#### In the Matter Of:

#### East Chicago Waterway Management

#### DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

April 21, 2022



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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
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9	April 21, 2022
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 21st day of April, 2022, commencing at 5:00 p.m., taken at City of
16	East Chicago, Engineering/Annex Building, 4444 Railroad Avenue, East Chicago, Indiana, (and via
17	Zoom 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	APPEARANCES
2	JOHN FEKETE, President
3	RAYMOND LOPEZ, SR., Treasurer and Fiscal Officer
4	HENRY RODRIGUEZ, Secretary
5	JOHN BAKOTA, Board Member
6	JAYLAN ROBINSON, Board Member
7	FERNANDO TREVINO, FMT Consulting
8	ELLEN GREGORY, Ellen Gregory Law
9	Also Present:
10	Tim Anderson, Vanessa Vargas, CliftonLarsonAllen -
11	appearing via Zoom
12	Jim Wescott of Tetra Tech - appearing via Zoom
13	Mike Nguyen, Army Corps of Engineers - appearing
<b>14</b>	via Zoom
15	Jim Adams and Tim Dull
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1	MR. FEKETE: I'd like to call to order the
2	East Chicago Waterway Management District Board
3	Meeting. Today's date is April 21, 2022. The
4	time is 5:13.
5	To start the business, we'll have a roll
6	call.
7	John Bakota?
8	MR. BAKOTA: Here.
9	MR. FEKETE: Henry Rodriguez?
10	MR. HENRY RODRIGUEZ: Here.
11	MR. FEKETE: Jaylan Robinson?
12	MR. ROBINSON: Here.
13	MR. FEKETE: Kevin Doyle?
14	(No response)
15	MR. FEKETE: Ray Lopez?
16	MR. LOPEZ: Here.
17	MR. FEKETE: John Fekete, here.
18	Okay. The next order of business is the
19	executive director's report, Mr. Trevino.
20	MR. TREVINO: Yes. Fernando Trevino with FMT
21	Consulting. First I'd like to go over the
22	contents of your board packet. You have in your
23	packet today's agenda, the public meeting posting
24	for today's meeting, the board minutes for
25	March 17th, the claim docket dated April 21, 2022,

1	along with the affiliated purchase orders. You
2	have a proposal and engagement letter from AECOM,
3	dated April 4, 2022, related to the Canal Street
4	bridge project. And that's on the agenda for
5	approval consideration. You have an email dated
6	April 14, 2022, to Val Gomez, with the City of
7	East Chicago, updating them on the Canal Street
8	bridge project, along with the referenced
9	attachments. Also included are documents related
10	to the DNR permitting process, also for the Canal
11	Street bridge project. You have the third
12	amendment to the Plew's engagement letter for
13	legal services, and that's also on the agenda for
14	approval consideration. You have Tetra Tech's
15	monthly Great Lakes Legacy Act Grand Cal River
16	remedial design project report, and that's dated
17	April 18. You have First Merchants Bank
18	statements for the month of March 2022, for
19	accounts ending in 608, 616, along with the copy
20	of the checks that cleared last month. And you
21	have First Merchants Bank CD, for the 21-month CD,
22	with a report run date of April 19.
23	You have the BMO trust reports through March
24	of 2022, along with Mr. Alonzo's recap summary,
25	which is also dated March 31st, 2022.

You have People's Bank statement for the
tipping fee and dredging escrow accounts for the
first quarter of 2022. You have the Attorney
Ellen Gregory report to the board, with a revision
date of April 18th. You have the Army Corps
report to the board, dated April 21st. You have
the CliftonLarsenAllen financial statements dated
March 31st. Those were emailed earlier today and
you also have hard copies that I handed out along
with the claim docket and POs and checks. And I
also handed out a proposal from Verizon for the
purchase of iPads and accessories for the Waterway
Management District. That concludes the items in
your board packet.

I'll go over my board report. As I mentioned, there are two items on the agenda that are non-traditional. The AECOM proposal and the Plews proposal. And we also have the two traditional action items of the board minutes and the claim docket.

A few weeks ago board member Henry Rodriguez brought to my attention a claim that was in the newspaper related to Feddler, LLC, and wanted to make sure that that wasn't affiliated with the case that we were involved with in the past and

also make sure it didn't have anything to do with any of our properties, and we have concluded that it does not have anything to do with any of our properties or the former issue we had.

Also, I wanted to announce that our June board meeting will be rescheduled from June 16th to June 29th. And I will submit the notice of the time and post a change on our website.

Regarding user fees, we're working through identifying all of the applicable 2022 user fee parcels.

Regarding the Great Lakes Legacy Act project, the sheet pile wall, 90 percent design is ongoing. BP submitted their 90 percent design to the project team for review December of last year, and there's been a couple of followup meetings to review the project team's questions and comments. An updated design was submitted to the project team for review on April 8th, with final comments due tomorrow on the 22nd.

Regarding community engagement related to the 90 percent design, the tentative plan is on April 29th or May 6th we will binge our 30-day public comment period. And our plan is to make the design documents available at the main library

and on the library's website, as well as available on our district website. The plan is also to post the 30-day public review comment period in The Times and do that for three consecutive days. BP will have a presentation on the design at the May 19 public board meeting; and that would be open to the public in the event they have any questions or comments or any clarification on the design. And the 30-day public comment period will end either on May 31 or June 3rd, depending on its start date. And then at the June 29th board meeting, BP would present the results of any of the public comments or feedback that they receive. So that's the tentative plan for outreach on the sheet pile wall.

Regarding the Lake George Canal east project; phase one dredging was completed in 2020. Phase two dredging is scheduled to recommence after the sheet pile wall project is completed, which is forecasted to be done at the end of 2023. The Corps will be managing the dredging project on the EPA's behalf. And the Corps is coordinating additional sediment samples that will probably be done in the summer of this year regarding the Lake George middle cap project. The Army Corps of

Engineers is managing this remediation project.

Immobilization was completed in March, and

construction activities are now ongoing, and that

contractor is Brennan.

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Regarding the Grand Cal River junction reaches remedial design, the Tetra Tech design work is ongoing. The project team continues to have periodic meetings to discuss design completion, property access coordination, wetlands coordination, cost share documentation, and the Grand Cal River phase one remediation project proposal process, which part of that was to have a presentation to the EPA's technical review committee, which we held on April 1st. So I thought the presentation went quite well. attendance on behalf of the district was myself, board president John Fekete, and Jim Wescott of The next step is for EPA to gather Tetra Tech. questions, comments, feedback from the technical review committee stakeholders. And those comments are due by tomorrow. EPA will then compile those comments and submit it to us for review and response.

After we respond, EPA will go through their rubric scoring process. And if our project is

successful, we will be given the go-ahead to begin negotiations on the project agreement.

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The project team has started to discuss the community engagement for the remediation. currently we're thinking about having a press release some time in August/September, this year time frame, after the project is approved and signed. And then in the spring of 2023, we would have the successful contractor who is doing the remediation work have a public meeting to make the public aware of some of the project construction details. Jim Wescott, the project manager for Tetra Tech, is in attendance today, and will provide a brief update on the design. continue to work on the cost share calculations that I had mentioned. And part of that is the resolution of the PCA and the tipping fee The PCA portion of that has been agreement. concluded and we're in the process of trying to resolve the tipping fee agreement amendment. district has taken the lead on developing the first draft of that amendment.

Regarding the Great Lakes Legacy Act work in kind reporting, I have completed and submitted the district's 2021 yearend work in kind report. We

will be responding to any questions or additional information EPA may have.

Regarding the Lake George canal west remediation, that is ongoing. And as a reminder, that is a project between BP and EPA.

Regarding the Canal Street bridge project, design and permit coordination for the two dolphins is ongoing. AECOM continues to work through the permitting process, which may now be complete. And Tim Dull is in attendance. He can give us an update on that when we get to the AECOM proposal.

The AECOM proposal and engagement letter, that includes their services to complete the design and take us all the way through the bidding process.

The BP term sheet agreement for parcels that BP is interested in acquiring from the district, we continue to meet and have periodic discussions on the settlement agreement. And Attorney Ellen Gregory can elaborate on that during her report.

Record groundwater characterization review,
the project team has developed a draft outline for
the work affiliated with the groundwater
characterization, and so we're continuing to work

1 to finalize that. The Army Corps report to the 2 board is in your packet. Project manager, Mike 3 Nguyen, is in attendance and will be giving an update on the Corps project later on the agenda, 4 and attorney Ellen Gregory will be reporting on 5 the various legal matters. That concludes my 6 7 report. 8 MR. FEKETE: Just as a matter of 9 clarification, the groundwater effort that you 10 just mentioned here at the end, that was for what 11 again? That is for better 12 MR. TREVINO: 13 characterizing the groundwater in the ECI parcels, 14 in the non-CDF ECI parcels. 15 MR. FEKETE: Okay. 16 That's kind of an EPA/IDEM MR. TREVINO: 17 initiative, so to speak. Ellen? 18 MS. GREGORY: Yeah, both IDEM and EPA are 19 wanting to make sure that if there are parcels 20 that have groundwater contamination issues, that 21 that's identified and that those parcels are put 22 into the proper program to close them out. 23 And it almost sounds to me like MR. FEKETE: 24 it's a logical extension to what was required on 25 the south parcel.

1	MS. GREGORY: Well, right. Fernando
2	mentioned that it's for the it's actually for
3	the ECI parcels that aren't currently or have
4	already undergone some kind of remediation work.
5	So the CDF we don't need to deal with because it's
6	the CDF. The south tank farm is being addressed.
7	And the goal is to get all of the ECI parcels that
8	aren't currently being addressed to make sure
9	they're covered.
10	MR. FEKETE: To basically close the loop on
11	all of them?
12	MS. GREGORY: Yeah. Exactly.
13	MR. FEKETE: Okay. Thank you very much. Any
14	other questions for Mr. Trevino?
15	(No response)
16	MR. FEKETE: Thank you. The next order of
17	business is the approval consideration of the
18	board meeting notes from March 17th, 2022. Since
19	we have no board members on the video, we will
20	entertain an approval of the board meeting.
21	MR. LOPEZ: Motion to approve.
22	MR. FEKETE: And do I have a second?
23	MR. BAKOTA: Second.
24	MR. FEKETE: I'll take a voice vote. All in
25	favor signify by saying "aye."

(All signify "aye") 1 2 MR. FEKETE: Any opposition? 3 (No response) MR. FEKETE: Abstentions? 4 5 (No response) MR. FEKETE: That motion is approved. 6 7 The next order of business is the accounting 8 consultant report, Mr. Anderson. 9 MR. ANDERSON: Hi, Guys. Can everybody hear 10 me okay? 11 COURT REPORTER: Yes. 12 MR. ANDERSON: I brought a special quest this 13 month. Vanessa Vargas is from CLA and she has 14 maintained your books and records on the Gateway, 15 or whatever it's called, system; and has always 16 done a great job. She balances the banks each 17 month for you guys. I just thought it would be 18 neat to have you guys meet her and just so you 19 know who is -- it's not just me over there. 20 Vanessa is the one that works with Fernando to cut 21 the checks and balance the banks and all that good stuff. 22 23 So without further adieu, you guys have the report for the three months, ended March 31st. 24 25 The first page with numbers on it is Page 2 and

1 it's a statement of cash receipts and cash 2 disbursements just for those three months, 3 January, February and March. The user fee collection through March was 4 We got the transfer from the BMO account 5 \$72,000. of 398. And we've earned quite a bit of interest, 6 7 the \$1,575. So our total cash in was \$472,000 for those three months. And then the budgeted 8 9 disbursements, you know, we've got a budget of 10 \$1.8 left. The expenses through March 31st have totaled \$160,000. So we took in \$472-, spent 11 12 \$160-, so our cash has increased \$312,000 in those 13 three months of '22. The cash balance at 14 January 1st -- and this is the operating account, 15 the user fee account, and our CDs -- started the 16 year at nearly \$4 million. And we have 17 \$4.3 million in those accounts at the end of 18 March. And there's a little breakdown there of 19 where that \$4.3 million is. Quite a bit in the 20 budget account, the operating account; that's our 21 unspent budget. We've got \$986,000 in crash in 22 the user fee checking account. And the 23 certificates of deposit, which are user fee 24 dollars, \$1.5 million. 25 The next page, which is Page 3, just shows

how each of those accounts -- all the transactions for the three of them. The top is the operating account where we write our checks and put the budget transfer into. And then the user fee account is where we put the user fees. And you can see the balances of those accounts. The user fee account makes a transfer into the operating account in addition to the trust for budget, and then the CDs -- the CDs have done pretty well. Who can complain? When we had all that money in cash, we didn't earn anything, and now there's some interest contributing to the program.

So the last page of the report, Page 4, is the important page. This shows the 2022 budget appropriation which was almost \$2 million. We get to add the money that was due at the end of '21 but not paid. We add that to our budget. So our total budget for 2022 was \$1.9 million. We had spent \$160- of that through March. And you have a claims docket before you of \$51,955. So the unused budget 2022 column, that's what you guys have left on each of those line items of the budget. And we keep a real close eye to make sure that we don't go over any of those line items; and we certainly never have. And if you add the -- so

1 if you take that unused budget and you add the 2 claims docket to it, you get the balance of cash in that operating account, which is still 3 \$1.8 million. So we've got plenty of cash to 4 5 cover the budget. Any questions, gentlemen? You all stayed 6 7 awake. 8 MR. LOPEZ: Thank you. 9 MR. FEKETE: Thank you. I'd like to make an I know that we had \$1.9 million in 10 observation. 11 our budget to begin with. But I'd just to call 12 everybody's attention to the fact that we had 13 several major projects that were budgeted at an 14 anticipated cost of \$1.25 million. So it's not 15 like there's a lot of expenditures that's going on 16 for normal business and things of that nature, but 17 we do have some major projects that we budgeted 18 for this year. So just be aware of that. 19 Okay. Thank you, Mr. Anderson. 20 MR. ANDERSON: Very good. Have a good 21 meeting. 22 MR. TREVINO: Tim? 23 MR. ANDERSON: Yes. 24 MR. TREVINO: I wanted to say I appreciate 25 Vanessa's participation on your team. She has 16

1 been very responsive, very helpful on our monthly 2 reporting, helps out with some of the spreadsheets when we're doing budget analysis per contractor; 3 and so I just wanted to say thanks. She does a 4 really good job for you guys. 5 MR. ANDERSON: I appreciate that, Fernando. 6 7 And during the month of April, Vanessa officially 8 became smarter than me; so I acquiesce to the 9 talent that we have. And we have all done a great 10 job over the years of surrounding ourselves with 11 brilliant young people and Vanessa is certainly 12 one of those. Very good. Thanks, guys. 13 (All signify "thank you.") 14 MR. FEKETE: Okay. The next order of 15 business is the approval consideration for the 16 accounts payable voucher register dated April 21, 17 2022. I'll entertain a motion to approve. 18 MR. BAKOTA: Motion to approve. 19 MR. FEKETE: Do I have a second? 20 MR. HENRY RODRIGUEZ: Second. 21 MR. FEKETE: We have a second. We'll have a 22 roll call vote. 23 John Bakota? 24 MR. BAKOTA: Yes. 25 MR. FEKETE: Henry Rodriguez? 17

1	MR. HENRY RODRIGUEZ: Yes.
2	MR. FEKETE: Jaylan Robinson?
3	MR. ROBINSON: Yes.
4	MR. FEKETE: Kevin Doyle?
5	(No response)
6	MR. FEKETE: Ray Lopez?
7	MR. LOPEZ: Yes.
8	MR. FEKETE: John Fekete, I vote yes. That
9	motion is approved.
10	The next order of business is the AECOM
11	engagement letter. Mr. Trevino.
12	MR. TREVINO: As I mentioned, we're about to
13	embark on the next phase of our design effort.
14	And the engagement letter you have in your packet
15	takes us all the way through the completion of the
16	permitting, the completion of the design, the
17	completion of the bid documents, and going through
18	the bidding process through recommendation of the
19	contractor. And there's a couple gentlemen here
20	in attendance, Mr. Jim Adams and Tim Dull, and I
21	asked them to attend just to give a brief update
22	on where we're at on the project and answer any
23	questions the board might have.
24	Tim or Jim, whoever wants to do the honors.
25	MR. DULL: Yeah, I can give an overview. A

lot of this may be old news to you all but I'll start from the beginning and walk through how we got to where we're at today.

You may recall that the district undertook this project to address the concerns by the Army Corps of Engineers and Coast Guard, and I think it was a letter in 1983 that sent a letter to the City of East Chicago that started all this over concern of the abutments associated with the former Canal Street bridge. The concern was that portions of the abutment had fallen into the channel and were considered an obstruction to the navigable capacity of the waterway.

So in 2020 AECOM was engaged to conduct a preliminary evaluation of the abutments, and this include doing a review of some existing bathymetric survey data, some underwater survey data. And then we conducted our own above-water survey. And this evaluation confirmed that there were navigational challenges in that abutment area. We did a preliminary evaluation of options which resulted in a recommendation that dolphins being installed in the northeast side of that former bridge to aid in navigation.

In 2021, we performed a geotechnical

evaluation of the soil in that area, including soil borings, and prepared a conceptual design for the dolphins. We used that information to -- and I guess that resulted in a conceptual design that included a two-fiber, reinforced polymer piles as dolphins, and these dolphins would be placed 63 feet apart.

With that design, we prepared a joint permit that was submitted to the Army Corps of Engineers. The Army Corps of Engineers engaged the IDNR and IDEM in the permit process. And in December 2021 the Corps advertised the project for public comment. The public comment period ended in late January. And then on April 2nd, just earlier this month, the Corps of Engineers authorized this project. And in doing so, they stated that the project resolves any violations of the Rivers and Harbors Act. So that was kind of a key thing that came out of this. So we were pleased with that outcome.

So this permit satisfies the Section 404, 408, via a settlement agreement, and they Corps stated that no water quality certification was needed for IDEM. So IDEM doesn't really need to play a role in this permitting process.

And then just earlier this week, on Monday,
April 18, the IDNR approved this project. We just
got that letter Monday. They did have one
condition in that that we'll have to consider.
When we're doing the construction, they would like
us to provide a passageway for kayak and canoe
traffic during construction. So that's something
we'll have to consider.

So now we're at a stage -- with the permitting process done, we're at a stage where we can move to final design and preparation of the bid package. And that's what the proposal in front of you is for. But the schedule for that is as follows: So we would complete the final design by July of this year. We would prepare a bid package by September, and we would procure a contractor and materials over basically the fall and winter months, and we would be ready for construction in May of 2023. Some of these dolphins do have a long lead time, so that's why that procurement time is rather long. But that sets up nicely for doing the construction in spring of next year.

I'm happy to answer any questions.

MR. FEKETE: Any questions anyone?

1	(No response)	
2	MR. FEKETE: Very good.	
3	MR. TREVINO: Thanks, Tim.	
4	MR. FEKETE: Thank you. You've been doing a	
5	great job of keeping the rest of the board, myself	
6	included, abreast on all of the details that	
7	you've had to deal with because we go back to the	
8	time that we actually physically went out there	
9	for the first time and surveyed the area and	
10	figured, What are we going to do here? So great	
11	job, guys.	
12	Anything else?	
13	MR. TREVINO: You've got to ask for a motion	
14	on the AECOM engagement letter.	
15	MR. FEKETE: I will. I was wondering if	
16	there were any other questions.	
17	(No questions)	
18	MR. FEKETE: I will entertain a motion to	
19	approve the engagement letter.	
20	MR. HENRY RODRIGUEZ: Motion to approve.	
21	MR. BAKOTA: I'll second.	
22	MR. FEKETE: Roll call. John Bakota?	
23	MR. BAKOTA: Yes.	
24	MR. FEKETE: Henry Rodriguez?	
25	MR. HENRY RODRIGUEZ: Yes.	22
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1	MR. FEKETE: Jaylan Robinson?
2	MR. ROBINSON: Yes.
3	MR. FEKETE: Kevin Doyle?
4	(No response)
5	MR. FEKETE: Ray Lopez?
6	MR. LOPEZ: Yes.
7	MR. FEKETE: John Fekete, I vote yes. That
8	motion is approved. Okay, thank you very much.
9	The next order of business is the approval
10	consideration for the Plews engagement letter.
11	MR. TREVINO: This is for the ongoing effort
12	that our legal team from Indianapolis, Plews
13	MS. GREGORY: Shadley Racher & Braun.
14	MR. TREVINO: Yes. Better known as "Plews."
15	So this is for their continuation of their legal
16	services to help resolve the PCA and the tipping
17	fee agreement negotiations and getting that
18	completed. We're hoping that will be done by this
19	calendar year. And they've been doing an
20	excellent job; so I recommend the approval.
21	MR. FEKETE: Any questions from Mr. Trevino?
22	(No response)
23	MR. FEKETE: Okay. I'll entertain a motion
24	to approve the Plews engagement letter.
25	MR. ROBINSON: I'll make a motion.

1	MR. LOPEZ: Second.
2	MR. FEKETE: Okay. Roll call vote. John
3	Bakota?
4	MR. BAKOTA: Yes.
5	MR. FEKETE: Henry Rodriguez?
6	MR. HENRY RODRIGUEZ: Yes.
7	MR. FEKETE: Jaylan Robinson?
8	MR. ROBINSON: Yes.
9	MR. FEKETE: Kevin Doyle?
10	(No response.)
11	MR. FEKETE: Ray Lopez?
12	MR. LOPEZ: Yes.
13	MR. FEKETE: John Fekete, I vote yes. That
14	motion is approved. The next order of business is
15	the BMO trust report.
16	MR. TREVINO: Yes. You have a copy of the
17	BMO trust report. Mr. Alonzo isn't on, is he?
18	MS. GREGORY: No.
19	MR. TREVINO: Okay. So he did provide notes,
20	recapped notes, which I'll review. The current
21	value of the trust is \$4.136 million as of
22	March 31st. This reflects an increased value of
23	\$8,017.83 from the last meeting. The increase is
24	due to interest earned on the prime money market
25	and a deposit on March 30th of \$7,842.50.

1 All of the ECI trust funds are allocated to 2 the money market as the last CD matured last 3 month. Page 2 shows historical value of the trust from 1997 to the current, along with the history 4 of withdrawals. And that concludes Mr. Alonzo's 5 6 report. 7 MR. FEKETE: Okay. Any questions? 8 (No response) I think in the last several 9 MR. FEKETE: 10 meetings we've had some discussion about what we 11 should do with all the money that we have in the 12 money market, and we were basically waiting for 13 anything that may come about regarding the 14 interest rates that the fed might be doing and 15 what might be available in the CDs that might be 16 more advantageous to what we're getting in your 17 money market, so I would ask that Mr. Alonzo be 18 prepared to give us an update on that at our next 19 meeting. 20 MR. BAKOTA: Good idea. 21 Okay. Next order of business is MR. FEKETE: 22 the Army Corps board report, Mr. Nguyen.

MR. NGUYEN: This is Mike Nguyen, with the Army Corps of Engineers. There isn't much activity, so I'll keep this brief.

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For the CDF construction and for the dredging 1 2 operation, we're still preparing the close out 3 package for the dredging contract. For our Clean Harbors, we're still 4 5 anticipating the contractor to start sometime in early summer. I think they're a little behind 6 7 schedule and still reviewing some of their 8 submittals for approval. 9 For the phase two dike raise, construction is 10 For the CDF documentation, nothing 11 significant to report. For the PCA revision, 12 actually we've executed the PCA amendment, so 13 there's nothing significant to report on the Corps' due outs for that. 14 15 Our real estate staff is still working on the 16 Feddeler parcel, trying to do the final alerts, 17 crediting, and so forth. 18 And for the Parkway improvement, we actually 19 closed out the contract on the 10th of March; so 20 I'll be removing that from the agenda in the 21 future. And that's all I have. 22 MR. FEKETE: Any questions for Mr. Nguyen? 23 (No response) 24 MR. FEKETE: Okay. I'd like to get back to 25 the Great Lakes Legacy Act and Grand Cal junction

1 reaches remedial design project update. 2 MR. TREVINO: Jim, are you with us? 3 MR. WESCOTT: Jim Wescott. Can you hear me 4 okay? 5 MR. TREVINO: Yes. So we're continuing to finalize 6 MR. WESCOTT: 7 the design, as we've talked about last month. 8 Fernando mentioned, we had the committee meeting 9 that went fine. For me, I'm just finalizing or trying to get the permits and design drawings and 10 11 specs pretty much complete. We're probably going 12 to have a site walk in June with the Corps of 13 Engineers; so we will be supporting EPA for 14 oversight. So the expectation is to have the 15 designs and drawings essentially complete by the 16 second week of June, and then do the site walk 17 with the Corps. They may identify things from a 18 field implementation standpoint that they'll 19 notice, and then we'll finalize the design in 20 July, and then it goes out to bid in August. 21 I've continued to talk to some of the 22 contractors that EPA would potentially hire just 23 to kind of confirm the general approach makes 24 sense from their constructability standpoint. 25 They're all pretty comfortable with the direction

1 | the project is going as well.

Any questions?

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MR. TREVINO: Jim, we talked at our May meeting that you'll probably have a proposal that will include completing the design and the oversight. I don't know if you want to touch on that a little bit.

MR. WESCOTT: Yeah. So the original scope of work was mainly for the river work, which is what the original design was for, the Grand Cal and the Indiana Harbor Canal. And there was an option in the scope of work to do, if some of the wetland areas became available, to expand the design and do those. We've kind of already been doing a lot of stuff with the wetlands. It has actually occupied quite a bit of our time since last But we need to finalize the designs for summer. the wetland area that is south, immediately south, of where the east branch and the west branch come together. It's owned -- as Fernando may have mentioned it's owned primarily by Buckeye Partners, and NiSource owns a little piece, and City of East Chicago owns a small sliver. And we would design -- that wetland restoration would be similar to other wetlands we designed in the area,

including Roxanna Marsh, which is just west of Indianapolis.

And then the amended scope of work would also include supporting EPA's procurement activities this fall when they do a site walk with Bitters and then kind of support reviewing any contractor documents. So I'll put together a revised scope of work. The cost increase isn't going to be significant. I mean, we've got to get everything done -- at least the bulk of it has to get done in the next two months. And it won't be a lot of money but there will be a cost increase and scope of work that I'll provide Fernando in the next week or two for review.

MR. FEKETE: Any questions for Mr. Wescott?

(No response)

MR. FEKETE: Okay. Thank you very much, Jim.

MR. WESCOTT: Okay.

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

MS. GREGORY: Ellen Gregory with Ellen Gregory Law. I'm continuing to work with Fernando on putting together the 2022 user fee assessments. As he mentioned, we continue to have periodic meetings with BP regarding property transfers.

Jim Wieser and I will be working on drafting a written agreement between the parties.

The tipping fee agreement amendment, Plews is primarily taking the lead on the legal work from our side of that.

On the Canal Street bridge, the Corps verification letter was received, which basically concludes the outstanding potential violations of the Canal Street bridge abutments.

And then on a monthly basis, I continue to kind of look at where the State is in terms of COVID protections. We're continuing to move forward with our existing COVID response plan. But if any of those requirements change going forward, I'll be advising Fernando, and we might be making changes to the hybrid nature of our board meeting. The COVID emergency order was lifted in Indiana, so we are into the kind of normal non-COVID operations of our board meetings. But as things progress, I'll keep the board advised. And that's all I have.

MR. FEKETE: Any questions for Miss Gregory?

(No response)

MR. FEKETE: Thank you. The next order of business is, is there any other business to come

before the board? And I believe, Mr. Trevino, you had a proposal to us for the acquisition of some new office equipment?

MR. TREVINO: Yes. So a while back the board asked me to look at upgrading our iPads. I believe our iPads are the -- what did I say, 2014, I think?

MS. GREGORY: 2014, I think.

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MR. TREVINO: 2014. They're definitely So I contacted our government Verizon outdated. rep and he provided a proposal for purchasing of iPads and accessories. I provided a copy of that. And so if the board gives me the okay, gives me the approval on behalf of the board to purchase or give the okay to purchase the iPads -- because I guess what they do is send you an email and you have to do it online and basically hit "accept the proposal." So the proposal that you have in front of you will be revised. Instead of seven iPads -instead of eight iPad Airs, it will be seven, and it will be reduced by one keypad. And then the monthly service will be reduced accordingly. All the other items on the order will be approved and submitted. And then the other thing I was going to recommend was that the purchase of the iPads be

1	under the budget line item "third party contractor
2	and consultants."
3	So if the board authorizes me to make the
4	purchase, I'll do so on behalf of the district.
5	MR. FEKETE: Okay. Any questions?
6	MR. LOPEZ: I'd like to make the motion that
7	we approve the recommendation for the iPads as
8	presented by Mr. Trevino.
9	MR. BAKOTA: I second the motion.
10	MR. FEKETE: And I would like to amend it to
11	include, added to the motion, the recognition of
12	the fact that it would come under the line item
13	that was mentioned in our budget.
14	MR. TREVINO: Yes.
15	MR. LOPEZ: Okay.
16	MR. FEKETE: Okay. Roll call vote.
17	John Bakota?
18	MR. BAKOTA: Yes.
19	MR. FEKETE: Henry Rodriguez?
20	MR. HENRY RODRIGUEZ: Yes.
21	MR. FEKETE: Jaylan Robinson?
22	MR. ROBINSON: Yes.
23	MR. FEKETE: Kevin Doyle?
24	(No response)
25	MR. FEKETE: Ray Lopez?

1	MR. LOPEZ: Yes.
2	MR. FEKETE: John Fekete, I vote yes.
3	Any other business to come before the board?
4	(No response)
5	MR. FEKETE: All right. Hearing none, this
6	meeting is concluded. Thank you all.
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5	Meeting.
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