



Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission

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WILLIAM BILLER, Chairman
Governor's Appointment

R. KENT GURLEY, Treasurer
Lake County Commissioners' Appointment

MARK GORDISH, Secretary
Mayor of Hammond's Appointment

WILLIAM BAKER
Governor's Appointment

DAVID BURRUS
Porter County Commissioners' Appointment

ARLENE COLVIN
Mayor of Gary's Appointment

DAN DERNULC
Governor's Appointment

ROBERT HUFFMAN
Governor's Appointment

RON McAHRON
Dept. of Natural Resources' Appointment

JOHN MROCZKOWSKI
Governor's Appointment

VACANCY
Governor's Appointment

VACANCY
Executive Director

LOU CASALE
Attorney

MEETING NOTICE

THERE WILL BE A MEETING OF THE
LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN
DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

AT 6:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2009

AT THE MUNSTER TOWN HALL
1005 Ridge Road, Munster, Indiana

*new name plates;
new letterhead;
new committees*

AGENDA

1. Call to order by Chairman William Biller
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Recognition of Visitors and Guests
4. Nominating Committee Report – Arlene Colvin, Mark Gordish, Kent Gurley
5. Approval of Minutes from December 3, 2008
6. Chairman's Report
 - Resignation of David Burrus, ~~Governor's~~ Appointment
 - Report on Special Audit Report released
7. Action Required:
 - Finance: Approval of Budget Transfer
 - Approval of claims for December 2008
 - Approval of O&M claims for December 2008
 - Other Action?
8. Standing Committees:
 - A. Search Committee –
 - Proposals received on December 17, 2008 from four engineering firms

Committee structure

*Porter City 1-4
5*

*67-10
11*

RMC, AC, MG

*Jmi
Jody
Sandy
Lorraine
Judy*

*black slacks
black wool blazer
red - belt + turtleneck*

B. Finance Committee – Treasurer Kent Gurley

- Finance Committee meeting held January 2, 2009
- Financial Status Report for end of November 2008
- 2009 Budget

12-15
16

C. Land Acquisition/Land Management Committee –
Land Acquisition

- Acquisitions for Stage VII & VIII

Land Management

D. Project Engineering Committee – Chairman Bob Huffman

- Status of Stage V-2 pipeline corridor
- Status of Stage VII utilities
- Status of Stage VIII utilities

E. Operation & Maintenance – Chairman Bob Huffman

F. O&M Funding Committee – Chairman Kent Gurley

G. Legislative Committee –

- 2009/2011 legislative session starts January 1, 2009

H. Environmental Committee –

I. Recreational Development Committee – Chairman Bob Huffman

J. Policy Committee –

9. Other Issues / New Business

10. Statements to the Board from the Floor

11. Set date for next meeting; adjournment

**MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT
COMMISSION HELD AT 6:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2008**

**Held at
Munster Town Hall,
1005 Ridge Road, Munster, IN**

Chairman Bill Biller called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Nine (9) Commissioners were present. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Chairman Biller thanked the visitors for coming.

Development Commissioners:

Mark Gordish
Robert Huffman
Arlene Colvin
William Baker
Ron McAhron
Kent Gurley
Bill Biller
Dave Burrus
Dan Dernule

Staff:

Jim Pokrajac
Sandy Mordus
Lou Casale
Judy Vamos
Lorraine Kray
Jody Melton

Visitors:

Thomas Hayes – Munster
Mark Lopez - Congressman's Office
Emery Vamos- Valparaiso
Robert/Virginia Gauger- Munster
Jason Reeves - Gary
John Harrigan – Hammond
Linda Verduzco – Hammond
Terry Rudy – Munster
Greg Starrett – Munster
Ron Johnson – Northwest IN
News Bureau
Jim Wachel - Munster
Jim Grunewald – Munster
Erik Potter – Post Tribune
Robert Krol – Munster
Leon/Alice Kozlowski – Munster
Joe/Charlotte Military
Ruth Mores – Hammond
John/Priscilla Mulesa – Munster
David Nellans – Munster Town Council
Bill Petrites – Highland

Visitors:

Dean Button – SEH, Munster
Sheldon Edd – USACOE, Griffith
Jerry Iwachiw - Munster
Vanessa Villarreal - USACE
Lynne Whelan - USACE
Steve Enger - Munster
Bill Howard - Munster
David Kusiaic - Munster
Dennis/Les Rittenmeyer - Munster
Brian Miller – Hammond
Marty Wielgos – City of Hammond
Don/Carol Goldman - Munster
Jennifer Pellar - Schererville
Herb/Joy Kunka -Munster
Josephine Whelan - Munster
Dan Repay - Hammond councilman
Mike Zarantonello- Southmoor Road
Doug/Karen Lorenz – Southmoor Road
Chuck Kreisl -Hammond
J. Calaway- Munster
H. Hnatusko - Munster
Vicki Williams - Munster
Robert/Julie Lavin- Munster
Rich/Delores Kumicich- Munster
Davis/Elizabeth Jones - Munster
Elizabeth Howard - Munster
Susan Wood -Munster
Patricia Huber - Munster
Patricia Piekarczyk - Munster
Tom Keilman - Whiting
Mike Gauthier - Hammond
Linda Poltrock - Munster
Robert Farag – Griffith Golf Center
Emil Poppa - Munster
Frankie Jones - Munster
Ken/Debbi Pitts
Barbara Whitaker - Munster
Carol Milici – Munster
Joan Hlinka - Munster
Senator Frank Mrvan

Visitors(continued)

Janet Moran – Munster

Anthony Broadnax – Munster

Ronnie Smith – Munster

Brian Grskovich – Hammond

Christine Kutkoski – Southmoor Road

Marc Campagna – Crestwood Avenue

John Edington – Munster Town Council

Robert Raffin – Hohman Avenue

Steve Hadrnak - Hammond

Sam Colfen – Munster

John Domanik – Munster

Steve Yekel – Baring Avenue

Stan Slazyk – Oakwood Avenue

J. Miller – Munster

Roland Raffin – Munster

Mike Wood- Munster

Bob Huffman made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 5 regular Board meeting; motion seconded by Kent Gurley; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Huffman then made a motion to approve the minutes of the Special meeting held November 17; motion seconded by Kent Gurley; motion passed unanimously.

Chairman's Report – Chairman Biller recognized Hammond Mayor Tom McDermott from the floor and allowed him to address the Board. The Mayor thanked the Board for allowing him to speak and expressed his condolences to those residents who endured flooding in September. He emphasized that the levee construction project has always been important to him; the project area of construction also lies within the city of Hammond. He realizes that continued funding is a problem the Commission is faced with, not only to complete our 25% cost share for construction but, in the long term, the operation and maintenance of the project levee. Since the flooding in September, no significant progress has been made to move toward the next phase of construction. To this end, he proposed a solution to the problem. The city of Hammond is one of five communities in the state of Indiana that has a STIF District (sales tax increment financing). He proposes using a portion of the sales tax generated from Cabela's sales to complete the Commission's cost to finish the levee construction and then to continue using it for O&M after construction is completed. He stated that Councilman Dan Repay will present a resolution to the City Council as early as Monday to start the process moving forward. The proposition would not only benefit Hammond, but Munster, Highland, Griffith and Gary as well. The State has told us to come up with a plan for local funding rather than State funding; the Mayor feels this is exactly what he is proposing. Although he expects opposition from the State, the Commission members stated that they support the idea and would write letters to the communities and ask them to support the concept as well. Chairman Biller thanked the Mayor for coming and sharing his proposal with us; maybe this idea will show the State that this is a regional effort and solution to the funding situation.

Chairman's Report – Chairman Biller read a letter from member Robert Marszalek who has submitted his resignation from the Commission.

- Mr. Biller stated that he, as well as Senator Frank Mrvan, has written a letter to Bruce Hartman, State Examiner for the State Board of Accounts, inquiring about the release of the audit report. Mr. Biller stated he received a message back saying that the field portion of the audit is completed; they are reviewing it and will schedule an exit conference with the Commission soon, but probably not until after the holidays.

Action Required – Treasurer Kent Gurley presented items for action.

- Mr. Gurley referred to the Budget Transfer for approval. He made a motion to approve the transfer of \$1,478.53 from Budget Line 5825(meeting expenses) into Budget Line 5812 (NIRPC services) to cover NIRPC expense, and a second transfer of \$508.51 from Budget Line 5825 (meeting expenses) into Budget Line 5824 (telephone expenses) to cover incurred telephone expense; motion seconded by Arlene Colvin; motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Gurley referred to the itemized October monthly invoice from NIRPC for a total of \$11,405.37 (which is reflected on the Claims Payable sheet).
- Mr. Gurley referred to the Monthly Budget Report, as presented in the agenda packet. The Report clearly shows the two negative line items that will be adjusted with the budget transfer just approved. After December claims are paid next month, the budget report will be zeroed out.
- Mr. Gurley proceeded to make a motion to approve the Claims Payable in the amount of \$109,904.36; motion seconded by Bob Huffman; motion passed unanimously. He explained the claims in yellow are administrative claims; the claims in pink are land acquisition/project development claims that have been drawn from the State; the remaining claims in white will be drawn from the State. He added that staff is restraining any further activities at this time since there is only a limited amount of monies left down State.
- Mr. Gurley proceeded to make a motion to approve the O&M claims in the amount of \$5,450.93; motion seconded by Dave Burrus; motion passed unanimously. Mr. Gurley added another item for O&M approval. A proposal was received by Austgen Electric to repair a pump station at Marshalltown. As it is now, it is left to exposure and requires immediate repair. Dave Burrus made a motion to authorize staff to have Austgen do the repair at a cost not to exceed \$6,000; motion seconded by Bob Huffman; motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Baker asked if staff has an accounting of what O&M claims have been paid to Austgen; we do not keep a running total of individual items by company but claims can be pulled out of the total for O&M at any time.

Search Committee – Search Committee Chairman Dave Burrus stated that the committee has completed the RFP for a management firm to fill the role of Executive Director. The Committee will then begin a sorting process and plan to interview the top three firms. Attorney Casale stated that the proposals should be opened publicly at the stated time of 4:00 p.m., read aloud as to the firm name, and then taken under advisement. Mr. Burrus stated that with the holidays coming up, they may be calling a special meeting. No decision will be made by the committee without the input from the whole Commission. Copies of the RFP will be emailed to the Commission members. Mr. Gurley inquired as to how you can select a firm with no identified money in place to pay them.

Finance Committee – Treasurer Kent Gurley referred to the Financial Statement in the agenda packet. He explained the committed funds of land acquisition monies (A) and the committed funds of Army Corps construction money (B) cannot be spent elsewhere. If you subtract the total of (A) and (B) from the total of all accounts (C), you have the remaining funds that the Commission has to spend. In this case, that is \$109,161.68. The Financial Statement has also been revised to show the total of what is remaining down State (about \$60,000). Given the small amount of funds left to draw on, that is the reason the Commission is suspending the ordering of new work until additional funds become available. Mr. Gurley asked Ron McAhron for an update of any progress made toward securing additional funds. Mr. McAhron stated that the Finance Committee has been

working with staff to identify all funds to complete the levee construction through Munster and Hammond. That amount does not allow any crediting adjustments or any O&M costs. Mr. McAhrn stated that he met with the State Budget Agency earlier today to discuss needed monies. The Commission is very close to identifying a project-end number. It is not as easy as it appears because costs increase daily. The Commission members committed to having a number for the next meeting. We will not set up a 2009 budget until funding is identified.

Land Acquisition/Land Management Committee – No Report.

Engineering Committee – Chairman Bob Huffman asked Jim Pokrajac about the V-2 pipeline corridor. Mr. Pokrajac replied that the Army Corps final paperwork submittals have been completed by Dyer Construction and the construction scheduling of activities with the pipelines should be able to start at the beginning of the year. Pipeline coordination has been ongoing and will be finalized prior to flood protection construction activities. The pipelines are currently reviewing the emergency response plans. There is still ongoing V-2 construction in other areas.

- In Stage VII, the BP Pipeline agreement is still outstanding. The language for the agreement has been agreed upon but the revised utility relocation cost estimate is still being reviewed. Treasurer Gurley commented that we will not sign the agreement with BP until funds are identified and we will be able to pay them. That means that the Commission will not sign a right-of-entry for the Army Corps to begin advertising the Stage VII segment. Funding must be in place.
- For Stage VIII utilities, there are three utility agreements needed at a total estimated cost of \$550,000. One agreement is completed; one is pending; one has yet to go out.

Operation & Maintenance Committee – No report. Claims already approved.

Operation & Maintenance Funding Committee – No report.

Legislative Committee – The State Budget Committee is meeting to formulate requests for the 2009/2011 Biennium.

Environmental Committee – No report.

Recreation Committee – Commissioner Bob Huffman inquired whether there were any other canoe launches west of the Carlson Oxbow park area. Jim Pokrajac replied there were none.

Policy Committee – No report.

Statements from the Floor - Numerous statements were received from the floor.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 7, 2009. Meeting site will be determined at a later date.

4 Dec, 2008

Commissioner Robert Harper
President, Porter County Board of Commissioners
155 Indiana Ave.
Valparaiso, IN 46383

Dear Commissioner Harper:

I want to inform you of my decision to resign from the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission effective immediately.

Beginning in January, my work schedule will increase significantly and will essentially prevent me from participating in any evening meetings.

I appreciate the opportunity to represent Porter County on this commission and look forward to continued service in other efforts as time permits. Thank you.



David L. Burrus

cc: William Biller, LCRBDC Chairman

BUDGET TRANSFER

- **Approval to transfer \$13,778.51 from Budget Line 5860 (Project Land Purchase expense) into Budget Line 5812 (NIRPC Services) to cover NIRPC expense**
- **Approval to transfer \$1,145.60 from Budget Line 5860 (Project Land Purchase expense) into Budget Line 5824 (Telephone expenses) to cover telephone expense**

transfer 98.17 from B.L. 5801
(per diem) to Budget L. 5822
(printing + advertising) to cover
advertising expense.

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INVOICE

To:	<u>Little Calumet River Basin Dev. Commission</u>	Date:	<u>13-Nov-08</u>
For:	<u>Services Performed: November 2008</u>	Billing Code:	<u>1201-1012-03-09</u>
DESCRIPTION		AMOUNT	
Salaries & Fringe: Sandy Mordus		4,700.00	
Salaries & Fringe: Jody Melton		3,726.86	
Occupancy Fees:		2,245.00	
Accounting Services: Administrative		800.00	
Accounting Services: Project Relating Accounting		800.00	
Postage:		-	
Copier Charges @ \$5.00/month plus \$.06 per copy:	# -	5.00	
Color Prints made on Color Copier @ \$.20 per page	# -	-	
Fax machine/long distance @ \$5.00 plus current charges:		5.00	
Graphics, printing & clerical time @ \$40 per hour:	# 0	-	
Petty Cash Distributions:	-		
TOTAL DUE:		\$	12,281.86

LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT

	2008							ALLOCATED	UNALLOCATED
	BUDGET	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	TOTAL	BUDGETED
									BALANCE
5801 PER DIEM EXPENSES	7,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,250.00	2,250.00	4,750.00
5811 LEGAL EXPENSES	3,500.00	283.33	283.33	283.33	283.33	283.33	283.33	1,699.98	1,800.02
5812 NIRPC SERVICES	149,000.00	13,001.37	0.00	14,085.52	14,033.34	15,022.21	26,479.89	82,622.33	66,377.67
5821 TRAVEL/MILEAGE	2,000.00	36.40	7.60	28.80	30.00	30.80	544.00	677.60	1,322.40
5822 PRINTING/ADVERTISING	1,000.00	985.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	985.04	14.96
5823 BONDS/INSURANCE	8,000.00	257.00	0.00	6,406.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,663.25	1,336.75
5824 TELEPHONE EXPENSES	6,500.00	793.07	561.95	530.28	478.15	622.82	582.55	3,568.82	2,931.18
5825 MEETING EXPENSES	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	59.20	70.00	129.20	2,870.80
5840 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	842,539.00	84,750.52	67,775.93	114,554.88	90,076.24	58,099.53	49,047.65	464,304.75	378,234.25
5860 PROJECT LAND PURCHASE EXP.	842,539.00	15,545.00	21,510.00	25,369.00	29,019.00	150,078.00	25,272.00	266,793.00	575,746.00
5882 UTILITY RELOCATION EXP.	1,250,000.00	0.00	1,153.51	42,592.12	0.00	0.00	39,722.00	83,467.63	1,166,532.37
5883 PROJECT LAND CAP. IMPROV.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5884 STRUCTURES CAP. IMPROV.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5892 PROJECT COSTSHARE/ESC ACCT	1,226,025.00							0.00	1,226,025.00
	4,341,103.00	115,651.73	91,292.32	203,850.18	133,920.06	224,195.89	144,251.42	913,161.60	3,427,941.40

	2008							ALLOCATED	UNALLOCATED
	BUDGET	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	TOTAL	BUDGETED
									BALANCE
5801 PER DIEM EXPENSES	7,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,200.00	6,450.00	550.00
5811 LEGAL EXPENSES	3,500.00	283.33	283.33	283.33	283.33	283.33	283.33	3,399.96	100.04
5812 NIRPC SERVICES	149,000.00	13,413.74	14,812.44	14,214.59	13,910.14	11,505.29	12,299.98	162,778.51	-13,778.51
5821 TRAVEL/MILEAGE	2,000.00	38.28	25.08	17.60	33.88	11.00	1,140.48	1,943.92	56.08
5822 PRINTING/ADVERTISING	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	113.13	1,098.17	-98.17
5823 BONDS/INSURANCE	8,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,663.25	1,336.75
5824 TELEPHONE EXPENSES	6,500.00	527.04	735.99	562.38	956.52	657.76	637.09	7,645.60	-1,145.60
5825 MEETING EXPENSES	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	129.20	2,870.80
5840 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	842,539.00	87,634.54	74,357.30	46,665.43	69,772.81	39,733.00	56,558.33	839,026.16	3,512.84
5860 PROJECT LAND PURCHASE EXP.	842,539.00	109,821.00	8,700.00	21,475.00	22,320.00	12,470.00	299,000.00	740,579.00	101,960.00
5882 UTILITY RELOCATION EXP.	1,250,000.00	35,448.79	90,905.44	2,566.25	14,459.89	45,243.98	87,289.98	359,381.96	890,618.04
5883 PROJECT LAND CAP. IMPROV.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5884 STRUCTURES CAP. IMPROV.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5892 PROJECTCOSTSHARE/ESC ACCT	1,226,025.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,226,025.00
	4,341,103.00	247,166.72	189,819.58	85,784.58	121,736.57	109,904.36	461,522.32	2,129,095.73	2,212,007.27

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CLAIMS PAYABLE FOR DECEMBER 2008

ACCT	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	EXPLANATION OF CLAIM
5801	WILLIAM BILLER	600.00	PER DIEM 7/2/08-12/3/08
5801	WILLIAM BAKER	200.00	PER DIEM 10/16/08-12/3/08
5801	DAN DERNULC	200.00	PER DIEM 10/16/08-12/3/08
5801	JOHN MROCKZKOWSKI	400.00	PER DIEM 7/2/08-11/17/08
5801	DAVE BURRUS	450.00	PER DIEM 7/2/08-12/3/08
5801	MARK GORDISH	500.00	PER DIEM 7/2/08-12/3/08
5801	KENT GURLEY	450.00	PER DIEM 7/2/08-12/3/08
5801	ARLENE COLVIN	450.00	PER DIEM 7/16/08-12/3/08
5801	ROBERT MARSALEK	350.00	PER DIEM 7/2/08-11/17/08
5801	ROBERT HUFFMAN	600.00	PERDIEM 7/2/08-12/10/08
5811	CASALE ,WOODWARD & BULS LLP	283.33	MONTHLY RETAINER THROUGH DECEMBER 26, 2008
5812	NIRPC	12,281.86	SERVICES PERFORMED NOVEMBER 2008
5812	UPS	18.12	OVERNIGHT MAIL-RFP
5821	WILLIAM BILLER	330.00	MILEAGE 7/2/08-12/3/08
5821	WILLIAM BAKER	33.44	MILEAGE 10/16/08-12/3/08
5821	DAN DERNULC	33.44	MILEAGE 10/16/08-12/3/08
5821	JOHN MROCKZKOWSKI	95.92	MILEAGE 7/2/08-11/17/08
5821	DAVE BURRUS	145.20	MILEAGE 7/2/08-12/3/08
5821	MARK GORDISH	139.04	MILEAGE 7/2/08-12/3/08
5821	KENT GURLEY	122.32	MILEAGE 7/2/08-12/3/08
5821	ARLENE COLVIN	71.28	MILEAGE 7/16/08-12/3/08
5821	ROBERT MARSALEK	44.88	MILEAGE 7/2/08-11/17/08
5821	ROBERT HUFFMAN	124.96	MILEAGE 7/2/08-12/10/08
5822	POST TRIBUNE	56.64	AD FOR RFP CONSULTANT
5822	THE TIMES	56.49	AD FOR RFP CONSULTANT
5824	VERIZON NORTH	161.93	BILLING PERIOD 12/16/08-1/16/09(TOTAL BILL 287.52 KRBC 125.59)
5824	AT & T	347.23	BILLING PERIOD 11/14/08-12/13/08(TOTAL BILL 352.05,KRBC 4.82)
5824	AT & T TELECONFERENCE	127.93	CONFERENCE CALL 12/1/08
5843	MERIDAN TITLE	105.00	TITLE WORK RE: DC-1318 INV#830490-220469
5843	MERIDAN TITLE	425.00	TITLE WORK RE: DC-1318 INV#830493-220468
5843	MERIDAN TITLE	105.00	TITLE WORK RE: DC-1384 INV#830507-220466
5843	MERIDAN TITLE	585.00	TITLE WORK RE: DC-1384 INV#830509-220467
5843	MERIDAN TITLE	810.00	TITLE WORK RE: DC-1394 INV#830513-220465
5843	MERIDAN TITLE	105.00	TITLE WORK RE: DC-1394 INV#830512-220464
5843	MERIDAN TITLE	105.00	TITLE WORK RE: DC-1350 INV#830504-221366
5843	MERIDAN TITLE	655.00	TITLE WORK RE: DC-1336 INV#830601-220858
5843	MERIDAN TITLE	425.00	TITLE WORK RE: DC-1336 INV#830602-220859
5843	MERIDAN TITLE	425.00	TITLE WORK RE: DC-1349 INV#830500220740
5843	MERIDAN TITLE	105.00	TITLE WORK RE: DC-1349 INV#830499-220607
5844	JAMES E POKRAJAC	4,905.30	ENGINEERING/LAND AGENT 11/16/08-11/30/08
5844	JAMES E POKRAJAC	130.24	NOVEMBER MILEAGE
5844	JAMES E POKRAJAC	4,728.00	ENGINEERING/LAND AGENT 12/1/08-12/15/08
5844	JUDITH VAMOS	2,647.40	LAND ACQUISITION AGENT SERVICES 11/17/08-11/30/08
5844	JUDITH VAMOS	18.48	NOVEMBER MILEAGE
5844	JUDITH VAMOS	3,428.60	LAND ACQUISITION AGENT SERVICES 12/1/08-12/15/08
5844	G. LORRAINE KRAY	954.13	CREDITING TECH & LAND ACQUISITION ASST 11/18/08-11/28/08
5844	G. LORRAINE KRAY	1,111.28	CREDITING TECH & LAND ACQUISITION ASST 12/02/08-12/11/08
5844	SANDY MORDUS	132.50	CREDITING TECHNICIAN SERVICES 11/18/08-11/19/08
5847	GARCIA CONSULTING ENGINEERS	65.00	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RE: DC-1340A INV#5180
5847	GARCIA CONSULTING ENGINEERS	65.00	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RE: DC-1342A INV#5180
5847	GARCIA CONSULTING ENGINEERS	65.00	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RE: DC-1411 INV#5181
5847	GARCIA CONSULTING ENGINEERS	65.00	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RE: DC-1412 INV#5181
5847	GARCIA CONSULTING ENGINEERS	65.00	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RE: DC-1413 INV#5181
5847	GARCIA CONSULTING ENGINEERS	65.00	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RE: DC-1414 INV#5181
5847	GARCIA CONSULTING ENGINEERS	65.00	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RE: DC-1415 INV#5181
5847	GARCIA CONSULTING ENGINEERS	65.00	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RE: DC-1416 INV#5181
5847	GARCIA CONSULTING ENGINEERS	65.00	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RE: DC-1417 INV#5181
5847	GARCIA CONSULTING ENGINEERS	65.00	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RE: DC-1420 INV#5181
5847	GARCIA CONSULTING ENGINEERS	65.00	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RE: DC-1424 INV#5181
5847	GARCIA CONSULTING ENGINEERS	1,160.00	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RE: DC-1015 INV#5177
5847	GARCIA CONSULTING ENGINEERS	305.00	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RE: DC-1204 INV#5179
5847	GARCIA CONSULTING ENGINEERS	182.50	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RE: DC-1214 INV# 5179
5847	AUSTGEN ELECTRIC INC	12,629.24	EMERGENCY RESPONSE COORDINATION
5849	CASALE WOODWARD BULS	19,484.66	LAND ACQUISITION/LEGAL SERVICES THROUGH 12/26/08
5849	CASALE WOODWARD BULS	176.00	UTILITY RELOCATION LEGAL SERVICE THROUGH 12/26/08
5882	GARCIA CONSULTING ENGINEERS	427.50	UTILITY RELOCATION LEGAL SERVICE THROUGH 11/21/08
5882	NIPSCO	86,862.48	UTILITY RELOCATION BURR STREET II-E

2362.50

TOTAL

162,522.32

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ADMINISTRATIVE



LAND ACQUISITION
FUNDS DRAWN

FUNDS NEED
TO BE DRAWN

CLAIMS PAYABLE FOR DECEMBER 2008

ACCT	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	EXPLANATION OF CLAIM
5881	NATIONAL CITY BANK TRUST	299,000.00	PURCHASE PRICE OF DC-1303

TOTAL

299,000.00

**APPROVAL TO PAY THE FOLLOWING INVOICES
FROM O&M FUND
DECEMBER, 2008**

- **\$75.93 to T-Mobile for costs incurred for cell phone for engineer field work; monthly service 11/11/08 – 12/10/08**
-

Total \$ 75.93

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LOU CASALE
Attorney

December 29, 2008

TO: Finance Committee members Kent Gurley, Treasurer; Arlene Colvin; John Mroczkowski; Dan Dernulc; and Ron McAhron

FROM: William Biller, Chairman

CC: Mark Gordish, William Baker, Bob Huffman
Lou Casale, Attorney
Jody Melton, Interim Director

MEETING NOTICE

**THERE WILL BE A FINANCE COMMITTEE
WORKING SESSION**

**AT 3:00 P.M. FRIDAY
JANUARY 2, 2009**

TO DISCUSS PROJECT BUDGET & FUNDING

**AT THE
COMMISSION OFFICE
6100 SOUTHPORT ROAD
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cc: Media

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December 19, 2008

Timothy J. Sanders
Executive Director
Northwest Indiana Regional Development Authority
9800 Connecticut Drive
Crown Point, IN 46307

Dear Mr. Sanders;

We are in receipt of your October 30, 2008 correspondence regarding the RDA funds earmarked for use by the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission toward the completion of the Little Calumet River flood control project.

While the audit has been completed, we do not have the final review and have not received a firm timetable for public release. We are at a point where we are facing total shutdown, which would adversely impact the project.

We want to update you on actions of the Commission since we received your letter and to formally request a partial release of funds for critical components of the project and short term operational needs.

Key developments

1. Developed and distributed an RFP seeking a consulting firm to assume project management for all aspects of the project. The responses were due December 17, 2008. It is our intent to expedite the selection process so that we are in a position, subject to funding availability, to have a firm in place by the end of January 2009.
2. Diligently revisited the entire project to itemize each component of the project that remains to be completed and applied best professional cost estimates for each.
3. Initiated contacts with potential new and additional funding sources seeking the monies needed to finish the critical and overdue project.

In short I can report to you that we are in a serious effort to bring this project to a successful completion as expeditiously as possible. At the same time I must in all honesty report that all of the pieces are not yet in place. Funding remains a serious issue. However, we are now so cash strapped that we cannot address pending issues that will, if unfunded, result in the project slipping backwards and ultimately driving project costs even higher. Thus, even though the audit has not been formally reviewed by the legislature nor has a review of our plan been completed, we respectfully request that \$1,701,742 be released to address the items on the attached sheet.

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Two key aspects which account for the bulk of the funding need to be addressed by year's end, specifically property acquisition of \$299,000 for a key parcel and \$605,505 for escrow account to allow the Corps to go forward with construction.

The Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission remains dedicated to seeing this project completed. We do not want any delay as levee construction proceeds to the State Line. The release of these partial funds before the end of the year will allow the project to proceed and not be seriously slowed.

Sincerely,

William J. Biller
Chairman
Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission

Enclosure:

Northwest Indiana
RDA
Regional Development Authority

A catalyst to transform the economy and quality of life in northwest Indiana

December 31, 2008

Mr. Bill Biller
Chairman, LCRBDC
6100 Southport Road
Portage, IN 46368

Dear Mr. Biller:

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$ 1,701,742 for continued work on the important Little Calumet Flood Control Project as requested in your letter of December 9, 2008.

The RDA is asking that you provide the Authority, within 90 days of this letter, a detailed plan outlining the following:

1. The RDA is requiring assurance that these funds are being used for the purposes outlined in "Exhibit A" of the grant request dated April 18, 2008.
2. A repayment schedule with sources of funds and a time frame for the repayment of this RDA loan.
3. A final cost, to the best of your knowledge, for the completion of this project.
4. A timeline, to the best of your knowledge, for completion of this project.

We will provide for you a spreadsheet to assist you in this effort.

This work is critical to the safety and well being of many citizens of the region and the RDA would like to see it completed as soon as possible. We hope that the enclosed check will move this work along in an expeditious manner.

Sincerely,



Leigh Morris
Chairman

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LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
JANUARY 1, 2008 - DECEMBER 17, 2008

CASH POSITION - JANUARY 1, 2008

CHECKING ACCOUNT	
LAND ACQUISITION	192,304.22
GENERAL FUND	81,335.09
TAX FUND	0.00
INVESTMENTS	
SAVINGS	89,504.55
ESCROW ACCOUNT INTEREST	13,568.68
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	376,712.54

RECEIPTS - JANUARY 1, 2008- DECEMBER 17, 2008

LEASE RENTS		103,447.88
INTEREST INCOME(FROM CHECKING)		1,176.86
LAND ACQUISITION		1,609,566.93
ESCROW ACCOUNT INTEREST		13,942.35
MISC. RECEIPTS		54,760.67
CHECK #9616 ARLENE COLVIN	200.00	
CHECK #9626 ARLENE COLVIN	28.80	
STEWART TITLE	100.00	
VOIDED CHECK#9727	49,500.00	
SEH	4,931.87	
KRBC REIMBURSEMENT RE: TELEPHONE CHARGE		1,692.17
TRANSFERRED FROM SAVINGS		101,491.87
CITY OF MUNSTER FOR PROPERTIES		36,070.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS		<hr/>
		1,922,148.73

DISBURSEMENTS - JANUARY 1, 2008 - DECEMBER 17, 2008

ADMINISTRATIVE	
2007 EXPENSES PAID IN 2008	68,261.17
PER DIEM	5,650.00
LEGAL SERVICES	3,116.63
NIRPC	151,900.88
TRAVEL & MILEAGE	1,530.84
PRINTING & ADVERTISING	1,160.91
BONDS & INSURANCE	6,738.25
TELEPHONE EXPENSE	8,570.18
MEETING EXPENSE	113.50
LAND ACQUISITION	
LEGAL SERVICES	155,412.97
APPRAISAL SERVICES	111,800.00
ENGINEERING SERVICES	47,946.68
LAND PURCHASE CONTRACTUAL	50,377.00
FACILITIES/PROJECT MAINTENANCE SERVICES	0.00
OPERATIONS SERVICES	52,660.00
LAND MANGEMENT SERVICES	223,572.23
SURVEYING SERVICES	221,111.72
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	6,000.00
ECONOMIC/MARKETING SOURCES	0.00
PROPERTY & STRUCTURE COSTS	556,371.76
MOVING ALLOCATION	0.00
TAXES	0.00
PROPERTY & STRUCTURES INSURANCE	0.00
UTILITY RELOCATION SERVICES	196,791.19
LAND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	0.00
STRUCTURAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	0.00
BANK CHARGES HARRIS BANK	39.00
PASS THROUGH FOM SAVINGS (O&M)	94,361.59
PAYBACK TO SAVINGS	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	
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	1,895,225.33

CASH POSITION - DECEMBER 17, 2008

CHECKING ACCOUNT HARRIS BANK #6100	
LAND ACQUISITION (STATE FUNDS)	143,157.38 A
GENERAL FUND	92,503.50
TOTAL FUNDS IN CHECKING ACCOUNT	<hr/>
	235,660.88
CHASE SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE #4414	9,867.87
(O & M MONIES)	**9580.36
SAVINGS INTEREST	287.51
CHASE SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE #4747	18,110.41
ARMY CORP CONSTRUCTION MONEY	11,320.00
ESCROW ACCOUNT INTEREST AVAILABLE	6,790.41
TOTAL OF BOTH SAVINGS ACCOUNTS	<hr/>
	27,978.28
TOTAL OF ALL ACCOUNTS	<hr/>
	263,639.16 C

COMMITTED FUNDS: (FROM ABOVE)	
LAND ACQUISITION	A
ARMY CORP ESCROW MONEY	B
UNCOMMITTED FUNDS AVAILABLE	C-(A+B)
	<hr/>
	109,161.68
REMAINING STATE APPROPRIATIONS AVAILABLE (As of Nov 30, 2008)	
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	59,951.00
TOTAL "ASSETS"	<hr/>
TOTAL LIABILITIES*	169,112.68
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	\$217,292

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McDermott floats new levee funding proposal

BY SUSAN BROWN
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MUNSTER | Flood-weary homeowners Wednesday flocked to Munster Town Hall, where Hammond Mayor Thomas McDermott Jr. pitched creating a sales tax increment financing district to speed the completion of the federal levee project.

Several years ago, state officials turned down the city's request to use STIF to help bring Cabela's to



**THOMAS
McDERMOTT JR.**
urged other
communities to join
in petitioning the
governor to approve
a STIF district.

Hammond, saying it could not be used for retail development.

"This isn't retail," McDermott

See STIF, A7

WHAT IS STIF?

Sales tax increment financing is a municipal funding technique that can be used to provide cash for roads, sewers, sidewalks and other infrastructure within a defined development area. Through STIF, the community, in conjunction with the state, agrees to set aside all or a portion of future sales taxes collected within a specific district for a period of years that are in excess of the level of the tax before the STIF was initiated.

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said Wednesday. "It's a flood wall."

If approved by the state, McDermott offered to dedicate the entire sales tax benefit toward finishing and maintaining the levee.

Bowing to the poor economy, McDermott used a figure of \$50 million, half the expected amount in revenues from Cabela's, as the basis for estimating a \$3.5 million annual cash infusion toward the levee, a project that will benefit not only Hammond but Munster, Highland, Griffith and Gary.

"We need to come up with the local match for the capital costs, and we need to come up with the continuing costs that are going to be here 20 years from now," McDermott said. "If we don't do our maintenance, we're going to have another disaster like this 20 years down the road."

McDermott urged the four other communities to jointly petition the governor's office to permit the effort and the immediate use of the money.

McDermott said the Hammond City Council is expected to adopt a resolution toward that end when it meets Monday. He urged other local officials to do the same. "If we don't come up with our own answer, it's not going to be until July 1st that we see a penny," McDermott said. That means another rainy season for every town.

McDermott made his remarks before a standing-room-only crowd at the monthly meeting of the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission.

The commission had presented only a tentative 2009 funding request to the State Budget Committee on Wednesday morning. The panel's operating funds have dwindled to less than \$100,000. Its shaky financial picture has forced the commission to suspend some capital projects as it awaits funding from the state, whose fiscal year begins in July.

In addressing legislators, Ron McAhron, one of three new commissioners, said he proposed a preliminary figure of \$10.5 million to complete the capital phase of the project. McDermott said the estimated \$3.5 million infusion of local money could leverage some three times that in federal money, or some \$10 million.

McDermott's proposal met with the approval of several commissioners.

However, McDermott's proposal did little to appease angry homeowners intent on assurances from the commission it will come up with a budget and a timetable to finish the project. McAhron staunchly defended the commission's current efforts while conceding there had been many mistakes all around.

The "final" figure sought by both the Legislature and the homeowners would be prepared for the commission's next meeting Jan. 7, said Kent Gurley, the commissioner's treasurer.

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State leaders skeptical of STIF fix for Little Cal

Daniels' administration has
rebuffed use of finance plan

BY PATRICK GUINANE

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INDIANAPOLIS | State leaders are skeptical of the latest proposal to finance completion of a long-stalled levee project that exposed hundreds of Northwest Indiana homes to September flooding.

Hammond Mayor Thomas

McDermott Jr. suggested Wednesday the steering of state sales tax dollars generated by the Cabela's complex in his city to the two-decade-old flood protection project.

The mayor called for the creation of a sales tax increment financing, or STIF, district to close a funding gap pegged at \$10.5 million. The city is one of only a handful of communities in the state approved to use the economic development tool.

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Skeptical

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"It's unlikely the state would look favorably on this kind of proposal," said Jane Jankowski, spokeswoman for Gov. Mitch Daniels.

The Republican governor's economic development and fiscal leaders have rejected nearly all prior attempts to divert sales tax dollars - one of the state's main revenue streams - to local projects. The lone exception is the new Indianapolis Colts stadium and accompanying convention center expansion, which is allowed to siphon up to \$11 million a year to finance construction bonds.

Hammond officials sought a \$40 million sales tax diversion to lure Cabela's to town three years ago, but the state balked at using the device for retail development. The state instead committed to making \$9 million in infrastructure improvements at the site of former Woodmar Country Club.

McDermott argues that diverting state dollars to the levee work would speed preparation of business parcels adjacent to the Cabela's outdoors superstore, leading to an eventual boost in sales tax collections.

State Sen. Luke Kenley, one of the General Assembly's top fiscal leaders, said region officials must demonstrate the potential returns before lawmakers would seriously consider parting with state tax dollars in an uncertain economy.

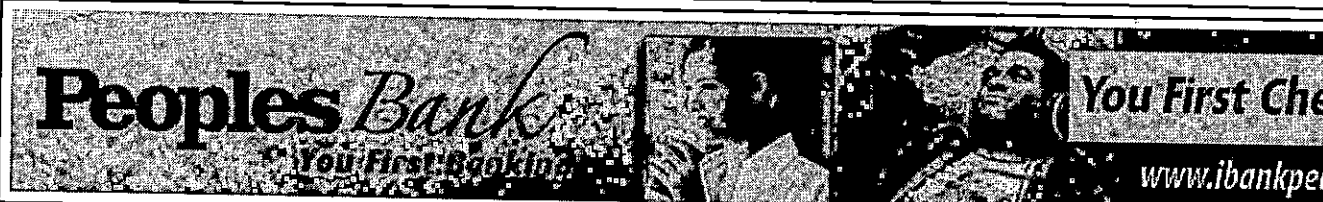
"If they could give us a business model proposal that shows what kind of return on investment the state might get out of this, I'm certainly willing to listen to them," Kenley, a Noblesville Republican, said Wednesday. "It needs to be measured on the basis of an economic model. You can't close your mind to this completely without having done that analysis."

State sales tax collections are sensitive to economic downturns, having come in more than \$60 million below projections the past four months. And state officials argue new retail developments, such as those planned near Cabela's, tend to cannibalize existing businesses rather than grow the tax base.

The money needed for the local levee work will be tough to come by in the next state budget.

Ron McAhrn, a newly installed member of the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission, told a legislative panel the best guess is that \$15 million from state or local sources will be needed to finalize the project. The figure is only a preliminary estimate, he stressed, not wanting to irk lawmakers, who two years ago were told \$8 million would finish the job.

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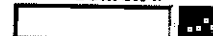
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Still no answer to final cost of Little Cal River flood control project

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December 4, 2008

By Erik Potter

Post-Tribune staff writer

Just wait 'til next year.

The final number for how much state money the Little Calumet River flood control project needs to be completed will be available on Jan. 7, according to the board members of the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission.

That wasn't the answer Munster residents wanted to hear in yet another public drubbing of the commission, which met Wednesday night in the Munster Town Hall.

The commission has tried to get its books and numbers in order since the flooding disaster in late September, but has struggled to point to an exact dollar amount needed to get the project done. State lawmakers, distrustful over the years of the constant fluctuation of how much money is needed for the project, have insisted on a final dollar amount before any money is forthcoming.

Commissioner Ron McAhrn, a recent appointment from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, told the state budget committee Wednesday morning that his best estimate is \$15 million, \$4.5 million of which is already committed as a loan from the Regional Development Authority. That number is still in flux, however, as commissioners give the

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third degree to all of the cost estimates for the project's outstanding construction items.

In the short term, however, the commission is set to run out of cash by the end of the year, jeopardizing the timeliness of the Columbia to Northcote phase of the project.

Down to their last \$80,000, the commission needs to find another \$1 million to relocate the last utility in that section. If that's not done by early January, the project will be delayed.

Currently, the RDA has suspended installments on its \$6 million loan to the commission, approved in February, while the state conducts an audit of its books. That audit is nearly complete and if it is clean it is presumed that RDA funding will follow.

No matter how good the books look, however, convincing the General Assembly to set aside \$10.5 million of state money in the next budget could be a tough sell. Budget committee members are already talking about finding local funding from cities or the county.

Hammond Mayor Tom McDermott Jr., offered up revenue from the special taxing district around Cabela's.

Years ago Hammond was given a Sales Tax ?Increment Financing district that is currently not being utilized. McDermott proposed, with the support of the river communities, convincing the Indiana Department of Local Government and Finance to allow Hammond to capture the sales tax generated at Cabela's to use toward funding the local share of the levee project.

How much revenue that would generate is unclear, though McDermott estimated that it would be at least \$3.5 million a year.

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Flood-damaged Munster won't wait on river levee

MUNSTER, Ind. (AP) — Officials in Munster, which had hundreds of homes damaged in September flooding, plan for the town to build its own river levee rather than keep waiting on a regional commission that is years behind schedule on the project.

Town Council President Helen Brown said Monday that it would build a temporary levee along the Little Calumet River to last until a permanent levee reaches the Lake County community.

"We cannot count on the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission," Brown said. "No one has direct responsibility to finish this project."

The commission, created to build protective levees along a 22-mile stretch of the river from Gary to the Indiana-Illinois state line, has taken much of the blame for flooding that damaged at least 1,000 northwestern Indiana homes, including 300 that were either heavily damaged or destroyed.

Up to 10 inches of rain dumped by the remnants of Hurricane Ike swamped the Little Calumet River's banks on Sept. 13-14, pouring onto streets and highways and into homes.

Following those floods, U.S. Rep.

Pete Visclosky, D-Ind., called for an overhaul of the commission. He said the levee work is 10 years behind schedule and \$125 million over budget. The commission's executive director, Dan Gardner, resigned Sept. 26 amid pressure from Visclosky and others to step down. Two members of the commission's board also have resigned.

The temporary bulwark for Munster will involve building up a two-mile stretch of existing levee to a 600-foot elevation equivalent to a levee across the river in Hammond, Town Manager Tom DeGiulio said.

Cost estimates are not complete. Concrete barriers will be installed in some sections while others will be cleared of debris and replaced with clay.



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You can pay more now, or you can pay it later

As we move closer to the 2009 session of the Indiana General Assembly, we are beginning to see a picture of how the session might proceed. It might not be pretty for Northwest Indiana.

Because we still have a part-time Legislature, the state's important financial work is forced into five months every other year. That is not to say that the issues for the forthcoming 2009 session have not already been framed or even legislation drafted, but, officially, the legislators are in session from January to May. Is it any wonder we have trouble getting things done?

We have already heard the budget will be tight and that there will be little opportunity for new programs or new initiatives. The status quo prevails, and life in the Hoosier state changes slowly and only incrementally.

Unfortunately, this retrospective logic does not allow for initiatives that might well have deserved funding in the past to be fairly considered this year, either. It also suggests, of course, that if the people's problems require a state solution, the state will likely not be helpful.

Two issues in Northwest Indiana cry out for attention. Their advocates have made their pleas before, but the state has chosen not to see the merit of fully funding either the Little Calumet River Basin Commission or a public transportation system.

While these activities have received modest funding in the past, they have not received the funding they require. Our existing fragmented bus system is falling apart all around us, we have not found the "match" for the federal money already allocated for the South Shore extension, and, of course, we had tens of millions of dollars of damage caused by our inability to fund the completion of the Little Calumet levee system.

It is not that the persons overseeing these activities have not asked or even pleaded for funding; they have. However, in the end, decisions were made that these activities were not as important as others. And, of course, there is never enough money to go around.

Faced with these conflicting priorities, the old Fram oil filter commercial from decades ago seems appropriate. We either pay now, or pay a lot more later. My now deceased grandmother used to say it this way, quoting Depression-era philosophy — "A stitch in time saves nine." She was talking about socks, but it still fits!

Certainly, that is true of our failure to adequately fund the Little Calumet River Basin Commission. Our unwillingness to fund the completion of this important project has cost our neighbors their homes as well as our local, state and federal government millions in disaster relief expense. This expense, of course, is much more costly than if we had funded the project in the first place!

While the lack of an integrated and coordinated public transportation system does not qualify as a disaster, doing it now will be much less expensive than if we do it later.

The opinion expressed in this column is the writer's and not necessarily that of The Times. Dennis Rittenmeyer is President of Calumet College of St. Joseph.

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Hammond adopts STIF resolution

If approved by state, funds
would benefit levee project

BY SUSAN BROWN

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HAMMOND | At the behest of Mayor Thomas McDermott Jr., the City Council on Monday adopted the first of what may be a series of resolutions on the part of local and county government to propose using sales tax increment financing to speed the completion of the long-lagging federal levee project.

Proposed by McDermott and sponsored by Council President Dan Repay, the resolution contends the embattled Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission has been unable to make significant progress on the levee because of lack of capital for the local match. The resolution also notes the need for funds to operate and maintain the levee once it's completed.

See STIF, A5

THE ISSUE

The Hammond City Council adopted a resolution to propose using STIF for a federal levee project. Hammond is one of only four communities in the state authorized to create a STIF district, yet recently was rebuffed in using the device for retail development.

INSIDE

Munster reviews its temporary levee. A5

STIF

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During last week's commission meeting, McDermott had proposed using STIF benefits toward filling a funding gap currently estimated at \$10.5 million and expected to go higher.

McDermott, however, now argues sales tax deferred through the Cabela's development would be used not for retail development but the construction of flood walls beneficial to not just Hammond but the other communities along the river, namely Munster, Highland, Griffith and Gary.

Members of the Little Calumet commission met the proposal favorably last week, saying the effort would demonstrate to lawmakers a regional solution to the

problem.

Several lawmakers, along with Jane Jankowski, spokeswoman for Gov. Mitch Daniels, immediately threw cold water on the proposal, but Monday, the mayor indicated he would move forward with soliciting the support of other local and county officials to pressure the state.

"I expect resistance," McDermott said of the initial reaction by the state.

However, McDermott said he believed the state may bow to a joint effort.

If the state doesn't approve the plan, McDermott challenged the state to come up with a better one.

"There is no plan," he said of the current status of the project. "All there is is fingerpointing."

State wrapping Little Cal audit

Results expected to be made public early next week

BY SUSAN BROWN

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A State Board of Accounts field representative concluded an exit interview Tuesday with representatives of the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission, which declined to release preliminary results of the state's audit of the troubled agency.

Conducting an exit interview is among the final steps of an audit, allowing the agency under audit to either explain outstanding issues or propose corrective action.

State Examiner Bruce Hartman said the results now will undergo final review. He projected the

audit results would be made public early next week.

The financially stricken commission is not expected to receive any additional funding toward the completion of the federal levee project, now in its final stages, until the results of the audit are released. Its operating budget has dwindled to between \$50,000 and \$80,000.

In the interim, Imad Samara, project manager for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, confirmed the estimated total overall cost of the decades-old project has grown to \$245 million. The overall cost includes construction and design, which are the responsibility of the Army Corps, and land acquisition and administrative costs, which are the responsibility of the Little Cal commission.

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The \$245 million cost does not include project betterments or the operation and maintenance, or O & M, of the completed levee system, which are 100 percent the responsibility of the Little Cal commission.

An example of a betterment is work outside the scope of a project, such as providing riprap where none previously existed. The necessity of two betterments undertaken by the commission, one in Gary and the other in Griffith, have been questioned by the office of U.S. Rep. Pete Visclosky, D-Ind.

Samara, meanwhile, has described the cost of O & M, which has never had a funding source, as "the big, white elephant in the room nobody wants to talk about."

Samara estimated the total remaining construction cost for the last two stages of the project at \$75.6 million, which includes a local cash match estimated at \$5.6 million for which the commission is responsible. Samara used the year 2009 through 2012 as the timetable.

Samara's estimate includes the construction of the remaining levees, wetland mitigation, landscaping, two pump stations and a recreation component. It does not include the cost of the betterments, the commission's administrative costs or the

cost of land acquisition.

Of the construction costs, the federal government contributes 75 percent while as the local sponsor, the Little Cal commission is obligated to shoulder 25 percent, which is a combination of cash and "in-kind" contributions. The in-kind portion may be in the form of labor, equipment, supplies and/or services, according to the Army Corps. The commission is credited for its cash and in-kind contributions toward its 25 percent share as the project moves forward.

"The 25 percent overall match has not been configured yet although there has been quite a bit of crediting completed," said Jody Melton, interim executive director for the Little Cal commission.

With an eye on the construction bidding process, the Army Corps has released an estimated schedule of completion, but not the specific costs of each remaining component.

Though Visclosky and Northwest Indiana lawmakers have demanded "final" figures to complete the project, Samara said the figures are in flux.

Samara said the figures are not a moving target so much as updated as the design is detailed.

"It's a snapshot in time," he said.

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Be creative in funding levee work

The floodwaters of Sept. 13-14 have receded, but the memories linger in the affected communities along the Little Calumet River. Those memories must be kept fresh in Indianapolis as well.

The causes of the flooding are simple — too much rain in a short time and the failure to complete a levee system capable of holding back the water.

The current challenge is to find the funding to finish the levee system and provide funding for maintenance.

Hammond Mayor Thomas McDermott Jr. deserves credit for putting a creative financing proposal on the table.

McDermott wants to use sales tax increment financing to generate the revenue to complete the levee project. Basically, the state would use the increase in sales taxes realized at the old Woodmar Country Club site since Cabela's bought the property for this levee system.

That would bring an estimated \$3.5 million a year, McDermott said.

"We need to come up with the local match for the capital costs, and we need to come up with the continuing costs that are going to be here 20 years from now," McDermott said.

"If we don't do our maintenance, we're going to have another disaster like

OUR OPINION

Hammond Mayor Thomas McDermott Jr.'s pitch for sales tax increment financing for the Little Calumet River levee system is a good starting point, at the very least. The state will need to be creative to generate the money necessary to complete this project and fund the necessary maintenance thereafter.

this 20 years down the road."

Munster Town Council President Helen Brown and Town Manager Tom DeGuilio have similarly called for funds for continued levee maintenance.

It's a hard sell, to be sure.

Indiana officials haven't looked kindly on earlier STIF proposals, including for that very property. McDermott tried to use STIF to help bring Cabela's to Hammond.

And state revenues have dropped in this recession, so prying sales tax money out of the state's fingers won't be easy.

But the levee work must be done, and there isn't any other funding proposal on the table to make sure there's enough money set aside to finish it quickly.

McDermott Jr.'s pitch for sales tax increment financing might not be the most likely funding mechanism, given the state's reluctance to establish STIF financing in Northwest Indiana, but the state has little money elsewhere. It will need to be creative to generate the money necessary to complete this project.

At the very least, McDermott's STIF plan is a good starting point.

And McDermott's right. Once they are finished, the levees will need to be maintained — as will the Kankakee River levees and others. The state must find a way to finance this maintenance without causing major financial pain for those it will help.

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THE TIMES SAID IT:

BE CREATIVE IN FUNDING LEVEE WORK

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EXPRESS YOURSELF

We express our opinion on local issues every day in the editorial. But today we want to hear what you have to say.

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Wet Hen wrote: "Think all the building on flood plains, the lack of retention ponds and adequate sewers had anything to do with the flooding?"

McDermott is creative wrote: "He is creative. Ever take a look at his smoke-and-mirrors city budget plans?"

Maintenance wrote: "Will the levee be maintained as well as the decrepit Hammond sewer system? The mayor talks a good game, but his follow-through lacks."

Hurrah for McDermott wrote: "Finally, an elected official who thinks outside the box, finally an elected official thinking regionally and not like a feudal lord, finally an elected official with a plan instead of finger-pointing, finally an elected official that wants to do something about a problem and not just talk about it. Thank heavens for Mayor McDermott! Now if only downstate will listen. I'm sure they will hate to have Lake County get the credit for finishing the levee project after all these years."

taxpayer wrote: "I agree with Hurrah for McDermott. How can anyone be against this if it goes through downstate? It's locally generated sales tax going toward a local project that not only benefits Hammond but Munster, Highland, Griffith and Gary. Does anyone else have a plan to get this project moving again and have revenue coming in for future maintenance? If so I haven't heard a peep from them. Whatever McDermott has done in the past that you don't agree with, how can you be against this?"

Re HURRAH wrote: "Many of us are not against the idea. It just might work. What took the mayor 6+ years to come up with it? In any event, I, like others, do not want Mayor McDermott to have anything to do with managing the completion of the project or getting his sticky fingers anywhere near the funds. Nor do we want his father involved. One decent idea in six years does not an honest man make. I see how Woodmar Mall turned out under his watch. Oh, I live in Munster by the way, and as someone else said, he is not to be trusted."

McFan wrote: "Where have all the whiners and complainers gone? Hammond might be a place worth living if its leaders were not corrupt. Whose fault is that. You keep electing people who are shady. Don't blame the mayor for that. He is only doing what you let him get away with. If his STIF plan is so great, why did it take him years to come up with it? The flooding has been happening for a long time. Look at the progress Hammond is making, Woodmar Mall is being rebuilt at a snail's pace. At the rate this is occurring, my children's great-grandchildren may one day shop there. Let's not forget, gangs now run the streets, and shootings occur during broad daylight. Ask the folks around Hessville Park. The schools graduate six out of 10. Hey, what do you want, nobody is perfect. How very ignorant, dangerous and dismal the city has become. Thank you, mayor."

Reason for Flood wrote: "How can the levee system be maintained when the original river bottom hasn't been cleaned in a thousand years! If the bottom isn't cleaned before the levee project is started, then all the river will do is fill up the channel higher and higher, like the Yangtze River in China. No one has mentioned this need and the costs to do it. Another reason for the flood of record is that Cabela's blocked the pre-existing floodplain and did not mitigate for it. Plain and simple."

Gary Reservoir wrote: "You want creative. I have creative. Stop buying overpriced property by stop building the levee. Instead, excavate a reservoir north of IU Northwest. Let the water pool there over a dam, creating a lake. Then you don't have to build levees to hold back the water; the water will go there. Then move one of Gary's riverboats to the lake and build the new IU/Methodist Medical facility on the shore as well. Build a common parking garage and a hotel. The value of all the remaining land around the lake will skyrocket. Gary's own Geist Reservoir. Fix the flooding, fund the hospital, enhance the value of the riverboat license, regentify the community creating a showcase facility."

To reservoir wrote: "Water table is too high. You dig more than a few feet and it will fill up with ground water. If its filled with ground water, no new water can go in. As for those who blame Mayor for taking so long to come up with this idea, it didn't flood over until September. What was Dedelow's idea to fix it? What is Team Landlord's idea to fix it? What is Munster Town Council's idea? Oh wait, they don't have ideas; they just throw blame around. Woodmar Mall is private property. How can anyone force someone to develop their own land? Look down in Schererville where the Fun Center used to be. Where is that project? The economy is bad. How can the mayor be blamed for the schools when he doesn't control the schools. If you actually thought before you typed, you'd make more sense. Now let's hear your brilliant idea to finish the levee that was started 20 years ago. Hmmm, silence. Thought so."

A Lake Is a Brilliant Idea wrote: "What a brilliant idea. I just Google Earthed the area, and it's actually doable. Build a lake, not a levee."

Turk182 wrote: "It has to be a Daddy McDermott idea. Little Tommy only comes up with childish ideas like putting up a Statue of Liberty in Wolf Lake. If it's a Daddy idea, you can rest assured that Daddy is going to be making money off it!"

re to reservoir wrote: "You are correct, we can't force a private party to complete a project, but we can fine him for doing what he did, and it did happen on McMayor's watch, like so many other things. I no longer live in Hammond — moved out a little over two years ago — and I am so happy to be out of that dump. I call Crown Point home now, and I have to agree with the others who say keep all the McDermott clan away from whatever funding is used to complete the levee. He cannot be trusted, and neither can his father."

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Cabela's gives city 20 acres

Ex-Woodmar site could
aid in flood-control efforts

BY STEVE ZABROSKI
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HAMMOND | The city took possession of riverfront property inside the town limits of neighboring communities Highland and Munster on Thursday.

Cabela's Wholesale Inc. offered to donate three parcels totaling nearly 20 acres of land just south of the Little Calumet River to Hammond. The gift was accepted by the Board of Public Works and Safety.

The suburban acreage, which was appraised at \$484,000, is part

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of the Nebraska-based outdoor outfitter's 2005 purchase of 100 mostly green acres from the former Woodmar Country Club.

"It's basically an island," Mayor Thomas McDermott Jr. said of the donation, which includes the seventh hole, 12th hole, and much of the 11th green of the club's former golf course, "for which Cabela's didn't have any use in their development plans."

The retailer built its store and parking area on 35 acres of the property. It plans to sell or lease the remainder - minus the unimproved southern 20 acres - for other businesses as soon as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers finishes a flood control levee along the river.

Hammond wanted to keep the

area available to the Army Corps and the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission, local sponsor of the levee project, if needed to expedite the construction, said Richard Calinski, executive director of planning and development for the city.

Even after completing the levee and the expected removal of the area from federal flood plain restrictions, nothing likely will be built there, Calinski said.

Instead, Cabela's has suggested the property be maintained for wildlife preservation, possibly under stewardship by local conservation organizations, though Calinski said "nothing definite" had been decided as of Thursday.

The Army Corps estimates the Little Calumet River levee will be in place to the Illinois state line some time in 2010.

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Hammond adopts STIF resolution

If approved by state, funds would benefit levee project

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HAMMOND | At the behest of Mayor Thomas McDermott Jr., the City Council on Monday adopted the first of what may be a series of resolutions on the part of local and county government to propose using sales tax increment financing to speed the completion of the long-lagging federal levee project.

Proposed by McDermott and sponsored by Council President Dan Repay, the resolution contends the embattled Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission has been unable to make significant progress on the levee because of lack of capital for the local match. The resolution also notes the need for funds to operate and maintain the levee once it's completed.

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The Hammond City Council adopted a resolution to propose using STIF for a federal levee project. Hammond is one of only four communities in the state authorized to create a STIF district, yet recently was rebuffed in using the device for retail development.

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Munster reviews its temporary levee. A5

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During last week's commission meeting, McDermott had proposed using STIF benefits toward filling a funding gap currently estimated at \$10.5 million and expected to go higher.

McDermott, however, now argues sales tax deferred through the Cabela's development would be used not for retail development but the construction of flood walls beneficial to not just Hammond but the other communities along the river, namely Munster, Highland, Griffith and Gary.

Members of the Little Calumet commission met the proposal favorably last week, saying the effort would demonstrate to lawmakers a regional solution to the

problem.

Several lawmakers, along with Jane Jankowski, spokeswoman for Gov. Mitch Daniels, immediately threw cold water on the proposal, but Monday the mayor indicated he would move forward with soliciting the support of other local and county officials to pressure the state.

"I expect resistance," McDermott said of the initial reaction by the state.

However, McDermott said, he believed the state may bow to a joint effort.

If the state doesn't approve the plan, McDermott challenged the state to come up with a better one.

"There is no plan," he said of the current status of the project. "All there is is fingerpointing."

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Temporary levee project reviewed

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MUNSTER | Town leaders assured residents during a meeting Monday night that removing logjams and debris from the Little Calumet River and temporarily heightening the levee until the Army Corps of Engineers permanent flood control project is finished are top priorities.

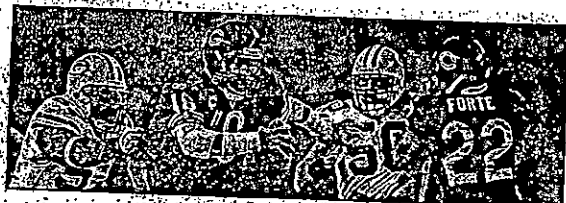
Hundreds of homes in Munster flooded and people were evacuated when floodwaters overwhelmed the levee in several areas along the Little Calumet. The flood, from Sept. 12 to 14, caused hundreds of thousands of dollars in damage to the town and its residents.

Munster Town Engineer Jim Mandon, who presented a status report on the temporary levee project to the Town Council, said he is working on the engineering aspects to determine which flood techniques will be used along what areas of the levee.

Mandon said he is still working on cost estimates to increase the height of the levee to about a 600 feet elevation so the Munster side of the levee is equal to that in Hammond. He said he is also evaluating where concrete barriers will be installed and where workers will use sand bags to wall the area.

Mandon said the work that crews are doing right now means there should be a "significant decrease" to the amount of work the Army Corps has to do and perhaps that can move the project forward.

The town's director of operations, Jim Knesek, said he has been busy working with contractors who are clearing logjams and other debris from the river. He said he had spent \$100,000 the council authorized for emergency repair work where water overwhelmed the levee. He asked for, and the council approved, another \$35,000 to complete the emergency work.



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State audit vindicates basin panel

Findings reveal no illegal
spending by Little Cal board

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The state audit of the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission has found no wrongdoing by the panel.

Critics of the commission, led by U.S. Rep. Pete Visclosky, D-Ind., had faulted the commission for not completing the federal levee project before the massive rainfall in mid-September. The contentions rapidly led to the resignation of longtime Executive Director Dan Gardner and prompted Northwest Indiana lawmakers to seek a special audit of the commission.

"The report is basically a clean report," State Examiner Bruce Hartman said Monday. "In my opinion, it does validate the fact that they were using their dollars and cents in accordance with what the commission was created to do."

Hartman said the state board does not get into the length of time

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Dan Gardner,
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executive
director

the decades-old flood control project has taken. "We're not engineers. We're not attorneys," he said.

Hartman said the few "comments" noted in the audit are not significant. The issues include time sheets submitted by contractors, the eligibility of a few items for state reimbursement and several credit card claims that didn't include receipts. "Those are pretty standard things you'll see in a governmental report," Hartman said.

As is customary, Commission Chairman William Biller offered explanations and remedies for the few concerns in a letter to the state board. "The audit came in as we expected," Biller said Monday. "Everything's been spent according to the guidelines. Unfortunately we've been dead in the water for the two months this has gone on, but it's a good step because it proves the commission has been doing nothing illegally as suggested."

Interim Executive Director Jody Melton joined Biller in saying the hope is the results will prompt the Northwest Indiana Regional Development Authority to resume payment on its \$6 million loan to the commission.

"I was pretty pleased with what I saw," Melton said. "There's always a few (comments)."

RDA Executive Director Tim Sanders said he now will check if his board is comfortable enough to move forward. "I've asked the (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers) for a final number," he said. "Hopefully we can get to the bottom line."

State Rep. Ed Soliday, R-Valparaiso, who led the lawmakers in seeking the audit, said at first glance the audit does not appear to raise any red flags but it also does not answer the questions that will be posed by the state finance committee considering the commission's next budget request.

"They want the end game numbers," he said.

Gardner, the commission's ousted part-time executive director, said he was very pleased but not surprised by the audit results.

"The issue was that there was never enough money, not how it was spent," said Gardner, who retired from the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission at the end of November.

"One of the problems even before the flood was that people were questioning the escalation of the costs," he said. "The best you can do is work with the engineers and estimate the cost."

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Candlelight service set for today

A Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be held at 4 p.m. today at Bethel Lutheran Church, 411 N. Montgomery St. in Gary's Miller neighborhood.

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RDA to work on levee funding

Questions remain despite Little Cal panel's clean audit, director says

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NORTHWEST INDIANA | With the audit of the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission complete, the Northwest Indiana Regional Development Authority

will proceed to work with legislators to devise a plan to finish the federal levee project, RDA Executive Director Tim Sanders said Tuesday.

The RDA has paid out some \$1.5 million of a \$6 million loan to the commission but withheld approving further draws against the loan until the audit results were in.

The main question on the minds of the commission's leaders upon the release of the audit results were whether the RDA would now free the dollars needed to continue work on the project.

The audit cleared the commission of any financial wrongdoing, but Sanders said some board mem-

bers remain concerned about the project's final cost.

"My board approved the \$6 million (loan), which was for the purpose of completing this project," Sanders said. "Once that \$6 million does not complete the project, that raises some questions that have to be answered."

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WORRIES RISE WITH LITTLE CAL

Munster barricades two bridges with sandbags as river swells from heavy rain, melting ice

BY BILL DOLAN
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Times Staff Writers

Munster firefighters and resident volunteers heaved sandbags across the town's side of the Northcote Avenue and Columbia Avenue bridges Saturday night as the Little Calumet River rose ominously.

"This is precautionary and maybe an overreaction," Munster Town Councilman Michael Mellon said as he watched. "Everyone is a bit skittish, the residents, the council, everyone is just a little skittish."

Munster Town Manager Tom DeGiulio said though the water was still below the bridge decks, they acted Saturday to take advantage of volunteers available and expects the bridges to reopen Monday.

Scores of Munster homes were flooded four months ago by a record flood surge, including Rey Candelaria's, which is being rebuilt.

"Just like last time," Candelaria said early Saturday.

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South winds gusted unseasonably warm air into the region that liquified its crust of ice and brought waves of thunderstorms and steady rain.

The National Weather Service said the river at Munster stood at 9.13 feet as of 9:15 p.m. Saturday, less than 3 feet below flood stage. It is expected to crest at 13.1 feet about 6 a.m. today, well below September's historic crest of 17.31 feet at Munster.

The Little Calumet River at South Holland stood at 14.89 feet as of 8:30 p.m. Saturday. Flood stage is 16.5 feet. According to the National Weather Service, the river is expected to crest at 16.7 feet about 6 a.m. today. During September's flood, it crested at 20.16 feet.

Candelaria said he'd like to see the flood wall completed from Kennedy Avenue to the state line and low bridges across the river between Hammond to Munster blocking that levee closed.

Hammond city officials are fighting any move to close Northcote or any other bridge, which they said are vital links to city traffic.

Roger Cardwell, a Hammond police spokesman, said Saturday his city is monitoring but not sandbagging Northcote or Columbia

Farther south, the Kankakee River at 8:45 p.m. Saturday stood at 11.2 feet, which is more than 2 feet over its flood stage.

Dennis Strain, a resident of Sumava Resorts, which is perched along the southern bank of the Kankakee in Newton County, said the community's pumps are keeping floodwaters 30 inches from most homes.

"We're all right unless there is an ice jam downstream," Strain said.

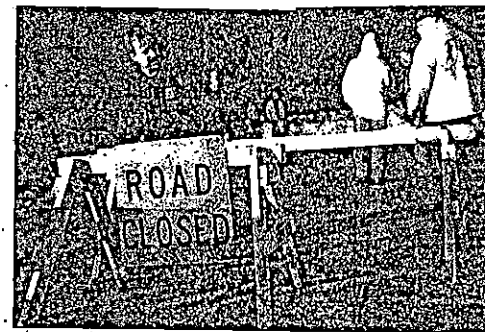
Sheets of water stood across several local roads Saturday as well as Hammond's Riverside Park, just north of the Little Calumet.

Lake County Surveyor George Van Til said water flooded some streets and parking lot but "it wasn't as bad as we had expected." This has been the wettest year in my memory, he said.

No significant flooding had been reported in Porter County by late Saturday, according to Phil Griffith, director of Porter County Emergency Management.

Hobart Mayor Brian Snedecor and John McDaniel, a Lake Station councilman and assistant police chief, said their city workers were closely monitoring areas hardest hit by the flooding in September.

Times staff writer Brian Williams and Times photographer Jessica A. Woolf contributed to this report.



Road closure signs are posted Saturday on the south end of the Northcote Avenue bridge in Munster. The town put sandbags across its side of the Northcote Avenue and Columbia Avenue bridges Saturday night as the Little Calumet River rose.

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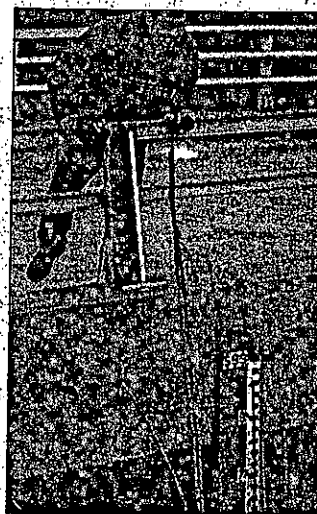
PHOTOS BY STEPHANIE DOWELL/POST-TRIBUNE
"It's a waiting game," said Steve Yekel of Munster (left) as he joined other worried residents Saturday, including fellow Munster resident Larry Behling, on the Northcote Avenue bridge that spans the Little Calumet River between Hammond and Munster. Behling, a general contractor, was worried about a building project he is working on in Munster, as well as his own home.

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Munster Police Lt. Ed Strbjak leans over the Northcote Avenue bridge to check the water level of the Little Calumet River on Saturday. Concerns of flooding rose as rain-fall Saturday added to the melted snow and ice.

RESIDENTS ALONG THE RIVER HOLD THEIR BREATH AS WATER RISES

'I guess we're all kind of jittery'

Melting snow, rain add up to worrisome situation

By TERESA AUCH SCHULTZ

Post-Tribune staff writer

MUNSTER — Homeowners near the Little Calumet River held their breath Saturday night as they waited to see whether the water would overflow its banks.

"I guess we're all kind of jittery," Munster resident Davis Jones said.

Jones and other residents gathered at Northcote Avenue bridge to see just how high the water was getting after melting snow and fresh rains brought it up to about 9 feet, about a foot and a half below the bottom of the bridge. Officials with both Munster and Hammond also drove by, keeping a watch on the river level.

The main concern was whether the river would cause flooding like it did in September when hundreds of people in the area had to evacuate. As of Saturday evening, the area looked like it was in the clear as the National Weather Service predicted it would crest at 13 feet, low enough for the levees to handle the extra water.

Lynne Whelan, spokeswoman for the Army Corps of Engineers, said crews kept an eye on the river but did not expect to see it flood the banks. Hammond Mayor Thomas McDermott Jr. said he didn't think it would come near last summer's flood, when the river reached 17 feet.

"It's not like we're panicking," McDermott said. "We're all on standby."

McDermott said the city had not started sandbagging and would hold off with that until the river reached about 12 feet. Munster planned to start sandbagging when the river reached 11 feet, said Mark Knesek, utilities crew leader for Munster.

The town stood ready with about 40,000 prepared sandbags if they were needed, though, Knesek said.

Jones said he would have preferred to see the town start sandbagging during the day, though, just so they wouldn't have to do it late at night in colder weather. He compared the town's actions to that of the September floods, when Munster officials waited to start sandbagging.

"This is the same thing they told us in September," he said.

Other residents talked with Jones and tried to get a view of the measuring stick at Northcote bridge that shows the water levels. Although they were concerned, no one had immediate plans to start packing up.

"All we're doing is sitting and waiting in our houses," resident Steve Yekel said. "It's just a waiting game."

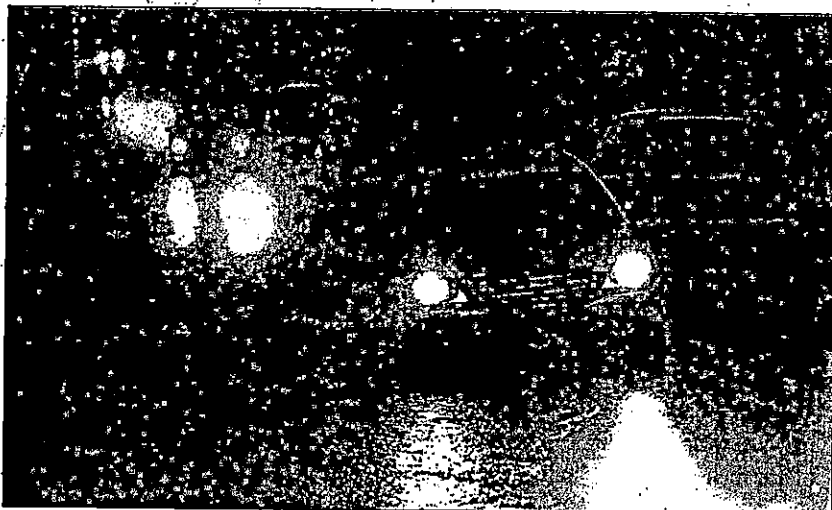
In Griffith, officials didn't expect anything catastrophic, either, but said they will remain vigilant should that change.

Town Council President Rick Ryfa said Public Works was out early Saturday cleaning out inlets and grates of leaves and other debris. Because of those efforts, the water was flowing like it should.

"(Cady) ditch was high this morning, but after cleaning everything out, we're ready to go if something happens," Ryfa said, adding that the town has pumps at the ready for any emergency.

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Post-Tribune correspondent Michelle L. Quinn contributed to this report.



ABOVE: Drivers negotiate Burr Street between U.S. 30 and Joliet on Saturday where water covered the northbound lane at one point in Schererville. Unusually warm temperatures led to ice and snow melt which mixed with rain to cause some flooding.



LEFT: "We got guys coming out in shifts. We're going to be monitoring all night," said Mark Knesek, utility crew leader for Munster public works. Knesek was checking the water level of the Little Calumet at the Northcote bridge.



LEFT: A constant stream of people drove past or walked to the Northcote Avenue bridge, on both the Hammond and Munster side, to check on the level of the Little Calumet River.

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LITTLE CAL LEVEE LOAN HITS LOGJAM

Commission asking for remainder of \$6 million in funding from RDA

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It remains unclear whether the Northwest Indiana Regional Development Authority will release the remainder of its \$6 million loan to the beleaguered Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission, which needs the money to keep the federal levee project moving.

Despite the state audit vindicating the commission as far as financial accountability, RDA Executive Director Tim Sanders said Tuesday the RDA will proceed on a funding plan with the assistance of the state Legislature. It was left unclear whether the RDA will free up the rest of the current loan.

As it stands, the commission will run out of money by the end of January, well before the Gener-

al Assembly completes its budget session.

"We have enough funds to get us through January. After that, I don't know," said William Biller, the commission's chairman. "We will definitely be out of draw-downs from the state budget and will have just a few dollars to cover operation and maintenance."

Biller said a letter requesting the release of some money toward the first quarter of next year recently was delivered to Sanders' office after the commission received the audit results.

"We have not heard back from him," Biller said.

"He was out of the office and has not contacted us."

Biller said he had expected he may not hear back until after Christmas or even the first of the year.

"Our issues are not the same as the RDA's. All they want to know is how (the commission) is going to pay them back," state Rep. Ed Soliday, R-Valparaiso, said Wednesday. Soliday led lawmakers in seeking the audit.

Nevertheless, Soliday, who in a bipartisan effort has authored legislation abolishing the current commissioners and replacing them with a five-member board appointed solely by the governor, said Sanders posed the right question.

"Is this a de facto contribution?" Soliday said.

Soliday said he did not expect the audit results alone to sway the legislature anymore than it has the RDA.

Soliday said his proposed bill, which he said has more support than it needs, would centralize con-

trol and de-politicize the local decision-making. "We've got to get the money to finish this project, and you cannot get the money with business as usual," he said.

Soliday's comments suggested communication between the RDA, the commissioners and the lawmakers has hit a logjam.

"You would think they'd be in regular communication with the RDA, in conversation with (state Sen. Frank) Mrvan, (state Rep. Cher) Dobis, but nobody's invited us to sit down," Soliday said.

Biller, however, said the commission has left the outreach to Ron McAhron, the Department of Natural Resources' newly appointed representative on the board. McAhron has downstate contacts on the governor's staff, Biller said.

Biller said he does not see what Soliday's bill to reorganize the commission can accomplish.

The governor has six of the 11 members now so basically he controls the board," he said.

Taking note of the water already "standing everywhere" this season, Biller said the bottom line is that there is no agreement on how to fund the project. He would be in favor of the state or the federal government taking it over if that's what it takes to get it completed, he said.

See LEVEE LOAN, A5



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A levee holds back the water of the Little Calumet River on Sunday near Hawthorne Drive in Munster. According to the National Weather Service, the Little Calumet River rose to 14.1 feet early Sunday morning.

Region dodges weekend floods

Little Cal crests; Kankakee may still cause problems

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Residents in low-lying areas are hoping their flood fears have crested along with river waters.

After weekend rainstorms and the breakup of ice on area waterways, rising water levels caused concern among residents and officials in towns such as Munster.

Memories remained fresh in Leon Kozlowski's mind because he was finishing installing dry wall in his home Sunday from the September flood.

Kozlowski, a Munster resident, noted the water level was receding and recalls water filling up his basement and 2 feet of the first floor in September.

MIDWEST FEARS FLOODING

Iowa, Missouri, Michigan and Ohio were also given flood warnings due to the heavy rain and melting snow, A6.

"I lost every stick of furniture," Kozlowski said.

He said he was glad the region avoided major flooding, because residents were still recovering from the events this fall.

The National Weather Service said the level of the Little Calumet River in Munster was at 13.98 feet at 3:15 p.m. Sunday. The river crested at 14.1 feet. Meteorologist Mark Ratzler said the river should fall below the 12-foot flood stage before this afternoon. During the fall, the river crested at 17.31 feet, causing nearby homes to flood.

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"There wasn't nearly as much rainfall as in September," Ratzler said.

The region is expected to see high temperatures in the mid-40s today with wind gusts of up to 30 mph. Lows are expected to fall below freezing, according to the weather service. There is no rain in the forecast for today, with a chance of snow Thursday.

Munster officials and volunteers closed bridges at Northcote and Columbia avenues to traffic Saturday using sandbags and barricades. Neither crossing was flooded Sunday afternoon.

There was high standing water in Riverside Park in Hammond and the Wicker Park golf course in Highland, but nearby streets were largely clear of water Sunday.

The weather service kept flood warnings in effect Sunday until further notice for the Little Calumet in Munster, Thorn Creek in Thornton and the Kankakee River near Kouts and Shelby. A flood warning for the Little Calumet in South Holland was canceled Sunday night.

Ratzler said although the Kankakee River level fell to nearly 11 feet Sunday afternoon near Shelby, it is expected to reach 12.5 feet by noon Tuesday and remain there for several days. Ratzler said 12.5 feet is major flooding for the area and residents in Sumava Resorts can be affected with water possibly flowing over U.S. 41.

Jody Melton, interim executive director of the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission, said he was pleased to hear the level of the Little Calumet dropping. Melton, who is also director of the Kankakee River Basin Commission, said if the water level of the Kankakee rises to forecast levels, then sandbagging will go on in Shelby and Sumava Resorts.

Ray Chambers, emergency management director for Newton County, said the county has plans ready if flooding rises beyond minor levels. He said people are monitoring roads and levees and will call volunteers if it's necessary to reinforce the levees in place. The county is in a wait-and-see mode.

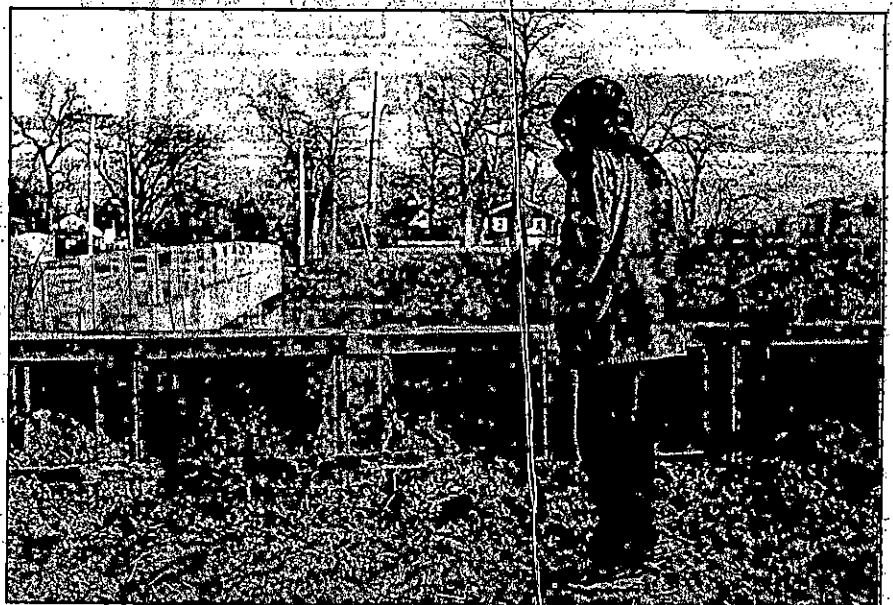
"No sandbagging yet. We're still monitoring," Chambers said Sunday. "We still have a little bit to go."

Even though Thorn Creek in Thornton was a few feet above its flood stage, the Thornton Police Department wasn't aware of any major sandbagging efforts Sunday night being implemented.

In the Burnham-Hegewisch area, nearly 1.7 inches of rain fell between Friday and Saturday. In Indiana, the most rain fell in Schererville and Portage with around 1.5 inches.



Mane Hinich, of 8215 Northcote Ave., points out the water levels to his daughter, Seja Hinich, of Chicago, while standing on the banks of the Little Calumet River on Sunday at Northcote Avenue and River Drive in Munster. "We escaped this one, no question," said Seja Hinich, who helped evacuate her parents in the September floods.



Mane Hinich, of 8215 Northcote Ave., looks at the Little Calumet River on Sunday from the banks at Northcote Avenue and River Drive in Munster. Hinich and his wife, Dana, were evacuated during the September floods. The area did not flood this weekend despite some rain and warm air melting ice and snow.

RDA bails out Little Cal Basin Commission

Post Tribune
January 1, 2009

■ Development agency
provides \$1.7 million
loan to halt shutdown.

By TERESA AUCH SCHULTZ
Post-Tribune staff writer

The Little Calumet River Basin Commission was saved from shutting down after getting a \$1.7 million loan from the Regional Development Authority.

The commission had already closed most of its operations Monday because officials didn't want to rack up any more bills, said Jody Melton, interim executive director. Current work on the fifth stage of the commission's project, installing a new levee system along the Little Calumet River that's supposed to stop major floods such as the one in September, was in danger because the commission had to pay utilities for work to be done.

"We were out of money," Melton said.

The commission had been told it would get \$6 million in loans from the RDA last February, but after a \$1.5 million pay-out earlier this year, the money was frozen after state lawmakers became concerned about how the money was being spent. Although an audit showed no major problems with the commission's spending, Tim Sanders, executive director of the RDA, said officials wanted to check with elected officials about the loan.

Even though the RDA received approval, Sanders said the money does come with some provisions: updates on when the commission will pay back the loan and whether the \$6 million loan will be enough.

"There's still more money there, but what we're trying to figure out is how much is this

darn thing going to cost?" Sanders said.

The levee project is already over budget by \$125 million and was supposed to be completed a decade ago. The commission has been trying to determine the final cost, Melton said, but is having problems nailing the figure down because of changes.

The most recent loan, given to the commission Wednesday, should get the commission through the next 90 days and ensure that the current stage is finished, Melton said. It will also help fund the seventh stage because the Army Corps of Engineers, which is overseeing the actual construction, had to have \$600,000 in an escrow account from the commission, which it didn't have until now.

The money will also allow the commission to push toward the final land acquisitions needed for the project, Melton said. There are 12 cases still in court, and the commission was getting ready to abandon them because they didn't have the legal fees to continue. They would have had to start all over again, Melton said, but will be able to continue now.

Once the money runs out, however, the commission will have to ask for another payment from the \$6 million loan. Melton said the commission's board is working on a list of priorities and how the money will be spent to give to the RDA. For the long term, the commission will try to lobby the Indiana General Assembly for the final amount and the money to repay the RDA loan.

When that will happen is questionable, though, especially because of the economic recession.

For now, work will get back on track Friday morning, right after Melton deposits the \$1.7 million check.

On the brink of disaster, New Year's Eve shutdown is rescinded after \$1.7M loan OK'd

RDA throws lifeline to Little Cal commission



TIMES FILE PHOTO

River Drive in Munster is submerged after the Little Calumet River overflowed in September. The Little Calumet commission has received additional funding.

THE FUNDS

The Little Cal commission received a \$1.7 million draw from the RDA's \$6 million loan to continue operations.

Wednesday's draw was only the second against the \$6 million loan, bringing the total received by the commission to about \$3 million. The money comes with a request for a plan for repayment.

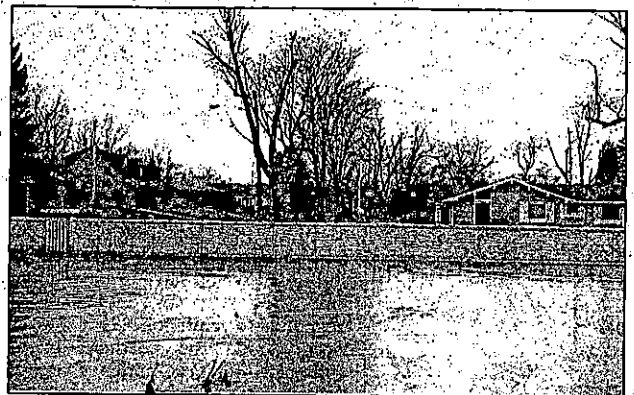
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The Northwest Indiana Regional Development Authority rescued the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission from shutting down operations Wednesday.

When contacted at the commission's Portage offices before noon, interim Executive Director Jody Melton confirmed reports the commission intended to suspend operations by the end of the business day.

"We have no money, and they don't want to run up any more bills," Melton said of the commission's decision.

The commission's own three contractors were told not to report to work this week, and only Melton and the commis-



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A view of the Little Calumet where the levee holds back the water from the Hawthorne Drive. According to the National Weather Service, the Little Calumet River rose to 14.12 feet early Sunday morning.

sion's business manager remained in the office.

While all administrative functions were set to end Wednesday,

Melton said pipeline relocation in a critical stage of the levee

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Little Cal

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project would continue for now. A coordination meeting on the pipeline work was scheduled for next week, but Melton said the commission's contracted engineer would not be attending because of the funding issue.

When contacted regarding the shutdown, RDA board Chairman Leigh Morris said more news was imminent.

Morris soon re-contacted The Times, saying the commission's request for its latest draw on the RDA's \$6 million loan had been approved, and the transfer of \$1.7 million would be completed the same day.

Last week, RDA Executive Director Tim Sanders had hedged on releasing any more RDA dollars toward the federal levee project, saying some of his board members were concerned about how the loan was to be paid back despite a state audit clearing the commission of any wrongdoing.

Morris on Wednesday, however, took a firm stand in honoring the RDA's commitment to the project.

"The audit report has been reviewed. It is clean and along with that will come the transmission of funds," he said.

Morris said the money



TIMES FILE PHOTO

Indiana Department of Natural Resources Conservation Officer Bryce Klimek pushes the Bednarowski family in a boat from their Munster home after the Little Calumet River flooded their neighborhood in September.

comes with a request for a plan for repaying the money and completing the levee project.

"This was never a grant," he said. "It was always a loan."

Morris, who did not serve on the RDA board at the time the loan was approved, said he believes the commission plays a central role in verifying repayment, but other officials with a stake in the project have had concerns over how the loan is to be repaid and how the money can be spent.

On Wednesday, The Times obtained a copy of a letter, signed by Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels and U.S. Rep. Pete Visclosky, D-Ind., to the RDA, in which Daniels and Visclosky urged the RDA to earmark the money toward construction, land acquisition and utility relocation rather than administrative costs. The two officials also commit to working with legislators to secure repayment through subsequent biennial state budgets.

Morris said the loan agree-

ment also includes money toward Griffith/Burr Street FEMA requirements. He indicated administrative costs may be acceptable.

"Within those four purposes, there may well be overhead costs, staffing and such, but all the expenditures need to be within those four areas," he said.

Melton later said with the latest RDA draw on its way, the commission would not go out of business Wednesday after all.

Visclosky: Partners in levee plan should meet

Audit clears way for push to
finish flood control project

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A spokesman for U.S. Rep. Pete Visclosky, D-Ind., said last week that finishing construction of the Little Calumet River levee remains a top priority for the congressman.

With the state audit sought by Northwest Indiana lawmakers clearing the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission of any wrongdoing, Charles Brimmer, chief of staff to the congressman, said the commission must "go to the stakeholders and say, 'Here's the money we need.'"

Finance Committee Chairman Kent Gurley, the commission's treasurer, said Friday that two long-term budgets, covering the years 2009 and 2010 and totaling \$5.6 million each, are to be based on an estimate his committee

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PETE
VISCLOSKY

THE THAW

The Little Calumet River hit a high of 14.1 feet last weekend, about 2 feet higher than the early flood stage.

Levee

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developed for finishing the project from Kennedy Avenue to the Illinois state line.

The estimate also shows costs of almost \$2 million for 2011 and \$325,000 for 2012, bringing the total to a little more than \$13.5 million.

Brimmer said he was alarmed by last weekend's thaw, which had him clamoring for information regarding the impact on the Little Calumet.

The river hit a high of 14.1 feet last weekend, about 2 feet higher than the early flood stage of 12 feet, prompting nervous Munster town officials to sandbag their side of the river as a precaution.

"People should understand the congressman and the governor are working to solve this problem, and we would go back to our original suggestion to the commission, now that the audit is finished, to come up with the assessment of the total amount of nonfederal matches to finish the project," Brimmer said before the cost estimate was released.

With a cost estimate in hand, Brimmer said the commission needs to call a meeting among representatives of the state, the congressman, the county and the municipalities along the river to assess the best way to move forward.

"It would be our intention to have construction that

would be concurrent, funding allowing, on all parts of the levee as soon as possible," he said.

Within two days of Brimmer's comments, it was learned the commission intended to shut down its operations pending funding. Some field work would continue, but all administrative functions were set to cease on New Year's Eve, said Jody Melton, the commission's interim executive director.

The Northwest Indiana Regional Development Authority granted the commission a \$1.7 million draw against a \$6 million loan it had earlier approved, saving the commission from having to cease operations.

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January 4, 2009

Board to consider new levee proposal

Resolution urges state to OK STIF as funding source

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HAMMOND Success at the state level appears dim, but the North Township Board today is expected to approve a resolution urging the state to allow the city of Hammond to use sales tax increment financing, or STIF, to help fund the federal levee project.

The Hammond City Council last month adopted a resolution in sup-

MEETING CHANGE

The North Township Board typically meets in the Wicker Park Social Center in Highland but today will meet at 2 p.m. at its Hammond location, 5947 Hohman Ave.

Mayor Thomas McDermott Jr. while attending a meeting of the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission.

McDermott offered to apply the financing tool to the Cabela's development and donate the proceeds from the sales tax diversion to the ailing federal levee project. He urged surrounding communities to adopt similar resolutions to demonstrate a regional approach to solving the problem.

"Obviously we have a vested interest," North Township Trustee Frank Mrvan told the board when it met last week.

The levee is only partially constructed along the borders of Highland's Wicker Park, where flooding has ravaged the park's golf course over the last few years. The commission and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers long have assured township officials the completed levee would end the park's severe flooding.

Given the current economy, Mrvan doubted the state could be persuaded to permit Hammond to use STIF. On the other hand, Mrvan said, signing on in support of the effort shows the state the communities along the river were doing something to try to help themselves.

Though a resolution hasn't made its way onto the Munster Town Council's meeting agenda, Councilman Michael Mellon said McDermott's proposal seemed like a good one.

STIF

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On Monday, Munster Town Manager Tom DeGiulio indicated the council could consider the measure this month.

"You've got to throw something out there. We've got to have a funding source," he said.

DeGiulio, too, however, questioned the effort's success. "We're in a recession," he said. "The first thing you lose is sales tax."

DeGiulio said the town isn't waiting on the state's response. The town is preparing to build its own temporary levee as high as that on the Hammond side of the river.

"We're not going to wait 36 months," he said. "The whole purpose is to finish what we're doing before the spring rains. It's not good for the residents to be worried every time it gets cloudy that there will be another record event."

In Highland, where the

levee is nearly complete, Clerk-Treasurer Michael Griffin said he would expect local officials to cooperate.

"We do enjoy some protections," he said. "I would like to see our neighbors enjoy their own protection."

Griffin, however, also had concerns about how much aid could be derived from STIF given the recession.

Meanwhile, a spokesman for the Indiana Economic Development Corporation said the IEDC would oppose the effort.

"The state accelerated in excess of \$6 million to the Little Calumet project as part of our effort to win the Cabela's investment in 2006 and provide the required matching funds for the flood control project," said Mitch Frazier, director of media relations. "The IEDC would oppose using sales tax increment financing to provide additional funding for the project, as it represents an increased cost to the state in terms of lost revenue."

The Times
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The Times
January 6, 2009

RDA loan wasn't a giveaway

Porter County Council members squabbling over the last-minute rescue of the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission are too hasty in their criticism of the flood control effort's savior.

"This doesn't help my waning enthusiasm for the RDA," council President Bob Poparad said last week.

Poparad was reacting to the Northwest Indiana Regional Development Authority's loan of \$1.7 million to the Little Calumet flood control agency to keep its efforts alive.

The agency's board was poised to shut down Dec. 31, but the RDA provided a check that day to keep the doors open.

It is difficult to forget the September flooding that caused tens of millions of dollars of damage to more than 15,200 homes and businesses, left hundreds homeless and crippled the region's transportation system, shutting down the Borman Expressway for several days.

It would be worse than shameful for the flood control efforts to be abandoned when a bridge loan is available.

OUR OPINION

The \$1.7 million has to be repaid by the state, so it wasn't diluting the Northwest Indiana Regional Development Authority's mission. It was a bridge loan to keep a vital effort affecting thousands of people from collapsing.

Even so, some Porter County Council members are talking about withdrawing from the RDA, not convinced the county is getting a good return on its \$3.5 million annual investment. The Little Cal. bailout is not good ammunition for their argument.

True, spending on flood control is not in keeping with the RDA's four main objectives, but it's a loan, not an expenditure at the cost of any other project the RDA should be supporting.

The Porter County Council folks complaining about the RDA's involvement should recognize it for what it is.

The \$1.7 million has to be repaid by the state, so it wasn't diluting the Northwest Indiana Regional Development Authority's mission. It was a bridge loan to keep a vital effort affecting a vast area from collapsing.

The councilmen should be glad the RDA was able to step in at the last minute. What if a similarly vital project in Porter County were in need of a loan to continue operations until state funds could be provided? The precedent has been set.

The Little Calumet levee system needs to be completed quickly. The Indiana General Assembly needs to provide the necessary funds that will see this project to completion as well as to repay the RDA loan.

And Porter County officials should be praising, not criticizing, the RDA for this loan.

Project Update



**US Army Corps
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Little Calumet River flood control project

January 2009

East of Kennedy Avenue :

All projects that have been started are functional and essentially complete.

West of Kennedy Avenue :

Stage 5-2

In Munster –

- All levees have been built.
- All concrete floodwall has been completed.
- Sheet pile floodwall installed.
- Baring Avenue Pump Station Outlet remains to be completed.

In Wicker Park –

- All concrete floodwall completed.
- Minor drainage work through floodwall to be completed.
- Levee partially completed. Construction operations will resume in spring.

In Highland -

- Concrete floodwall completed from near Kennedy to near Norfolk Southern Rail Road (NSRR) tracks. Minor section needs completion at the Kennedy Avenue end.
- Concrete floodwall in utility corridor on both sides of NSRR tracks needs to be completed. Floodwall work will start as soon as pipeline companies complete their work in the areas.

In Hammond west of Indianapolis Blvd. -

- Approximately 1,700 feet at the west end of this reach has levee built to the design elevations.
- Remaining levee is partially built and construction is on hold, per contract requirements, to allow settlement to occur before levees are completed. Construction operations will resume in spring.

In Hammond between Indianapolis Blvd. and Kennedy Ave. –

- First 700 feet of levee completed.
- Remaining levee is partially built and construction is on hold, per contract requirements, to allow settlement to occur at future outlet structures before levees are completed and structures built. Construction operations will resume in spring.
- Concrete floodwall in utility corridor on both sides of NSRR tracks needs to be completed. Floodwall work will start as soon as pipeline companies complete work in the areas. Pipeline companies are expected to start by the end of this month, weather and river water levels permitting.
- Storm sewer outlet work at Kennedy Avenue remains to be completed.

The contractor had anticipated starting the closure structure in the Little Calumet River just east of the Baring Avenue Pump Station this month but high water in the channel has delayed that start.

Stage 7 – Contract not yet advertised pending real estate acquisition and relocation agreements. Starts at Northcote Ave. and goes west to Columbia Ave.

Stage 8 – Contract not yet advertised pending real estate acquisition and relocation agreements. Starts at Columbia Ave. and goes west to the Illinois state line.

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**LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN
DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
ATTENDANCE ROSTER**

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DATE: 1-7-09

LOCATION: Munster Town Hall

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LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

LAND AQUISITION REPORT 7 January 2009

THERE ARE NO ACTION ITEMS.

**STAGE VII UPDATE – (Northcote to Columbia)
All 48 acquisitions have been accepted and recorded.**

STAGE VIII UPDATE: (Columbia to Hohman Avenue)

Of the 26 condemnations in court:

- 18 are almost completed (money is being paid into court or court appraisers are being sworn in),
- 8 are still being contested for the "right-to-take" (court dates all scheduled to mid-March).

Total court awards to date equal \$110,060.

Of 96 acquisitions:

- 85 are completed,
- 8 are still in condemnation,
- 3 in negotiations.



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DANIEL C. REPAY
Councilman, 5th District

January 7, 2009

The Honorable Peter Visclosky
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The Honorable Mitchell Daniels
Governor of the State of Indiana
The Indiana State House
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Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Dear Congressman Visclosky and Governor Daniels:

As a resident of northwest Indiana, who lives and works with the families affected by the flooding of September 2008, it is obvious that no one ever wants to see the likes of "The Flood" ever again.

Although Mayor McDermott's proposal to use the Sales Tax Increment Financing, (STIF) to fund the Little Calumet River Project, which I supported, has not garnered the support needed from state officials – however, it shouldn't deter us from trying to identify other options to fund the local match.

Since regional issues require regional solutions, please review the following proposal to secure the necessary local match funding for the completion of the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission levee.

Currently the State of Indiana collects a dollar 'admissions tax', from each casino in the state, for every person that walks into their casino. Some of this money is directed to fund numerous State programs including but not limited to Mental Health, Convention and Visitor Bureaus, Northwest Indiana Law Enforcement Academy, State Police; as well as a portion going to the host community of the gaming property.

One of the State programs not listed above is the Horse Racing Industry. The admission tax from our local gaming operations generates the following annual amounts to assist the Horse Racing Industry.

Horseshoe (Hammond)	\$3,441,279.11
Resorts (East Chicago)	\$3,888,532.09
Majestic Star I (Gary)	\$2,032,067.18
Majestic Star II (Gary)	\$2,071,023.35
Annual Total	<u>\$11,432,901.73</u>

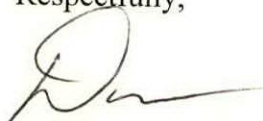
This proposal is that the portion of the Gaming Admission Tax be re-directed from the Horse Racing Industry to the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission to complete the levee project and protect the residents and businesses of Northwest Indiana.

We all appreciate horses and the competitive nature of racing; however this industry has recently been approved to install Class 3 gaming slot machines within their facilities. This approval of an alternative revenue source should offset some of the subsidy requirements from the Admission Tax generated by the casinos of northwest Indiana.

Finally, please consider that this proposed funding alternative will have a neutral impact on the State of Indiana's current revenue stream while meeting the directive of finding local revenue sources that can stay locally.

In these uncertain times, utilizing all avenues to achieve our goals is more important than ever. It is the hope of all the residents of northwest Indiana that this alternative will be utilized as a viable funding source worth discussion.

Respectfully,



Daniel C. Repay
Hammond City Councilman

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FROM:

Dan Dernulc, Chairman

January 16, 2009

MEETING NOTICE

THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL MEETING
AT 6:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY
JANUARY 21, 2009

to discuss pending and threatened litigation,
real estate acquisition negotiations and the RFP
and a

5:00 EXECUTIVE SESSION
(prior to 6:00)

to discuss pending and threatened litigation and
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January 9, 2009

Governor Mitch Daniels
Office of the Governor
Statehouse
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2797

Dear Governor Daniels:

Please accept my resignation from the Little Calumet River Basin
Development Commission, effective immediately.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R E Huffman".

Robert E. Huffman
9607 Dogwood Drive
Munster, IN 46321

cc: Mr. Dan Dernulc, Chariman ✓
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August 25, 2008

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

Dear Mr. Gardner,

On June 4, 2008, I was asked to review the flood control work proposed by the Army Corps of Engineers in Stage VIII of the Little Calumet River project. I've met at various times with you, representatives of the Corps in their Griffith office, the homeowners on Southmoor Road, Congressman Visclosky's office, public officials from Munster and Hammond, and attended several public meetings on this subject. I reviewed much of the work given by the Corps including the drawings and specifications and have made numerous visits to the sites of proposed construction on River Road in Munster and Southmoor Road in Hammond.

I realize that there are many matters to consider, including political expediency, engineering design, federal regulations, financial commitments, and the public good. Perhaps the hardest element to measure is the fairness to the homeowners; both those affected directly because they border the river and those potentially facing loss by being unprotected from severe storm events and flooding.

I understand the pressure that the Commission is under to complete this project; however, I see several reasons for a thirty day pause to assess several major considerations. Many of these points have been debated for so long that they are taken for granted, but I believe that a sharp focus and concentrated, rigorous effort might be in the best interests of all.

The reason for this reassessment is based on the following facts:

The design for much of this project is over twenty years old and new regulations and new real estate developments with on-site detention may have altered the design criteria

There has been no engineering design consideration of the large stormwater projects that have taken place in Illinois. . The Corps was restrained from going beyond the Indiana state line in any of their design work.

Today's computer modeling is improved and more rigorous in its design capabilities.

The homeowners on Southmoor Road in Hammond and River Road in Munster could have the resale market value of their homes substantially reduced far beyond the square foot price they are being offered for their property.

While the Congressman is anxious to have this project completed expeditiously, if the project could essentially end at the Hart Ditch Control Structure, he might be amenable to having some of the savings go to the municipalities for continued maintenance of the basin which seems to have been a major cause of flooding in the past.

I suggest that an engineering firm that has been familiar with this project from its beginning, R.W. Armstrong, be retained to review the effect of the Illinois work on the Indiana flood levels. If there is no effect, I believe the homeowners would easily understand the current benefit to themselves and their neighbors and help expedite the land acquisition process. If the flooding to areas north of Southmoor Road is caused by flood water entering from Illinois and the riverfront properties are above the flood level, the money can be spent appropriately by re-engineering the design and saving the costs for condemnation. If the latter situation is deemed to hold true, then money to build a flood wall behind the River Road homes, if required, would be beneficial to the property owners.

Unfortunately, perhaps, is the fact that the cost for this review, approximately \$ 25,000, would have to initially be borne by the Commission. If it is found that the scope of construction can be reduced, the savings is obvious. If, indeed, the facts bear out and the design is truly reflective of today's conditions on the ground, then the savings in court costs and awards could far exceed the expense of the review. It would not be appropriate, in my opinion, to respond to this request by saying that the project is too far along to pause or make changes. If the Commission agrees to proceed on September 4th, Armstrong could be requested to report back at the October 1st meeting.

Sincerely,

Roy E. Evans, PhD, PE

Sandy Mordus

From: Jody Melton [jmelton@nirpc.org]
Sent: Wednesday, January 21, 2009 11:54 AM
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Subject: Emailing: IN0185.1.htm

Introduced Version

SENATE BILL No. 185

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: None (noncode).

Synopsis: Little Calumet River basin development commission. Appropriates \$15,000,000 from the state general fund to the Little Calumet River basin development commission for flood control projects and other projects.

Effective: July 1, 2009.

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January 7, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on Appropriations.

Introduced

First Regular Session 116th General Assembly (2009)

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SENATE BILL No. 185

A BILL FOR AN ACT concerning state and local administration and to make an appropriation.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SOURCE: ; (09)IN0185.1.1. --> SECTION 1. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009] (a) There is appropriated to the Little Calumet River basin development commission fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000) from the state general fund beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2011, for use by the Little Calumet River basin development commission in carrying out flood control projects and any other projects necessary to carry out its purposes under IC 14-13-2.

(b) This SECTION expires June 30, 2011.

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HOUSE BILL No. 1692

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 4-23-30.

Synopsis: Sunset state boards and commissions. Terminates numerous statutory boards, commissions, committees, and other governmental entities on July 1, 2012. Directs the legislative services agency, under the direction of the legislative council, to prepare legislation to bring affected statutes into compliance with this act.

Effective: July 1, 2009.

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January 16, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedures.

Introduced

First Regular Session 116th General Assembly (2009)

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HOUSE BILL No. 1692

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning state offices and administration.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SOURCE: IC 4-23-30; (09)IN1692.1.1. --> SECTION 1. IC 4-23-30 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]:

Chapter 30. Expiration of Boards, Commissions, and Committees

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "sunsetted entity" refers to an entity listed in section 4 of this chapter.

Sec. 2. Notwithstanding any other law, each sunsetted entity expires July 1, 2012.

Sec. 3. Except for expenses that are:

- (1) necessary to discontinue operations of the sunsetted entity; and
- (2) approved by the governor;

no public funds may be used by or on behalf of a sunsetted entity after June 30, 2012.

Sec. 4. The following are sunsetted entities:

Administrative rules oversight committee (IC 2-5-18)

Aging, Indiana state commission on (IC 12-10_2-1)

Air pollution control board (IC 13-17-2-1)

Alzheimer's disease and related senile dementia task force (IC 12-10-5-2)

Arts commission, Indiana (IC 4-23-2-1)

Arts commission trust fund board, Indiana (IC 4-23-2.5-5)

Autism, Indiana commission on (IC 12-11-7-2)

Black and minority health, interagency state council on (IC 16-46-6-3)

Breed development advisory committees (IC 4-31-11-3)

Building and trades advisory committee (IC 22-4.1-15-1)

Business law survey commission, Indiana (IC 23-1-54-3)

Census data advisory committee (IC 2-5-19)
 Charter school review panel (IC 20-24-3-12)
 Child care, committee on (IC 12-17.2-3.3-2)
 Child custody and support advisory committee, Indiana (IC 33-24-11-1)
 Clean manufacturing technology board (IC 13-27.5-1-1)
 Code revision commission (IC 2-5-1.1-10)
 Community and home options to institutional care for the elderly and disabled board (IC 12-10-11-1)
 Community service and volunteerism, commission on
 Commuter transportation district, northern Indiana
 Compliance advisory panel (IC 13-13-7-2)
 Controlled substances advisory committee (IC 35-48-2-1)
 Corporation for educational technology, board of directors (IC 20-20-15-4)
 Drug free Indiana, commission for a (IC 5-2-6-16)
 East Chicago waterway management district board of directors (IC 8-10-9-6)
 Education commission of the states (IC 20-38-2-4)
 Education roundtable (IC 20-19-4-2)
 Educational technology council (IC 20-20-14-2)
 Educational attitudes, motivation, and parental involvement, committee on (IC 20-20-25-2)
 Egg board, state (IC 16-42-11-4)
 Emergency response commission, Indiana (IC 13-25-1-1)
 Environmental quality service council (IC 13-13-7-1)
 Family and social services committee (IC 12-8-3-2)
 Family support council, state (IC 12-8-14-6)
 Governor's residence commission (IC 4-23-15-1)
 Great Lakes Commission (IC 14-25-13-4)

Health care account advisory board, Indiana (IC 4-12-5-5)
 Health finance advisory committee (IC 2-5-23-6)
 Health finance commission (IC 2-5-23)
 Health policy advisory committee (IC 2-5-23-8)
 Heritage trust committee, Indiana (IC 14-12-2-8)
 Heritage trust project committee, Indiana (IC 14-12-2-14)
 Hispanic/Latino affairs, commission on (IC 4-23-28-2)
 Historic preservation review board (IC 14-21-1-10)
 Home health care services and hospice services council (IC 16-27-0.5-1)
 Illiana expressway proposal review committee (IC 8-23-27-4)
 Independent living council, statewide (IC 12-12-8-6)
 Infant and toddlers with disabilities interagency coordinating council (IC 12-12.7-2-7)
 Intergovernmental relations, Indiana advisory commission on (IC 4-23-24.2-4)
 Interstate adult offender supervision, state council for (IC 11-13-4.5-1)
 Interstate rail passenger advisory council (IC 8-3-19-1)
 ISTEP program citizens review committee (IC 20-23-6-2)
 Kids first trust fund board, Indiana (IC 31-26-4-5)
 Lands and cultural resources and water and resource regulation, advisory council (IC 14-9-6-1)
 Law enforcement training board advisory council (IC 5-2-1-3)
 Lewis and Clark bicentennial commission (IC 14-20-15-3)
 Lewis and Clark bicentennial commission, citizens advisory board (IC 14-20-15-12)
 Library and historical board, Indiana (IC 4-23-7-2)
 Little Calumet River basin development commission (IC 14-13-2-5)

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Indiana holiday commission (IC 4-23-24.1-2)
Mass transit and transportation alternatives, joint study committee on (IC 2-5-28-2)
Maumee River basin commission (IC 14-30-2-6)
Medicaid advisory committee (IC 12-15-33-2)
Medicaid work incentives council (IC 12-15-42-1)
Mental retardation and developmental disabilities, commission on (IC 2-5-27.2-2)
Midwest Interstate Low-Level Radioactive Waste Commission (IC 13-29-1-3)
Midwest interstate passenger rail compact commission

(IC 8-3-22-3)

Midwestern Higher Education Commission (IC 21-28-3-3)
Military base planning council (IC 4-3-21-3)
Military and veterans affairs, commission on (IC 2-5-20-1)
Museums and historic sites, board of trustees for the division of state (IC 14-20-1-16)
Native American Indian affairs commission (IC 4-4-31.4-4)
Natural resources study committee (IC 2-5-5-1)
Northwest Indiana advisory board (IC 13-13-6-1)
Orange County development advisory board (IC 36-7-11.5-12)
Pension management oversight commission (IC 2-5-12-1)
Principal leadership academy, advisory board on the (IC 20-20-2-5)
Probate code study commission (IC 2-5-16-2)
Public officers compensation advisory commission (IC 2-5-1.5-6)
Radiation control advisory commission (IC 16-41-35-16)
Regulatory flexibility committee (IC 8-1-2.6-4)
School air quality panel (IC 16-41-37.5-3)
Shoreline development commission (IC 36-7-13.5-2)
Social status of black males, commission on the (IC 12-13-12-2)
Soil conservation board (IC 14-32-2-1)
Soldiers' and Sailors' Children's Home advisory committee, Indiana (IC 16-19-6-9)
State fair advisory committee, Indiana (IC 15-13-6-1)
Tobacco use prevention and cessation advisory board, Indiana (IC 4-12-4-16)
Tourism council, Indiana (IC 5-29-4-1)
Underground storage tank financial assurance board (IC 13-23-11-1)
Veterans' Home advisory committee, Indiana (IC 10-17-9-20)
Water resources study committee (IC 2-5-25-1)
Women, Indiana commission for (IC 4-23-25-3)
Youth advisory council (IC 2-5-29-2)

SOURCE: ; (09)IN1692.1.2. --> SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009] (a) The legislative services agency, under the direction of the legislative council, shall prepare legislation for introduction in the 2012 regular session of the general assembly to bring statutes affected by this act into compliance with this act.

(b) This SECTION expires July 1, 2012.

LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION ATTENDANCE ROSTER

NAME OF MEETING: LCRBC - Special mtg. DATE: January 21, 09

LOCATION: _____ CHAIRMAN: _____

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