EAST CHICAGO WATERWAY MANAGEMENT
DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
City of East Chicago, Engineering/Annex Building
4444 Railroad Avenue
East Chicago, Indiana
March 18, 2015
Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.

Transcript of the proceedings had in the above-entitled matter, on the 18th day of March, 2015, at 5:00 p.m., at the City of East Chicago, Engineering/Annex Building, 4444 Railroad Avenue, East Chicago, Indiana, before Peggy S. LaLonde, Certified Shorthand Report and Notary Public for the County of LaPorte, State of Indiana.

1	APPEARANCES:	
2	MR. JOHN FEKETE, President	
3	MR. HENRY RODRIGUEZ, Secretary	
4	MR. RAY LOPEZ, Treasurer/Financial Officer	
5	MR. JOHN BAKOTA, Board Member	
6	MR. TED ZAGAR, Board Member	
7	MR. FERNANDO TREVINO, FMT Consulting	
8	MS. ELLEN GREGORY, East Chicago Waterway Board of Directors' Attorney	
9 10	ALSO PRESENT:	
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12	NATALIE MILLS, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	
13	DAVID ALONZO, BMO Harris	
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1	MR. FEKETE: East Chicago Waterway							
2	Management Board of Directors meeting of March 18th.							
3	The time is 5:05. We'll have a call to order. We							
4	have John Bakota.							
5	MR. BAKOTA: Here							
6	MR. FEKETE: Henry Rodriguez?							
7	MR. HENRY RODRIGUEZ: Here.							
8	MR. FEKETE: Ray Lopez?							
9	MR. LOPEZ: Here.							
10	MR. FEKETE: John Fekete? Here Patrick							
11	Rodriguez?							
12	(No Response)							
13	Kevin Doyle?							
14	(No Response)							
15	Ted Zagar?							
16	(No Response)							
17	We do have a quorum.							
18	First order of business the							
19	consulting engineering report, Mr. Trevino.							
20	MR. TREVINO: Yes. Fernando Trevino with							
21	FMT Consulting. First I'd like to start off with							
22	just reviewing the contents of your Board packet.							
23	You have the Board minutes of February 18, 2015.							
24	You have the financial statement report from							
25	CliftonLarsonAllen dated February 28, 2015. You							

have the claim docket for Board consideration dated March 18th, 2015. You have the User Fee cover page dated February 26, 2015, that was sent to the users, along with the 2015 Communicator, and both are dated February 26th, 2015.

You have the First Merchants financial statement for the month of February for accounts ending in 608 and 616, and both are for February of 2015. You have the BMO ECI Facility Trust report dated March 17th, 2015. BMO Harris Bank statement for account ending in 761 for the month of February 2015. You have the BMO Harris brokerage account statement for the month of February 2015 for account ending in 534. You have a form 1099-INT from BMO Harris Bank and highlighted corrected. It's dated February 26, 2015, that's for 2014 tax that was sent to our accountant.

You have Tetra Tech monthly progress report dated March 13th, 2015. And along with three figures that will be part of Mr. Tim Wescott's presentation on remediation options.

You have an e-mail from myself to
Diana Malle, of EPA regarding the 2014 Great Lakes
Legacy Act year end work-in-kind report. You have a
form titled, Notice of Federal Interest in Oil

Pollution Incident, dated March 12th, 2015, in the report packet.

You have an e-mail from the Lake Shore Chamber of Commerce regarding Mayor Copeland as a guest speaker for March 26, 2015, at Ameristar.

You have the Army Corps of Engineers monthly progress report to the Board dated March 18, 2015. You have the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Media Advisory dated March 11, 2015, regarding their public meeting on the dredging project, which will happen immediately following the Board meeting.

You have an e-mail from myself to the Board forwarding the TSCA permit application for your review. That e-mail is dated March 2nd, 2015. And last but not least, you have Attorney Ellen Gregory's report dated March 18, 2015, to the Board.

Just to go over a couple of items.

I've met with First Merchants and BMO Harris to
initiate the review and discussion on investment
options on our First Merchants accounts. So I'll be
following up on those two meetings.

As I mentioned, there is a notice from EPA in your packet that required Board signature regarding an oil sheen that's been observed on the canal. We currently plan to draft a

response on the District's behalf. Attorney Gregory will provide additional explanation during her report. But again, the notice does require acknowledgement of receipt.

User fee packages were sent out last week. A copy of the cover letter and the Communicator that was attached with the invoices are in your packet.

Also in the packet was the Community Engagement Plan for the Great Lakes Legacy Act project, which was sent to all the users. We started receiving payments today and I'll provide an update report on the collections at our next Board meeting.

Great Lakes Legacy Act project, the Community Engagement Plan was finalized and had a wide distribution. And I mention it was sent to the users as well and I e-mailed it to a wide e-mail distribution. I think everyone who gets a copy of the meeting notice for the Board was sent a copy of that Community Engagement Plan. The meeting with adjacent landowners is scheduled for April 23rd, at 1:00 p.m., at City Hall Council Chambers.

We continue to work cooperatively with the wildlife management coordination going on

along the Lake George Canal.

Yesterday I forwarded the work-in-kind 2014 summary report for EPA review. And a copy of the cover letter without attachments was in the packet. A meeting was held March 16th with EPA and BP to pursue funding options for the remediation phase of the project. We'll be following up on action items that came out of that meeting.

Tetra Tech's project report as I mentioned is in your Board packet. Jim Wescott of Tetra Tech will provide a more detailed update on the project and sediment sampling schedule and current thoughts on cleanup options. I mentioned there were three figures in your packet that he'll reference during his report.

Regarding the dredging and the CDF, we met on March 6th with the Corps and the appraiser and real estate counsel to kickoff the appraisal of one of the parcels within the CDF that we were trying to resolve.

The TSCA permit, for a few weeks we've been having weekly conference calls to work through the TSCA permit process. However the new direction is to dredge the TSCA materials in

subsequent years, so we will be working with the Corps, EPA and IDEM on the new schedule so we can have a TSCA permit ready prior to the commencement of any TSCA dredging. And I mention also that TSCA permit application was sent to the Board via an e-mail on March 2nd.

Natalie Mills of the Corps will give an update from the Corps on the dredging. And the Corps and the dredging contractor, as I mentioned, will be presenting their annual dredging project immediately following tonight's Board meeting.

Attorney Ellen Gregory will give an update on legal matters.

Regular meetings that I've been participating on behalf of the District include the BP bi-weekly meetings, the Great Lakes Legacy Act Team Project meeting, the Grand Cal River/Roxanna Marsh Area Development meetings, they include the EPA and City and other state holders, the dredging project meetings, canal response meeting and the TSCA permit project meetings. That concludes my report.

I know at some point in time if the Board would like to give direction on Mayor Copeland's luncheon during the chamber meeting, if

you want to send a representative from District. That concludes my report.

MR. FEKETE: Thank you very much. Any questions for Mr. Trevino?

(No response)

With regard to his request for representation at Mayor Copeland's presentation to the Lake Shore Chamber of Commerce, I would recommend that Mr. Trevino be a representative, but are there any other Board members that would care to join him?

MR. LOPEZ: I would.

MR. FEKETE: Mr. Lopez, okay. So be it. Next order of business, County Consultant Report.

MR. TREVINO: Yes. Mr. Tim Anderson wasn't able to make it today so he asked if I would give a brief overview of the report.

If you look at page 4, it summarizes our budgets. The 2015 budget appropriations on the far left totals \$891,886.00 and the far right unused budget is as of today. The cash disbursements column that says March are the items that are for the distribution on the claim docket today. And as a reminder the IDEM and EPA have both approved our budget. So we are off and running. I don't know if

1	there's any questions. The claim docket is in your							
2	packet and required Board approval.							
3	MR. FEKETE: Okay, any questions regarding							
4	the accounting report?							
5	MR. LOPEZ: Page 3 was disbursements,							
6	right? Yeah, page 3, okay.							
7	MR. TREVINO: Page 3 is just a summary of							
8	the operating account and the user fee account.							
9	MR. LOPEZ: Statement of receipts and cash							
10	disbursements							
11	MR. TREVINO: Page 4 is kind of a complete							
12	picture of our entire annual budget and							
13	distribution.							
14	MR. LOPEZ: Okay, I've got it now.							
15	MR. FEKETE: Okay. We need consideration							
16	for the accounts payable voucher dated March 18,							
17	2014. I'll entertain a motion to approve this							
18	consideration							
19	MR. BAKOTA: Motion to approve.							
20	MR. FEKETE: We have a motion. Do I hear							
21	a second?							
22	MR. HENRY RODRIGUEZ: Second.							
23	MR. FEKETE: I have a second. Any							
24	discussion?							
25	(No Response)							

1	We'll have a roll call vote. John Bakota?								
2	MR. BAKOTA: Yes.								
3	MR. FEKETE: Henry Rodriguez?								
4	MR. HENRY RODRIGUEZ: Yes.								
5	MR. FEKETE: Ray Lopez?								
6	MR. LOPEZ: Yes.								
7	MR. FEKETE: John Fekete? I vote yes.								
8	Ted Zagar?								
9	(No Response)								
10	Patrick Rodriguez?								
11	(No Response)								
12	Kevin Doyle?								
13	(No Response)								
14	Motion is approved.								
15	The BMO Harris Trust report. Mr.								
16	Alonzo.								
17	MR. ALONZO: David Alonzo with BMO Harris.								
18	All right. So I'm going to just run through the								
19	report as usual here. You know the first page shows								
20	our distributions. I forgot to add a little thing								
21	on the bottom there for March disbursements for this								
22	year. We did send out that distribution over to								
23	First Merchants.								
24	So page 2, the Trust value on								
25	March 17th, of 2015 was \$5,732,058. From our last								
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meeting it was a difference of a negative \$264,462. And of course we go over the next column and we show the distribution. We did take out the distribution for this year of \$268,519.

So going into the third page, we really had just one, besides the prime money market account making a little interest from the last meeting, that account is below the 500,000 threshold, but we do have a couple CDs coming due in June for two and a half million dollars that we can always build that fund back up to the \$500,000 mark. We did have once certificate that did pay interest, which was the 60-month CD, that was \$4,057 that was paid in interest on that CD from our last meeting. The ones I have highlighted in yellow at the end of the last column are going to be the CDs that will pay interest at the end of next month. That actually won't be reflected until our May meeting.

We do, as I mentioned, have two CDs coming due in June that will total two and a half million dollars, so the Finance Committee meeting will meet some time in May to discuss where rates are at at that time.

Any questions at all?

MR. FEKETE: Thank you very much. Great

1 Lakes Legacy Act Project update. Mr. Wescott? 2 MR. WESCOTT: I'll just give a guick 3 I gave Fernando the draft remedial 4 investigation report environmental base-line study a 5 couple weeks ago and we have been looking at the 6 remedial options. It's kind of been concurrent with 7 trying to work some of the other potential Federal 8 partners in trying to work out remedial options that 9 dovetail with their interests as well because of the 10 interest 11

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I've got some field work scheduled next week that the Corps and EPA is funding out at Lake George Canal and there will be some additional field work as I mentioned a couple months ago in the Indiana Harbor because there's a TSCA hotspot, PCB hotspot, that we're going to try to further delineate and define because that's going to be more expensive to dispose of.

Any questions before I just kind of quickly summarize the remedial options that we are looking at?

(No Response)

So the three figures are just, if you have them in front of you, I kind of broke up the project and this is how the feasibility study

will probably be broken out into looking at the Grand Calumet River as one sediment management unit, the Indiana Harbor Canal one sediment management unit, the Lake George is third sediment management unit.

So the Grand Calumet we'll probably look at -- all of them will include no action, that's pretty standard. What do we do if we don't do anything? That's not what anybody wants, but that's pretty standard.

The Grand Calumet River, we would look at dredging the whole thing, capping the whole section of the river, which is a separate action, or doing some combination of dredging and capping. And the combination of dredging and capping is what we've typically done, and that's probably what the Grand Cal will be. We'll probably dredge the west bank because it's shallow and cap the river.

And then for the Indiana Harbor

Canal will be kind of the same thing, either dredge

it, cap it, or some combination. As I mentioned

before, it will probably be a combination where we

dredge the TSCA hotspot. In doing so we'll create a

sedimentation base and cap the entire canal. We may

also do a little bit of dredging at the far north

1 end at Columbus Drive or Columbia Drive. 2 where those abandoned pipelines are at. We want to 3 take those out too. So we may want to dredge a 4 little bit in that area too because there's a PCB 5 area that's a bit elevated. If I'm dredging I may 6 as well get that one too. 7 MR. LOPEZ: Those are all empty, those 8 pipes are all empty? 9 MR. WESCOTT: I'm still trying to get 10 somebody from Nipsco to take ownership. I would 11 assume that they have been drained. They are 12 abandoned. 13 MR. LOPEZ: They're sticking up in the 14 air. 15 MR. WESCOTT: Yeah, they are sticking up 16 in the air on one end and then they run it on the 17 bank on the other side. It should be relatively 18 easy to remove. It's just getting Nipsco to say 19 it's okay. 20 MR. LOPEZ: Because I see all the signs 21 there, no dredging. 22 MR. FEKETE: That's on the north side 23 Same thing on the south side? 24 MR. WESCOTT: That's another reason why 25 we'll probably have a combination of dredging and

capping because you've got so many underground utilities, primarily pipelines, that we couldn't dredge the whole thing. You're always going to be jumping over utility buffers where there's pipelines.

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And the last area is the Lake George Canal, that one will be no action sediment removal or partial removal or partial containment. We won't really be looking at capping the Lake George Canal because it's constantly in use and being navigationally dredged, so the capping would be a And the area where we would be -- we would waste. look at partial sediment containment is the area from the railroad bridge, which this is really Hammond, you know, from the railroad bridge over to the land bridge. We would just sort of bury that area basically in sand and cover it up. But those are discussions other -- both federal partners and other non-federal partners up there and we'll try to get other people at that point because there's a lot of activity.

MR. BAKOTA: Isn't that considered wetlands before that?

MR. WESCOTT: No, it's pretty deep. It gets, up to the land bridge it's still ten to

1 70 feet deep. But the expectation would be if we 2 filled it with sand and try to get it more like a 3 shallow, like a submerged wetland, like with lily pads. It would still be water, but shallow enough 4 5 that you could have waterborne plants. That's just 6 one option. When I talk to the User Group, I'll 7 have more information next month then when the User 8 Group meets. That's on the 23rd, at 1:00 o'clock. 9 I'll go into all these options in more detail, 10 provide some cost. Potentially I'll run this all by 11 Fernando and I'll have more detail. 12 MR. LOPEZ: Thank you. I love your 13 report, you always give us good pictures. 14 MR. WESCOTT: Any questions? 15 (No Response) 16 MR. FEKETE: Very good. 17 MR. TREVINO: Thanks, Jim. 18 MR. FEKETE: U.S. Army Corps report. 19 MS. MILLS: Good evening. Natalie Mills 20 with the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers. CDF 21 Construction, I'll allow them to give their 22 schedule. They plan to give their schedule when 23 they are going to be back on-site and when they 24 intend to start dredging. 25 As far as the water, I have reported

1 to you all that we intended to discharge some of the 2 pond water to East Chicago Sanitary District. We 3 recently received a letter indicating that they 4 would not receive -- they won't take our water. 5 now we are going to go with a waste water treatment 6 So we are working with them to figure out 7 how the plant should be and once I know more information I'll of course share with you. 8 9 MR. FEKETE: Would this be a direct 10 discharge? 11 MS. MILLS: Yes. 12 MR. FEKETE: So this would be a permit --13 MS. MILLS: Yeah. 14 MR. FEKETE: You already have one for the 15 pond water or for the grading? 16 MS. MILLS: It's for the water on the 17 site. It's for the pond water and the grading. 18 MR. FEKETE: Okay. 19 MS. MILLS: All right. The permanent well 20 installation by Plexis, they are planning to start 21 their mobilization on Monday and planning to start 22 their drilling sometime next week. So again, they 23 intend to install eight wells to pump supplement the

So their

contract, they're scheduled to be done by summertime

80 existing wells we have on-site.

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sometime.

CDF documentation, as Fernando indicated TSCA dredging is not going to be planned for this dredge season. I think we are going to be meeting with IDEM, USEPA, and East Chicago Waterway Management District some time in May to discuss the draft conditions and the schedule for when we might actually receive the permit. And I'll let you guys know in the future when we may be able to include the TSCA dredging in the task orders in the future.

MR. FEKETE: But it won't be in this dredging season?

MS. MILLS: It will not be in this current dredging season, no. The timing just didn't work. The contractor is going to be mobilizing. They are going to be on-site in a couple weeks. We still have to do several things before we got the permit. We have to do the modification to their contract. So it's just the timing didn't work out for this dredge season.

As far as oil boom coordination, there's been some communication from USEPA and/or ARCO regarding boom placement west of the railroad bridge. And I guess I saw an e-mail before I came and before I could put that in here, another ARCO ---

not ARCO, EPA asks for a boom along the south tank farm. So on the south side, they have asked them to place a boom in that area. So I think they are going to be -- BP will be doing that placement. I think, Fernando, you got some of the e-mail I saw, so he'll be able to show you all the boom configuration.

The PCA revision, here I have a note that we were going to meet tomorrow, but that's going to be changed. I think the new proposed date is Monday is what Jim proposed.

MS. GREGORY: I haven't seen that

MS. MILLS: I think he sent an e-mail this afternoon. He's free all day Monday, so if you guys can send back a time you might be available. Maybe we can ask him again if he's like a red line or anything to see before.

As far as the Fetteler, where we are, I'll let Attorney Ellen Gregory give the update on that.

Parkway Improvement, once I find out

-- I know they are working the schedule for our

operation group, so when they will be back I'll let

you guys know when I have a firm date when they will

be back to finish up that work.

1 The public meeting for dredging is 2 scheduled after this meeting. 3 Lastly I wanted to talk about the 4 website. I had asked Fernando about the ECWMD 5 hosting the website for the next dredging contract. 6 So this would be the one we intend to award in 7 FY-16, so I know you were going to --8 MR. TREVINO: Yeah, that's being explored. 9 MS. MILLS: Okav. 10 MR. TREVINO: So the question was whether 11 our website could have a link to the dredging 12 project where they would then get all the 13 information related to the dredging project, their monitoring data, so on and so forth. 14 15 MS. MILLS: Essentially like the website 16 We're going to be having another contractor 17 so we have to do this all over again. And we are 18 looking to see if you all would actually be the host 19 of the website. 20 MR. TREVINO: And we are exploring that. 21 It's a state in.gov. 22 MS. MILLS: Because you have a dot gov website. 23 24 MR. TREVINO: So we are following up with 25 their protocol and whether it's possible or not.

1	MS. MILLS: Okay. And that's all that I								
2	have. I'm looking for response back on that website								
3	question. That's all I have.								
4	MR. FEKETE: Okay. Any questions for								
5	Natalie?								
6	MR. LOPEZ: Parkway Improvement is almost								
7	done?								
8	MS. MILLS: Yeah, they're almost done.								
9	They just have to go from the main gate north to								
10	finish up that								
11	MR. LOPEZ: I go by there, it looks nice								
12	in summertime. Right, John?								
13	MR. BAKOTA: Looks good. You did a good								
14	job.								
15	MS. MILLS: It took some time. We're								
16	going to propose maybe some planting in the future.								
17	MR. FEKETE: Okay. Great. Good job.								
18	Thank you very much.								
19	MR. FEKETE: Attorney Ellen Gregory								
20	report.								
21	(Ted Zagar joined meeting.)								
22	MS. BAMBERGER: Ellen Bamberger, with								
23	Bamberger, Foreman, Oswald & Hahn. On the consent								
24	degree, our next biweekly call is tomorrow. I found								
25	out from the BP attorney yesterday that BP has								
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signed the AOOC, administrative order on consent. And he mentioned that the EPA approval is expected to take about five to ten days, and then as soon as that has been approved, it will be distributed to the full group. And that's for work, investigative work on the south parcel:

The PCA, sounds like we are going to be meeting on Monday. We are trying to move that forward because there are a lot of aspects of our coordination and cost sharing with the Army Corps that need to be updated from the original PCA, which was from 2000.

On the Fetteler issue, we have retained an appraiser. He's come out to the site for site visit, and I believe we expect to have a final appraisal from him within the next four weeks. Is that right?

MR. TREVINO: Sounds about right.

MS. BAMBERGER: And then the last issue is the notice, the USEPA notice that Fernando mentioned earlier. USEPA issued the Waterway Management District a notice of an oil incident. Apparently there was a call to EPA, and then the incident was reported to the national response center. EPA then issued the Waterway Management District a notice

1 identifying them as a potentially financially 2 responsible party. So we will be coordinating, BP 3 was also notified, and we'll be coordinating with BP 4 and most likely EPA, US Fish & Wildlife, and state 5 agencies. Fernando and I will prepare a response to 6 USEPA and move forward on that 7 That's all I have. 8 MR. FEKETE: Okay. Any questions? 9 (No Response) 10 Let the record show that at 5:35 11 Mr. Zagar joined us 12 Any new business to come before the 13 Board? 14 (No Response) 15 Any other business? 16 (No Response) 17 Any public comments? 18 (No Response) 19 I would just like to add one thing, 20 that last week I attended an AOC conference in 21 Toledo, and again the Roxanna Marsh was pretty 22 prominent in the presentations along with a 23 photograph of two bald eagles that are on the Grand 24 Calumet River. 25 MR. BAKOTA: Wow, that's great.

1	MR. FEKETE: Our next Board meeting will
2	April 15th at 5:00 p.m. at this facility. I will
3	entertain a motion for adjournment.
4	MR. BAKOTA: Motion to adjourn.
5	MR. FEKETE: Do we have a second?
6	MR. HENRY RODRIGUEZ: Second.
7	MR. FEKETE: All in favor signify by
8	saying aye.
9	(All signify aye.)
10	MR. FEKETE: This meeting is adjourned
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I, Peggy S. Lalonde, Certified Shorthand Reporter (CSR), and Notary Public within and for the County of LaPorte, State of Indiana, do hereby certify that I appeared at the City of East Chicago, Engineering/Annex Building, 4444 Railroad Avenue, East Chicago, Indiana, on the 18th day of March, 2015, to report the proceedings had of the District Board of Directors' Meeting.

I further certify that I then and there reported in machine shorthand the proceedings given at said time and place, and that the testimony was then reduced to typewriting from my original shorthand notes, and the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of said proceedings had.

Dated this 20th day of March, 2015.

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My Commission expires: 3/14/2018