In the Matter Of:

East Chicago Waterway Management

DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

December 15, 2021



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2	EAST CHICAGO WATERWAY MANAGEMENT
3	DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
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5	City of East Chicago, Engineering/Annex Building
6	4444 Railroad Avenue
7	East Chicago, Indiana
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9	December 15, 2021
10	5:00 p.m.
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14	Transcript of the East Chicago Waterway Management District Board of Directors' Meeting had in the
15	above-entitled matter on the 15th day of December, 2021, commencing at 5:00 p.m., City of East
16	Chicago, Engineering/Annex Building, 4444 Railroad Avenue, East Chicago, Indiana, and via Zoom
17	Video/Telephone conference, before Dawn M. Iseminger, RPR, and Notary Public, within and for
18	the County of Porter, State of Indiana.
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1	A P P E A R A N C E S
2	JOHN FEKETE, President - appearing via Zoom
3	KEVIN DOYLE, Vice President - appearing via Zoom
4	RAYMOND LOPEZ, SR., Treasurer and Fiscal Officer
5	HENRY RODRIGUEZ, Secretary
6	JOHN BAKOTA, Board Member
7	FERNANDO TREVINO, FMT Consulting
8	ELLEN GREGORY, Ellen Gregory Law
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10	Also Present:
11	Tim Anderson, CliftonLarsonAllen - appearing via Zoom
12	Todd Relue of Plews Shadley - appearing via Zoom
13	Jim Wescott of Tetra Tech - appearing via Zoom
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1	MR. FEKETE: I'd like to call to order the
2	December 15th meeting of the East Chicago Waterway
3	Management District. The time is 5:05, and the
4	first order of business is roll call.
5	John Bakota?
6	MR. BAKOTA: Here.
7	MR. FEKETE: Henry Rodriguez?
8	MR. HENRY RODRIGUEZ: Here.
9	MR. FEKETE: Patrick Rodriguez?
10	(No response.)
11	MR. FEKETE: Ted Zagar?
12	(No response.)
13	MR. FEKETE: Kevin Doyle?
14	MR. DOYLE: Here.
15	MR. FEKETE: Ray Lopez?
16	MR. LOPEZ: Here.
17	MR. FEKETE: John Fekete, here. We have a
18	quorum.
19	The executive director's report,
20	Mr. Trevino.
21	MR. TREVINO: Let me just send Mike Nguyen a
22	text.
23	Okay. Fernando Trevino with FMT
24	Consulting. I'd like to start off by going
25	over the contents of your board packet. You

have the agenda for today's board meeting. You
have the posting for the public meeting posting
for today's board meeting. You have the board
minutes for the November 17, 2021, board
meeting. You have the First Merchant Bank
statements for account ending in 608 and 616,
along with the checks that were processed for
the month of November.

You also have the First Merchant Bank statement report for our 21-month CD for account ending in 515. You have the claim docket for tonight's board meeting, along with the copy of the purchase orders and the checks.

You have the project cooperation agreement between the Army Corps of Engineers and the District regarding the amendment that's proposed for approval at today's board meeting.

You have a letter agreement titled, "Reimbursement of cost to accomplish transfer of properties," and it's dated December 15, 2021; and it's a letter agreement with AR/BP. And that's on the agenda for approval consideration as well.

You have Attorney Ellen Gregory's report to the board regarding the user fees and the

recommendation regarding the 2022 user fee unit 1 2 rate. You have CliftonLarsenAllen's engagement 3 letter for services for 2022. 4 You have BMO's ECI facility trust report 5 dated November 30, 2021. You have Tetra Tech's 6 7 progress report dated December 9, 2021, 8 regarding the Grand Cal' River remedial design 9 status. You have the Army Corps of Engineers' 10 11 report to the board dated December 15, 2021. 12 You have Attorney Ellen Gregory's report to the 13 board with a revision date of December 13, 14 2021. You have a letter from Parsons with a 15 16 revision date of December 1, 2021, regarding a 17 BP pipeline project that's crossing the 18 waterway in East Chicago. 19 And you have another letter from Parsons 20 dated December 10, 2021, regarding the monthly 21 bird observation for the month of November. 22 I sent separately, and you have a hard 23 copy that I handed out, CliftonLarsonAllen's 24 financial report for today's board meeting 25 dated November 20th, 2021.

1	And then to go over a few items on my
2	report. We have several approval items on
3	today's agenda. Two of the traditional items
4	are the board minutes and the monthly claim
5	docket. We also have the 2022 monthly
6	executive and public meeting announcement which
7	we are changing from the third Wednesday of the
8	month to the third Thursday of the month. We
9	have the project cooperation agreement
10	amendment, the BP term sheet letter agreement
11	dated December 15, 2021. We had the 2022 user
12	fee rate approval of \$7 per linear foot.
13	And we have the 2022 CliftonLarsonAllen
14	engagement letter, which covers their services
15	into the new year of 2022. I'll explain the
16	other action items later in my report.
17	Also, I had my annual 8-hour OSHA safety
18	refresher training on December 2nd. And as I
19	mentioned, you have a Parson's memo in your
20	packet that summarizes a BP project that's
21	installing a pipeline under the Indiana Harbor
22	ship canal. As in the past, we've asked
23	companies doing work along the waterway to give
24	a presentation at our public meeting to give
25	the board and stakeholders an opportunity to be

1 made aware of projects and activities along the 2 waterway, and we've asked them to present at 3 our January board meeting, and they have 4 agreed; so their presentation will be on 5 January's agenda.

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Regarding finances, I heard from Rick Nagle of EPA that our trust budget approval is moving forward through their approval process and we might get their concurrence approval memo before Christmas.

11 User fees: As I mentioned, the 2022 user 12 fee rate recommendation is on today's agenda 13 for approval consideration. You might note 14 that the rate has been reduced from \$8.10 per 15 linear foot to \$7 per linear foot. And that's 16 attributed to additional new parcels and new 17 companies that we've identified to be assessed 18 user fees in 2022. A summary memo and 19 spreadsheet that summarizes the new parcels and 20 owners explaining the recommendation is in your 21 board packet.

The PCA amendment, after several years of negotiating with the Corps on the PCA amendment we've reached an agreement on the final PCA amendment draft. The PCA amendment has been

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1	approved by the Army Corps assistant secretary
2	to the Army, and the approval signature has
3	been delegated to their commander at their
4	Chicago office; and in my understanding, that's
5	Colonel Culbertson.
6	At stake for the District were several
7	million dollars of potential liability, and
8	this amended PCA brings clarity to our
9	financial obligations. And clarifying our PCA
10	financial obligation allows us to effectively
11	bank as cost share millions of dollars related
12	to the Cleveland Cliffs SEP dredging project.
13	And that will be towards the Great Lakes Legacy
14	Act projects to help finance future Grand Cal'
15	River junction reaches for mediation work.
16	I'd like to thank Todd Relue and his law
17	firm, Attorney Ellen Gregory, the district
18	board of directors, and of course the Army
19	Corps of Engineers, for all of their effort and
20	support on getting this final stage, which
21	really is a significant accomplishment.
21 22	really is a significant accomplishment. We will be exploring the holding of a

The next step in all of this effort is to

work on the Cleveland Cliffs tipping fee
 agreement amendment.

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Regarding the Great Lakes Legacy Act project, the sheet pile wall 90 percent designed is on going. BP presented their 90 percent design to the city's technical review committee on December 8th. The sheet pile wall construction is scheduled to be installed by the end of 2023.

10 The board might recall that in 2020 we 11 entered into a letter agreement with BP for 12 reimbursement of AECOM's technical services 13 related to the sheet pile wall design. An 14 invoice for reimbursement has been submitted to 15 BP related to those services.

Regarding the Lake George canal east section, a reminder that that phase -- one dredging was completed in 2020; and phase two dredging isn't scheduled to recommence until after the sheet pile wall project is completed, which again is by the end of 2023.

The Lake George canal middle cap project, the Army Corps has awarded the construction project to Brennan. The project team had a pre-construction meeting with Brennan on

November 30th to review project coordination
 and safety efforts.

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Regarding BP's pipeline removal project, that project has been completed and the final report issued. EPA approval of the report is pending and expected any day.

Regarding the Grand Cal' River junction reaches remedial design, Tetra Tech design work is ongoing. The project team continues to have periodic meetings advancing the design work. The project team continues to work on various tasks, including assessing the impact of the two wetlands review and coordination of access needs and agreements.

Section 106 permit coordination, defining the remediation scope for the junction reaches, and some factors being considered include funding, timing, and coordination of adjacent projects and property access.

Jim Wescott, who is the project manager for Tetra Tech, will give an additional update later on on the agenda.

The project team continues to review the cost share calculations affiliated with the PCA and the tipping fee amendments, which will be

used to leverage Great Lakes Legacy Act funding
 for the remediation phase of this project.

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Regarding work-in-kind reporting, the 2021 semiannual report was submitted to EPA on behalf of the district on September 1st, and they were going through their review process on our semiannual report.

Regarding the Lake George canal west project, a reminder that this portion of the work is between BP and EPA, and that work is ongoing.

12 Canal Street bridge project, design of the 13 two dolphins is ongoing. As part of the 14 permitting efforts we needed to settle a prior 15 standing violation that had to do with improper 16 demolition and removal of the old bridge. As 17 part of the effort to resolve that violation, 18 the district and the city entered into a 19 settlement agreement with the Army Corps. That 20 settlement agreement and the affiliated towing agreement was approved and signed by the city 21 and approved by the district at last month's 22 23 board meeting. The signed agreements have been forwarded to the Corps, which will be used for 24 25 the permitting process.

1	Regarding the record properties review, we
2	had a meeting with Rick Nagle of the EPA today
3	and Attorney Ellen Gregory will provide an
4	update during her report to the board.
5	The BP term sheet agreement for parcels
6	that BP is interested in acquiring from the
7	district: We continue to work with BP on that
8	effort. The appraisals affiliated with this
9	effort has been finalized. You might recall
10	that we had a letter agreement with BP for
11	reimbursing us for efforts to do that work.
12	I've submitted an invoice to BP for
13	reimbursement for our efforts through October
14	of this year. And that invoice also included
15	the two appraisal reports.
16	And I mentioned we had a letter agreement
17	with BP for reimbursement for this effort.
18	That letter agreement did not contemplate work
19	going beyond 2021, so we're recommending
20	updating that letter that basically extends our
21	reimbursement of costs into 2022. And that
22	updated letter is on today's agenda for
23	approval consideration.
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24 The Corps report to the board is in your25 packet.

1	Did Mike Nguyen join us?
2	MS. GREGORY: He told us last month that he
3	was going to take vacation time.
4	MR. TREVINO: Okay. The Army Corps report is
5	in your packet. And also Attorney Ellen Gregory
6	will be giving an update on various legal matters.
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8	Also in attendance is Todd Relue, of Plews
9	Shadley, that will give an update when we get
10	to the approval of the PCA amendment.
11	And that concludes my report to the board.
12	MR. FEKETE: Any questions for Mr. Trevino?
13	(No response.)
14	MR. FEKETE: Hearing none, thank you.
15	The next order of business is the approval
16	consideration of the board meeting notes for
17	November 17, 2021. I'll entertain a motion to
18	approve.
19	MR. BAKOTA: Motion to accept.
20	MR. LOPEZ: Second.
21	MR. FEKETE: We have a motion and second.
22	Roll call vote.
23	John Bakota?
24	MR. BAKOTA: Yes.
25	MR. FEKETE: Henry Rodriguez?

1	MR. HENRY RODRIGUEZ: Yes.
2	MR. FEKETE: Patrick Rodriguez?
3	(No response.)
4	MR. FEKETE: Ted Zagar?
5	(No response.)
6	MR. FEKETE: Kevin Doyle?
7	MR. DOYLE: Yes.
8	MR. FEKETE: Ray Lopez?
9	MR. LOPEZ: Yes.
10	MR. FEKETE: John Fekete, I vote yes. Those
11	minutes are approved.
12	The next order of business is the
13	accounting consultant report, Mr. Anderson.
14	MR. ANDERSON: Hi, guys. Can you hear me
15	okay?
16	(All signify "yes".)
17	MR. ANDERSON: Does everybody have a copy of
18	the financials?
19	MR. BAKOTA: Yeah.
20	MR. ANDERSON: Nice. All right, so this is
21	our report through November, which also includes
22	the claims docket that you have before you today.
23	Page 2 of the report shows the cash coming
24	in out of the receipts and then the
25	disbursements going out for the year.

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1	We started the year with \$3.9 million in
2	cash between the operating account, the user
3	fee account, and the CDs that we have. And as
4	of November 30th, that balance was \$4,039,000.
5	So our cash has increased \$127,000 during
6	the first 11 months of 2021.
7	For 2022, I would like to get the BMO
8	trust on this account. I had some difficulties
9	hooking up with BMO on how we get that to
10	happen, but I would like to see the trust
11	assets on here for 2022. It shouldn't be too
12	hard to get it.
13	So this report is just on the operating
14	account, the user fee account, and then the
15	certificates of deposit that we have in the
16	waterway.
17	Page 3 shows each of the different
18	accounts. Up at the top is the operating
19	account, which has a million four in it. The
20	user fee account, which has a million in it.
21	And then the CDs, which were part of the user
22	fee group, we've got a million five.
23	Page 4 is the landscape, the important
24	page, and it shows that we have an original
25	budget of a million six. We made some

1	amendments to it basically to get up to a
2	million nine. We spent \$489,000 of that
3	through November, and we have a claims docket
4	in front of you today for \$47,000, \$48
5	So we have an unused budget of a million
б	four, which ties back to our operating account.
7	It's basically the cash in the operating
8	account is the unused budget prior to the
9	claims docket tonight.
10	So everything balances out really nicely.
11	We're not over budget on any one line item.
12	Fernando watches that like a hawk. And so far
13	so good for 2021, and we have one more month
14	left and then we'll present the 2022 budget.
15	We get to add the accounts payable at
16	12/30/21 to that budget.
17	Any questions on the reports? It's all
18	very straightforward this month, and there's
19	plenty of unused budget for all of our
20	expenses.
21	MR. LOPEZ: Can you explain the voided
22	checks?
23	MR. ANDERSON: Yeah. There was a couple of
24	checks, I think one was actually to us. The
25	software is kind of funny, the state board of

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1	account software. In order to void a check, you	
2	basically have to leave it in the cash	
3	disbursements. So if you take a look at the total	
4	on Page 3 of our cash disbursements, it says	
5	\$504,000. If you take off those voided checks,	
6	you get the number that's on the prior page,	
7	\$490 The cash disbursements do not include the	
8	voided check. The cash disbursements on Page 2 do	
9	not include the voided checks.	
10	Basically we would net those two numbers	
11	out of the amount that's credited. It's just	
12	the software doesn't let us do that. The	
13	software requires that we leave the expense in	
14	there, and then we record almost like a revenue	
15	for the voided item because we've re-cut those	
16	checks. So that's the story there.	
17	MR. LOPEZ: Okay. Thank you.	
18	MR. ANDERSON: Thanks for the question, Ray.	
19	Like I say, that one check, 1822, was actually to	
20	us; and it definitely got lost in the mail. I	
21	have no explanation where that check is sitting,	
22	other than it doesn't matter; we put a stop	
23	payment on it and reissued.	
24	MR. LOPEZ: Thank you.	
25	MR. ANDERSON: Happy holidays.	17
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1	(All signify "Same to you.")
2	MR. FEKETE: So that leads us to the approval
3	consideration for the accounts payable voucher
4	register dated December 15, 2021. I'll entertain
5	a motion to approve.
б	MR. BAKOTA: Motion to approve.
7	MR. HENRY RODRIGUEZ: I second.
8	MR. FEKETE: A motion and a second. Roll
9	call vote.
10	John Bakota?
11	MR. BAKOTA: Yes.
12	MR. FEKETE: Henry Rodriguez?
13	MR. HENRY RODRIGUEZ: Yes.
14	MR. FEKETE: Patrick Rodriguez?
15	(No response.)
16	MR. FEKETE: Ted Zagar?
17	(No response.)
18	MR. FEKETE: Kevin Doyle?
19	MR. DOYLE: Yes.
20	MR. FEKETE: Ray Lopez?
21	MR. LOPEZ: Yes.
22	MR. FEKETE: John Fekete, I vote yes. That
23	motion is approved.
24	At this point in time we have up for
25	approval consideration the 2022 monthly

1	executive and public meeting announcement					
2	calendar.					
3	As was noted by Mr. Trevino, all of the					
4	dates have been moved from what has been					
5	traditionally the third Wednesday to the third					
6	Thursday of every month.					
7	So are there any questions?					
8	(No response.)					
9	MR. FEKETE: I'll entertain a motion for					
10	approval consideration for the 2022 calendar.					
11	MR. LOPEZ: Motion to approve.					
12	MR. FEKETE: Do I have a second?					
13	MR. HENRY RODRIGUEZ: Second.					
14	MR. FEKETE: And a second. We'll have a roll					
15	call vote.					
16	John Bakota?					
17	MR. BAKOTA: Yes.					
18	MR. FEKETE: Henry Rodriguez?					
19	MR. HENRY RODRIGUEZ: Yes.					
20	MR. FEKETE: Patrick Rodriguez?					
21	(No response.)					
22	MR. FEKETE: Ted Zagar?					
23	(No response.)					
24	MR. FEKETE: Kevin Doyle?					
25	MR. DOYLE: Yes.					

District Board of Directors' Meeting 12/15/2021 MR. FEKETE: Ray Lopez?

1 2 MR. LOPEZ: Yes. 3 MR. FEKETE: John Fekete, I vote yes. The calendar for 2022 has been 4 Okav. 5 approved. 6 The next order of business is the project 7 cooperation agreement. I might add "the long 8 awaited project cooperation agreement amendment." 9 I'll entertain a motion to approve. 10 MR. BAKOTA: Motion to approve. 11 MR. TREVINO: Can we have Todd --12 MR. FEKETE: Before we do that, yeah. 13 MR. TREVINO: Or you can do it under -- have 14 both motions. 15 Let's have a motion, and then we MR. FEKETE: 16 can have questions and go for approval. 17 MR. TREVINO: Okay. 18 MR. FEKETE: We have a motion. Do I have a 19 second? 20 MR. HENRY RODRIGUEZ: Second. 21 MR. FEKETE: We have a second. 22 At this point, I'll turn it over for 23 comments from our attorney, Todd. 24 MR. RELUE: Thank you, John. So very 25 briefly, as Fernando alluded to, this is an

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1	amendment to the project cooperation agreement
2	that ECWMD entered into with the Army Corps of
3	Engineers back in 2000. There was some sort of
4	uncertainty about this agreement for a number of
5	years from a couple of different reasons. One is
6	that in 2005 there was a piece of the
7	Appropriations Act that was passed that would cut
8	off ECWMD's liability for a portion of that cost
9	share as of 2005, and there was a slight
10	disagreement between us and the Corps as to
11	exactly what that meant.
12	The larger disagreement came out of the
13	amount of the cost share that ECWMD had to pay
14	for the confinement of the ArcelorMittal
15	materials, which are local service facility
16	materials in the CDF. And how that works is
17	ECWMD would enter into an agreement with
18	ArcelorMittal to confine a certain amount of
19	materials and would charge ArcelorMittal what's
20	called a tipping fee, like a per cubic yard
21	rate for confining that. And the amount or
22	rate that ECWMD set was based on some
23	projections by the Corps, by the Army Corps of
24	Engineers, that turned out to be wrong due to
25	some cost overruns and maybe some other errors

made by The Corps. So basically the Corps
 wanted ECWMD to cover the difference, which
 could be to the tune of several million
 dollars.

So we engaged again over a long period of 5 time with the Army Corps of Engineers in 6 7 negotiating this and the end result is very 8 favorable for ECWMD. What it achieves are 9 effectively casts on what ECWMD will need to pay. And where that comes out is that ECWMD's 10 11 total contribution for the hold of the CDF is 12 now capped with an initial payment of 13 22 million -- or initial amount of \$22,268,094, 14 with an additional amount of \$2,481,968 that 15 would be payable in the future over 30 years.

THE REPORTER: Please repeat that, Todd.

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17 MR. RELUE: The initial payment obligation is 18 \$22,268,094, with an additional payment of 19 \$2,481,968 that will be due in the future and 20 payable over 30 years. The good thing is that 21 ECWMD has already paid very substantial amounts 22 into the confined disposal facility under this 23 cost share arrangement. ECWMD has already paid 24 \$14,879,454 of its own money. And through tipping 25 fees, as I mentioned, ArcelorMittal has paid

1	\$12,790,011, for a total contribution of	
2	\$27,669,465. And so when you do that math, the	
3	end result is that ECWMD is in line for a refund	
4	from the Corps of \$5,401,371, which should be	
5	payable within roughly 150 days from the time the	
6	amendment is signed.	
7	So on the whole, that's a great result for	
8	ECWMD. We've gone from the Corps contending	
9	that ECWMD owed them more money, to ECWMD being	
10	entitled to a refund. Again, after the refund	
11	is received they will still have the future	
12	payments that we talked about that will be	
13	payable over 30 years. But the immediate	
14	refund is as I stated.	
15	MR. TREVINO: Any questions?	
16	(No response.)	
17	MR. TREVINO: Thanks, Todd. That was a good	
18	summary.	
19	MR. FEKETE: Thank you very much.	
20	Well, we have the motion and a second.	
21	We'll entertain a roll call vote.	
22	John Bakota?	
23	MR. BAKOTA: Yes.	
24	MR. FEKETE: Henry Rodriguez?	
25	MR. HENRY RODRIGUEZ: Yes.	23
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1 MR. FEKETE: Patrick Rodriguez? 2 (No response.) 3 MR. FEKETE: Ted Zagar? 4 (No response.) MR. FEKETE: 5 Kevin Doyle? Kevin? 6 (No response.) 7 MS. GREGORY: He is not on anymore. 8 MR. RELUE: He was cutting in and out; so he 9 may be back in a second. 10 MR. FEKETE: Ray Lopez? 11 MR. LOPEZ: Yes. 12 John Fekete, I vote yes. MR. FEKETE: 13 MR. TREVINO: He said he was having computer 14 issues and he had to go. 15 (Whereupon Kevin Doyle is no 16 longer present via Zoom.) 17 MR. FEKETE: We have a motion that's been 18 approved. 19 MR. LOPEZ: Yeah. 20 MS. GREGORY: We need four votes. 21 MR. LOPEZ: Yeah, four. It's been approved. 22 MR. TREVINO: But then you went to Kevin and 23 you didn't finish your roll call. 24 MR. FEKETE: I know. But I just did now. 25 MR. LOPEZ: It passed with four. Okay, next

1	order of business?
2	MR. FEKETE: Okay, that motion is approved.
3	MR. TREVINO: Okay.
4	MR. BAKOTA: Mention that he left the
5	meeting.
6	MS. GREGORY: For the record, Kevin dropped
7	off the call before he was able to vote.
8	MR. FEKETE: The next order of business is
9	the approval consideration for the BP term sheet.
10	A letter agreement update, dated today's date,
11	12/15/21. Do we have a motion to approve?
12	MR. HENRY RODRIGUEZ: Motion to approve.
13	MR. FEKETE: Do I have a second?
14	MR. BAKOTA: Second.
15	MR. FEKETE: Okay. Motion and a second.
16	Roll call vote.
17	John Bakota?
18	MR. BAKOTA: Yes.
19	MR. FEKETE: Henry Rodriguez?
20	MR. HENRY RODRIGUEZ: Yes.
21	MR. FEKETE: Ted Zagar?
22	(No response.)
23	MR. FEKETE: Kevin Doyle?
24	(No response.)
25	MR. FEKETE: Ray Lopez?
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1	MR. LOPEZ: Yes.	
2	MR. FEKETE: John Fekete, I vote yes.	
3	The next order of business for approval	
4	consideration is the 2022 user fee rate	
5	approval at \$7 per linear foot.	
6	Do I have a motion to approve?	
7	MR. HENRY RODRIGUEZ: Motion to approve.	
8	MR. LOPEZ: Second.	
9	MR. FEKETE: And a second. We will have a	
10	roll call vote.	
11	John Bakota?	
12	MR. BAKOTA: Yes.	
13	MR. FEKETE: Henry Rodriguez?	
14	MR. HENRY RODRIGUEZ: Yes.	
15	MR. FEKETE: Ted Zagar?	
16	(No response.)	
17	MR. FEKETE: Kevin Doyle?	
18	(No response.)	
19	MR. FEKETE: Ray Lopez?	
20	MR. LOPEZ: Yes.	
21	MR. FEKETE: John Fekete, I vote yes.	
22	And next up is the 2022 CliftonLarsonAllen	
23	engagement letter. I'll have a motion to	
24	approve.	
25	MR. LOPEZ: Motion to approve.	0
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1	MR. FEKETE: And a second?
2	MR. BAKOTA: Second.
3	MR. FEKETE: And a second. We'll have a roll
4	call vote.
5	John Bakota?
6	MR. BAKOTA: Yes.
7	MR. FEKETE: Henry Rodriguez?
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9	MR. FEKETE: Ted Zagar?
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11	MR. FEKETE: Kevin Doyle?
12	(No response.)
13	MR. FEKETE: Ray Lopez?
14	MR. LOPEZ: Yes.
15	MR. FEKETE: John Fekete, I vote yes.
16	Did you want to just briefly go over the
17	BMO Harris trust report?
18	MR. TREVINO: Sure. As I mentioned, you have
19	the BMO trust report from Mr. David Alonzo dated
20	November 30, 2021.
21	So the first sheet is the bar graph
22	depicting the historical market values and the
23	distributions from the trust. The next one is
24	a report that shows the balance of the prime
25	money market account, and the 13-month CD. The 27
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1	current balance at the end of November 30th is	
2	\$4.52 million. And the difference between the	
3	last report and this report is \$136,56. And	
4	the last summary table is a list of the	
5	historical value since 1997, and it shows the	
6	total distributions from the trust.	
7	And, again, it also depicts the difference	
8	between the last two months, which is \$136.56.	
9	And that's the BMO trust report.	
10	MR. FEKETE: Okay. Thank you. Do you have	
11	any questions for Mr. Trevino on the BMO trust	
12	report?	
13	(No response.)	
14	MR. FEKETE: Okay. The Great Lakes Legacy	
15	Act and Grand Cal' River junction reach remedial	
16	design project, and we have an update from	
17	Mr. Wescott.	
18	MR. TREVINO: Mr. Jim Wescott, are you still	
19	on?	
20	MR. WESCOTT: I am.	
21	Jim Wescott, I work with Tetra Tech. I'm	
22	a consultant with the district working with	
23	other stakeholders, primarily US EPA, to design	
24	and help move a project to implementation.	
25	The current status is we are designing an	28

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1	in-river remedy for all of the rest of the
2	Grand Calumet River in East Chicago, which is
3	basically between Indianapolis Boulevard and
4	Kennedy Avenue, and then the Indiana Harbor
5	canal south of the navigation channel, which is
6	basically south of the Columbus Drive to where
7	the canal meets the Grand Calumet River. And
8	the remedy is primarily targeted dredging,
9	dredging where it's needed but not dredging
10	everywhere, followed by placement of a cap over
11	the sediment in the total project area. And
12	then for implementation, the remedy that we're
13	planning to permit and get access agreements
14	for that would be executed in 2023 is dredging
15	and capping the west branch of the Grand
16	Calumet River, and then dredging the remaining
17	sediment that needs to be removed from the
18	Indiana Harbor Canal. And then the remaining
19	cap work in the east branch of the Grand
20	Calumet River and the Indiana Harbor Canal
21	would all be done after that. There's some
22	coordination issues with a couple other
23	adjacent properties that the district and EPA
24	and other stakeholders are trying to resolve.
25	Are there any questions from anyone?

1	MR. FEKETE: No. That's very good. It all
2	started with the 2016 remedial action assessment
3	that you did, and it's encouraging to see that
4	we're moving in the right direction. So thank you
5	for your update and your continued good work.
6	MR. LOPEZ: Invoice, do we have to approve
7	that?
8	MR. TREVINO: No. Yeah, that's part of the
9	claim docket, but I put it in the progress report.
10	MR. FEKETE: Yeah, okay. The next order of
11	business is the US Army Corps report. Do you have
12	Mr. Nguyen's summary?
13	MR. TREVINO: Yes. So Mr. Mike Nguyen
14	submitted a report. And under the CDF
15	construction, the contractor has demobilized the
16	barges from the site which were removed on
17	November 16th. They're preparing a close-out
18	package for the contract, and they awarded a
19	standalone contract to Clean Harbors for the water
20	treatment contract on December 2nd, and the water
21	treatment will resume in early summer of 2022.
22	Regarding the phase two dike raise
23	project, the Corps received additional funds
24	and awarded all the remaining options to raise
25	the dike to full height, which is an additional

11 feet, and construction is ongoing.

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CDF documentation, oil boom coordination, nothing significant to report.

PCA and non-federal funding, regarding the PCA revisions, the assistant secretary to the Army office has approved the PCA amendment and delegated the signature to the district commander, which is Colonel Culbertson. ECWMD needs to sign the PCA amendment first before sending it to the Corps for signature, which we approved and did today.

12 Regarding the Feddler parcel resolution, 13 the Corps real estate staff requested 14 additional information on the Lerr credits, and 15 they received it July of last year. They 16 received an updated letter of May 18th of this 17 year, and the Corps real estate staff is 18 working to finalize their review of the Lerr 19 credits.

The parkway improvement project construction was completed last year, April, and working to close out that contract.

That concludes the Army Corps report tothe board.

MR. FEKETE: Okay. Any questions for

1 Mr. Trevino?

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(No response.)

MR. FEKETE: Thank you. The next order of business is the Attorney Ellen Gregory report.

5 MS. GREGORY: Ellen Gregory, with Ellen Not to beat a dead horse, but the Gregory Law. 6 7 PCA amendment has now been approved. The next step in that whole process is to try and get going 8 9 on the tipping fee agreement with Cleveland 10 Cliffs. We've reached out to try and set up a call with Cleveland Cliffs, EPA, and the Corps to 11 12 discuss the amendment to the tipping fee agreement 13 as well as an extension to Cleveland Cliffs' current consent decree. We were unable to 14 15 schedule anything before the holidays, so we plan 16 to set something up early in 2022.

17 Property transfers: Mr. Trevino mentioned 18 the letter agreement that has been amended with 19 BP to make sure that we cover work that is done 20 in 2022 because the previous letter agreement 21 didn't address any work beyond the end of 2021.

The Canal Street bridge sediment agreement, as Mr. Trevino mentioned have been signed by us, signed by the district, and will need to be signed -- has also been signed by the City. And once those are finalized, the
 work on the permitting for the Canal Street
 bridge work can proceed.

On user fees, in your packet is a memo and 4 5 a spreadsheet showing new parcels that have been identified. The spreadsheet that's in 6 7 your board packet, starting on Page 83 of your 8 board packet, is a two-page spreadsheet. 9 Highlighted in blue shows the new parcels that have been newly assessed in 2022. Highlighted 10 in orange is documentation, numbers for 11 12 Cleveland Cliffs. Cleveland Cliffs is the only 13 entity that has reached the maximum allowable 14 annual assessment of \$75,000. And the 15 additional parcels and additional waterway frontage distance results in a reduction in the 16 17 per linear foot rate from \$8.10 to \$7 per linear foot. And that is explained in the memo 18 19 that's in your board packet as well as the 20 spreadsheet that goes along with that memo. And then finally, this morning Fernando 21

22 Trevino and I were on a call with Rick Nagle.
23 EPA and IDEM'S RICRA divisions are wanting
24 potentially groundwater investigation on the
25 ECI parcels that are not currently undergoing

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1	investigation. So parcels that don't include	
2	the south tank farm, obviously not the CDF	
3	parcel. And in order to satisfy both IDEM and	
4	EPA RICRA divisions that progress is being	
5	made, we will probably be moving forward in	
6	early 2022 to discuss groundwater investigation	
7	on the other ECI parcels. The first step will	
8	be doing a data gap analysis. And from that	
9	work, we'll be able to determine what the scope	
10	of work going forward for the actual	
11	groundwater investigation will be.	
12	Fernando Trevino and I will be working	
13	with Rick Nagle from EPA to determine the scope	
14	of that work and the timing of it in early	
15	2022.	
16	And that's all I have on legal matters.	
17	MR. FEKETE: Any questions for Miss Gregory?	
18	(No response.)	
19	MR. FEKETE: Thank you very much.	
20	Any new business to come before the board?	
21	(No response.)	
22	MR. FEKETE: Any public comments?	
23	(No response.)	
24	MR. FEKETE: Hearing none, our next board	
25	meeting will be January 20, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.	2
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2	I, Dawn M. Iseminger, Registered Professional
3	Reporter (RPR), and Notary Public within and for the County of Porter, State of Indiana, do hereby
4	certify that I appeared on the aforementioned date, time, and location, for the East Chicago
5	Waterway Management District Board of Directors' Meeting.
6	I further certify that I then and there reported in machine shorthand the proceedings of
7	said Special Meeting, and that the testimony was then reduced to typewriting from my original
8	shorthand notes, and the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceedings.
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10	I further certify that I am not related by blood or marriage to any of the parties, nor am I an employee of any of the parties or of their
11	attorneys or agents, nor am I interested in any way, financially or otherwise, in the outcome of
12	said litigation.
13	Dated this 18th day of January 2022.
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