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MEETING NOTICE

THERE WILL BE A MEETING OF THE
LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN
DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
AT 6:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY, March 1, 2006
AT THE COMMISSION OFFICE
6100 SOUTHPORT ROAD
PORTAGE, IN

WORK STUDY SESSION – 5:00 P.M.

AGENDA

1. Call to order by Chairman Bill Biller
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Recognition of Visitors and Guests
4. Approval of Minutes of February 1, 2006
5. Chairman's Report
 - Status of proposed H.B. 1095
6. Executive Director's Report
 - Burr Street – Gary bid status
 - >Action will be required to approve Commission's increased funding participation to allow contract signing
 - Burr Street – LCRBDC status
 - >COE's updated cost estimate
 - >Projected project schedule
 - Meeting on February 8 with Cabela's representatives and city of Hammond representatives regarding Cabela's site plan and needed flood control easements donation

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we will clarify &
have next mtg.

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Sandy O'B.
Dan
Sandy
Jim
Judy
Lorraine

- Feb. 27
- Appearance before Highland Town Council to update project schedule, O&M responsibilities, and response to residents' concern

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7. Standing Committees

A. Finance Committee – Report by Treasurer Arlene Colvin

- Financial status report
- Approval of claims for February 2006
- Approval of O&M claims for February 2006
- Issues for discussion

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B. Policy Committee – Committee Chair Bob Marszalek

- Report on committee meeting held February 13 - Recommendations
- Issues for Discussion

C. Land Acquisition/Land Management Committee – Committee Chair Bob Marszalek

Land Acquisition

- Appraisals, offers, acquisitions, recommended actions
- Status of activity for Stage V-2 and VII
- Issues for discussion

Land Management

- Issues for discussion

D. Project Engineering Committee – Committee Chair Bob Huffman

- Report on meeting held on Feb. 2 with North Township Trustee and Board
- Report on February 9 meeting held with FEMA, COE, IDNR, Lawson-Fisher
- INDOT pump station
- Issues for Discussion

Start from.

• Collier alignment
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E. Operation & Maintenance – Committee Chair Bob Huffman

- Update on Stage III Remediation pump station agreement
- Status of bidding out the 4 Gary pump stations
- North 5th Street pump station turnover to Highland
- Issues for Discussion

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F. Environmental Committee – Committee Chair Mark Reshkin

- Response for restoration inventory
- Issues for Discussion

G. Legislative Committee – Committee Chair George Carlson

- Mailing to area State legislators and local entities
- Issues for Discussion

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H. Recreational Development Committee – Committee Chair Bob Huffman

- Issues for Discussion

I. Marina Development Committee – Committee Chair Charlie Ray

- Re-financing of bond for city marina
- Other items of transference per agreement
- Issues for Discussion

8. Other Issues / New Business

9. Statements to the Board from the Floor

10. Set date for next meeting; adjournment

April
Legals
- 2 = 481/13
O&M

Appraisals 1/19/06

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
HELD AT 6:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2006
6100 SOUTHPORT ROAD
PORTAGE, INDIANA

Chairman William Biller called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. All ten (10) Commissioners were present. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The guests were recognized.

Development Commissioners:

George Carlson
R. Kent Gurley
Robert Huffman
William Biller
Steve Davis
Mark Reshkin
Arlene Colvin
Robert Marszalek
John Mroczkowski
Charlie Ray

Visitors:

Jomary Baller - IDNR
Imad Samara - Army Corps
Elizabeth Johnson - Congressman's Office
Mark Lopez - Congressman's Office
Sandy O'Brien - Hobart

Staff:

Dan Gardner
Lou Casale
Jim Pokrajac
Judy Vamos
Sandy Mordus

A motion to approve the January 4, 2006 minutes was made by Bob Huffman; motion was seconded by Bob Marszalek; motion passed unanimously.

Chairman's Report – Chairman Biller referred to the listing of the committee structure as distributed. Last year's committee chairmen were retained; if the committee members want to change, just let Sandy know and she will modify the committee sheet accordingly. If there are any other changes or corrections, please let Sandy know.

• Discussion ensued on HB1095 as proposed by Representative Chet Dobis. This bill would reduce the Commission membership from 11 members to 5 members, all being Governor appointments; one each of the members must be from IDNR Division of Water; one from IDNR Department of Fish & Wildlife; one must be a resident from Gary; one must be a resident of Hammond; and must be a resident of Highland or Griffith. Each member must also hold a degree in engineering with 10 years experience or be licensed in Indiana as a real estate appraiser and have 10 years experience. Chairman Biller stated to the Board members that the proposed bill does not change anything; we are still moving ahead as quickly as we can to meet the Congressman's deadline of project completion by December 2009. Commissioner Gurley inquired as to the bill's current status and was informed that it was in the Natural Resources Committee but did not have a hearing as of this date. It was not brought out in committee; it could surface as an amendment to another bill but right now, there is no movement. Mr. Gardner added that Mayor King and Mayor McDermott were concerned upon hearing about the proposed bill as it takes local input away from them; the IDNR was also concerned for future O&M. Commissioner Carlson expressed the greatest concern and disappointment. After serving for 23 years on the Commission, he sees the biggest problem we've ever had is the State's under-funding of the project. We have averaged only \$1 million a year and with the project costing \$190 million, the Commission could move forward only as far as the money would go. "You cannot blame the Commission and we should not be used as a scapegoat" he added.

Executive Director's Report - Mr. Gardner reported that four bids were received on the Burr Street Phase 2 Gary portion of the levee, with the lowest responsive bidder being Superior Construction. The COE estimate was \$1.7 million. Gary has committed \$1.4 million and the LCRBDC has committed \$300,000. Unfortunately, the low bid came in at just under \$2.5 million. Gary can negotiate with the contractor to see if items can be deferred or reduced by mutual consent; we will meet with the COE to see if anything can be eliminated from the contract, i.e. the MS4 water quality addition that was not originally considered in the Army Corps estimate. That amounts to about \$280,000. Commissioner Reshkin questioned why the MS4 was included in the first place; it is a water quality issue and not a flood control issue. We will be meeting with Gary very soon to discuss what can be done. Commissioner Gurley expressed concern about the time delay. Mr. Gardner, as well as attorney Casale, stated that we will move forward as quickly as we can. There is a 60 day period before an award has to be made but we would like to see Gary award the contract before that time period. Obviously, Gary needs a commitment from the LCRBDC before a contract is awarded. It was also discussed that Burr Street II - LCRBDC needs to be completed also to get Gary out of the flood plain. Chairman Biller asked staff to keep the Board members informed.

- Mr. Gardner referred to the upcoming meeting in Chicago at the FEMA office on February 9. We are moving ahead with Lawson Fisher doing a scope of work to analyze the Griffith levee. They have scheduled the meeting with FEMA so that FEMA can identify exactly what is needed for the levee to be certified.
- Mr. Gardner also reported that he has met with the Hammond Plan Commission to discuss the easements needed on the Cabela's property. It does appear that Cabela's is moving ahead with their plans, however slowly. We are scheduled to meet with Cabela's on February 7. We are requesting the easements be donated.

Finance Committee - Treasurer Arlene Colvin made a correction to the minutes from the last meeting. We made a motion to transfer current escrow interest monies into the Administrative Budget totaling \$19,787; that amount should have been \$10,787. Ms. Colvin proceeded to make a motion to transfer the \$10,787 to the Administrative account; motion seconded by John Mroczkowski; motion passed unanimously.

- Ms. Colvin referred to the Financial Statement for January and made a motion to approve the claims for January in the \$100,588.46; motion seconded by Bob Marszalek; motion passed unanimously.
- Ms. Colvin then presented the O&M claims for approval in the amount of \$214.38 and made a motion for approval; motion seconded by Bob Huffman; motion passed unanimously.
- Commissioner Huffman inquired about the purchase price on the DC numbers. Judy Vamos answered that these properties are all in Stage V-2 and have fences and/or landscaping involved.
- Chairman Biller inquired whether we have received the \$10,000 reimbursement from the city for the appraisal cost of the Woodmar Country Club property. The Mayor had asked us to have the appraisal done earlier than we normally would have. We replied that we had received the reimbursed monies.

Land Acquisition/Land Management Committee - Committee Chairman Bob Marszalek referred to Judy Vamos to give the report.

- Mrs. Vamos explained that we have one increased offer. In avoid condemnation and delays, approval is needed to increase the offer on DC1124. Bob Marszalek made a motion to increase the offer on DC1124 from \$1,770 to \$2,035.50; motion seconded by Bob Huffman; motion passed unanimously.
- Mrs. Vamos asked for approval for condemnation for eight properties, only if needed. These are properties in Stage V-2 we are currently negotiating with the owners. If we cannot reach agreement with them, we would like approval now so we do not have to wait another month to obtain approval. We are following the time schedule. Condemnation would only be used if absolutely necessary; we are still hopeful to settle on some of these properties. Bob Marszalek proceeded to make a motion to approve condemnation if necessary on DC1104, DC1115, DC1122, DC1123, DC1126, DC1127, DC1128, and DC1171. Motion was seconded by Bob Huffman; motion passed unanimously.
- Ms. Vamos reported that we are on schedule for Stage V-2 (Northcote to Kennedy). Offers have been sent out and seven have come back signed. There are a total of 32 landowners in Stage V-2.

- Ms. Vamos reported that there are 54 acquisitions and 35 landowners in Stage VII. We have received the title work and survey work. Appraisals will be assigned very soon. The schedule allows for the end of February to finish the appraisals.
- Ms. Vamos stated that a meeting has been scheduled for February 2 with North Township Board members to discuss easements, construction, and scheduling. Also, the Wicker Park appraisal is expected this week.
- Mr. Pokrajac informed the Board members that the Gary Fire Dept. is now occupying the property at 35th & Chase as a training site. Because the building was vacant and we were afraid of vandalism, we have reached an agreement with them for \$1 a year for them to use the building. They will incur all costs associated with utilities.

Project Engineering Committee – Committee Chairman Bob Huffman stated that the Burr Street II Gary portion has already been discussed. The schedule for Burr Street Little Cal portion is anticipated for an April advertisement. It is still hoped that construction will be done this year. The two Burr Street segments are top priority and funds will need to be shifted as they control completing the Gary stretch and further west reach construction.

Operation & Maintenance Committee – Committee Chairman Bob Huffman reported that Austgen Electric is completing all of the diagnostics on the four Gary pump stations; some of the items will be repaired if the cost is not too high; we anticipate the remaining items will be minimal.

- We are in the process of turning over the North 5th Street pump station to the town of Highland for O&M. They have received all the manuals; we are awaiting “as built” drawings.
- We are also in the process of turning over the two Stage III Remediation pump stations to Gary. LCRBDC completed the agreement, which has been forwarded to Gary for review and comments; manuals and warranties will be turned over to Gary.

Environmental Committee – Committee Chairman Mark Reshkin reported that a \$9,000 grant was secured by Lee Botts to inventory natural areas that are being restored. It would include about 15,000 acres of natural areas. Mr. Gardner added that we will fill out the forms for in-project lands used for mitigation, and Hobart Marsh lands, and submit that to Lee Botts.

Legislative Committee – Committee Chairman George Carlson referred to the draft letter addressed to the area legislators summarizing work completed to date. Mr. Gardner added that the letter will be sent with four attachments: Attach 1 shows the three ongoing contracts of levee construction in the west reach; Attach 2 shows the area of flood plain designation; Attach 3 consists of the Congressman's letter and the Corps' response to him transmitting a schedule to meet a December 2009 deadline date; and Attach 4 shows a list of contributions from local entities. It is a complete package that will be shared with local communities as well as the State legislators. The schedule shows the significant amount of non-federal funding that is needed to meet the deadline. Chairman Biller asked the members to review the draft letter and if they have any comments, please let staff know.

- Commissioner Carlson referred to the Times guest commentary (in agenda packet) written by Mark Reshkin.
- Mark Reshkin asked staff to produce some good graphics to show what before and after construction impacts would look like. As we proceed westward, it would be a good tool to share with residents so they would have a better picture of what it will look like after completion.

Recreation Committee – Committee Chairman Bob Huffman stated that as part of the walk-thru yesterday on Stage V-2 (Kennedy to Northcote), the trail alignment was discussed. He added that he hopes Cabela's is open to the concept of trails on their property.

Marina Committee – Attorney Casale informed the members that he will obtain the signatures on the deed to the Portage Public Marina property this evening and then get it to the city tomorrow. Mr. Gardner added that Mayor

Olson called him today to request a copy of the permits that allowed the marina construction. Mr. Gardner will deliver that information to him tomorrow.

Policy Committee – Committee Chairman Bob Marszalek reported that he will be scheduling a committee meeting very soon.

Other Issues/New Business – There was none.

Statements from the Floor – There was none.

There being no further business, the next meeting was scheduled for 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 1, 2006

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LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
JANUARY 1, 2006 - JANUARY 31, 2006

CASH POSITION - JANUARY 1, 2006

CHECKING ACCOUNT		
LAND ACQUISITION	149,768.81	
GENERAL FUND	17,675.85	
TAX FUND	0.00	
INVESTMENTS		
SAVINGS	619,699.72	
ESCROW ACCOUNT INTEREST	11,279.31	
		798,423.69

RECEIPTS - JANUARY 1, 2006 - JANUARY 31, 2006

LEASE RENTS	2,317.58	
LEL MONIES (SAVINGS)		
INTEREST INCOME(FROM CHECKING & FIRST NATL)		
LAND ACQUISITION		
ESCROW ACCOUNT INTEREST	531.62	
MISC. RECEIPTS	10,000.00	
CITY OF HAMMOND	10,000.00	
KRBC REIMBURSEMENT RE: TELEPHONE CHARGE	124.82	
TRANSFERRED FROM SAVINGS	82,968.02	
PROCEEDS FROM VOIDED CHECKS		
TOTAL RECEIPTS		95,942.04

DISBURSEMENTS - JANUARY 1, 2006 - JANUARY 31, 2006

ADMINISTRATIVE		
2004 EXPENSES PAID IN 2005	91,224.27	
PER DIEM	2,850.00	
LEGAL SERVICES	283.33	
NIRPC	11,334.13	
TRAVEL & MILEAGE	462.40	
PRINTING & ADVERTISING		
BONDS & INSURANCE	77.00	
TELEPHONE EXPENSE		
MEETING EXPENSE	153.26	
LAND ACQUISITION		
LEGAL SERVICES	5,037.66	
APPRAISAL SERVICES	27,500.00	
ENGINEERING SERVICES	9,125.00	
LAND PURCHASE CONTRACTUAL	5,245.00	
FACILITIES/PROJECT MAINTENANCE SERVICES		
OPERATIONS SERVICES		
LAND MANGEMENT SERVICES	15,642.28	
SURVEYING SERVICES		
MISCELANEOUS EXPENSES		
ECONOMIC/MARKETING SOURCES		
PROPERTY & STRUCTURE COSTS	5,650.00	
MOVING ALLOCATION		
TAXES		
PROPERTY & STRUCTURES INSURANCE		
UTILITY RELOCATION SERVICES	270.00	
LAND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT		
STRUCTURAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS		
BANK CHARGES MERCANTILE	7.20	
PASS THROUGH FOR SAVINGS	7,646.86	
PAYBACK TO SAVINGS		
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		91,284.12

CASH POSITION - JANUARY 31, 2006

CHECKING ACCOUNT		
LAND ACQUISITION	168,864.02	
GENERAL FUND	2,898.86	
TAX FUND	0.00	
TOTAL FUNDS IN CHECKING ACCOUNT	171,762.88	

BANK ONE SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE	538,352.03
(LAND ACQ IN HOUSE PROJECT FUNDS)	337,978.70
(O & M MONIES)	**178,470.65

*Note: Original \$700,000 note

**Note: O & M Fund comprised of remaining LEL Money, \$185,000 Interest Money, and
\$133,721.49 Marina Sand Money

SAVINGS INTEREST	21,902.68	
TOTAL SAVINGS		538,352.03
ESCROW ACCOUNT INTEREST AVAILABLE		11,807.07
TOTAL OF ALL ACCOUNTS		721,921.98

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LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT, FEBRUARY 2006

	2006							ALLOCATED	UNALLOCATED
	BUDGET	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	TOTAL	BUDGETED
									BALANCE
5801 PER DIEM EXPENSES	10,000.00	0.00	0.00					0.00	10,000.00
5811 LEGAL EXPENSES	8,500.00	283.33	283.33					566.66	7,933.34
5812 NIRPC SERVICES	130,000.00	11,315.41	11,937.77					23,253.18	106,746.82
5821 TRAVEL/MILEAGE	10,000.00	14.40	32.60					47.00	9,953.00
5822 PRINTING/ADVERTISING	2,500.00	0.00	0.00					0.00	2,500.00
5823 BONDS/INSURANCE	8,000.00	77.00	0.00					77.00	7,923.00
5824 TELEPHONE EXPENSES	5,000.00	418.14	452.56					870.70	4,129.30
5825 MEETING EXPENSES	6,000.00	36.00	0.00					36.00	5,964.00
5840 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	600,000.00	66,612.24	49,432.37					116,044.61	483,955.39
5860 PROJECT LAND PURCHASE EXP.	836,498.00	20,123.94	15,335.50					35,459.44	801,038.56
5882 UTILITY RELOCATION EXP.	100,000.00	1,708.00	0.00					1,708.00	98,292.00
5883 PROJECT LAND CAP. IMPROV.	2,500.00	0.00	0.00					0.00	2,500.00
5884 STRUCTURES CAP. IMPROV.	2,500.00	0.00	0.00					0.00	2,500.00
5892 PROJECT COSTSHARE/ESC ACCT	866,635.00	0.00	0.00					0.00	866,635.00
	2,588,133.00	100,588.46	77,474.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	178,062.59	2,410,070.41

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	2006							ALLOCATED	UNALLOCATED
	BUDGET	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	TOTAL	BUDGETED
									BALANCE
5801 PER DIEM EXPENSES	10,000.00							0.00	10,000.00
5811 LEGAL EXPENSES	8,500.00							566.66	7,933.34
5812 NIRPC SERVICES	130,000.00							23,253.18	106,746.82
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5884 STRUCTURES CAP. IMPROV.	2,500.00							0.00	2,500.00
5892 PROJECTCOSTSHARE/ESC ACCT	866,635.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	866,635.00
	2,588,133.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	178,062.59	2,410,070.41

CLAIMS PAYABLE FOR FEBRUARY 2006

ACCT	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	EXPLANATION OF CLAIM
5811	CASALE, WOODWARD & BULS LLP	283.33	MONTHLY RETAINER THROUGH FEB 23, 2006
5812	NIRPC	11,918.53	SERVICES PERFORMED JANUARY 2006
5812	UPS	19.24	OVERNIGHT MAIL
5821	SANDY MORDUS	17.60	MILEAGE FOR FEBRUARY 2006
5821	JAMES E POKRAJAC	15.00	TRAVEL EXPENSE FOR MEETING IN CHICAGO 2/9/06
5824	AT & T	232.21	BILLING PERIOD 12/14/05-1/13/06(TOTAL BILL 268.2 KRBC 35.99)
5824	AT & T TELECONFERENCE SERVICE	93.51	CONFERENCE CALL
5824	VERIZON NORTH	126.84	BILLING PERIOD 1/16/06-2/16/06(TOTAL BILL 238.98KRBC 112.14)
5825	SANDY MORDUS		REIMBURSEMENT FOR MEETING EXPENSE FOR REAL ESTATE MTG 1/13/06
5841	SNELL REAL ESTATE EVALUATION CO INC	3,800.00	APPRAISAL FEE FOR DC-1198
5842	R. W. ARMSTRONG	2,030.00	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR PERIOD ENDED 1/13/06
5843	STEWART TITLE SERVICES OF NORTHWEST	585.00	TITLE WORK FOR DC-1221
5843	STEWART TITLE SERVICES OF NORTHWEST	545.00	TITLE WORK FOR DC-707
5844	JAMES E POKRAJAC	5,869.80	ENGINEERING SERVICES 1/16/06-1/31/06
5844	JAMES E POKRAJAC	260.80	JANUARY MILEAGE
5844	JAMES E POKRAJAC	4,945.85	ENGINEERING SERVICES 2/1/06-2/15/06
5844	JUDITH VAMOS	3,694.20	LAND ACQUISITION AGENT SERVICES 1/16/06-1/31/06
5844	JUDITH VAMOS	44.00	JANUARY MILEAGE
5844	JUDITH VAMOS	3,930.00	LAND ACQUISITION AGENT SERVICES 2/1/06-2/15/06
5844	G. LORRAINE KRAY	913.10	CREDITING TECHNICIAN & LAND ACQUISITION ASSISTANT 1/16/06-1/31/06
5844	G. LORRAINE KRAY	1,071.90	CREDITING TECHNICIAN & LAND ACQUISITION ASSISTANT 2/1/06-2/15/06
5844	SANDY MORDUS	250.00	CREDITING TECHNICIAN SERVICES 1/18/06-1/27/06
5844	SANDY MORDUS	212.50	CREDITING TECHNICIAN SERVICES 2/1/06-2/15/06
5847	DLZ	726.00	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RE: DC-1032A
5847	DLZ	1,804.56	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RE: DC-1248
5847	DLZ	3,026.25	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RE: DC-1226(PARTIAL BILLING)
5847	DLZ	1,793.75	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RE: DC-1226(PARTIAL BILLING)
5847	DLZ	1,668.00	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RE: DC-1225
5847	DLZ	2,888.25	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RE: DC-1223A
5847	DLZ	1,254.25	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RE: DC-1223B
5849	CASALE, WOODWARD & BULS LLP	8,119.16	LAND ACQUISITION/LEGAL SERVICES FOR PERIOD ENDED 2/2/06/06
5861	FRANCES PAULINE DANNER	4,000.00	PURCHASE PRICE OF DC-1128
5861	PHYLISS JUNE PRITCHETT	2,700.00	PURCHASE PRICE OF DC-1123
5861	ALEX SAKELARIS	3,200.00	PURCHASE PRICE OF DC-1126
5861	JANIS CAROL PANKAU	3,400.00	PURCHASE PRICE OF DC-1122
5861	ROBERT WILLIAMS SR & RUTH J WILLIAMS	2,035.50	PURCHASE PRICE OF DC-1124

TOTAL 77,474.13

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**APPROVAL TO PAY THE FOLLOWING INVOICES
FROM O&M FUND
March 1, 2006**

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- 9074 ✓ 9037
- ✓ \$94.64 to NIPSCO for costs incurred for elec. & gas at 3120 Gerry Street in Gary
 - ✓ \$5,470.00 to USGS for costs incurred for Hart Ditch gaging station for period October 1, 2004 to September 30, 2005
 - ✓ \$826.20 to R. W. Armstrong Company for O&M issues and pump station bid coordination
 - ✓ \$5,336.81 to Austgen Electric Company for miscellaneous repair and diagnostic review
 - ✓ \$682.00 to Don Powers Insurance Agency in payment of property insurance on 3499 Chase Street (old Chase St. Farm Stand now being occupied by Gary Fire Dept.)
 - ✓ \$696.31 to Lawson-Fisher Associates for services in January for the River Road levee in Griffith IN
 - ✓ \$482.70 to Lock & Key for cost incurred in obtaining locks and keys for west reach construction

TOTAL \$ 13,588.66

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Balance in O&M account after paying this invoice will be \$216,450.21

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February 10, 2006

Honorable Chet Dobis
IN State Representative
6565 Marshall Court
Merrillville, Indiana 46410

Dear Representative Dobis:

The Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission is writing to share the year 2005 flood control project's progress and to outline critical non-federal funding needed to meet the construction completion schedule to the Illinois State Line by the end of 2009.

In 2005, three Federal flood protection contracts were under construction in Highland and Hammond. Over \$16,000,000 secured by Congressman Visclosky for work is underway between Cline Avenue and Kennedy Avenue in both Hammond and Highland. A map showing the areas of work for each contract and photos taken this fall illustrating the type of construction are included, labeled as Attachment 1. A map of the floodplain areas to be protected by this construction segment is included as Attachment 2. In all, some 1500 residences and businesses in Highland and over 900 residences and businesses in Hammond will be protected and eligible to petition removal from floodplain designation once the project reaches Northcote Avenue/Hart Ditch, approximately one mile to the west.

The significant challenge ahead is to secure the non-federal funding needed to accomplish the acquisition relocations and escrow cash participation to meet the aggressive schedule put forth to comply with Congressman Visclosky's project construction completion by the end of 2009. A copy of the Congressman's letter; the Corps of Engineers/Development Commission's committed schedule to complete the project; and the table identifying funding needed to meet the schedule is included as Attachment 3. As you can clearly see, significant non-federal funding is needed over the next several years to meet the schedule. With the Development Commission receiving \$2,000,000 in the 2005-2007 State Biennial Budget, the Development Commission has met with Mayor Tom McDermott Jr. and city Council President Dan Repay of Hammond; the Highland Town Council; the Munster Town Council; and North Township Trustee Frank Mrvan Jr. to explain the schedule and appeal for help in exploring other sources of local project support. To date, the Development Commission has received outstanding support and cooperation from the local communities, including public donations of needed land and easements, support encouraging private developer donation of easements, and offers to explore local sources of supplemental funding. A listing of "local contributions" to required non-federal project items is list as Attachment 4. It currently totals over \$5,000,000.

The Development Commission is currently spending all funds remaining, including the \$1,000,000 allocated by the State Budget Committee on October 28, 2005 on targeted priorities. The spending priorities are:

- Priority 1: Burr Street Betterment Levees Construction:
- These two contracts are needed to be let and under construction to allow for the Federal construction contracts in Hammond, Munster, and Highland. Also, once completed, the Gary stretch of the project will be complete and Gary can be removed from floodplain designation.
- Priority 1A: West Reach Stage V-2 Easement Acquisition and Utility Relocation (Kennedy Avenue to Northcote Avenue/Hart Ditch, Hammond and Highland) and Munster.
- These 40 easement acquisitions are needed to allow Federal construction letting for an estimated \$13.5 million contract. Once completed in two years, all of Highland (over 1500 homes/businesses) and approximately 40% of Hammond (over 980 homes/businesses) can petition to begin early removal from the floodplain.
- Priority 1B: Escrow Cash Contribution for 2006 for continued Federal construction contracts for Hammond and Highland
- This 5% cash amount for work to be performed in 2006 is needed to complete two of the three ongoing Stage VI contracts. The Commission will need help in meeting all of the Priority 1, 1A, and 1B items to keep on track.
- Priority 2: Preliminary Land Acquisition Service for Stage VII (Title work, survey, appraisal work) (from Northcote Avenue to Columbia Avenue in Hammond and in Munster).
- 52 easement acquisitions will be ready once funding can be found.

The Development Commission will seek allocation of the remaining \$1,000,000 from the 2005-07 State Budget at the earliest date possible, once contracts have been signed for Burr Street Betterment levees and due to the imminent return of offers made in Stage V-2 (Kennedy Avenue to Northcote/Hart Ditch). All told, over \$12.9 million is needed of non-federal funding to meet the aggressive schedule to complete construction by the end of 2009. As stated, every effort is being made to raise local contributions and private sector donations. Once depleted of funding, the Development Commission will notify Federal, State, and local officials. We will keep you informed as we move forward on these priorities.

The Development Commission appreciates the support of our delegation to fund this project and is working with the Corps of Engineers and the local communities to step up and meet Congressman Visclosky's schedule.

Sincerely,



William Biller
Commission Chairman



Dan Gardner
Executive Director

February 10, 2006

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cc: Congressman Peter Visclosky's Office
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Northwest Indiana delegation
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WORK STUDY SESSION
1 March 2006

LAND ACQUISITION COMMITTEE
Robert Marszalek, Chairman

- 1.) There are no increased offers.
- 2.) There are seven (7) condemnations. There are seven (7) expired offers. These are the acquisitions we may have to file for condemnation in Stage V. We are in negotiations with the landowners now and the condemnation approval tonight is "in case" we can't agree. If we approve the condemnation tonight we could start filing papers in court quickly, otherwise we must wait until the April Commissioners meeting for approval and we'll lose time on the schedule. We respectfully request approval of the condemnations.

DC 1101 - Private
DC 1103 - Corporate
DC 1107 - Corporate
DC 1120 - Private
DC 1130 - Private
DC 1172 - Private
DC 1174 - Corporate

Residential

- 3.) STAGE V UPDATE (as of today 3/1/06:
Northcote to Kennedy (37 acquisitions 32 landowners)

Offers sent or in negotiations with landowners: 24
Offers not out: 8 (includes easements on hold or may/may not be needed
Offers accepted: 13
Offers on hold: 4 (3 Interstate Plaza and 1 NS RR)
Acquisitions that may or may not be needed: 4
(2 entrances to Cabelas, 1 Tri-State Coach, 1 Private)

- 4.) STAGE VII UPDATE (as of today 3/1/06:
Northcote to Columbia (54 acquisitions 35 landowners)

This stage is in two sections:

- Stage VII - Hammond - north of the river – under appraisal
- Stage VII - Munster - south of the river - Appraiser is now completing a gross appraisal to obtain approximate total land values for budgeting purposes.

WORK STUDY SESSION
LAND MANAGEMENT
March 1, 2006
Bob Marszalek, Committee Chairman

No items for discussion

WORK STUDY SESSION ENGINEERING COMMITTEE

March 1, 2006

Bob Huffman, Committee Chairman

1. Burr Street II – Gary portion (Colfax to Burr) (On Executive Director's Report)
 - Gary and LCRBDC are coordinating for cost participation. Gary appropriated \$1.4 million and LCRBDC had appropriated \$300,000 for a total of \$1.7 million. The low bid was \$2,492,245 by Superior Construction.
 - A meeting will be held at GSD headquarters on March 3 with the COE, GSD, LCRBDC, and Superior Construction to discuss final cost of construction, and how the overage will be distributed.
2. Stage V-2 – Cabela's (on Executive Director's Report)
 - A meeting was held on February 8 with Cabela's representatives, city of Hammond, the COE, and the LCRBDC to discuss the easements, scheduling, permitting, and the project impacts to this property.
 - An article was written in the Times on February 18 regarding status of Cabela's development (Refer to attachment #11 in the Engineering Report).
3. A meeting was held with North Township on February 2 to answer questions and make a presentation to their Board.
 - A letter was received from North Township with a list of their concerns regarding construction and project impacts to their golf course. This was sent on to the COE on February 7 (Refer to attachments 9& 10 in the Engineering Report).
4. A meeting was held with FEMA, Lawson-Fisher, COE, the LCRBDC, and (IDNR on conference call) on February 9 to discuss what will be required for Lawson-Fisher to certify the Griffith levee.
 - Lawson-Fisher will complete Phase I and submit to IDNR and FEMA for concurrence.
5. INDOT email indicating their project from Ridge Road to the Little Calumet River will be on hold until our line of protection is completed in this area.
 - They said their delays on this project were due to lack of LCRBDC funding.
 - Refer to attachments 4-8 in the Engineering Report.

WORK STUDY SESSION
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE
March 1, 2006
BOB HUFFMAN, Committee Chairman

1. Stage III Remediation pump stations – Turnover to Gary
 - Agreements were submitted to Gary on January 31, 2006 for their review and comments (currently being completed)
 - > As per a request from the city of Gary, legal descriptions and drawings will be required to use as an attachment to the agreement to give Gary rights to the land. (anticipate completion by March 8, 2006)
 - A final (follow-up) inspection was held on February 17, 2006 with the COE, Gary (Greeley & Hansen) and the LCRBDC. Both stations were found to be operable as per plans & specs.
2. Status of bidding out the four Gary pump stations
 - Austgen Electric has completed all of the diagnostics and has completed the majority of items that were on the original scope of work.
 - These were all minor items with the exception of replacing an impeller at the Grant Street pump station – Authorization was given on a per item review.
 - Few items are left – Letters will be sent to the COE and Gary no later than March 10. We may not need to bid this out.
2. North 5th Street pump station – Turnover to the town of Highland
 - A final inspection was held with Highland, Overstreet (contractor), the COE, and LCRBDC on February 28 for turnover to Highland.
 - Three (3) items remain for completion – “as-built” drawings, demobilization of Overstreet, and miscellaneous electrical spare parts.
 - Agreement will be the same as 81st Street pump station – Highland has been maintaining for five years.

LAND MANAGEMENT REPORT

For meeting on Wednesday, March 1, 2006

(Information in this report is based upon latest data provided at the time the report is put together. Dates and costs may vary depending upon ongoing design and/or coordination with the Army Corps. Report period is from January 26 – February 22, 2006)

A. CHICAGO TOWER LEASING CORPORATION:

1. Received a proposal with the rental increase, based upon the consumer price index for the last (5) years from Chicago Tower on July 12, 2005
 - Current monthly rental is \$1568/month
2. LCRBDC received a letter from Chicago Tower on July 22, 2005 proposing additional lease space for Verizon Wireless
 - They would require an 11' x 15' space for a diesel generator site to provide emergency backup power in the event of a power outage.
 - LCRBDC will coordinate and negotiate, after receipt of information from Chicago Tower.

B. Chase Street Farm Stand

1. Building is currently occupied
 - A. **This will help LCRBDC to avoid vandalism, get heat in the building, and have insurance for an occupied building.**
 - B. The LCRBDC completed an Inter-local Agreement with the Gary Fire Department for them to occupy our currently vacant Chase Street Farm Stand for one year for \$1.00.
 - This agreement was presented to the Gary Board of public Works, who approved and signed the agreement at the January 11, 2006 Board meeting.

C. LCRBDC received a request from INDOT in early September for a permanent easement. This would be approximately a 10' strip south of their right-of-way between Harrison and Broadway.

- Staff needs engineering detail of what will be put in place to see if it impacts our current levee.
- INDOT contacted LCRBDC on November 30 indicating that their engineering firm will contact us for a review to assure their request will have no impact to our project. **(No response as of February 22, 2006).**

D. Received approval from LCRBDC attorney, Chairman, and head of Land Management Committee to extend farm leases for (1) year.

- Will probably be the last year for LCRBDC to farm because these lands are all part of the lands we will be turning over to Gary as part of their accepting O&M responsibility.
- Agreements with the same terms and rates as the 2005 season have all been signed and copies of insurance have been returned.

BURR STREET GARY LEVEE CONTRACT

BACKGROUND

In order to allow the City of Gary to sign a construction contract with Superior Construction Company for the construction of the Burr Street Gary betterment levee, an increased level of funding must be made available by both the City and the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission.

On January 18, 2006, the Gary Board of Public Works opened bids on the Burr Street Gary levee project. Five bids were received and the bid by Superior Construction of \$2,492,245 was taken under advisement as the approved low, responsive bidder. The Gary Board of Public Works awarded the bid on February 1, 2006, which allowed discussion to take place with the City, the Contractor, and participation by the Development Commission and the Corps of Engineers. The need to commit additional funding is needed to allow the signing of the contract with Superior Construction. The contract must be signed at the bid award amount; however, cost savings can be achieved if project change orders for features to be deleted/deferred can be agreed to by the City, the Contractor, and concurred to by the Development Commission and the Corps of Engineers.

Items that were discussed and agreed to for change order/deletion were: (1) recreation trail construction on top of levee (\$46,000 estimated savings); (2) deletion of water quality (MS4) construction items, plantings, and five year after care that is not essential for flood control purposes (\$120,000 estimated savings, as well as (3) potential change of specification from native grasses to "turf type" plantings for the levee with savings up to \$70,000).

Two additional items were discussed as potential cost savings, but were not deemed feasible by the Corps of Engineers: (1) reduced or contractor eliminated quality control/ assurance documents and independent quality control personnel (\$70,000 estimate by contractor); and (2) reduction of the levee cross section with material savings of up to ±\$70,000.

It is imperative that this contract get underway as the top priority in beginning completion of the last stretch of levee in Gary to complete the line of flood protection and as a critical element in the City assuming

operation/maintenance responsibilities for the project, thus allowing Gary to be eligible to be removed from floodplain designation. Also, no federal construction contracts can be started in the west reach (Hammond, Highland) until the two Burr Street contracts are awarded/underway.

RECOMMENDATION

Therefore, it is recommended to the Development Commission Board that:

(A) The Development Commission approve funding the Burr Street Gary flood control levee project at an amount of the lesser of 25% of the contracted amount (bid award less deduct change orders) or \$623,061. Voluntary change order reductions will hopefully reduce the actual amount paid.

Rationale: The State's participation in the project had been set at 25% of project cost by the Federal Flood Control Act of 1986 and the Local Cooperation Agreement the Development Commission signed with the Corps of Engineers and has guided State funding allocations.

(B) That the agreed-to voluntary change order deletion from this contract for water quality (MS4) construction items, plantings, and five (5) year aftercare that is not essential for flood control purposes be a condition of the Development Commission's funding support agreement, and additionally, the agreed to deletion of the recreation trail in this contract be supported, as well as using turf type plants rather than native plantings.

(C) That the Development Commission staff and attorney meet one more time with the City, Contractor, and Corps of Engineers and explore any additional unanimously agreed-to non-essential flood control items that would reduce the total project cost and consequently, the proportionate share of the two funding parties.

(D) That any modifications or changes consistent with these contract funding positions above be authorized subject to the unanimous agreement of the Commission Chairman, Executive Director, and Attorney. Any changes would be subsequently brought back for ratification at the next public board meeting of the Development Commission.

Sandy Mordus

From: "Sandy Mordus" <smordus@nirpc.org>
To: "Johnson, Elizabeth" <Elizabeth.Johnson@mail.house.gov>
Cc: "Louis M. Casale" <lcasale@cwblawfirm.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 01, 2006 2:25 PM
Subject: Fw: Little Calumet Commission

Elizabeth:

In the most recent State budget FY 05-07, the Commission requested \$5 million but received \$2 million for the biennium (not \$2.5 million each year). The Budget Agency released \$1 million for 05/06 already and we will seek to release the second \$1 million ahead of schedule. Also, in this biennial period, there has not been a rescission of any of our money.

The rest of the figures are correct.

Also, FYI, in your chart for the years 1975 thru 2000, we agree that your total of \$24.2 million is correct. Additionally, from the period since authorization in the 1986 Water Resource Act, a total of 8 budget bienniums, we requested a total of \$40 million. In 2001-03 biennium, we requested \$12 million. In 2003-05 biennium, we requested \$7 million. In 2005-07 biennium, we requested \$5 million.

Under separate cover, I am faxing you a funding history sheet of our requests to the State. You may already have it but I'll fax it anyway. If you have any questions or need any additional clarification, please call either myself or Sandy Mordus. Thank you.

Dan Gardner
 Executive Director
 LCRBDC

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From: Dan Gardner
To: Sandra Mordus
Sent: Wednesday, March 01, 2006 12:03 PM
Subject: Fw: Little Calumet Commission

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From: Johnson, Elizabeth
To: Dan Gardner (dgardner@nirpc.org)
Sent: Wednesday, March 01, 2006 11:50 AM
Subject: Little Calumet Commission

Hi Dan,

Please verify the figures in the chart below:

LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Fiscal Year	Account	Amount	Rescission	Total	
1975-76 - 2000 - 2001	Cigarette Tax Fund; General Funds, Build Indiana Funds	\$24.2 million	-	\$24.2 million	-

3/1/2006

2001 - 2002	Build Indiana Fund	\$2.75 million	\$2.5 million	\$3 million	
2002 - 2003	Build Indiana Fund	\$2.75 million			
2003 - 2004	General Fund	\$3.5 million	\$2 million	\$5 million	
2004 - 2005	General Fund	\$3.5 million			
2005 - 2006	General Fund	\$2.5 million	\$3 million	\$2 million	
2006 - 2007	General Fund	\$2.5 million			
TOTAL				\$34.2 million	

Please make any changes necessary.

The fun lives of people who work with projects - boxes and numbers!

Thanks,
Liz

Elizabeth Johnson
Director of Projects and Grants
Office of Congressman Peter J. Visclosky
219-795-1844

PROJECT ENGINEERING MONTHLY STATUS REPORT

For meeting on Wednesday, March 1, 2006

**(Information in this report is based upon latest data provided at the time the report is put together. Dates and costs may vary depending upon ongoing design and/or coordination with the Army Corps)
Report period is from January 26 – February 22, 2006)**

COMPLETED CONSTRUCTION

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

1. Project completed on July 10th, 1992.
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

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

1. Project completed in September, 1998.
Rausch Construction – Contract price: \$3,288, 102

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

1. Project completed in December, 1998.
WEBB Construction – Contract price: \$3,915,178

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

1. Project completed on January 6, 2003.
 - Rausch Construction Company – Contract price: \$4,186,070.75

STATUS (Stage III) Chase to Grant Street:

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

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

1. Project completed June 11, 1999
Dyer Construction – Final contract cost: \$1,292,066

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

1. Project completed on October 2, 2002.
 - Dyer Construction Company, Inc. - Contract price: \$1,948,053

STATUS (Stage IV Phase 1 – South) EJ&E Railroad to Burr St., South of the Norfolk Southern RR.):

1. Project completed in November, 2004.
Dyer Construction – Contract price: \$4,285,345

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. The only item needed to be completed is to assure turf growth in all areas.
 - Current plantings are for erosion control that will give way to native grasses. Native grasses weren't planned on this contract, but will be needed to be included in an upcoming contract.
 - LCRBDC has a concern with sloughing in the concrete ditch bottom between Colfax and Calhoun.
 - We received a response from the Corps on January 7, 2003, addressing vegetation.
 - Currently, the entire concrete ditch bottom is filled with silt and dirt and has cattails growing. LCRBDC got a cost to clean the concrete bottom of the drainage ditch on August 18 during dry conditions in the amount of \$8,200; and wet conditions in the amount of \$11,640.

A letter will be sent to the COE requesting their participation for a design modification to prevent this sloughing from re-occurring.

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

1. Project completed in November, 1998.
Dyer Construction – Contract price: \$3,329,464

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

1. Project completed in July, 2001.
Dyer Construction. – Contract price: \$2,228,652

STATUS (Stage V Phase 1) Wicker Park Manor:

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

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%)

The lift station at the Southwest corner of the existing levee that will handle interior drainage has been completed as part of the Stage III remediation project. (See Stage III remediation in this report for details.) Pump station final inspection was held on June 23, 2005, and was found to be satisfactory.

2. This pump station is in the process of being turned over to the city of Gary for O&M responsibility.

- A follow-up inspection was held with the COE and Greeley & Hansen on February 17, 2006. Both stations were found to be satisfactory as per COE plans and specs.

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.
2. Project completed in September 2001.
Thieneman Construction – Contract price: \$2,120,730

North Fifth Avenue Pump Station:

1. The low bidder was Overstreet Construction
 - Current contract amount - \$2,501,776
 - Original contract amount- \$2,387,500
 - Amount overrun - \$114,276 (4.8%)
 - Project is currently 99% completed
2. LCRBDC received a copy of the pre-inspection punch list from Highland on February 2, 2004. (Dated January 29, 2004.)
3. Minor items remain to be completed.
4. A meeting was held with the COE, town of Highland, and the LCRBDC on January 26, 2006 to review turnover of this station to Highland.
 - A final inspection was held with the COE, town of Highland, and the LCRBDC on February 28, 2006 as part of the O&M turnover. (Refer to monthly O&M Report).
 - The O&M Manuals were turned over to the LCRBDC on January 26, 2006 and were turned over to Highland on January 27.

ONGOING CONSTRUCTION

Landscaping Contract – Phase II (This contract includes all completed levee segments in the East Reach not landscaped):

1. Contract award date – June 30, 2004
2. Notice to proceed – July 29, 2004 (430 days to complete)
3. Bids were opened on June 30 and the low bidder was ECO SYSTEMS, INC.
 - 104 acres included in bid – 100 to be herbicided, remaining 4 acres are ditches.
4. A walk-thru inspection was held with the COE and the contractor on October 25, 2005.
 - Scope of work – Approximately ½ of East Reach to plant trees, do herbiciding starting spring of 2006, clean up growth in collector ditches, plant new native grasses on levees.
5. **Monthly Construction Status Report from COE (Refer to Handout)**

STAGE III Drainage Remediation:

1. Project completed on June 23, 2005.
 - A. Dyer Construction – Contractor
 - B. Final Inspection – June 23, 2005
 - Received partial O&M manuals and spare parts from the COE on July 13, 2005; received remainder of manuals & spare parts on August 23.

- Received as-built drawings from the COE on December 23, 2005. (This is the last item that was needed to turn over the (2) pump stations to Gary for O&M responsibility)
- **Agreement for O&M turnover to Gary is being finalized (Refer to monthly O&M Report)**

C. Project money status:

- Original contract estimate - \$1,695,822
- Original contract amount - \$1,231,845
- Current contract amount - \$1,625,057
- Amount overrun - \$70,765 (4%)

STATUS (Betterment Levee – Phase 2 – Gary) Colfax to Burr St.

1. This portion of construction will be advertised, partially paid for, and coordinated by the City of Gary. The Army Corps will oversee the design and construction to assure compliance with Federal specifications.
 - The Memorandum of Agreement was signed by Gary on December 21, 2005 (Board of public Works), and Gary Stormwater Management Group on December 13, 2005.
 - The fully executed agreement was forwarded to Gary on January 6, 2006.
 - The project was advertised on December 7, 2005.
 - The pre-bid meeting was held on December 19, 2005 at 10 a.m. at the Gary City Hall (only attending contractors are eligible to bid).
 - A second pre-bid meeting was held on January 5, 2006 because Gary felt there was not enough notice for the contractors to attend at the first pre-bid.
2. Bid opening was held at the Board of Public Works meeting on January 18, 2006.
 - Apparent low bidder is Superior Construction with a bid of \$2,492,245
 - Evaluations are ongoing to see where the additional money necessary will come from or to possibly re-visit the bids.(Ongoing)
3. **A coordination meeting was held at GSD Headquarters on February 24 with the COE, Superior Construction, and the LCRBDC to discuss final contract cost and how the overage will be divided between the LCRBDC and Gary.**

STATUS (Betterment Levee – Phase 2 - LCRBDC) North of the NSRR, East of Burr St., and ½ mile East, back South over RR approx. 1400

1. This portion of construction will be advertised, coordinated, and facilitated by the Corps and LCRBDC as a betterment levee.
2. The COE submitted plans for final review on January 12, 2006 with a final submittal with comments to the COE no later than January 26, 2006; **and to award by July 2006.**
 - LCRBDC distributed all plans & specs to affected entities on January 12, 2006
 - **Comments received from Wolverine Pipe Line on January 27, 2006 and these were forwarded to the COE on January 30.**

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STATUS (Stage V Phase 2) Kennedy Avenue to Northcote

1. A field trip was held on January 31, 2006 (This includes a field walk-thru to preliminarily review construction and discuss ongoing design issues, alignment, and type of construction).
 - The COE had an initial "In house" meeting for V-2 on January 17, 2006. This was to review current design & to familiarize new "team members" with this segment.
 - **The COE suggested having four separate coordination meetings by the end of March to help to gather engineering data, or to help coordinate for V-2.**

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2. Buckeye Partners:
 - Received comments from Buckeye Partners regarding pipeline impacts due to our construction on November 4, 2005, and submitted them to the Corps on November 9, 2005.
3. NIPSCO pipeline corridor east of the Norfolk Southern Railway Company, west of Kennedy Avenue. (LCRBDC received conceptual drawings from the Corps on May 11, 2005)
 - A. Letters have been sent to all of the pipeline companies requesting their comments, engineering review, easement agreement with NIPSCO, and cost information.
 - Follow-up letters were sent to all of the owners of the pipelines on October 18-Oct. 19 requesting comments on design and to provide cost estimates.
 - Supplemental follow-up letters were sent to pipelines who had not yet responded on January 19, 2006 (Marathon, B.P. Amoco, and Explorer)
 - B. With the engineering for plans and specs to re-start it is the intent to gather all information from the pipeline companies and forward it to the COE as they come in, in order to incorporate this data and their design concerns, into the plans.
4. Currently, NIES Engineering (Highland side), and SEH Engineering (Hammond side) are contracted out to assist LCRBDC with utility coordination. Excluded is the pipeline corridor coordination – LCRBDC is doing.
5. LCRBDC discussed the possibility of modifying design west of the NSRR by using the “sheet pile & bridging” technique to eliminate the \$450,000 directional bores for (2) 8” pipelines.
 - A letter & design were sent to Phillips Pipeline on June 2, 2005.
 - A follow-up letter was sent on September 1st, 2005.
 - A second follow-up letter was sent on October 19 enclosing COE drawings for design on the east side of the NSRR and explaining the intent of design for the “bridging” technique. (Ongoing)
 - A final follow-up letter was sent on January 19, 2006. If no response within three weeks, LCRBDC will try to set up a meeting (local office in East Chicago) to finalize this.
6. **An email was sent on January 26, 2006 from INDOT to all affected parties indicating that their project from Ridge Road to the Little Calumet River on Indianapolis Blvd. will be on hold until we construct our line of protection in this area.** 4-5
 - **Emails have been sent by INDOT, United Consulting Engineers, and the Coe discussing delays because of the lack of LCRBDC funding.** 6-8
7. A meeting was held with North Township on December 20 (Frank Mrvan Jr) to discuss, and familiarize him with our project and to present current design and options being considered.
 - **A meeting was held on February 2, 2006 to make a presentation to the North Township Trustee and their Board**
 - **A letter was sent to the COE on February 7, 2006 with a list of concerns from North Township that were derived from the meeting.** 9-10
8. A suggestion was proposed by Commissioner Bob Huffman (Engineering Committee Chairman) to re-align the levee west of tri-State Bus Terminal (on Cabela’s property) to avoid the expense of sheet piling and the easements for construction on tri-State property. Forwarded to the COE for consideration on January 19, 2006.

STATUS (Stage V Phase 3) Cabelas’ Retail, Inc. (Now combined with Stage V Phase 2 as one contract)

1. Refer to Land Acquisition report for status of appraisal.

- (Stage V-3 will now be advertised with Stage V-2 as one contract)
- 2. An e-mail was sent to the COE on November 1, 2005 indicating legals are being modified to move the line of protection from the north part of Wicker Park to the south part of Cabelas' Retail, Inc. to do an economic analysis.
 - LCRBDC received modified legals from GLE on November 22 and submitted these to the Corps for review and comments prior to having the modified appraisals done.
 - A letter was sent to the COE on December 7 enclosing modified legals for Cabelas as well as North Township requesting review and comments. (Ongoing)
- 3. **A meeting was held with representatives from Cabela's, Hammond, the COE, and the LCRBDC on February 8, 2006 to review the impacts of the flood control project, Cabela's preliminary plan, and discuss scheduling.** //

STATUS Stage VI-1 (South) South of the river – Kennedy to Liable

1. Illinois Constructors Corporation was awarded the contract on September 30, 2004.
 - COE estimate (without profit) - \$6,141,815.00
 - Low bid (awarded amount) - \$6,503,093.70 (Awarded September 30, 2004)(6% over estimate)
 - Current contract amount \$6,733,494 (10% over estimate)
 - 700 days to complete from contractor receiving his "Notice to Proceed" (November 4, 2004)
2. **Monthly Construction Status Report from the COE (Refer to Handout).**
3. A weekly progress meeting was held on **February 14, 2006** with the COE and Illinois Constructors. (Copy of total report available upon request)
 - The current contract is currently ahead of schedule.
 - Contractor anticipates entire line of protection to be completed no later than September 2006, and the entire project in the spring of 2007.
4. **An article in the Times was written on February 12, 2006 concerning VI-1 South impacts to residents and establishing the points of contact for residents to call.** 12-13

STATUS (Stage VI – Phase 1-North) Cline to Kennedy – North of the river

1. The bid results for this project were posted on August 24, 2005 and the low bidder is the Illinois Constructors Corporation.
 - The bid amount is \$5,566,871, and the Army Corps estimate (without profit) is \$6,525,253. (Official award was September 30, 2005)
 - The bid is \$958,382 (or 14.7%) under the Federal estimate
2. Coordination with the Lake County Highway Dept., LCRBDC, and the Army Corps will be required for the upcoming construction by the county for their bridge and our construction on and adjacent to Kennedy Ave.
 - The county is only re-building the existing bridge deck.
 - COE agreed we could accept the cost for the incremental difference for a 10' cantilevered recreational trail, include the concrete closure slabs, engineering costs, and minor clay work. **This will be facilitated after the contract is awarded by Lake County Highway. The COE will contract out separately with their scope of work.**
3. **On February 3, 2006 complaints were made of a smoldering pile of mulch east of Kennedy and north of the Little Calumet River.** 14-16
 - **Hammond Fire Department responded and talked to Homer (sub-contractor) for tree removal who were rude to the Inspector.**
 - **This was discussed with the COE, Fire Department, Illinois Constructors, and the LCRBDC at a coordination meeting on February 14 (detailed information available upon request).**

4. **Monthly Construction Status Report from the COE (Refer to Handout)**
5. Contractor currently in the process of providing submittals to the COE prior to starting construction. **Clearing and grubbing are completed as of February 10, 2006.**
 - Contractor anticipates having all earthwork and sheet piling completed no later than November of 2006.

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

1. Dyer Construction was awarded the contract on July 29, 2005.
 - Corps estimate (without profit) - \$5,720,757
 - Low bid (awarded amount) - \$4,205,645 (approx. 26% under Corps estimate)
 - 540 days to complete from contractor receiving his "Notice to Proceed" (August 11, 2005)
 - Current construction completion date – February 2, 2007
2. Project Description
 - Construct a levee protection system consisting of 8,250 lineal feet of earthen levee, 1,600 lineal feet of steel sheet pile floodwall, (3) gatewell structures, culverts & sewer appurtenances, and miscellaneous tree planting and seeding.
3. NIPSCO utility coordination
 - A. An executed agreement was submitted to NIPSCO on November 10, 2005 in the amount of \$25,907.
 - Scope of work includes utility re-locations west of Cline Avenue and new pole installations on Liable and Kleinman.
4. **Monthly Construction Status Report from the COE (Refer to Handout)**
5. **Contractor has provided submittals to the COE and have approvals. All clearing and grubbing have been completed as of February 10, 2006.**

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. The schedule shows a June, 2008 contract award and a July, 2009 Completion.
3. All survey work north of the river has been completed.
4. Survey work south of the river is 90% completed (27 residential properties)
 - **Refer to monthly Land Acquisition Report**

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

1. The COE indicated at the October 20 Real Estate meeting that they will be focusing engineering on Stage VIII until April, 2006 in order to assure real estate acquisitions are current and accurate.
 - The COE has set a goal to provide final real estate plans by January 6, 2006.(Ongoing)

Mitigation (Construction Portion) for "In Project" Lands:

1. Bids were opened on September 17, 2002, and Renewable Resources, Inc. (from Barnesville, Georgia) is the successful bidder.
 - The current contract amount is \$1,341,940.96
 - Amount overrun - \$420,838 (above their bid). This is approx. a 46% overrun.
2. A final inspection was held on both sites on May 12, 2004, with the Corps, LCRBDC, project A/E, and Renewable Resources and was found to be satisfactory for this portion of the overall project.
3. The 24 month monitoring period began on May 15, 2004 (Cost - \$3,000/month)

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 August 26, 2004)
 - Current contract amount - \$4,974,280.67
 - Original contract amount - \$4,638,400
 - Amount overrun – \$335,880 (7.2%)
3. **Monthly Construction Status Report from the COE (Refer to Handout).**
 - Refer to this Report for status on all four (4) stations and the status of the “termination of contract”.
 - Most recent action was October 21, 2005 whereby a revised termination of default memo was sent out for verification and signatures.

Griffith Golf Center (North of NIPSCO R/W, East of Cline Avenue)

1. LCRBDC was directed by the COE to obtain a flowage easement on the entire property in a letter dated October 7, 2005.
 - An e-mail was sent to the COE on November 1, 2005 informing them that the appraisal process has begun using Ted Oetsel and that he has all the information needed to complete this appraisal. (Refer to Land Acq. Report)
2. An informational meeting was held with the DNR, COE, LCRBDC, Griffith, and the owner (Bob Farag) on February 1, 2006.
3. A letter was received from the COE on January 13, 2006 indicating any construction shall not compromise our project in any manner and that compensatory flood storage would need to be provided.

Griffith Levee (EJ&E RR to Cline Avenue, north of River Drive)

1. An email was sent to Lawson-Fisher on December 27 informing them to proceed with their scope of work at a cost not to exceed \$9,700.
 - Scope includes determining what is required by FEMA to certify this line of protection.
 - **A meeting was held with the COE, FEMA, IDNR, LCRBDC, and Lawson- Fisher to discuss the scope of work. (This was held at the FEMA office in Chicago on February 9, 2006 at 10:00 a.m.)**

General

1. INDOT coordination for Grant St. & Broadway interchanges with I-80/94.
 - A. INDOT sent a letter to the COE on April 15th, 2004, indicating they worked out an agreement with the COE whereby flood control features will be included in their contract at no cost to the Corps, which could be credited to the LCRBDC for that portion constructed for the flood control of the Little Calumet River.
 - LCRBDC had a call with INDOT on March 17, 2005 whereby INDOT projected a potential cost of approx. \$650,000 at the interchanges for flood protection related features. (This would be creditable).
 - A follow-up e-mail was sent to INDOT on October 27, 2005 requesting the construction status of these interchanges and to provide us a detailed cost breakdown that we could use for crediting. **(Ongoing)**



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
CHICAGO DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
111 NORTH CANAL STREET
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January 26, 2006

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF
Technical Services Division
Calumet Area Office

SUBJECT: Contract No. DACW27-01-C-0008
Little Calumet River
North Fifth Avenue Pump Station Rehabilitation
Lake County, Indiana
Operation and Maintenance Manuals for Turnover

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

Dear Mr. Pokrajac:

Enclosed are seven (7) copies of the final Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Manuals for the subject contract as follows:

- Six (6) sets of O&M Manuals for the LCRBDC.
- One (1) set of O&M Manuals for the Highland Sanitary District.

If you have any questions, please contact Robert Craib or the undersigned at (219) 923-1763.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary R. Anderson", is written over a horizontal line.

Gary R. Anderson, P.E.
Acting Area Engineer
Calumet Area Office

Enclosures



WOLVERINE PIPE LINE COMPANY

January 27, 2006

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

Attn: Jim Pokrajac

RE: Burr Street II – Little Cal Portion – Plans and Specifications Review

I received the plans you mailed this office for the subject project and have passed them to Wolverine's Engineer for review. However, I did notice a couple of corrections on sheet 04 of 34 in the Wolverine portion of the "Utilities and Contacts" section. The Area Code for both me and the field contact has changed to 269, and Bob Baker is no longer working for Wolverine Pipe Line Company. Our new field contact is Don Newman.

I am not aware of the "Dr. Checks" format you refer to for submitting comments. Our Engineer is out of the office this week, and he may understand this, but I do not. Please advise.

I do not see Wolverine's two, sixteen-inch high pressure petroleum pipelines shown anywhere on the subject prints. I don't see how I can comment on any conflicts without Wolverine's facilities being shown on the prints. Perhaps we can arrange for a field visit during which Wolverine can locate its pipeline and the Corps of Engineers can have an engineer available to survey Wolverine's facilities and add them to the plans.

I am enclosing with this letter a portion of Wolverine's property and alignment map that shows the approximate location of Wolverine's lines in the vicinity of this project. I am certain we will be within the boundaries of the project.

I apologize that this letter did not get written sooner, but I have been out of the office a lot during the past two weeks and have not been able to review the plans until today.

Fred W. Hipshear
Right-of-Way Agent

Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2006 5:04 PM
To: James E Pokrajac (E-mail)
Subject: RE: Little Calumet Stage 5 ~ Site Visit

The team has decided to have the field trip to Stage V-2 (it is going to be called V-2 because we had V-1) on January 31. You are welcome to come and join in the trip. We did agree that at this time we don't need to meet with other local entities.

We also agreed that there need to be at least 4 separate coordination meetings.

- The Norfolk Southern RR
- The preservation of Wicker woods committee
- Utility meeting regarding the Pipes and the flood wall thru NIPSCO
- Engineering firm (developer) of the Kobala Property.
- These meetings will need to be set up in the next 4 to 6 weeks.

-----Original Appointment-----

From: Groboski, John A LRC
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2006 2:29 PM
To: Samara, Imad LRC
Cc: Go, Ernesto T LRC; Sampson, Eric LRC; Ackerson, Rick D LRC; Fornek, John T LRC; Shinbori, Yuki J LRC; Damaraju, Satch LRC; Burns, Mary J LRC; Roach, Nicole L LRC; Groboski, John A LRC; Druzicki, David E LRC
Subject: Little Calumet Stage 5 ~ Site Visit
When: Tuesday, January 31, 2006 9:00 AM-2:00 PM (GMT-06:00) Central Time (US & Canada).
Where: Hammond, IN

Everyone is welcome to attend the site visit, but you are under no obligation. I went ahead and reserved both the blazer and explorer for the trip, but will cancel the explorer if its not needed. Please let me know if you will be attending.

The tentative plan would be to meet at the elevators on the 6th floor at 9:00am on January 31 (Tues). Walk the site from ~ 10:00 to 12:00 and grab a bite at Imad's brother's pizza place at ~ 12:30 or 1:00. After lunch we would continue the site visit if needed or come back to the office.

V-2 INDOT pump STATION
(S. of CARDINAL SERVICES)

Jim Pokrajac

From: <JAMILESMITH@indot.state.in.us>
To: <ALLENE@ucea.com>; <jbach@highland.in.gov>
Cc: <MMONAHAN@indot.state.in.us>; <JWRIGHT@indot.state.in.us>;
 <EGONZALEZ@indot.state.in.us>; <GMROCZKA@indot.state.in.us>; <DAVER@ucea.com>;
 <CHRISH@ucea.com>; <JAMILESMITH@indot.state.in.us>; <jpokrajac@nirpc.org>;
 <Imad.Samara@usace.army.mil>; <GKICINSKI@indot.state.in.us>; <hpatel@jsengr.com>;
 <KEITHB@ucea.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2006 7:56 AM
Subject: RE: U.S. Route 41 Reconstruction Project - Phase 1-A

Allan, thanks for clearing that up for me.

Jamile Smith

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

From: Egilmez, Allen [mailto:ALLENE@ucea.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2006 7:30 PM
To: John Bach
Cc: mmonahan@indot.state.in.us; JWRIGHT@indot.state.in.us; egonzalez@indot.state.in.us;
 GMROCZKA@indot.state.in.us; Richter, Dave; Hammond, Chris; JAMILESMITH@indot.state.in.us;
 jpokrajac@nirpc.org; Imad.Samara@usace.army.mil; GKICINSKI@indot.state.in.us; hpatel@jsengr.com;
 Bryant, Keith
Subject: RE: U.S. Route 41 Reconstruction Project - Phase 1-A

Dear Mr. Bach,

We appreciate your concern regarding the proposed project but we would like to offer one correction. The project was put on hold because the proposed levee project does not have a firm date for construction yet established due to lack of local matching funds by LCRBDC, not Town of Highland. As you might already know, in order to construct the project, we must have the group lift station in place. The storm sewer runoff from the project will discharge into the lift station and then outlet into Little Calumet River through a force main. And we cannot construct the lift station without the levee.

I've attached a copy of minutes of a meeting we held with LCRBDC, NIRPC and USACOE. This information was presented to INDOT last fall to try to secure some additional funding sources for this portion of the levee. The funds would have been utilized in the acquisition of the necessary right-of-way and the local matching funds for its construction.

INDOT, at this time, is unable to assist in the funding for the construction of the levee. As a result, the project was put on hold. As soon as the funds are secured either by INDOT or by LCRBDC, the project will be re-activated. We anticipate it will take approximately 9 to 12 months to finalize the design, acquire the right-of-way and secure all the permits required for the lift station.

You could contact Mr. Gary Mrocza, Chief, Division of Design, at 317-232-5226 or Mr. Phelps Klika, INDOT Executive Office at 317-234-2940 to inquire about additional information on the project.

We hope we have provided you with the information you were requesting. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office.

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From: John Bach [mailto:jbach@highland.in.gov]
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2006 5:20 PM
To: Egilmez, Allen
Cc: mmonahan@indot.state.in.us
Subject: U.S. Route 41 Reconstruction Project

Dear Mr. Egilmez:

Today, I received a phone call from Jamile Smith of the INDOT regarding the status of the U.S. 41 Reconstruction Project from Little Calumet River to Ridge Road. I was somewhat surprised that the Project was reported to be on hold indefinitely due to a lack of funding from the Town of Highland to support the Little Calumet River Levee Project. I believe there must be some misunderstanding on someone's part because the Town of Highland is not funding the Little Calumet River Project. Further, the project is proceeding along now. Mr. Smith advised that the memorandum to INDOT, placing the Project on hold, was from your office.

The Town of Highland has been expecting the U.S. 41 Project to be completed soon. Mr. Abraham from the LaPorte District of the INDOT advised me this past summer that the Project was scheduled for 2006.

The roadway is currently in disrepair. INDOT has stated that they will probably pave this section and, in doing so, will probably put the reconstruction project off for several years.

Is there any way that we can resurrect the project in order to get it constructed in 2006 or 2007 at the latest? Please contact me at your earliest opportunity or perhaps we could meet to discuss the plan. Your guidance on who we could speak with at the INDOT would be appreciated.

I can be reached at (219) 972-5069.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
John M. Bach
Director of Public Works
Highland, Indiana

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1/26/2006

Jim Pokrajac

From: "Samara, Imad LRC" <Imad.Samara@lrc02.usace.army.mil>
To: "Egilmez, Allen" <ALLENE@ucea.com>; <RBRITTAIN@indot.state.in.us>
Cc: <JAMILESMITH@indot.state.in.us>; <HPatel@jseng.com>; <VILYIN@indot.state.in.us>; "Richter, Dave" <DAVER@ucea.com>; "Hammond, Chris" <CHRISH@ucea.com>; <jpokrajac@nirpc.org>; <jbach@highland.in.gov>; <smordus@nirpc.org>
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2006 10:01 AM
Subject: RE: SUSPENDED - Kin # 4251 - US 41 Median Construction, Des. No. 0300049

Russ, I do concur with the statements made by Allen. I also would like to say that it is not just matching funds for the levee construction, local funds are needed to acquire real estate for the construction areas. If local funds are available we are looking at awarding a contract in February or March 2007.

Allen, we need to discuss potential proposed changes to the levee alignment running between the Wicker Golf Course and the (old) Woodmar Golf Course. The proposed changes may impact the pump station.

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 U S Army Corps of Engineers
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 (Cel) 312-860-0123

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

From: Egilmez, Allen [mailto:ALLENE@ucea.com]
Sent: Monday, February 20, 2006 3:21 PM
To: RBRITTAIN@indot.state.in.us
Cc: JAMILESMITH@indot.state.in.us; HPatel@jseng.com; VILYIN@indot.state.in.us; Richter, Dave; Hammond, Chris; jpokrajac@nirpc.org; Samara, Imad LRC; jbach@highland.in.gov; smordus@nirpc.org
Subject: RE: SUSPENDED - Kin # 4251 - US 41 Median Construction, Des. No. 0300049

Russ,

As far as I know, the LCRBDC is still looking for local matching funds for the construction of the levee. The USACOE is getting ready to start the final design on the stage V-2 levee (in the area of the lift station) but until the funds are secured, will not be able to construct the levee.

I am copying USACOE and LCRBDC to see if they have any updates on the funding status.

Allen

From: RBRITTAIN@indot.state.in.us [mailto:RBRITTAIN@indot.state.in.us]
Sent: Monday, February 20, 2006 3:58 PM
To: Egilmez, Allen
Cc: JAMILESMITH@indot.state.in.us; HPatel@jseng.com; RBRITTAIN@indot.state.in.us; VILYIN@indot.state.in.us
Subject: FW: SUSPENDED - Kin # 4251 - US 41 Median Construction, Des. No. 0300049

Allen,

I am checking for the district to see if there is any news about the Little Calumet River Levee Project. Have

you heard anything about potential funding for the levee? In speaking with Jamile Smith of the district, because of the condition of the existing pavement, he is contemplating a potential district resurfacing project for this section of US41. The resurfacing project will be needed by the district if the current funding (lack there of) situation has not changed and if it appears that it will be a lengthy time period before this project gets back on schedule. Any information that you can provide will be appreciated.
Thanks

Russ Brittain, P.E.
Roadway Review Supervisor
Roadway Engineering Services
Production Management Division
317-232-5238

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

From: Allen Egilmez [mailto:allene@ucea.com]
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2005 11:08 AM
To: jpokrajac@nirpc.org; Imad.Samara@usace.army.mil; dgardner@nirpc.org
Cc: MMONAHAN@indot.state.in.us; RBRITTAIN@indot.state.in.us; JWRIGHT@indot.state.in.us; Richter, Dave; Hammond, Chris; ERICWILSON@indot.state.in.us; hpatel@jsengr.com; CGORMAN@indot.state.in.us; VILYIN@indot.state.in.us; GKICINSKI@indot.state.in.us; RMANNING@indot.state.in.us; Clodfelter, Jon; Bryant, Keith; Stettler, Devin; Oliphant, Mike; RBUSKIRK@indot.state.in.us; KMCCLURE@indot.state.in.us; RRANEY@indot.state.in.us; GMROCK@indot.state.in.us
Subject: FW: SUSPENDED - Kin # 4251 - US 41 Median Construction, Des. No. 0300049

Gentlemen,

Per INDOT's direction below, the US 41 Phase 1-A project from Ridge Road to Little Calumet River including the group lift station, has been suspended due to lack of local matching funds to construct the US Army Corps of Engineers Levee project. At the current time, INDOT is unable to assist in the funding of the levee project. The project is suspended until such a time the funding can be secured.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please feel free to contact our office.

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Sent: Tuesday, September 13, 2005 9:53 AM
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Cc: RBRITTAIN@indot.state.in.us
Subject: FW: SUSPENDED - Kin # 4251 - US 41 Median Construction

FYI

Russ Brittain, P.E.

Senior Project Manager

Consultant Projects Group, N642

Indiana Department of Transportation

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

From: GORMAN, CINDY

Sent: Tuesday, September 13, 2005 9:50 AM

To: WRIGHT, JOHN; BRITTAİN, RUSS; MROCZKA, GARY; VAUGHN, SAUNDRA; PATEL, PANKAJ; PATEL, SURENDRA; HANZA, ALFREDO; THOMAS, MATT; HOHL, FRED; HULL, STEVE; HOLTZ, DAVID; KEITH, CARTER; SMITH, JAMILE

Subject: SUSPENDED - Kin # 4251 - US 41 Median Construction

Des. numbers 0300049, 0300312, 9135690, 9533620, 953362R (kin # 4251) have been "Suspended" in SPMS due to a lack of matching Local funds for the Levee project per Russ Brittain.

Cindy Gorman

Program Coordinator

Division of Design, N642

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February 7, 2006

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

Dear Imad:

On Thursday, February 2, a meeting was held with North Township to discuss upcoming construction and real estate impacts to North Township property between Indianapolis Blvd and Northcote. Enclosed is a copy of some concerns expressed from Jan Orlich regarding the impacts to their property. I would like you to take these items into consideration as we continue to pursue engineering for Stage V Phase 2. If you have any questions regarding any of these concerns, please let me know.

Sincerely,

James E. Pokrajac, Agent
Engineering/Land Management

/sjm
encl.

cc: Frank Mrvan Jr.
Jan Orlich
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Jim,

Per our meeting on Thursday Feb. 2, 2006 at Wicker Park Social Center, we had addressed a number of concerns regarding the Hart Ditch project. I will make it brief and just bullet point the following concerns so we all have the same documentation:

- Impact to Park property: golf course, walking track, etc.
- Earth levy vs. I wall being constructed on North side (formerly Woodmar) or South side (Wicker Park) of park property.
- Tree loss throughout park, grove area and golf course.
- Operating our Festival of Lights program from Thanksgiving to New Year's.
- Capability to pump water out of #6 pond and access to the finger ditch.
- Location of newly constructed walking/biking path.
- Access routes for construction vehicles into and through Wicker Park during construction.
- Construction being a disturbance or safety issue with regards to the patrons or guests visiting, picnicking or golfing at Wicker Park.
- Staging area for construction trucks and equipment.
- Interference with our pump house and pumping capabilities.
- Location of bridge.

Cabela's project moving slowly

Preliminary work started;
Daniels says state 'working
hard' on incentive deals

BY ANDREA HOLECEK
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HAMMOND | Cabela's is creeping forward with its plan to build a mega retail store on the former Woodmar Country Club site in Hammond.

The Nebraska-based company is "doing legwork and site work" for the proposed store, Peter Novak, executive director of Hammond's Department of Planning and Development, said Friday.

And two contractors with Cabela's "on their resumes" each have applied for and received licenses to do work in the city after taking a test and filing all the necessary paperwork, said Hammond Building Commissioner James Callahan.

Although the project appears to be slowly moving forward, months of negotiations between Cabela's and the state have yet to produce a decision on how the state might provide financial incentives to the outdoors outfitter.

Cabela's wants the incentives to help fund \$40 million in infrastructure improvements in exchange for building the \$95 million project in Indiana and bringing in millions in dollars in tax revenue to the Hoosier state.

"We've reeled in Bass Pro Shops, and we hope to reel in Cabela's," Daniels said Friday at a town-hall-style meeting on his Toll Road privatization plan in Crown Point.

"They will be the first two retail operations of any kind, anywhere in Indiana, to get this kind of

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Cabela's

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assistance from the state," he said. "We have one in the net, and we're working hard on the other."

After hearing Daniels' comment, Mayor Thomas McDermott Jr. said, "I hope the governor brings them into the boat."

McDermott said he has seen two site plans for the Cabela's project. The one McDermott said he believes most likely will be followed, places the 150,000-to-250,000-square-foot store on the footprint of a demolished country club building. Its front would be visible from Indianapolis Boulevard and Interstate 80/94, and its back side would face the adjacent neighborhood along Northcote Avenue, he said.

"The other has the store on the back of the property, and that doesn't make sense," he said.

Last week, Cabela's spokesman James Powell said the company "still has plans to put the store there."

Powell couldn't be reached for comment Friday but repeatedly has said Cabela's didn't spend \$14 million to buy the nearly 100 acres if it didn't intend to build a store there.

Times Business Writer Keith Benman contributed to this report.

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RIDGE | SECTION 8

Levee work fuels frustration

Debris, noise, smell annoy homeowners

HIGHLAND | Until about this time last year, David Jasin woke up to deer and fox roaming the natural woods across from his light blue ranch home where bird feeders swing from the trees on his neatly tended front lawn.

The scene this year looks more like a construction debris landfill, he said last week.

Jasin isn't happy about the transformation. He's worried about the safety of the children who play on hills of

refuse, and he's frustrated by not being able to figure out who's responsible for cleaning up the mess.

Jasin's home is one of four on this tiny stretch of 81st Street that dead ends where construction will begin again this spring for the Little Calumet River levee to continue south along Liable Road to the NIPSCO right of way and east to Cline Avenue.

Jasin pointed toward the tops of several trees he expects to die, visible just beyond the new levee. He won't even try to put a number to the trees that already have been deliberately downed. The overall land space has been cut in half, he said.

Then there's the smell, the noise and the layers of dust the project has rained on the neighborhood.

"They dusted people out of their homes," he said.

Frustrated with the apparent inattention to carting away the rubbish, Jasin said he called Highland, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and a subcontractor he knew who was working on the job.

Jasin said the town did come out to sweep the mud-

died street, but told him the levee is a project of the Army Corps.

The subcontractor told him the cleanup was the responsibility of the general contractor. The call to the Army Corps turned up no clear answer.

At the other end of the short block, even nearer to the levee and the muddied terrain, lives Ronald Fisch.

Fisch said before the town came out, the driveway was covered with mud, which was tracked into the house.

"The street is worse now than when we moved here 35 years ago," he said.

Fisch is philosophical about the upheaval the new levee has brought.

"The river was here first," he said. "You can holler all you want; they're going to put it in anyway."

Fisch said all he asks is that the "pile of junk" be moved.

"I want the land taken care of," he said. "I want it mowed. (Just) keep it presentable."

Residents can call on the Army Corps

HIGHLAND | The view from David Jasin's front door will return to green and may be more of a park than it was before levee construction, officials with the Little Calumet River Basin Commission said last week.

"There were woods and a lot of nice wildlife, but a lot of the year it was pretty wet," said engineer Jim Pokrajac, who oversees land management and engineering for the commission.

A collector ditch constructed along

the levee will carry excess water to the levee, resulting in drier ground to hold picnic tables and support playing sports, he said.

Ground will be graded and seeded, and trees replanted.

"The whole intent is to get everybody out of the flood plain," said Dan Gardner, the commission's executive director. "Sometimes we have to go into a neighborhood and change it around."

"It's not going to be what it was before," he cautioned. It will be a natural area, just more "manicured," he said.

Problems during the construction phase are another issue, the men said.

What Jasin's neighborhood is experiencing appears to be an accumulation of black dirt and other materials that had been "scraped" off the land so the levee could be constructed, Pokrajac said.

Much like a farmer preparing a field, contractors will scrap away materials into a pile for use later, he said. Concrete, pipe and other materials will be separated from the soil.

"I got the first call about a week ago, right after contractors finished doing some sewer work," said John Bach,

Highland's public works director. "I did contact the Army Corps and asked them to take care of that."

Bach said pipe and barricade material was removed, but last week concrete and other materials remained.

Bach said besides contacting the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and a subcontractor on the job, he sent out a street sweeper to help control the mud.

"We tried to help," he said. "I don't know why it can't get done."

All three men said it's the Army Corps that residents need to contact with any concerns or questions about the construction. The contractors hired by the Army Corps have quality assurance and environmental responsibilities.

Materials that pose any kind of hazard should be reported, Gardner said.

"We are a partner in this," Gardner said. "We want it to go well for the community."

So does the Army Corps of Engineers, Project Manager Imad Samara said.

"The material is there because some of the material is going to be re-used," he said. "This is a temporary situation. If there's anything we can do to speed things up, we will."

WHAT'S GOING ON?

The Little Calumet River, Indiana Flood Control and Recreation Project is a federal project authorized in 1986. It is designed to provide structural flood protection along the Little Calumet River from the Illinois state line to Gary, creating levees and floodwalls in Gary, Hammond, Highland, Munster and Griffith.

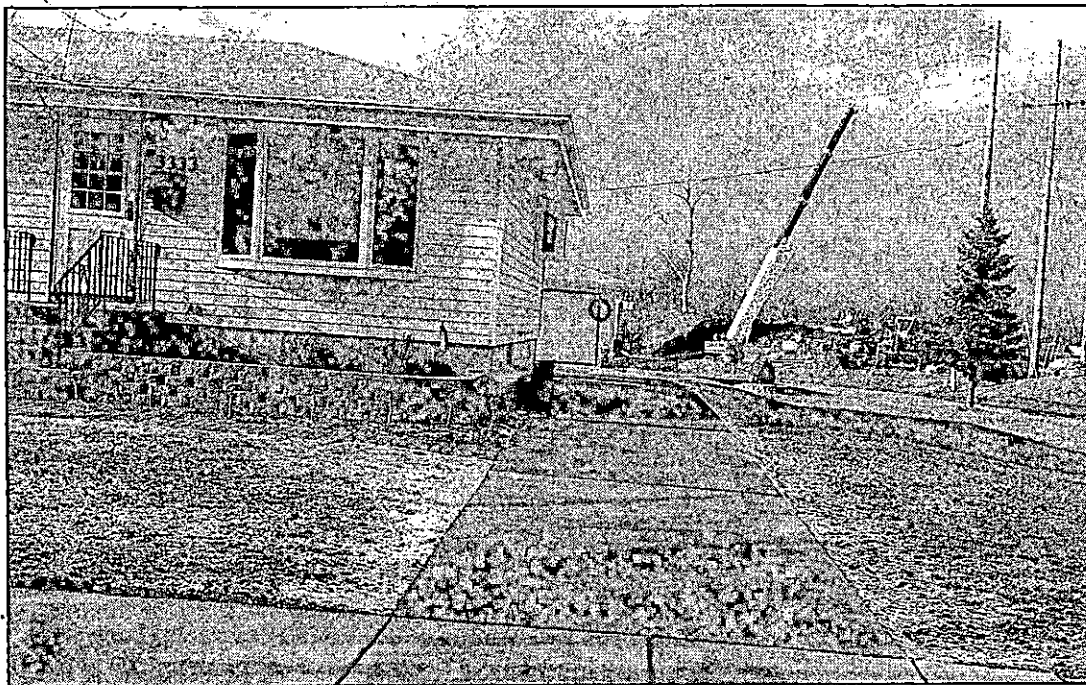
HAVE A COMPLAINT?

Homeowners with concerns about the levee project can call Project Engineer David Ditzelick or Area Engineer Douglas Anderson at the Army Corps of Engineers office in Griffith at (219) 923-1763.

The Army Corps will meet with troubled homeowners and contractors on-site to resolve any problems, Project Manager Imad Samara said. "If there are things we can't do, we'll explain why not," he said.

Stories by Times Staff Writer Susan Brown

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JON L. HENDRICKS | THE TIMES

Crews from Illinois Constructors Corp. and Grimmer Construction Inc. work Wednesday behind a home on North Drive in Highland. An official with the Army Corps of Engineers said this is the first residential part of the Little Calumet River levee project and that the agency wants to do its job with minimal disturbance to the public.



JON L. HENDRICKS | THE TIME

Highland resident David Jasin, of 81st Street, walks Wednesday on the Little Calumet River levee being built by his home. Jasin said he's worried about children who might play on leftover construction debris and that he's frustrated it hasn't been cleaned up. Officials say the debris is slated for reuse and the area will be cleaned up.

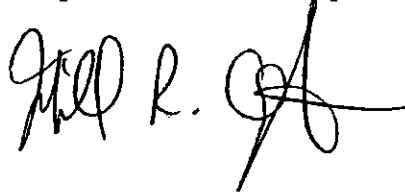
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HAMM. FIRE DEPT.

Hammond Fire Department
Supplementary Report
February 03, 2006
179th & Kennedy Avenue
20- 30 Foot Wood Pile Incident

Responded to a mulch fire at approximately 1:53 p.m. Engine 6 was on the scene and the 20- 30 foot pile of mulch was smoldering, the captain called for a pay loader to break the pile down so they could get at the source to extinguish it. At the time we did not know who was doing the work. I decided to take a drive East on 177th and behind Best Western along the North bank of the Calumet River was a crew going full steam. The name of the company was Homer tree Removal out of Lockport, Illinois. I asked to see the foreman on the job and a gentleman by the name of Lew came and spoke with me. The only thing I asked of the foreman is that he had to level out the three huge piles of mulch or transport them out due to the safety of children climbing on them and the possibility of Spontaneous Combustion setting in. Lew was very rude to me, that is when I said I would call Chief inspector Jim Walsco and the head of Environmental, Ronald Novak. These men made several calls and with an hour a supervisor from Homer tree Removal by the name of Scott came out. I told him the same thing I told his foreman what had to be done in regards to the mulch piles and he said he would level and remove the piles with a very unpleasant attitude.

After the city of Hammond's pay loader had leveled the pile of mulch Engine 6 hosed it down and was 10-8.

Inspector, Michael R. Opinker



**HAMMOND FIRE DEPARTMENT
SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT**

DATE: 2/3/06 LOCATION:

IN REFERENCE TO: *Open Burning – Corps. of Engineer – Kennedy Ave.*

At approximately 5:00 p.m. on 2/3/06 – Dispatcher Wallace tx'd me regarding a request by a person from Homer Tree Service (815-693-4254). This number goes to Scott from Homer.

At approximately 4:49 p.m. on 2/3/06 (I.D. #855,660) the noted person tx'd Communications regarding a police report be taken regarding a fire that did not occur at 179th & Kennedy.

Engine #6 and Unit #18 had been to this site due to what appeared to be smoke emanating from piles of wood chips created by Homer Tree Service which is a sub-contractor for Illinois Construction Corp, which is the General Contractor for the Army Corp of Engineers project along the Little Calumet River.

Radio dispatcher questioned the caller as to why he called and the specific complaint. I listened to the tape of that conversation as well as a conversation with Engine #6 Captain Litera who explained what Engine #6 encountered.

Earlier, I had tx'd Scott of Homer and asked him to intercede with his worker at the 179th Street site who was being difficult with Unit #18. HDEM R. Novak provided tx information for Phil Ross of Illinois Construction Corp & Dave Drusbecki of AC of Engr. (923-1763). I eventually contacted Gary Anderson of AC of Engr. Regarding Hammond Fire Department concern for fire and access to piles of chips and children.

I informed Mr. Ross (cell #630-918-1242 – Office #219-762-0118) of concerns and that the piles must be either spread out and reduced in size or removed. Homer Tree had refused to do this and felt there was no problem.

I had notified A/C Wimmer of the issue and the Communication earlier to maintain all complaints and dispatchers for Hammond Fire Department.



I informed Mr. Ross and Mr. Anderson that the Hammond Fire Department could not spend a weekend dispatching emergency equipment or city pay loaders because of potential problems.

After being contacted about the request for a Hammond Police Department report, I tx'd Mr. Ross and told him that HFD and city did not appreciate this action. I also stated I would question any future activity by Homer Tree Service in Hammond. I explained Hammond Fire Department concerns and Mr. Ross stated he has had problems before with Homer and that he was dispatching equipment to rectify the problems.

Mr. Anderson will be contacted on February 6, 2006 regarding this incident in question. Mr. Ross asked to hear the Communication tape. A tx to the board found that Hammond Fire Department would have to follow a specific process to obtain the tape request. HDEM - R. Novak explained incident causing Supp. Report.

James E. Walsko
James E. Walsko, Chief Inspector

Cc: Mr. Ron Novak, Director HDEM

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LAND ACQUISITION REPORT

For meeting on Wednesday, March 1, 2005

(Information in this report is based upon latest data provided at the time the report is put together. Dates and costs may vary depending upon ongoing design and/or coordination with the Army Corps.

Report period is from January 26 – February 22, 2006)

EAST REACH – REMAINING ACQUISITIONS

1. In compliance with the Congressman's request to complete the project by December, 2009, we are reviewing remaining East Reach acquisitions for acquisition either on tax sale or from landowner. **(Ongoing)**
 - **A court hearing has been set for April 11, on DC 128**
2. We are appraising the "WLTH" Radio property, DC813, on Martin Luther King Drive. The owner has requested we finish this acquisition to determine how the flood control project is affecting the radio tower grid under the ground.
 - **Oetzel & Hartman Group have been assigned the appraisal. The contract states a March 9 submittal date.**

STATUS (Stage IV – Phase 1 South) EJ&E RR to Burr St – South Levee:

1. Construction on the WIND Radio station property has been completed using a right-to-construct. We need an easement on the WIND property for maintenance purposes.
 - **The appraisers (Terry Oetzel and Ron Gryzbowski) will begin the appraisal after "WLTH Radio" is complete.**

STATUS (Stage V) Kennedy Avenue to Northcote, both North and South levees

1. **Twenty Two offers (37 acquisitions) have been sent to landowners since January 4, 2006. Thirteen have been accepted. We are in negotiations with ten landowners. Four acquisitions may or may not be needed. These are entrance parcels off Indianapolis Blvd. for Cabela's and Tri-State Coach easements (if flowage easements to be moved from Tri-State to Cabela's flowage are approved by COE)**
2. **The Wicker Park appraisal has been submitted and approved. We have been discussing a donation with the North Township trustee and Board.**
 - **A meeting will be held at the request of the Trustee, to familiarize Township Board members with our project and to answer questions, on February 2, 2006.**
 - **A letter was sent to the COE on February 7, 2006 with a list of concerns from North Township.**
 - **LCRBDC received modified legals to move the flowage easement from Wicker Park to Cabela's area from GLE on November 22 and submitted these to the COE for review and comments on December 7, 2005 prior to having the modified appraisal done.**
3. **All available pipeline, and subordinated pipeline agreements, were forwarded to LCRBDC attorney on January 19, 2006. This could be used in getting easement agreements.**
4. **A meeting was held with representatives from Cabela's, Hammond, COE, and the LCRBDC on February 8, 2006 to review current design of our project and what**

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impacts it has on their property, Cabela's preliminary plan, and scheduling. We may need to acquire additional easements depending on the location of Cabela's entrance.

- Offers to the Interstate Plaza landowners are being prepared for mailing the beginning of February 2006.

STATUS (Stage VI-Phase 1 South) – Kennedy to Liabe - South of the river:

Land Acquisition deadline July, 2004

1. Construction is continuing on this segment.

STATUS (Stage VI-Phase 1 North) – Cline to Kennedy – North of the river:

Land Acquisition deadline April 30, 2005

1. Bids were opened on August 24, 2005. Illinois Constructors Corporation is the low bidder, submitting a bid approximately 15% under the COE estimate (without profit).
2. Submittals **have been** completed by the Contractor **and construction has started.** (See Engineering Report).

STATUS (Stage VI-Phase 2) – Liabe to Cline – South of the river:

Land Acquisition deadline April 15, 2005

1. Dyer Construction was awarded the contract on July 29, 2005 (See Engineering Report)
2. All submittals have been submitted and approved, **and construction started February 13.**

STATUS (Stage VII) – Northcote to Columbia: The designation for this Stage is Stage VII – Hammond (North of the river) and Stage VII-Munster (South of the river)

1. In compliance with the Congressman's request to complete the project by December, 2009, title work is received and surveys are being completed.
 - A. 12 surveys of the 27 residential properties south of the river have been reviewed and completed. Remainder due by March 3. (Based upon COE real estate drawings)
 - (3) of the properties have impacts to homes and (4) impact storage sheds.
 - A letter was sent to the COE on February 7 seeking coordination with DLZ and the COE to modify easements to avoid permanent structures.
 - A memo was sent to the COE on February 20, 2006 requesting consideration to modify easements on real estate requirements to possibly reduce costs.
 - B. Survey work north of the river and on North River Drive, Columbia, and Northcote **has been completed and appraisals have started in February.**

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STATUS (Stage VIII – Columbia to State Line (Both sides of river)

1. The COE indicated at the November 29 Real Estate meeting that they will be focusing engineering on Stage VIII.
 - The COE has set a goal to provide real estate drawings by January 6, 2006.

STATUS (Betterment Levee – Phase 1 - Gary) Colfax to Burr Street:

Land Acquisition is completed.

1. This portion of construction will be advertised, paid for, and coordinated by the city of Gary. The COE will oversee the construction to assure compliance with Federal specifications. We still need a signed agreement with Gary before we can sign our right-of-entry.
2. Project was advertised on December 7, 2005.
 - Pre-bid meeting was held on December 19, 2005.
 - Bids were received, and opened, at the Gary Board of Public Works meeting on January 18, 2006. Low bid was \$480,000 above COE estimate (see Engineering Report)

- **LCRBDC & Gary are currently coordinating to see how the overage will be proportioned before signing the final agreement.**

STATUS (Betterment Levee – Phase 2 North of the NSRR east of Burr Street, and ½ mile east, back South over RR approximately 1400’):

Land Acquisition deadline is September, 2005

1. A uniform offer of \$20,700 for an easement acquisition was sent to the NSRR on June 6, 2005. The railroad has requested changes to the COE design based on safety factors. COE has completed the re-design. This re-design has also been rejected by the NSRC and the LCRBDC attorney filed for condemnation on September 6th, 2005.
 - We received a call from NSRR Real Estate. They have agreed to sign the easements (with a slight modification in the square footage) while engineering discussions continue. We expect the easements to be accepted by the end of January according to Karl Autenrieth, property manager of NSRR.
 - NSRR design issues have been agreed upon, and are included in the current plans and specs for review and comment. Comments due to the COE by January 26, 2006.
 - **NSRR is requesting additional language to be included in our easements. COE must approve any insertions and Detroit Real Estate is now reviewing. We are trying to complete this acquisition before a February 24 pre-trial hearing for condemnation.**

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

1. We will be reviewing parcels, cost schedule with the Corps in light of Congressman Visclosky’s letter to complete the project by December 2009.
2. New regulations for 49 CFR Part 24 allow in-house appraisals (waiver valuations) to be increased from \$5,000 to \$10,000. We have been writing new waiver valuations for several remaining acquisitions instead of assigning appraisals (more costly) to contract appraisers. (Ongoing)

GRIFFITH GOLF CENTER (North of NIPSCO R/W, East of Cline Avenue)

1. LCRBDC was directed by the COE to obtain a flowage easement on the entire property in a letter dated October 7, 2005.
2. **The firm of Qetzel & Hartman will complete the appraisal by mid-March.**

CREDITING:

1. LCRBDC had a conference call with John Weaver of INDOT on March 16, 2005 requesting incremental cost data at Cline Avenue that would substantiate crediting. Best estimate still is in the range of \$600,000 (Ongoing)
2. Detroit Real Estate has asked to make some changes in crediting procedure. We are working on it. (Ongoing)

GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. We continue to supply information to the Congressman’s Office as requested.
2. **We have acquired a new local appraiser. Steve Kovachevich, a certified general appraiser and attorney from Gary, has been approved by the COE. He will complete current and crediting appraisals.**



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Dear Imad:

On Thursday, February 2, a meeting was held with North Township to discuss upcoming construction and real estate impacts to North Township property between Indianapolis Blvd and Northcote. Enclosed is a copy of some concerns expressed from Jan Orlich regarding the impacts to their property. I would like you to take these items into consideration as we continue to pursue engineering for Stage V Phase 2. If you have any questions regarding any of these concerns, please let me know.

Sincerely,

James E. Pokrajac, Agent
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Jim,

Per our meeting on Thursday Feb. 2, 2006 at Wicker Park Social Center, we had addressed a number of concerns regarding the Hart Ditch project. I will make it brief and just bullet point the following concerns so we all have the same documentation:

- Impact to Park property: golf course, walking track, etc.
- Earth levy vs. 1 wall being constructed on North side (formerly Woodmar) or South side (Wicker Park) of park property.
- Tree loss throughout park, grove area and golf course.
- Operating our Festival of Lights program from Thanksgiving to New Year's.
- Capability to pump water out of #6 pond and access to the finger ditch.
- Location of newly constructed walking/biking path.
- Access routes for construction vehicles into and through Wicker Park during construction.
- Construction being a disturbance or safety issue with regards to the patrons or guests visiting, picnicking or golfing at Wicker Park.
- Staging area for construction trucks and equipment.
- Interference with our pump house and pumping capabilities.
- Location of bridge.



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Dear Imad:

As per our conversation on February 6, I am having DLZ forward you their computer files showing the location of all permanent structures on each of seven (7) properties that we had done for Stage VII, south of the Little Calumet River in Munster. Our surveyor based the easements upon existing real estate drawings provided to us by EARTHTECH. It appears all of these will have significant impacts to existing permanent structures. In the past, many of the real estate easements were derived from 1984 aerial background data that did not show structures at that point in time. These impacts occur to structures that have been constructed since the background mapping was completed.

Will you please coordinate with DLZ over the phone to establish not only the work limits, but also what will be permanent or temporary easements? In the past, we have avoided houses, garages, and swimming pools by modifying the work limits to a point outside of these structures. When they modify these easements, they can provide you the modified coordinates that will be used to do the new legal descriptions. We have a concern that even if we modify these easements, that there needs to be an assurance that the contractor will have enough room to drive his sheet piling and perform any other construction activities within these limits. Please review the modified drawings accordingly.

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

Sincerely,

James E. Pokrajac, Agent
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Subject: Stage VII Munster Real Estate

Imad:

Several properties in Munster between Northcote and Columbia have improvements (sheds) in the backyards that, according to the Corps real estate drawings, are in the easement areas. As you stated in our conversation of February 13, the sheds must be demolished since the Corps will not modify the real estate requirements.

Judy has already assigned appraisals for Stage VII Hammond (north side of the river) to appraiser Alan Landings and he will be starting the Munster (south side of the river) appraisals shortly. Before he does, could we review the drawings with sheds and make easement modifications which would allow us to bypass those sheds? Could the Corps also review all the real estate requirements on the Munster-side properties to see if decreased easement areas might be possible? In some cases, we are taking more than half of the landowners' property and Alan has told Judy that land in Munster may have a higher value than other land acquired so far. We may be able to save money.

I am aware of the aggressive time schedule; however, our surveyor could modify those easements and provide you the new coordinates in a timely manner so the appraisal process would not be delayed. Please let me know so I could direct DLZ to make the cost-saving changes.

Additionally, for your information, DLZ is currently modifying the easements on the three improvements (houses) adjacent to Beech Avenue.

Jim Pokrajac, Agent
Engineering/Land Management

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE REPORT

For meeting on Wednesday, March 1, 2006

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O&M Committee (Ongoing issues):

A. Funding to complete O&M obligations.

1. A letter was received from the COE on April 14th, 2004, indicating that FEMA will require that the city of Gary must provide certification that they will provide O&M in compliance with the COE manual prior to FEMA completing their re-mapping of the floodplain. (Ongoing)

B. A meeting was held with the city of Gary on June 28, 2004, to discuss land transfers, Corps upgrades on lift stations, and Gary Stormwater Management District O&M.

1. Land transfers (approximately 359 acres) were discussed. LCRBDC passed a resolution at the July 7, 2004 Commission meeting to begin process.

• Survey work has been ordered and should be completed by March 3, 2006

2. Inspections were held with the COE, LCRBDC, and representatives from Gary as follows:

A. All four pump stations in Gary were inspected on September 13, 2004 (these included Burr St. North, Grant, Broadway, and Ironwood). Representatives from the Corps, Greeley & Hansen, United Water, and the LCRBDC attended.

1. A preliminary list of all items to be included as the scope of work (including supplemental comments with more detail from Austgen Electric and the Griffith COE) has been completed and will serve as the basis to assemble a bid package. (This will be submitted to Gary for comment).

2. **Authorization has been given to Austgen Electric to repair Pump 2 with a new impeller and seals at the Grant Street Pump Station. Also for miscellaneous repairs at Burr Street Pump Station (all minor items).**

• Additional authorization has been given to Austgen to do other repairs on site to reduce the final scope of work (These items were reviewed on February 16 at a meeting with R. W. Armstrong, Austgen, & the LCRBDC)

• It appears at this stage of diagnostics that the majority of items on the list as the "scope of work" have been completed as minor cost items and that the final scope could be very minimal.

4. Sluice gates were inspected on September 14 and Sept. 22, 2004 with representatives from the COE, Greeley & Hansen, United Water (provided the compressor), and LCRBDC.

A. Final sluice gate inspections were held on April 14, 2005 and April 21, 2005.

- Minor inspections are needed to complete final punch list for sluice gate/flap gate installations.
 - It is the intent to advertise these separately from the pump stations and will include lubrication, clean-up, and punch list items.
 - Scope of work currently being assembled to advertise.
5. Gary indicated they would take over O&M responsibilities for the (2) recently completed lift stations (32nd & Cleveland and Marshalltown) as soon as all criteria are met by LCRBDC & the COE.
- A. **Agreements were submitted to Gary on January 31, 2006 for their review and comments (currently being completed)** 3
- **As per a request from the city of Gary, legal descriptions and drawings are to be completed by LCRBDC by February 24 to use as an attachment to the agreement to give Gary rights to the land.**
 - **A final (follow-up) inspection was held on February 17, 2006 with the COE, Gary (Greeley & Hansen) and the LCRBDC. Both stations were found to be operable as per plans & specs.**
- B. Received "as-built" drawings from the COE on December 23, 2005, and had final sign-offs for the check list for turnover completed.
- C. A meeting was held on June 30, 2005 at the Griffith Town Hall regarding the process of Griffith being removed from the flood plain.
1. LCRBDC **contracted** out services for Griffith to gather information for levee certification as requested by FEMA.
 2. An email was sent to Lawson-Fisher on December 27 informing them to proceed with their scope of work at a cost not to exceed \$9,700.
 - Scope includes determining what is required by FEMA to certify this line of protection.
 - A meeting **was held** with the COE, FEMA, IDNR, LCRBDC, and Lawson-Fisher on February 9, 2006 to ask questions and review Lawson-Fisher scope of work.
- D. An e-mail was sent to INDOT on October 27, 2005 to re-construct several ramps to our levees in areas where the bridges over I-80/94 were raised and the percent grade of the slopes were not maintained. Also, to clean out a control structure west of Georgia & south of I-80/94.
- E. LCRBDC currently working on final O&M package to Gary.
- Gary to review, comment, and familiarize themselves with current Army COE O&M manual.
 - COE to add to, update, and modify to include most recent construction.
 - LCRBDC is putting together draft memo with summary of outstanding issues & actions. (Ongoing)
- F. LCRBDC working on turning over the North 5th Avenue Pump Station to the town of Highland.**

1. A meeting was held with the COE, the town of Highland, and the LCRBDC on January 26, 2006 to discuss the turnover to the town of Highland.
2. O&M Manuals were turned over to Highland on January 27, 2006 (Awaiting "as-built" from COE).
3. A final inspection was held with Highland on February 28 (Contractor was Overstreet)

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January 27, 2006

Mr. Mike Austgen
AUSTEN ELECTRIC INC.
801 E. Main Street
Griffith, Indiana 46319

Dear Mike:

Enclosed are the signed proposals authorizing you to repair Pump 2 with a new impeller and seals at the Grant Street pump station, which also includes authorization to remove Pump 1 to bring to your shop and prepare the report. Also enclosed is a signed proposal authorizing you to purchase and install a lifting chain and hardware at the North Burr Street pump station.

It appears that, in a number of cases, your diagnostics showed that we were having problems with impellers freezing up on site. Would you let me know what you feel may be the cause of this ongoing problem in order that we may address it to avoid this from re-occurring.

As you continue your diagnostics at the four stations, please provide me a list of each individual problem and what the cost would be to remediate the problem. After you complete your review of all the items that were listed on the list of the scope of work, please send me a final report as to what items remain, what needs to be done to remediate that problem, and a cost estimate of what you anticipate would be needed to facilitate that repair. After receipt of your letter, I will write a letter to the city of Gary providing a list of items for the final scope of work for all four stations in order that we can solicit for bids. It appears, at this point in time, that we may be able to correct the majority of these problems prior to soliciting for bids. We will then have a final coordination meeting with representatives from Gary, and have a field visit with Gary to assure that they are satisfied with the condition of each individual pump station. If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact me at 219/763-0696 or my email address jpokrajac@nirpc.org.

Sincerely,

James E. Pokrajac, Agent
Engineering/Land Management

/sjm
cc:

Jim Meyer, Spike Peller, Don Smales
Phil Gralik, R. W. Armstrong Co.
William Biller, Bob Huffman, LCRBDC



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February 21, 2006

Mr. Mike Austgen
Vice President
AUSTGEN ELECTRIC INC.
801 East Main Street
Griffith, Indiana 46319

Re: Various agreements for Pump Station
Repair, all dated 2/15/06

Dear Mike:

Enclosed please find signed copies of agreements with a fixed cost for work needed on each of seven (7) items at the North Burr Street Pump Station and one (1) item for the work needed on the Grant Street Pump Station. Upon receiving these signed agreements, please consider this letter as your notice to proceed. If you have any questions, please call me.

After these items are completed, and we have sent out letters to the Army Corps with any questions of design, and the GSD for items that are not part of the scope of work, we will schedule a field inspection with yourself, R. W. Armstrong, representatives from Gary, the Army Corps, and the LCRBDC to sign off on each station.

Sincerely,

James E. Pokrajac, Agent
Engineering/Land Management

/sjm
encl.
cc: Phil Gralik, R. W. Armstrong

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January 31, 2006

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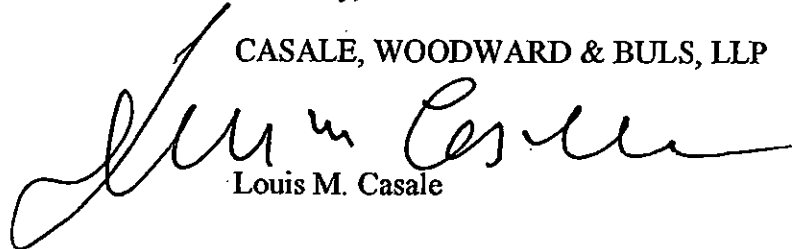
RE: Agreement to turn over 32nd & Cleveland and Marshalltown Pump Stations

Dear Jim:

Enclosed please find Resolutions adopted by the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission at its January 4, 2006 meeting providing for the turnover and operation and maintenance agreement for the Marshalltown and 32nd & Cleveland Street Pump Stations. I have attached a sample agreement to the resolutions. Kindly review the Agreement and Resolution. If they meet with your approval, we can forward finalized agreement for countersignature by the City of Gary Sanitary District. Please contact me at your earliest convenience regarding this matter. If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

CASALE, WOODWARD & BULS, LLP



Louis M. Casale

LMC/amo

cc: Dan Gardner
Jim Pokrajac



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January 27, 2006

Mr. Mike Pipta
Highland Public Works Dept.
Town of Highland
8001 Kennedy Avenue
Highland, Indiana 46322

Subject: North 5th Street Pump Station – O&M Manual Turnover

Dear Mike:

Enclosed are five (5) copies of the O&M Manuals for the North 5th Street Pump Station. Will you please have the appropriate representative from the town of Highland sign this letter, hereby acknowledging that you have received these five sets. Please keep one copy of this letter for your files and return one signed copy back to us for our files. If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact me at 219/763-0696 or my email address jpokrajac@nirpc.org.

Sincerely,

James E. Pokrajac, Agent
Engineering/Land Management

/sjm
encl.
cc:

John Bach, Public Works, Highland
Imad Samara, ACOE
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Bob Huffman, LCRBDC

I hereby acknowledge that the town of
Highland has received five O&M
Manuals for the North 5th Street
Pump Station



Indiana Department of Natural Resources

Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr., Governor
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January 30, 2006

Mr. Dan Gardner
Executive Director
Little Calumet River Basin Commission
6100 Southport Road
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RE: Division of Water Permit FW-22313

Dear Mr. Gardner:

The purpose of this correspondence is to clarify the status of the above referenced permit. Based on a review of the files and the status of work within the project area, I find that SPECIAL CONDITIONS - PERMIT VALIDITY:

This permit is valid for 24 months from the "Approved On" date shown on the first page. If work has not been initiated by February 27, 2006 the permit will become void and a new permit will be required in order to continue work on the project.

has been satisfied. Permit FW-22313 is valid and work may continue on this project under the terms of this permit until the project completion.

In addition, I would like to underscore that the intent of Special Condition (11) was to prohibit levee raising construction activities in Project Stages V, VII, or VIII until such time that the Burr Street Betterment Levee would afford protection for the Burr Street area. We are pleased that you have recognized and complied with the intent of that condition and appreciate that you will continue to do so.

We know much work remains to be done but we are all anxious for this important undertaking to be completed and look forward to the benefits it will provide to this important region of Indiana. If you have any further questions on this matter, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ron McAhron", is written over a horizontal line.

Ron McAhron
Deputy Director
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cc: Elizabeth Johnson

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From: "Spike Peller" <spike@garysan.com>
To: "Sandy Mordus" <smordus@nirpc.org>
Cc: "James B. Meyer" <jmeyer@meyerwyattpc.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 01, 2006 4:15 PM
Subject: RE: Gary Burr St contract

I have reviewed the attached regarding the Burr Street Gary Levee Contract and the recommendation to Development Commission Board. I agree in principal with the recommendation as long as it is understood that flood control items that are also water quality items receive 25% participation by the Commission.

Charles G. "Spike" Peller, Jr., P.E.
City Engineer
Director
Gary Sanitary District and
Gary Storm Water Management District
Phone: (219) 944-0595
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From: Sandy Mordus [mailto:smordus@nirpc.org]
Sent: Wednesday, March 01, 2006 2:43 PM
To: Spike Peller
Subject: Gary Burr St contract

Spike:

Attached is the information Dan just talked to you about.

Monday, Feb. 27, 2006

Levee talks set for Highland residents

Officials to offer update on three-phase project

BY CHARLES F. HABER
Times Correspondent

HIGHLAND | The Town Council hopes to flood residents with updated information about the Little Calumet River levee project after tonight's public meeting.

The public meeting begins at 7. A special study session will follow, President Joseph Wszolek, R-4th, said.

Dan Gardner, executive director of the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission, will be on hand. Members of the Army Corps of Engineers and the project contractors also might be there, Wszolek said.

"They will be available for questions regarding the progress and will present the plan and associated time frames" for the work still remaining, Wszolek said.

A presentation will be made by Gardner and Imad Samara, project manager for the Army Corps of Engineers.

The overall project involves rebuilding the levee along both banks from Interstate 65 to the Illinois border. After starting at I-65 a number of years ago, the work has been completed up to Cline Avenue.

When the project is complete, about 2,500 properties will no longer need flood insurance.

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March 1, 2006

RE: Little Calumet River Basin Development
Commission
Virtual Reality Imaging – Levee Projects
SEH No. PLITCA0602.00 LC

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

Dear Mr. Pokrajac:

Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc. (SEH[®]) is pleased to submit this Proposal for the referenced project for your review and approval. It is anticipated that additional fees that may be required for additional phases of this project will be negotiated at a future date.

Scope of Services

SEH understands that the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission (LCRBDC) is seeking engineering assistance to perform a Virtual Reality Imaging (VRI[®]) of certain sections of the Little Calumet River for the purpose of identifying and depicting changes to the current levee construction as brought about by the reconstruction of levees proposed by the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). SEH has a broad background of experience in VRI technology and we believe that our experience qualifies us as the top firm to produce these images for the Commission. SEH will provide the following services during the period from March 3, 2006 through June 30, 2006, or until 90 percent of the estimated fee has been incurred, whichever occurs first.

1. Review existing information provided by USACE and LCRBDC.
2. Identify proposed improvements made by the reconstruction of the levee.
3. Determine effect of the proposed changes to current residents and property owners.
4. Provide visual images using virtual reality imaging (VRI) technology.
5. Provide a status report of activities.

SEH is presently offering two types of VRI products. Samples of these products are contained in the attached compact disk. Option 1 is for still images and is typical for the "before" image named lacrossestreet-b4-small.jpg and the "proposed" images of lacrossestreet-small.jpg and lacrossestreet-revisited small.jpg as Example No. 1; and, the "before" image named sppa b4-small.jpg and the "proposed" image named sppa-small.jpg. Option 1 images will be completed in an amount not to exceed \$2,400 per image. This is a maximum fee per image and can be reduced should the level of detail be decreased.

Option 2 is for 3D animation as shown in the compact disk under the subdirectory /animation. The file named Redfish2 shows a proposed subdivision and the effect of rainfall under normal and 100-year flood conditions. The file wildf shows the animated effect of river flooding to low-lying areas. Animation

Mr. Jim Pokrajac

March 1, 2006

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images can be created for \$4,500 each for files like the ones provided. This cost does not include land surveying and other design work and assumes that this information can be provided by LCRBDC to SEH, otherwise, land surveying and design work will be considered additional services to this scope.

The quality and completeness of the information and land surveys provided by LCRBDC and USACE should help to reduce the prices of the alternatives.

Agreement

An agreement for these services can be prepared once you have determined the type and amount of images you would like us to prepare.

Please let me know if I can assist you further by contact me at 219.513.2510.

Sincerely,

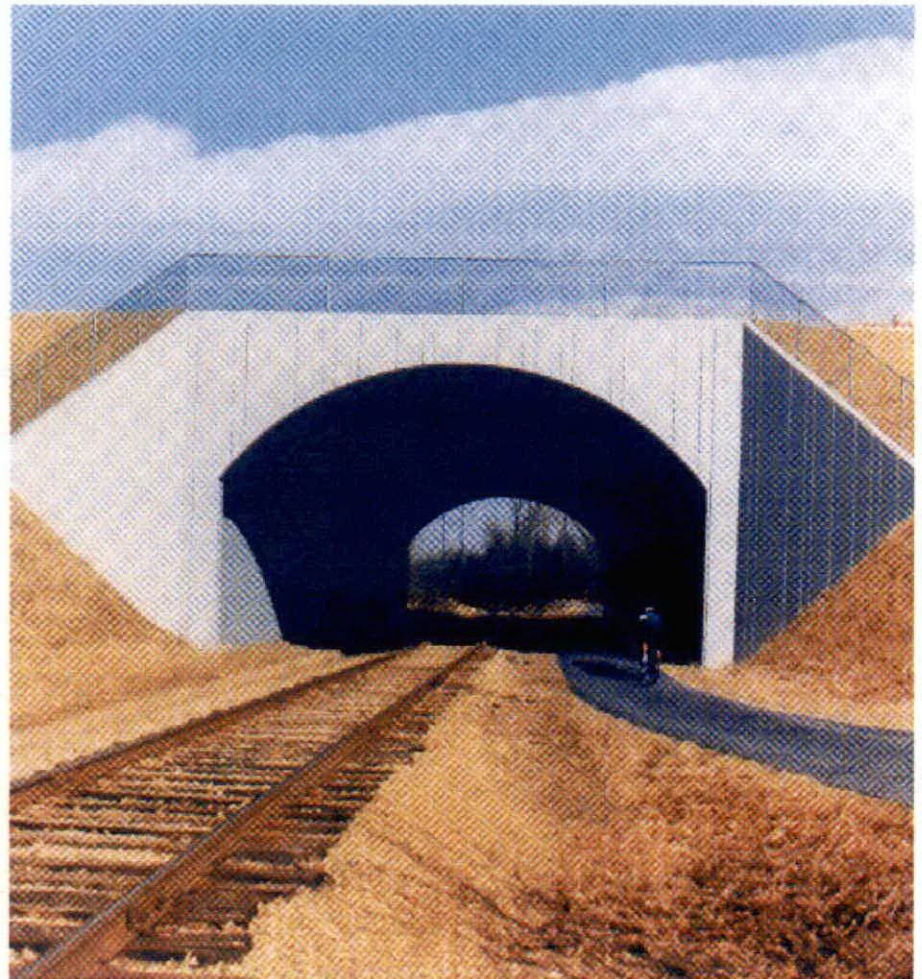
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Dean Button

Project Manager

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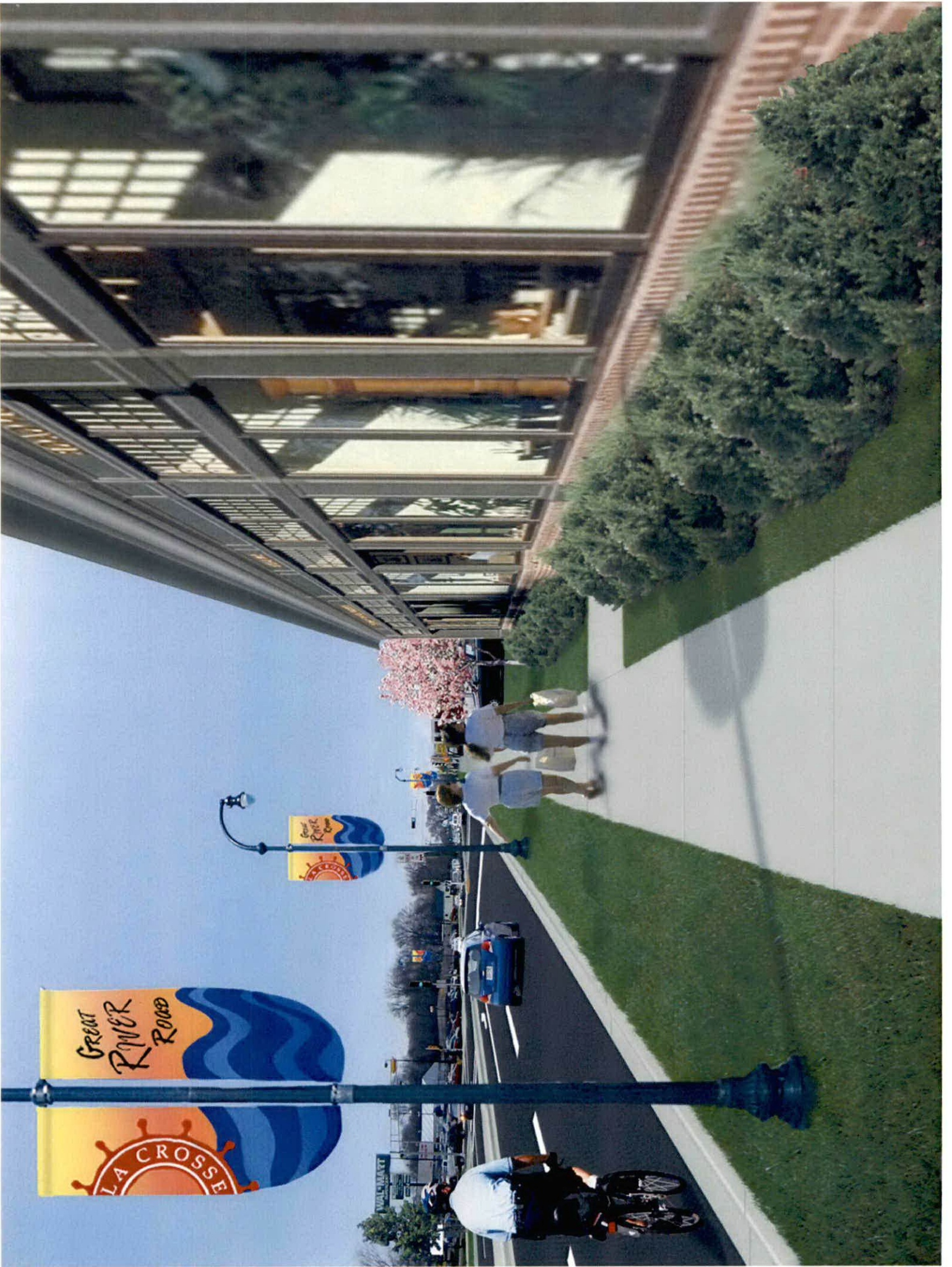


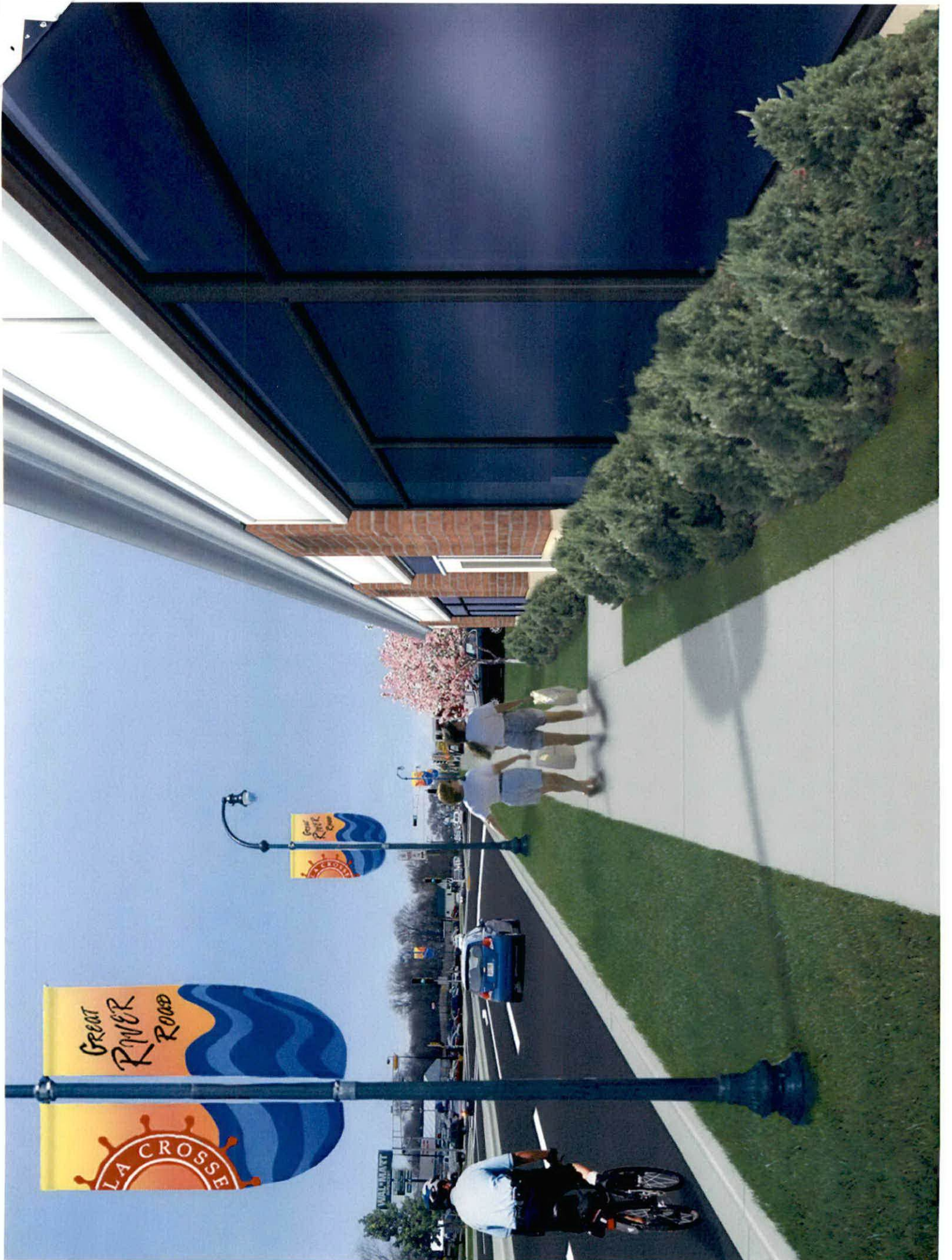
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NAME OF MEETING: LCRBDC

DATE: 3-1-06

LOCATION: 6100 Southport Rd, Portage

CHAIRMAN: Bill Riller

PLEASE SIGN IN

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Commission Chairman Bill Biller
Members Steve Davis, John Mroczkowski, and Mark Reshkin

Staff Present: Executive Director Dan Gardner
Attorney Lou Casale

Meeting Purpose: To discuss and recommend ways to maximize usefulness of materials sent to Commissioners and time spent in meeting to reduce redundancy and provide critical information and enable best decisions by the Board.

Discussion took place regarding (1) the work study session prior to the meetings and the Commission meeting repeating much of the same material, or excluding discussion, because it has taken place in the work session. This produced a gap in the minutes if it was not repeated in the Board meeting; (2) the detail of the information sent to the Commission members prior to the meetings and how to better summarize key issues to focus discussion and votes; (3) organization of the public meeting agenda with an emphasis on items that required policy discussion/decision and a vote; and (4) work progress reports being given by staff emphasizing key policy and financial implications and presented in a concise manner.

Committee

- Recommendations:**
- (1) Continue to have a public work study session prior to the public Commission meeting. Limit it to one-half hour in length and to only those items of action or major policy to be discussed at the Commission meeting.
 - (2) Re-organize the Commission meeting agenda to move votes by the Commissioners earlier in the meeting and highlighted on the agenda sheet as action required. Committees that had no reports that month did not need to be listed. Informational items could be presented at the end of the meeting if they warranted or questions arose.
 - (3) The ½ hour work study session material would be sent along with the Commission packet approximately one week in advance of the meeting. The detailed committee progress reports would be updated monthly to maintain a complete record, but not mailed in the packet. It would be available if requested by the Commission members.

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(4) Presentations of the action items and any progress reports would be made by the appropriate staff as directed by the committee chairman. Reports should be concise and provide necessary information only.

*Items to be
presented by
staff*

(5) Agendas should be structured to include, to the extent possible, only action items and policy issues imparting the project's pursuance.

Based Agenda
*action
policy only*