

In the Matter Of:
East Chicago Waterway Management

DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

August 21, 2019



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1 EAST CHICAGO WATERWAY MANAGEMENT
2 DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
3 City of East Chicago, Engineering/Annex Building
4 4444 Railroad Avenue
5 East Chicago, Indiana
6 August 21, 2019
7 Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.
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9 Transcript of the proceedings had in the
10 above-entitled matter, on the 21st day of
11 August, 2019, at 5:00 p.m., at the City of East
12 Chicago, Engineering/Annex Building, 4444 Railroad
13 Avenue, East Chicago, Indiana, before Peggy S.
14 LaLonde, Certified Shorthand Report and Notary
15 Public for the County of Porter, State of
16 Indiana.
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A P P E A R A N C E S:

MR. JOHN FEKETE, President

MR. JOHN BAKOTA, Board Member

MR. HENRY RODRIGUEZ, Board Member

MR. PATRICK RODRIGUEZ, Board Member

MR. RAY LOPEZ, Board Member

MR. FERNANDO TREVINO, FMT Consulting

MS. ELLEN GREGORY, Ellen Gregory Law

ALSO PRESENT

MR. TIM ANDERSON

MR. DAVID ALONZO

MR. MICHAEL NGUYEN

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1 MR. FEKETE: All right. I'd like to call
2 to order the East Chicago Waterway Management
3 District, Board of Director's meeting. Todays date
4 is August 21st, 2019. The time if 5:10 p.m.. We're
5 running a little behind schedule. Roll Call. John
6 Bakota?

7 MR. BAKOTA: Yes.

8 MR. FEKETE: Henry Rodriguez?

9 MR. HENRY RODRIGUEZ: Yes.

10 MR. FEKETE: Patrick Rodriguez?

11 MR. PATRICK RODRIGUEZ: Yes.

12 MR. FEKETE: Ted Zagar?

13 (No Response)

14 MR. FEKETE: Kevin Doyle?

15 (No Response)

16 MR. FEKETE: Ray Lopez?

17 MR. LOPEZ: Yes.

18 MR. FEKETE: John Fekete? Yes. We have a
19 quorum.

20 The Executive Director's Report,
21 Mr. Trevino.

22 MR. TREVINO: Yes, I'd like to start off
23 by reviewing the contents of your Board packet. You
24 have the Board minutes for July 17th, 2019.

25 You have the CliftonLarsonAllen

1 financial statements for July 31, 2019. You have
2 the Claim Docket dated August 21, 2019. You have an
3 e-mail from myself -- well, couple of e-mail -- from
4 myself to the State Board of Accounts, to Nick
5 Canham, just transmitting some of the documentation
6 that was requested from us and signed by either
7 myself or the president of the Board, John Fekete or
8 the treasurer, Mr. Ray Lopez. And the e-mail, one
9 e-mail dated June 27th of this year, with Form 13
10 and a summary of our notes that they requested.
11 Also a Form 13 that I sent Mr. Canham and signed on
12 behalf of the District. The other one is an e-mail
13 dated July 29th, forwarding exit conference Form 4
14 and Form 31, to Mr. Canham, of the State Board of
15 Accounts. Also, there is a letter that was signed
16 by myself and Mr. Ray Lopez dated July 25, 2019, and
17 that was Form 31.

18 There is also a proposal from
19 MapleTronics for doing work on our copier/scanner.

20 You also have in your packet the
21 third modification to the Great Lakes Legacy Act
22 Project Agreement, and along with it, an attachment
23 of revised Statement of Work and -- actually both
24 contracts and the attachment are dated August 21,
25 2019.

1 You also have a copy of a Toll
2 Agreement between the District and the U.S. Army
3 Corps of Engineers.

4 You have BMO Harris Bank ECI
5 Facility Trust report dated July 31, 2019. And you
6 also have BMO Harris Bank report for account ending
7 in 712, for the month of July 2019. You have a
8 Letter of Direction to BMO Harris Bank, to Mr. David
9 Alonzo, regarding leaving \$500,000 balance in the
10 Money Market account and transferring the balance to
11 a 11-month CD. And that letter is dated
12 August 21st.

13 You have First Merchant Bank
14 statements ending in 608 and 616 for the month of
15 July 2019. And also a copy of the checks that were
16 cashed under account 608. You also have a report
17 for our 12-month CD with First Merchants and
18 24-month CD with First Merchants, and they are both
19 dated August 14th.

20 You have a letter from First
21 Merchants to the Waterway Management District
22 talking about Certificate of Deposit account
23 pre-renewal notice. Mr. Freyek of First Merchants
24 Bank is here to elaborate on that.

25 You have two reports from

1 People's Bank. One is titled, ArclerMittal Tipping
2 Fee Escrow and the other is ArclerMittal Dredging
3 Escrow. And they are both for the second quarter of
4 2019 and account ending in 301.

5 You have U.S. Army Corps of
6 Engineers report to the Board dated August 21, 2019.
7 You have a letter from the Army Corps of Engineers
8 dated July 17, 2019, regarding the Dredging Project,
9 and that's from Colonel Reisinger.

10 You have Attorney Ellen
11 Gregory's report to the Board dated August 21, 2019.

12 And you have a weekly report
13 from Stantec dated August 9, 2019, regarding
14 Atlantic Richfield Pipeline Decommissioning Project
15 in the south tank farm. And that concludes the
16 items in your Board packet.

17 Just to kind of go over a couple
18 items, review the action items on your list -- I
19 mean on your agenda. We have the Board minutes for
20 last month's board meeting, July 17, 2019. The
21 Claim Docket is on agenda for approval, August 21,
22 2019. You have the MapleTronics proposal for IT
23 work in your packet for approval consideration. The
24 third modification of Great Lakes Legacy Act Project
25 Agreement in your packet. There is a Tolling

1 Agreement with the Army Corps of Engineers. And
2 then there is approval consideration for direction
3 of funds in the BMO Money Market account. That
4 concludes the action items in your Board packet.

5 Just a couple of things to give
6 you an update on. We continue to collect the 2019
7 User Fees. We have collected all but three
8 accounts, and of the three account, two of them are
9 reaching out to me and making payments. And their
10 intent is to pay their unpaid balance. And the
11 third one is M & M Management, which we have the
12 agreed judgment with, and they have been also paying
13 their balance. But I think when we had issues with
14 the U.S. Mail -- which we have got resolved -- might
15 have been part of us not receiving their checks. So
16 I need to reach out to them to make sure that they
17 are still committed to paying their balance.

18 Mr. Mike Nguyen is in attendance
19 to give an update on the Dredging Project. The
20 Great Lakes Legacy Act Project, the project team has
21 been working hard on trying to finalize the third
22 modification of the of the Project Agreement, which
23 are in your packet.

24 We are still working on
25 finalizing the Cost Share Agreement with Atlantic

1 Richfield/BP. So we are pretty close on finalizing
2 that agreement.

3 We are recommending that the
4 Board approve these documents, the third
5 modification of the Project Agreement, and just hold
6 off signing them until the Cost Share Agreement is
7 finalized and approved.

8 Attorney Ellen Gregory will be
9 giving an update on various legal matters.

10 And I met with Mayor Copeland
11 couple weeks ago, giving him an update on our
12 projects, so that went well. And that is the update
13 for me.

14 Just one other item, Mr. Tim
15 Anderson will be giving a summary of our taxes that
16 need to be signed and submitted for 2018. That
17 concludes my report.

18 MR. FEKETE: Any questions for Mr.
19 Trevino?

20 MR. LOPEZ: Yes, I have one. What about
21 that meeting with Chamber of Commerce?

22 MR. TREVINO: I'll bring that up under New
23 Business.

24 MR. FEKETE: And your meeting with the
25 Mayor, did you have an opportunity to show him the

1 picture of what the Army Corps was going to do?

2 MR. TREVINO: That was part of the agenda
3 items. I gave him an update that the Army Corps of
4 Engineers was working on putting a beautification
5 wall -- so to speak -- along Indianapolis Boulevard.
6 What was there in the past was a chain-link fence.
7 And Mr. Gwin, the project manager for the Army
8 Corps, showed pictures on what they intended to
9 install and I shared that with the Mayor. He was
10 very pleased with what they were doing along the CDF
11 property.

12 MR. FEKETE: Thank you. Any other
13 questions? (None).

14 The next order of business is
15 the approval consideration of the Board meeting
16 notes for July 17th.

17 MR. BAKOTA: Motion to approve.

18 MR. LOPEZ: Second.

19 MR. FEKETE: All in favor, signify by
20 saying aye?

21 (All signified aye.)

22 MR. FEKETE: Motion carries.

23 Next we have our Accounting
24 Consultant report, Mr. Anderson.

25 MR. ANDERSON: Tim Anderson, with

1 CliftonLarsonAllen. You have our report through
2 July. Page 2 shows for the seven months, ending
3 July 31st, the cash receipts that have come in,
4 interest income, User Fees, and the transfer from
5 the Facility Trust, and our list of disbursements by
6 budget line. So our cash has increased from January
7 through July 408,000. Cash balance, and this is
8 User Fees, our budgeted checking account, 3.3
9 million at the beginning of the year, and 3.7
10 million as of July 31st. And you can see there at
11 the bottom how it breaks out; 841 in our Operating
12 account and 845 in the User Fee account. And then
13 we've got those CDs now at 2,049,000.

14 The next page with numbers on it
15 is page 3, and that just shows the monthly activity
16 of those accounts. I do want to point out again,
17 down at the bottom, in that Certificate of Deposit
18 area, 37,000 in interest from January through July.
19 That was a good call, that pays for your accountant.
20 That was good decision.

21 So last page is page 4, and this
22 shows the budget and what we have spent. So there
23 was a budget amendment, just to keep it exciting.
24 We added another 33,250 and that all came from the
25 User Fee account. So our total budget for the year

1 is one million fifty. Only spent 210 through July
2 and then you have your Claims Docket today, and then
3 the unused budget after today.

4 So we watch to make sure there
5 is no line that's close or we have gone over.
6 That's the rules. So we watch really closely and
7 make sure we are not getting close or that there is
8 any negative.

9 So we have 784,000 in the budget
10 remaining for the year, and that roughly equates --
11 not roughly -- is exactly the balance of our budget
12 checking account. Any questions on this report?

13 (None)

14 So we did conclude our audit
15 with the State Board. Ellen and Fernando worked
16 tirelessly with that. This is the second audit in a
17 row and we have absolutely no comments, not that we
18 want to start getting cocky. Everything seems to be
19 going well. He had some things that he brought up
20 and some policies -- as we recall -- we passed the
21 policy on internal control at last meeting. As far
22 as writing us for things, he had nothing, which is a
23 testament to Fernando and Ellen's diligence on
24 following the rules and making sure contracts are
25 approved and things like that. So I think you guys

1 should feel confident in that.

2 And then I have a Form 1041
3 today for signature, approval, or whatever. It's
4 the form where we send to the Internal Revenue that
5 this is our interest that we earned for the year,
6 and that it's all exempt because we are a
7 governmental entity. So we file a form with the
8 government to just memorialize that interest did
9 come in, but that it's nontaxable.

10 MR. FEKETE: We talked about this briefly.
11 This doesn't require Board approval. It's part of
12 your service agreement with doing it.

13 MR. ANDERSON: It's all very mundane. For
14 one year they left the exemption part off and they
15 wanted taxes on that interest income, which we had
16 to write to them and say, well, no, it's all exempt
17 per Section 108. But we file that each year just to
18 keep ourselves current with the IRS. You guys have
19 any questions on any of that stuff?

20 MR. LOPEZ: For the record, I want to say
21 thanks to this guy for being so thorough.

22 MR. ANDERSON: We had an objective in the
23 beginning when we first started this to make sure
24 things would be running by the book. And so far, so
25 good.

1 MR. LOPEZ: With the State Board
2 of Accounts, they send me so much crap. I don't
3 know what it is.

4 MR. ANDERSON: They are changing their
5 format of filing this year.

6 MR. TREVINO: The other thing about the
7 two audits, as Tim mentioned, the one before this
8 one was for five-years and this one was like a
9 four-year audit. So basically there is nine years
10 of audit where they had no comments on our
11 practices.

12 MS. GREGORY: But they are being very
13 careful to say it is not an audit.

14 MR. ANDERSON: It's a review. And what
15 worries me is, that nothing can get really out of
16 whack when they only audit every once in awhile.
17 There is really -- you know -- there is always a
18 risk that you are doing something different and you
19 should have been doing it at year one. So it's all
20 good. We are happy about the findings. He said he
21 would publish something formal in September, I
22 think.

23 MS. GREGORY: By mid September.

24 MR. ANDERSON: So we can hang it on our
25 walls. Thank you.

1 MR. FEKETE: The first order of business
2 for the Board is approval consideration for accounts
3 payroll voucher register dated August 21, 2019.
4 Entertain a motion to approve.

5 MR. PATRICK RODRIGUEZ: So move.

6 MR. HENRY RODRIGUEZ: Second.

7 MR. FEKETE: Roll call vote. John Bakota?

8 MR. BAKOTA: Yes.

9 MR. FEKETE: Henry Rodriguez?

10 MR. HENRY RODRIGUEZ: Yes.

11 MR. FEKETE: Patrick Rodriguez?

12 MR. PATRICK RODRIGUEZ: Yes.

13 MR. FEKETE: Ray Lopez?

14 MR. LOPEZ: Yes.

15 MR. FEKETE: John Fekete? I vote yes.

16 Motion carries.

17 The next order of business is
18 approval consideration for the MapleTronics proposal
19 for IT work. Entertain a motion to approve.

20 MR. HENRY RODRIGUEZ: Motion to approve.

21 MR. LOPEZ: Second.

22 MR. FEKETE: We have a motion and second.

23 Roll call. John Bakota?

24 MR. BAKOTA: Yes.

25 MR. FEKETE: Henry Rodriguez?

1 MR. HENRY RODRIGUEZ: Yes.

2 MR. FEKETE: Patrick Rodriguez?

3 MR. PATRICK RODRIGUEZ: Yes.

4 MR. FEKETE: Ray Lopez?

5 MR. LOPEZ: Yes.

6 MR. FEKETE: John Fekete? I vote yes.

7 Motion carries.

8 Next order of business is
9 approval consideration of the third modification of
10 the Great Lakes Legacy Act Project Agreement. I
11 will entertain a motion that would include a
12 reference to change one component of it, that states
13 we are dealing with invasive species for three
14 years. I will entertain a motion to change that, if
15 possible, to approve for 3 to 5 years.

16 MR. LOPEZ: I make a motion we change that
17 3 years, to 3 years to 5 years.

18 MR. PATRICK RODRIGUEZ: You have to be
19 specific with the years.

20 MR. TREVINO: Three to five.

21 MR. PATRICK RODRIGUEZ: I understand what
22 he's saying is that he wants to modify the language
23 from three to -- to include three to five, that's
24 what he's saying.

25 MR. LOPEZ: That's the same things.

1 MR. FEKETE: I'll entertain a motion for
2 what I said.

3 MR. TREVINO: Could you restate your
4 motion, please?

5 MR. FEKETE: To include in Section 4.2,
6 that deals with invasive species, where it talks
7 about length of time. We are going to change it
8 from up to three years to say, anywhere from 3 to
9 5 years.

10 I'm looking for a motion. I
11 repeated it for clarification purposes, but I need
12 to go back and have a motion to approve the new
13 language.

14 MR. HENRY RODRIGUEZ: Motion to approve,
15 with change in language.

16 MR. BAKOTA: Second.

17 MR. FEKETE: Roll call vote. John Bakota?

18 MR. BAKOTA: Yes.

19 MR. FEKETE: Henry Rodriguez?

20 MR. HENRY RODRIGUEZ: Yes.

21 MR. FEKETE: Patrick Rodriguez?

22 MR. PATRICK RODRIGUEZ: Yes.

23 MR. FEKETE: Ray Lopez?

24 MR. LOPEZ: Yes.

25 MR. FEKETE: John Fekete? I vote yes.

1 Motion carries.

2 Next we have approval
3 consideration is the Tolling Agreement with the Army
4 Corps of Engineers. I'll entertain a motion to
5 approve this Tolling Agreement.

6 MR. BAKOTA: Motion to approve.

7 MR. FEKETE: We have a motion. Do I have
8 a second?

9 MR. HENRY RODRIGUEZ: Second.

10 MR. FEKETE: Roll call vote. John Bakota?

11 MR. BAKOTA: Yes.

12 MR. FEKETE: Henry Rodriguez?

13 MR. HENRY RODRIGUEZ: Yes.

14 MR. FEKETE: Patrick Rodriguez?

15 MR. PATRICK RODRIGUEZ: Yes.

16 MR. FEKETE: Ray Lopez?

17 MR. LOPEZ: Yes.

18 MR. FEKETE: John Fekete? I vote yes.

19 Motion carries.

20 Next order of business is BMO
21 Harris Bank Trust report, Mr. Alonzo.

22 MR. ALONZO: David Alonzo, BMO Harris.
23 All right. So, you know, to go through this report.
24 Of course first page is the chart showing the
25 historical balances.

1 The top of the second page,
2 July 31st, value of the Trust was 4,742,387. That
3 was a positive difference from our last meeting of
4 14,914 worth of interest. And then that far column
5 there shows the total disbursements from '19, were
6 \$240,038.

7 Take a look at the last page.
8 So all the different color coordinated things. The
9 yellow has been the last two CDs that matured. The
10 33-month CD is the one that just matured on
11 July 25th. That money was deposited to the top
12 account, which is the Money Market. The total
13 balance in that Money Market, as the end of
14 July 31st, was 2,979,140. And the reason why that
15 balance is so high is because we did wait till this
16 July CD finally did mature. We added that, along
17 with the June CD that matured. We held that in the
18 Money Market and now we are at the point where the
19 objective is to keep about \$500,000 in that Money
20 Market. We discussed then putting the remaining
21 balance of anything above half million dollars in
22 the Money Market, into new 11-month CD at
23 2.1 percent. As we talked, the rate came down right
24 now, the short-term rate, which will allow that
25 money to mature in July of next year, beyond the

1 difference in the value from those CDs maturing.

2 Some of the interest we made, so
3 that 14,000, is from -- the interest from the CD
4 that just matured, along with the other ones that
5 made good, which were the 18-month CD that we have
6 existing right now.

7 Was there any questions on that
8 statement?

9 MR. FEKETE: No questions. Thank you very
10 much.

11 Next order of business is to
12 approve what Mr. Alonzo had stated, that our
13 agreement was to direct the funds in the Money
14 Market to go -- the money we had the in Money Market
15 to invest into CD, with the exception of \$500,000
16 that would be held in our Money Market. So that's
17 11-month --

18 MR. ALONZO: 11-month CD at 2.1 percent.

19 MR. FEKETE: Okay. Entertain a motion to
20 approve that request.

21 MR. HENRY RODRIGUEZ: Motion to approve.

22 MR. LOPEZ: Second.

23 MR. FEKETE: Roll call vote. John Bakota?

24 MR. BAKOTA: Yes.

25 MR. FEKETE: Henry Rodriguez?

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1 MR. HENRY RODRIGUEZ: Yes.

2 MR. FEKETE: Patrick Rodriguez?

3 MR. PATRICK RODRIGUEZ: Yes.

4 MR. FEKETE: Ray Lopez?

5 MR. LOPEZ: Yes.

6 MR. FEKETE: John Fekete? I vote yes.

7 Motion carries.

8 Next order of business is the
9 First Merchants Reports.

10 MR. FREYEK: John Freyek for First
11 Merchants Bank. I apologize, it's been so long
12 since I have seen you all. I had a conflict with a
13 Board meeting in Valparaiso at the same time.
14 That's been changed, so you will see more of me. I
15 don't know if that's good or not, but you will.

16 Mr. Anderson sort of gave a
17 breakdown earlier and I'll just repeat, presently
18 there is at First Merchants a 855,000 balance in the
19 Money Market account, 841,000 in the checking.
20 There are two CDs, each with just slightly over a
21 million dollars in them. Fernando made reference to
22 a renewal of the one million dollar one-year CD,
23 which it automatically renewed at a very low rate.
24 That has been fixed. Fernando informed me of that
25 and we ordered it to be adjusted. The rate will be

1 2.15 percent retroactive to the renewal date.

2 Not a lot of activity. You have
3 two large CDs and you are making good interest on
4 both, 2.15 for the next year on the one million and
5 then you still have the 2.72, 2.75 on the
6 additional.

7 MR. FEKETE: Okay, very good. Thank you
8 very much for your response to our concern.

9 MR. FREYEK: Well, I was shocked and we
10 addressed it. For future reference, I am going to
11 get notified as the maturity comes up. It's not
12 something that happens in the normal course of
13 business for CDs for some reason. But I have made
14 -- there is a note on the system to send it to me.
15 So 30 days before maturity, I'll be on the phone
16 with you guys.

17 MR. FEKETE: Okay, thank you very much.

18 Next order of business is U.S.
19 Army Corps report. Mr. Nguyen.

20 MR. NGUYEN: Mike Nguyen, Army Corps of
21 Engineers. Update on the dredging contract. So
22 dredging was suppose to start June 25th, due to the
23 weather, the dredging started on July 15th.
24 Currently we're behind schedule due to the delay in
25 the stone supply. But the TSCA dredging should be

1 completed by August 23rd. So actually the quarry
2 that supplies the stone, the equipment broke down
3 and we had to find another source. By the time we
4 found another source, the equipment came back on.
5 It just delayed our TSCA dredging.

6 Nothing to report on the oil
7 boom coordination.

8 For the PCA, we are still
9 waiting for our division office to make a decision
10 on our alternative resolution for the tipping fee.
11 So I know we sent you a letter on the 24th of June.
12 We are waiting for the Commission to hear back from
13 them. We are waiting to hear back from them on the
14 Lake George Agreement too. We need both EPA and
15 ECWD signature for both.

16 I guess for the Feddeler,
17 there's no update on that. We sent that letter to
18 the real estate office.

19 The Parkway improvements
20 construction is ongoing and should be complete by
21 end of November, and the entrance road should be
22 complete by September. That's all I have for my
23 report.

24 MR. FEKETE: Very good. Any questions for
25 Mr. Nguyen?

1 MR. PATRICK RODRIGUEZ: With respect to
2 Feddeler, why aren't we closing this out? This
3 issue has been going on for a very long time.

4 MR. Nguyen: I think right now it's a
5 lower priority. I will ask them again about this.
6 I know due to sort of like our end of fiscal year,
7 we have other contracts. Everyone is sort of
8 overloaded with work because we have to spend all
9 our money for end of September. So once October
10 comes, I'll see what the status is. I don't want to
11 make this a priority over other contract awards at
12 this time.

13 MR. PATRICK RODRIGUEZ: Thank you. I
14 appreciate it.

15 MR. FEKETE: Next order of business,
16 Attorney Ellen Gregory's report.

17 MS. GREGORY: Ellen Gregory, with Ellen
18 Gregory Law. As Fernando mentioned, we have been
19 spending quite a bit of time negotiating the PA, the
20 Statement of Work that goes along with the PA and
21 the Cost Share Agreement, which is between the
22 Waterway District and BP. The Cost Share Agreement
23 is very, very close to being finalized. And once
24 that is finalized, agreed by all parties, all three
25 of the documents can be approved and signed at the

1 same time.

2 As Mike Nguyen mentioned, the
3 June 24th Position Statement that the Corps
4 submitted is in the dispute resolution process
5 between the Army Corps and the Waterway Management
6 District. On July 26th, Plews Shadley submitted a
7 reply Position Statement to the Army Corps. And as
8 Mike mentioned, we are waiting to hear back from the
9 Army Corps on a number of those dispute issues. So
10 in the meantime we entered into -- submitted the
11 Tolling Agreement, which we just voted on the
12 Tolling Agreement which will basically allow the
13 Army Corps and us to continue discussions without
14 having to worry about filing a lawsuit to avoid
15 running out of the Statute of Limitation. And
16 that's all I have.

17 MR. FEKETE: Any questions for Miss
18 Gregory? (None) Thank you very much.

19 Any new business to come before
20 the Board?

21 MR. TREVINO: I just wanted to give an
22 update on the Lake Shore Chamber of Commerce is
23 having their 15th annual Business Expo on
24 September 20th. So I will have more information for
25 the Board by the next meeting.

1 MR. FEKETE: Okay. Thank you very much.
2 Other business. I have a question for Mr.
3 Rodriguez. How was your beach clean up?

4 MR. PATRICK RODRIGUEZ: The beach clean up
5 went very well. Surprisingly we had 79 volunteers.
6 We picked up -- everybody collectively, with the
7 City -- we picked up 333 pounds off Jeorse Park.
8 All in all, it was a very good turn out and it was
9 good seeing people from the community coming out and
10 volunteering. John Bakota and Henry were there
11 also.

12 MR. BAKOTA: I think Patrick does a good
13 job of organizing it and getting donors to sponsor
14 it, which is a big deal.

15 MR. FEKETE: I think it's important in a
16 meeting like this, where we have a public record, to
17 make sure we acknowledge the good work that's going
18 on and some of the successes we are having.

19 MR. BAKOTA: Our organization helped
20 sponsor that. We are always looking for sponsors
21 I'm sure.

22 MR. FEKETE: Congratulations to you.

23 MR. TREVINO: I had one other. I just
24 wanted to thank Mr. Rick Nagle, from EPA, for
25 attending tonight's meeting. He agreed to attend in

1 the event that there were any questions related to
2 the Great Lakes Legacy Act Project Agreement. I
3 don't know, Rick, did you want to say anything?

4 MR. NAGLE: Thanks for having me down and
5 we are working on the partnership.

6 MR. FEKETE: Any public comments? (None)
7 Next Board meeting will be
8 September 18, 2019, at 5:00 o'clock, at this
9 facility.

10 I'll entertain a motion to
11 adjourn.

12 MR. BAKOTA: Motion to adjourn.

13 MR. HENRY RODRIGUEZ: Second.

14 MR. FEKETE: All signify by saying aye?
15 (All signify aye).

16 MR. FEKETE: This meeting is closed.

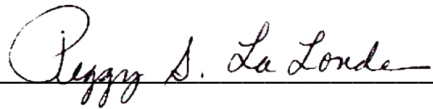
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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Peggy S. Lalonde, Certified Shorthand Reporter (CSR), and Notary Public within and for the County of Porter, 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 21st day of August, 2019, 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 16th day of September, 2019.



Peggy S. LaLonde, CSR



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