at this time.
CONTRACT NO: DACW27-00-C-0003  CONTRACTOR: DILLON CONTRACTORS
DESCRIPTION: STAGE IV-PHASE 1 NORTH  PR & C NO. 422358

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COMMENTS:
Closeout Completed. Preparing to Transfer Files.

Awaiting PM/ED responses to the following: None at this time.

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CONTRACT NO: DACW27-01-C-0001  CONTRACTOR: OVERSTREET ELEC. CO.
DESCRIPTION: PUMP STATION 1A  PR & C NO. 015179

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COMMENTS:
Contractor is continuing with submittals.

KTR has removed SWP-1 from Baring Ave. and DWP-2 from Hohman Ave. Stations.

Rebuilt Fairbanks Morse pumps from Walnut Avenue pump station are having their impellers changed to meet contract requirements.

Removal of old and installation of new electrical equipment at Baring has begun.

Preparations are being made for installing a new mechanical trash rack at Walnut Ave.

One (1) pump for refurbishment from South Kennedy has been rebuilt and has been tested. This pump is having it's impeller changed to meet contract requirement. Retest should take place soon.

Portable pumping units have been relocated from Hohman Ave. to Baring Ave. for removal of SWP-1&2.

Installation of underground duct bank (FC01.12) at Baring Ave. is complete.

A0006 (FC-01.11 – Float Tube @ Baring Avenue; FC-01.12 – Barring Avenue Pump Sta. Connection; FC-01.15 – Cleaning Wet Well at Walnut; FC-01.16 – Walnut Ave. Trash Rack Opening Revisions; FC-01.17 – Hohman Ave. – Relocate Existing Roof Drain Piping; FC-01.18 – Structural Repairs to Discharge Box Kennedy; FC-01.19 – Kennedy-Power Connection for Temp. Overload & Leak Indicator; FC-01.21 – Voltage Separation at All Four (4) Pump Stations – $67,652.80 and 30 calendar days. Signed and returned by Contractor. Executed and Distributed.

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COMMENTS: Performed 100% BCOE. ED/PM/ A/E responding.

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RESULTS OF REAL ESTATE MEETING
29 October 2002
ARMY CORPS and LCRBDC

IN ATTENDANCE:  
LCRBDC  
Dan Gardner  
Lou Casale  
Lorraine Kray  
Sandy Mordus  
Jim Pokrajac  
Judy Vamos  
COE  
Imad Samara  
Chrystal Spokane

LAND ACQUISITION

1.) ACQUISITION / APPRAISAL UPDATES
Stage VI-1: Corps Appraiser Reviewer Greg Dorword will be here in November to visit the Kennedy Industrial Park with the appraiser Dale Kleszynski. They will discuss appraisal revisions. (The appraisal is submitted at $1.2 million for easements on 20 properties.)

Stage VI-2: Corps Realty Specialist Chrystal Spokane is not happy with the Real Estate mapping and sent it "back to the drawing board." No date has been sent for LCRBDC to receive the drawings.

Mitigation (Hobart Marsh): The Kim appraisal needs revisions. Judy Vamos has assurances from both appraiser and reviewer that they will cooperate to complete this appraisal/review ASAP.

East Reach and Remediation Area: Officially on hold but lesser value tracts that can be obtained from landowners or tax sales are being acquired.

Burr Betterment Levee: On Hold. Dan will write a letter by 11/7/02 to Gary recommending that LCRBDC be included in an ordinance to spend casino monies for construction of the Burr Street Betterment Levee. Once the flood protection is completed Gary can initiate negotiations with FEMA to take Gary out of the floodplain. (ACTION: CORPS and LCRBDC)

2.) SCHEDULING / FUNDING
Discussion centered on the fast-approaching acquisition deadline of 1 October 03 for Stage VI Phases I and 2. LCRBDC is still waiting on drawings for Phase 2. Judy explained that acquisition, even on a fast track, normally takes one year to complete. Project Manager Imad Samara suggested that definitely the Phase 1 deadline should be met. Phase 2 may be an extended deadline.
3.) MITIGATION
   a. MOA for the Hobart Marsh signed by the DNR?: Lou had a voice mail message from Nick Heinzelman that he will bring the signed MOA with him to the 11/7/02 Hobart Marsh meeting.

   b. Disagreement between the DNR and Corps Hobart Marsh Acquisition List?: LCRBDC questioned that the Corps directive to acquire Hobart Marsh doesn't match the DNR Property Acquisition List and LCRBDC Local Cooperative Agreement is with the Corps. LCRBDC is asking the Corps for something in writing that agrees with the DNR list. Imad will speak with Corps Attorney Don Valk to write a letter to LCRBDC that the Corps agrees with the DNR recommendations.

   c. Hobart Marsh 11/7/02 Meeting: Judy explained that she and Jim are finding difficulties with the Sandy O'Brien map being used for mitigation in the Hobart Marsh Area. It is not a real estate drawing with defined work limits. LCRBDC needs direction on, i.e.:
      - which 20 acres of a 40 acre lot should be acquired (location),
      - should the entire 40 acres be acquired,
      - how much land with improvements should be eliminated.

   The 11/7 technical meeting will bring parties together to answer these and more questions.

4.) CREDITING STATUS
   Sandy Mordus and Lorraine Kray distributed crediting updates. Chrystal explained that Division HQ is reviewing the administrative credits for Dan and Sandy. Sandy will make a correction on her report for next months meeting to better explain IDNR expenditures

5.) RESIDENTS' CONCERNS
   a. Swimming pool safety compliance: A few North Drive residents are not signing their offers because of contractor requirements for the levee. The contractor will be required to remove the back yard fence around their swimming pools which will leave them in non-compliance with the states requirement to fence a swimming pool with a five foot high fence. After discussion it was agreed to have LCRBDC pay for temporary fencing, maybe even a "rent-a-fence" situation, which will go up before the existing fence is removed. The cost is creditable according to Imad and Chrystal.
b. Bike trails acquired as easement or fee?: Discussion continues as to eliminating the 10 foot fee acquisition strip on top of the levee for bike trails. Lou will send language to Chrystal that allows recreation to be taken as an easement. Chrystal will forward the language to HQ for approval.

ENGINEERING
1.) **STATUS OF DRAWINGS:**
   a. DC 1010-D (the old Burger King): Reviewer Greg Dorword is reviewing the appraisal as a fee take. Once the appraisal is approved mapping will be changed to construct a less-expensive levee instead of an more-costly I-wall.
   b. Stage VI-2 Rec Trail: Imad explained that the rec trail is not on the new drawings. It will be included in the final.

2.) **LCRBDC NEEDS OFFICIAL "ON HOLD" LETTER FOR STAGE VIII**
LCRBDC has asked for an official written notification that Stage VIII is on hold. Imad explained that the contract with Stage VIII AE (Architectural Engineer) SEH Corporation has actually been terminated. This stage is so far away that new engineering will have to be completed later anyway.

JV 10/30/02
November 4, 2002

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

Dear Mr. Tanke:

This letter will serve as written notification of the reappointment of Arlene D. Colvin to the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission

Ms. Colvin shall serve as the City of Gary’s representative to the Commission for a four-year term commencing January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2006.

Sincerely,

Scott L. King
Mayor

SLK:ie

Cc: Dan Gardner
    Executive Director
TO: Steve Davis, LCRBDC member

FROM: Sandy Mordus, Business Coordinator

SUBJECT: Clarification of Commission Per Diem

DATE: November 7, 2002

Relative to our conversation a while back, I would like to just set down in writing a few facts. I know that, as a State employee, you do not receive a per diem, so you probably are not too familiar with it. As far as I know, we have always followed the same state policies, as the state employees do. There have been many times, over the years, that either I or the attorney have checked with the Attorney General’s Office or the State Budget Agency relative to questions we had at that particular time. (I have attached a memo when the per diem rate changed from $35 to $50 per day).

First of all, our Statute entitles each member to the minimum salary per diem, as found in IC 4-10-11-2.1(b). The minimum salary per diem is currently at $50.00 per day. Meetings have to be set either by the Chairman, the Executive Director, or any three members of the Commission. At present, you are the only member who is employed by the State and receives no per diem, whether the meetings take place during the day or evening hours. We have three members who do not receive any per diem for any day meetings but they do receive per diem for evening meetings; they are Arlene Colvin, employed by the city of Gary; Curt Vosti, employed by the city of Hammond; and John Mroczkowski, employed by Lake County government. The other six members all receive per diem for Commission business, day or evening.

As you know, when we adopted the Commission’s Bylaws at the June meeting, it was approved that members would only receive a per diem for committee meetings if they were a member of that respective committee. In other words, any member could attend any committee meeting but not receive any per diem for attending unless they were officially on that committee.

I keep a record of all meetings and who attends. I issue a check to members twice a year (for the first six months and then the second six months). The members approved that a long time ago at my request because it was too time consuming (and expensive) to be issuing checks every month.
The only exception to this is when a member travels to a conference on behalf of the Commission, I issue the per diem for the time spent at the conference at the next Commission meeting. Since they have to pay for their expenses up front out of their pocket, I try to reimburse them as soon as I can. As far as I know, there are no restrictions on when per diem must be issued.

In addition to the per diem, members are allotted a meal subsistence allowance when traveling. We follow the state policy procedures – they receive a total of $36 per day. Any meals that are provided as part of the conference, I deduct that respective amount ($8 breakfast - $8 lunch - $16 dinner). I keep a record of their time away and the meals provided so I issue them a separate check (from our Meeting Expenses budget line) for that amount of money.

When traveling, they are also reimbursed for transportation costs. This includes airline travel; transportation to and from the airport; return transportation to the airport from the hotel; travel costs incurred within the city (i.e. taxi, bus, shuttle). All travel is reimbursed when supported by receipts. Members are also given mileage (at the state’s rate of 28 cents per mile) when traveling to and from meetings. I also keep track of their mileage (using a standard adopted NIRPC mileage sheet) and I issue them a check for mileage twice a year (six months at a time). Exception – you, Curt Vosti and John Mroczkowski receive no mileage because you have company cars). All other members are reimbursed for mileage for travel to and from meetings, if they drive. As a passenger (as George Carlson usually is) he receives no mileage reimbursement.

When out of state travel occurs, a member’s hotel expense is paid by the Commission. This amount includes hotel plus tax only. Any other incidental charges, they are responsible for. If a spouse accompanies the member, none of the spouse’s costs are reimbursed. If there is an additional charge for the hotel room to accommodate a spouse, the member is responsible for the additional cost. (i.e. if a room charge is $100 for the member but $120 because the single becomes a double because of a spouse, the member reimburses the Commission the $20 for each night of stay).

Also, the Commission pays for a conference registration fee for each member and staff attending a conference. This fee is established by the conference host and not negotiable. If any events for a spouse is scheduled at a conference, the spouse incurs that expense. The Commission will only pay for members and staff.

In the past, if a meeting is scheduled at a normal dinner hour and lasts more than three hours in total, the Commission has incurred the cost of a dinner for member and staff attending the meeting. When going out for a sandwich after a Commission meeting (after a dinner hour), the member is responsible for payment of his/her own meal.
At the end of each year, the members receive a 1099 for the monies they have received that year – if the total year income has been more than $600. The Commission has been audited for each year it has existed and the State Board of Accounts have examined all related paperwork. Only once in my 20 years here on the job has there been a corrective action we had to take regarding travel. That was an incident many years ago when a member requested a first floor balcony room that was priced higher than the other rooms and the Commission paid the difference. When the error was pointed out to us by the State Board of Accounts, the member reimbursed the Commission the difference (which was still very nominal). There has not been any other time any such situation existed.

I hope this clarifies the question of per diem, meal allowance, and travel. If you have any questions regarding any of these items, please call either Dan or me for clarification.

Sandy Mordus
Business Coordinator

/attach.
cc: Dan Gardner, Executive Director
    Lou Casale, LCRBDC attorney
BY LAWS
FOR THE
LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
ADOPTED June 6, 2002

LEGISLATION CREATING COMMISSION

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BYLAWS ESTABLISHMENT


OFFICERS

Officers of the Commission are Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer & Secretary.

CHAIRMAN

The Chairman is a member of the Commission and as such, has the right to full participation in the proceedings, including the right to vote.
The Chairman can speak in discussion without leaving the Chair.
The Chairman need not rise when putting a question to vote.
The form of taking a vote shall be "Those in favor, say "aye"; those opposed, say "no".

MEMBERS

Any member shall abstain if he has a direct pecuniary interest or may abstain for any other reason.
Six (6) members constitute a quorum. A majority vote of those present is necessary to take action.
A member may discuss business or make a motion while seated.
Motions need to be seconded with the exception of nominations, which do not require a second.
There is no limit as to the number of times a member can speak to a question.
Informal discussion of a subject is permitted while no motion is pending.

COMMITTEES

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4. Staff and Commissioners shall be authorized for Special Travel as determined by a majority vote of the Commission at a public meeting.
5. Staff and Commissioners shall be authorized for overnight Emergency Travel as determined through polled approval of at least six (6) Commissioners.

Authorization for Reimbursement
Reimbursable expenses shall be subject to State law and the following guidelines:
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2. For Indianapolis Business – State law on mileage shall apply. Other expenses of staff and any Commissioners related to meals, entertainment and/or salary per diem shall be governed by appropriate State law and Commission policy. Overnight stay for staff allowed upon determination by Executive Director.
3. For Annual Conferences – State law and Commission policy as enumerated in this policy or subsequent policies.
4. For Special Travel and Emergencies – As authorized by State law and the Commission as enumerated in this policy or subsequent policies.

Particular Travel-Related Expenses
Other travel related expenses are to be reimbursed in accordance with State law and Commission policy as enumerated in this and subsequent Commission policies.
1. Registration fees which have not been prepaid by the Commission for attendance at events related to authorized travel shall be reimbursed when supported by receipts. If staff or Commissioner fails, without valid reason as determined by a majority of the Commission at a public meeting, to attend an event at which pre-registration fee was paid, that Commissioner or staff shall be liable for any non-refundable portion of the fee.
2. Airline, bus, rail or other travel fees for Authorized Travel which have not been prepaid, will be reimbursed at prevailing "coach" or "tourist" rate when supported by receipts. If pre-paid travel is cancelled without a valid reason, as determined by a majority vote of the Commission at a public meeting, the staff or Commissioner will be liable for the non-refundable portion of the pre-paid fee.
3. Local transportation costs, parking, and/or tolls as related to Authorized Travel will be reimbursed when supported by receipts.
4. Automobile travel for Authorized Travel will be reimbursed at the current State-authorized rate.
5. Rental car expenses for Authorized Travel will be reimbursed when supported by receipts upon the approval of a majority of the Commission at a public meeting.
6. Lodging expenses at the Single Occupancy rate for Authorized Travel that are not prepaid will be reimbursed when supported by receipts. Lodging costs shall include room costs, taxes, and reasonable phone charges.
7. Meal expenses relating to Authorized Travel will be reimbursed at the maximum allowable rate as determined by State law.
8. In addition to allowable meal and travel expenses, Commissioners shall receive a salary per diem as enumerated in applicable State law, as amended.
AMENDING BYLAWS

These Bylaws may be amended by a 2/3rd vote and notice shall be given at the previous meeting.
Please select three (3) members to serve on the Nominating Committee:

BILL TANKE

BOB HUFFMAN

CURT VOSTI

JOHN MROCKOWSKI

GEORGE CARLSON

ARLENE COLVIN

STEVE DAVIS

EMERSON DELANEY

BOB MARSZAlek

MARK RESHKIN

MARION WILLIAMS

(Name)
PROPOSED PRIORITIES FOR USE OF 2001-03 STATE BUDGET DOLLARS
15 MONTH SCHEDULE (May, 2002 thru August, 2003)
Revised: October 21, 2002

$1,761,439 Cash to draw upon currently available from the $3 million State Budget funds
- 400,000 Administration costs (Jim Pokrajac, Judy Vamos, Lorraine Kray, Sandy Mordus,
Lou Casale, Jim Flora) Expended to date $179,435

$1,361,439
- 266,000 COE escrow payment due October, 2002 (7% Cash contribution) Expended to date $266,000

$1,095,439
- 250,000 Estimate for mitigation costs (Figure ½ of $500,000 earlier committed.
Needed for “good faith effort”) Expended to date $10,799

$  845,439
-  25,000 Burr Street acquisition committed. Offers in process. Expended to date $4,585.61

$  820,439
-  700,000 Kennedy Industrial Park property acquisition (VI-1) – (20 parcels) Expended to date $71,853

$  120,439
-  75,000 Utility relocation engineering money (VI-1 & VI-2) – (approx. 16 relocates) Expended to date $385

$  45,439
-  45,439 Estimate of ongoing title work costs for crediting purposes Expended to date $45,976

-0- Items not included in budget Expended to date $114,340.88

Total expenditures to date as of 10/21/02 .............. $693,374.18

Remaining monies available for drawdown as of 10/21/02 .............. $1,086,810

REMAINING $2.5 MILLION CURRENTLY RECEIVED BY GOVERNOR O'BANNON
FROM BUILD INDIANA FUNDS FOR DEFICIT REDUCTION

(-378,000) Estimate of actual utility relocation work (VI-1 & VI-2)

(- 70,000) Clean-up of remaining properties in East Reach & East Reach Remediation area

(- 50,000) Burr Street property acquisition costs (Not creditable. Needs State consensus)

(- 100,000) Burr Street utility relocation costs (Not creditable. Needs State consensus)

(-1,900,000) Burr Street Phase 2 construction cost (Not creditable. Needs State consensus)

(-2,498,000) Total commitments from $2.5 million in budget recision

October 21, 2002
Includes #82
Sandy Mordus

From: "Crary, Jomary" <jcrary@dnr.state.in.us>
To: "Sandy Mordus" <smordus@nirpc.org>
Sent: Wednesday, November 06, 2002 1:09 PM
Subject: RE: Sandy here

The project will be reviewed under the Flood Control Act for construction in a floodway and under the Navigable Waterways Act, because the LC is designated as a Navigable Stream. There is no additional fee for the Navigable Waterways Act application. I checked on the permit for the east reach and it was processed under both statutes, too. Also, I noticed that an amendment to the east reach permit was requested and approved a couple years after it was issued, to address the recreational improvements. I noticed that those features of the project are not included in your public notice and I wasn't sure if you want that included in this permit review or not????? I'm not sure if they are included in the plans that I mad sent over. I will check.

ps - Paul Ehret (DNR Deputy Director) and Dale Gick (Section Head and my supervisor) will be making the trip up with me tomorrow. Paul has not been to your meetings in the past, so I'm looking forward to him coming up to see all the good work you guys do. :-) 

----Original Message-----
From: Sandy Mordus [mailto:smordus@nirpc.org]
Sent: Tuesday, November 05, 2002 5:02 PM
To: Crary, Jomary
Subject: Sandy here

Hi Jomary:

Regarding your email last week, we have added Hart Ditch to the stream name and a brief description to the public notice letter that will be going out shortly. I am attaching it again for your review. Also, in past permit applications, we have only checked the box "flood control act" There is a separate permit fee required for 6 different areas. Do you want us to check the boxes for "Flood Control Act", "Navigable Waterways Act" and "Construction of Channels Act"? I'm not sure which ones you want us to check off. If just the "Flood Control Act" is sufficient, that's fine. I just need to know for sure what you think. Thanks for your help.
Sandy
PUBLIC NOTICE

November 11, 2002

Dear Current Property Owner:

The Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission is notifying you that the Development Commission, in conjunction with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, is seeking a construction-in-a-floodway permit for the Little Calumet River Flood Control/Recreation project for the Hammond, Highland and Munster stretches of the river.

Due to your proximity to the project site, you are considered to be an adjacent and/or affected property owner; therefore, notice is being provided in conformance with the provisions of IC 14-11-4 and 312 IAC 2-8.

Indiana Code 14-11-4 was enacted to ensure that adjacent and/or affected property owners are notified of permit applications and provided with an opportunity to present their views to the Department of Natural Resources prior to action.

Under the legislation the applicant or agent is responsible for providing notice to the owner of the real property owned by a person, other than the applicant, which is both of the following: (1) located within one-fourth mile of the site where the licensed activity would take place, and (2) has a border or point in common with the exterior boundary of the property where the licensed activity would take place. Included is property which would share a common border if not for the separation caused by a roadway, stream, channel, right-of-way, easement, or railroad.

The applicant is the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission, 6100 Southport Road, Portage, Indiana 46368. The agent’s name is Dan Gardner, Executive Director.

Stream - Little Calumet River, Lake County, Indiana
Hart Ditch, Lake County, Indiana

Project Description – The project is designed to provide 200-year level flood protection with 5 feet of safety factor along the entire stretch of the river from the Illinois/Indiana state line to approximately I-65. The current levees are not
recognized by FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) for structural integrity or necessary height for protection. Existing trees are currently weakening these levees with their root systems. **The project, once completed, will remove your property from the floodplain designation.** The construction will consist of earthen levees, concrete I-walls, and sheet pile construction. It will also include a contiguous recreation trail and some recreation features on public property away from private backyards. The crest of the levee ranges in sea level elevation from 600.5' up to 604.2' at the confluence of Hart Ditch and the Little Calumet River. Flood protection along both the east and west sides of Hart Ditch beginning at a point approximately 150’ south of the confluence of Hart Ditch and the Little Calumet River and extending approximately 1/4 mile south of the confluence.

A permanent public construction and maintenance easement will be required from those property owners directly abutting the Little Calumet River. Those property owners will be notified at a later date. Fair market compensation will be offered for the needed easement. No homes will need to be displaced as the result of levee construction. Garages, pools, and sheds will be avoided wherever possible. Landscaping on the landward side of the levees will be done as part of the project. Existing mature trees will be avoided to the maximum extent possible to preserve the natural features.

**Direct Project Benefits to Homeowners**
- Removal of your property from the floodplain
- Increased value and salability of your home/property
- Better protection from river flooding
- Elimination of the need to purchase costly flood insurance

**Project Location**—Beginning at the Indiana/Illinois state line continuing eastward and ending at Cline Avenue (S.R. 912) for a total length of approximately 5.6 lineal river miles through Hammond, Highland, and Munster, Indiana, all in Lake County, North Township. This includes Section 13 Township 36 North Range 10 West, and Sections 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, and 22 in Township 36 North Range 9 West.

This project will be constructed under the Flood Control Act, IC 14-28-1.

Questions relating to the project should be directed to:
  Dan Gardner, Executive Director
  or
  Jim Pokrajac, Land Management/Engineering Agent
  or
  Judy Vamos, Land Acquisition Agent
  at
  Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission
  6100 Southport Road
  Portage, Indiana 46368
  219/763-0696
  Fax 219/762-1653
  Email: littlecal@nirpc.org
November 11, 2002

You may request an informal public hearing, pre-AOPA (Administrative Orders and Procedures Act) hearing, on this application by filing a petition with the Division of Water. The petition must conform to administrative rule 312 IAC 2-3-4 as follows:

(a) This section establishes the requirements for a petition to request a public hearing under IC 14-11-4-8(a)(2).
(b) The petition shall include the signatures of at least twenty-five (25) individuals who are at least eighteen (18) years of age and who reside in the county where the licensed activity would take place or who own real property within one (1) mile of the site of the proposed or existing licensed activity.
(c) The complete mailing addresses of the petitioners shall be typed or printed legibly on the petition.
(d) Each individual who signs the petition shall affirm that the individual qualifies under subsection (b).
(e) The petition shall identify the application for which a public hearing is sought, either by division docket number (application number) or by the name of the applicant and the location of the project.

A pre-AOPA public hearing on the application will be limited to the Department’s authority under the permitting statutes. Only the issues relevant to the Department’s jurisdiction directly related to this application for construction will be addressed. Under permitting statutes, the Department has no authority in zoning, local drainage, burning, traffic safety, etc.; therefore, topics beyond the Department’s jurisdiction will not be discussed during the public hearing.

The Department’s jurisdiction under the Flood Control Act is confined to the floodway of the stream and its review limited to the following criteria. To be approvable, a project must demonstrate that it will:

(a) Not adversely affect the efficiency or unduly restrict the capacity of the floodway; defined as, the project will not result in an increase in flood stages of more than 0.14' above the base 100-year regulatory flood elevation.
(b) Not constitute an unreasonable hazard to the safety of life or property; defined as, the project will not result in either of the following during the regulatory flood: (a) the loss of human life, (2) damage to public or private property to which the applicant has neither ownership nor a flood easement;
(c) Not result in unreasonably detrimental effects upon fish, wildlife, or botanical resources.

Additionally, the Department must consider the cumulative effects of the above items.

A request for a pre-AOPA public hearing or notice of initial determination pursuant to 312 IAC 2-3 should be addressed to: Technical Services Section
Division of Water
Department of Natural Resources
402 West Washington Street, Room W264
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2641
Telephone (877) 928-3755 or (317) 232-4160
November 11, 2002

You may also request that the Department notify you in writing after an initial determination is made to issue or deny the permit. Following the receipt of the approval or denial notice, you may request administrative review of the determination by the Natural Resources Commission under IC 4-21.5 and 312 IAC 3-1. This request should be addressed to:

Division of Hearings  
Natural Resources Commission  
402 West Washington Street, Room W272  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204  
Telephone (317) 232-4699
# LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN
## DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
### ATTENDANCE ROSTER

**NAME OF MEETING:** CRBDC  
**DATE:** November 7

**LOCATION:** 6100 Southport Rd Montage  
**CHAIRMAN:** Bill Tante

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At 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 13, 2002
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Portage, Indiana

This meeting was called due to the Commission lacking a quorum at its November 7, 2002 meeting

AGENDA

1. Call to Order by Chairman William Tanke
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of Minutes of October 3, 2002
4. Selection of Nominating Committee
5. Approval of Claims for October 2002
6. Other Issues/New Business
7. Statements to the Board from the Floor
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9. Adjournment
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