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DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

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1 EAST CHICAGO WATERWAY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
2 BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REGULAR PUBLIC BOARD MEETING

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4 City of East Chicago, Engineering/Annex Building
5 4444 Railroad Avenue
6 East Chicago, Indiana

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8 JULY 20, 2023

9 Thursday, 5:00 p.m.
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11 Transcript of The East Chicago Waterway Management
12 District Board of Directors' Regular Public Board
13 Meeting had in the above-entitled matter on the 20th day
14 of July, 2023, at 5:00 p.m., before Jennifer R. Wheeler,
15 CSR, and Notary Public, within and for the County of
16 Porter, State of Indiana.

A P P E A R A N C E S

JOHN FEKETE, President

RAYMOND LOPEZ, SR., Treasurer and Fiscal Officer

JOHN BAKOTA, Board Member

JAYLAN ROBINSON, Board Member

HENRY RODRIGUEZ, Board Member

FERNANDO TREVINO, FMT Consulting

ELLEN D. GREGORY
Attorney for East Chicago Waterway District

ALSO PRESENT: (Via Zoom)

JIM WESCOTT,

MIKE NGUYEN, Army Corps of Engineers

VANESSA VARGAS, CliftonLarsonAllen

BOB SANTORE, BMO

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1 MR. FEKETE: I'd like to call to order
2 the East Chicago Waterway Management District Board of
3 Directors' Regular Public Board Meeting. Today's date
4 is July 20, 2023, and the time is 5:08.

5 The first order of business is a roll call.

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7 Jaylan Robinson?

8 MR. ROBINSON: Here.

9 MR. FEKETE: John Bakota?

10 MR. BAKOTA: Here.

11 MR. FEKETE: Henry Rodriguez?

12 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Here.

13 MR. FEKETE: Kevin Doyle.

14 (No response.)

15 Ray Lopez?

16 MR. LOPEZ: Here.

17 MR. FEKETE: John Fekete? Here. We
18 have a quorum.

19 Next up is the Executive Director's Report.

20 Mr. Trevino?

21 MR. TREVINO: Yes. Fernando Trevino
22 with FMT Consulting. I'd like to start off by going
23 over the contents of your Board packet.

24 You have today's agenda; you have the public
25 meeting posting for today's meeting; the Board minutes

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1 for last month's June 15 regular Board meeting; the
2 CliftonLarsonAllen Financial Report dated June 30 for
3 the month of June that was emailed to you earlier today
4 and hard copies provided at the Board meeting; you have
5 today's claim docket dated July 20, 2023, along with
6 copies of purchase orders and the check register; you
7 have the First Merchant bank statements for the month of
8 June for accounts ending in -608 and -616, along with a
9 copy of checks that cleared last month, and also a copy
10 of the First Merchant's CD Report, with a run date of
11 July 17, 2023; you have First Merchant's letter of
12 authorization dated July 20, 2023, for the transfer of
13 \$250,000 to the 2023 budget for the Canal Street Bridge
14 Project line item; you have the Settlement Agreement
15 Deadline Extension Agreement between the District, the
16 City, and Atlantic Richfield; you have Board Member
17 Kevin Doyle's resignation letter dated June 5, 2023; you
18 have the BMO trust reports through June 30 of 2023; you
19 have People's Bank tipping fee and dredging escrow
20 statements for the second quarter 2023; you have the
21 2023 User Fee packet transmittal cover letter and all of
22 the 2023 user fee invoices; you have Tetra Tech's
23 monthly progress report dated July 17, 2023 for the
24 month of June; you have AECOM's latest project update
25 and schedule regarding the Canal Street Bridge Project;

1 you have the Army Corps report to the Board dated
2 July 20; and Attorney Ellen Gregory's report to the
3 Board with a revision date of July 18; and you have
4 Jacob's monthly progress report for the month of June
5 dated July 5, 2023. And that covers the contents of
6 your packet.

7 Go over a couple items to update you on.
8 Regarding action items on today's agenda, we have five
9 action items; two are the traditional ones, the June 15
10 Board minutes and the standard monthly claim docket.
11 You have the First Merchant's transfer request memo;
12 this is affiliated with the budget amendment that was
13 approved at last month's Board meeting. You might
14 recall that the Board approved a \$250,000-budget
15 amendment to the Canal Street Bridge budget line item,
16 and that was related to the award of the Thatcher
17 contract. You have approval consideration of the
18 Settlement Agreement deadline extension, and Board
19 member Kevin Doyle's resignation.

20 Regarding user fees, the 2023 user fee
21 packet went out late last week. A copy of the
22 transmittal letter and invoices are in your Board
23 packet. The final 2023 communicator was included in the
24 packet which came out really nice I thought, and I
25 provided copies of the communicator to the Board, as

1 well. I want to thank Olga Cosme for all of her efforts
2 in getting the invoice packets out last week. It takes
3 a lot of work and she did a really good job.

4 Regarding the PCA Amendment, we have been in
5 communication with the Corps to try and complete the
6 final accounting and transfer of funds. We're trying to
7 set up a meeting with the Corps next week to discuss the
8 most efficient route for the transferring of funds.

9 Regarding Great Lakes Legacy Act projects,
10 the Lake George canal east and middle project, the south
11 tank farm sheet pile wall project is ongoing. A copy of
12 Jacob's monthly progress report for the month of June is
13 in your Board packet as I mentioned.

14 There is a buckeye pipeline and a NIPSCO
15 pipeline in the south tank farm that require rerouting
16 for the construction of the sheet pile wall. Both of
17 these reroutes will eventually require an amendment to
18 the easements, which we plan to have ready by next Board
19 meeting. It's possible these amendments may be required
20 to be completed prior to our next Board meeting, and if
21 that's the case, I'll reach out to the Board and try to
22 schedule a special Board meeting. The sheet pile wall
23 is forecast to be completed by 2024.

24 Regarding the Lake George canal east, phase
25 dredging is scheduled to recommence after the sheet pile

1 wall project is completed. The Corps is managing the
2 dredging project on EPA's behalf, and the Corps is also
3 coordinating additional canal sediment samples that's
4 scheduled to begin this month.

5 Regarding the Lake George canal middle cap
6 project, the Army Corps of Engineers is also managing
7 this project. Remediation construction is near
8 completion. The contractor, Brennan, is in the process
9 of demobilizing their equipment, and there will be some
10 echo construction work still necessary in 2024.

11 A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held on
12 July 10, with major stakeholders that included the
13 District, Army Corps of Engineers, EPA, IDOM, and
14 Congressman Mrvan, and various other stakeholders. I
15 thought the ceremony went very well. I also forwarded a
16 copy of a Northwest Indiana Times article to the Board
17 for your information.

18 The Lake George Canal west remediation
19 project, that project is between BP and EPA and that
20 work is ongoing.

21 Regarding the Grand Cal River junction
22 reaches remedial design, Tetra Tech continues to work on
23 completing the remedial design, and we continue to have
24 periodic project team meetings to discuss design
25 completion, property access, coordination permits,

1 coordination of the junction marsh, and coordination of
2 the former City dump site.

3 Regarding the Grand Cal River phase 1
4 remediation project, the finalizing of the project
5 agreement is currently on pause, pending the resolution
6 of all source-control concerns. Once the project team
7 resolves the source-control concerns, then EPA will
8 submit a source-control memo that basically states that
9 there are no further source-control concerns. And once
10 the source-control memo is finalized, we will resume our
11 work on drafting of the project agreement. We're
12 forecasting finishing the project agreement this year
13 and construction in 2024. And just as a reminder, the
14 scope for the phase 1 remediation includes complete
15 remediation of the Grand Cal River west branch, which
16 includes dredging and capping work, dredging of the
17 Indiana Harbor Canal Branch, and restoration of the
18 junction marsh.

19 Is Jim Wescott in attendance?

20 MS. GREGORY: Yes.

21 MR. TREVINO: Okay, so Jim Wescott is in
22 attendance to provide additional information and answer
23 any questions the Board might have.

24 Regarding the Great Lakes Legacy Act
25 work-in-kind reporting, work on drafting the report for

1 the first half of 2023 is ongoing.

2 Regarding the Canal Street Bridge project,
3 you might recall that the Board approved the contract
4 award to Thatcher at the last Board meeting. Since then
5 we've had a project kick-off meeting between AECOM, the
6 District, and Thatcher, and Thatcher has submitted
7 various material specs for AECOM for you for approval,
8 which has been ongoing.

9 Is Jim in attendance after all? Jim Adams?

10 MS. GREGORY: No.

11 MR. TREVINO: I thought Jim Adams was
12 scheduled to attend, but that's okay.

13 The Corps report is in your Board packet.
14 Did Mike join us after all?

15 MR. NGUYEN: I'm on.

16 MR. TREVINO: Okay, so Project Manager
17 Mike Nguyen will be providing an update on the Corps
18 report for the Board, Attorney Ellen Gregory will give
19 an update on various legal matters, and that concludes
20 my report.

21 MR. FEKETE: Any questions for
22 Mr. Trevino? Okay, hearing none, I thank you very much.

23 The next item up is the Board meeting notes
24 for last month's meeting, which was June 15, 2023.

25 I'll entertain a motion to approve?

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1 MR. BAKOTA: Motion to approve.

2 MR. FEKETE: Do I have a second?

3 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Second.

4 MR. FEKETE: And a second. All members
5 in attendance are present at this location so we'll have
6 a voice vote.

7 Jaylan Robinson?

8 MR. ROBINSON: Yes.

9 MR. FEKETE: John Bakota?

10 MR. BAKOTA: Yes.

11 MR. FEKETE: Henry Rodriguez?

12 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yes.

13 MR. FEKETE: Kevin Doyle?

14 (No response.)

15 Ray Lopez?

16 MR. LOPEZ: Yes.

17 MR. FEKETE: John Fekete? I vote yes;
18 the motion is approved.

19 The next order of business is the Accountant
20 Consultant Report; Vanessa?

21 MS. VARGAS: Good evening, everyone. In
22 front of you, you have a copy of the June 30, 2023
23 financial statements on a cash basis.

24 If you turn to page 2, we'll begin with a
25 statement of cash receipts and cash disbursements for

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1 the six months ended June 30, 2023. You've received
2 interest income of \$35,504.29; you've collected user
3 fees totaling \$130,295.64; and had a trust transfer in
4 the amount of \$149,191.38. This brings your total
5 receipts through June 30 to \$314,991.31. You've had
6 total disbursements in the amount of \$244,031.55. This
7 brings you to an increase in cash balance of \$70,959.76.
8 On January first, you began the year with a cash balance
9 in the amount of \$4,300,335.44. On June 30, you had a
10 cash balance in the amount of \$4,371,295.20.

11 If you turn to page three, we will continue
12 with a schedule of cash account activity for the six
13 months ended June 30, 2023. Your operating account
14 began the year with a cash balance in the amount of
15 \$1,439,851.14; you've earned interest income of \$178.49;
16 you've had cash disbursements totaling \$244,031.55;
17 you've received two transfers: a trust transfer in the
18 amount of \$149,191.38, as well as a budget transfer in
19 the amount of \$153,329.23. This brings your operating
20 cash balance as of June 30 to \$1,498,518.69. Your user
21 fee account began the year with a cash balance in the
22 amount of \$560,484.30; you've earned interest income of
23 \$4,025.75; you've collected user fees in the amount of
24 \$130,295.64, as well as had a budget transfer in the
25 amount of \$153,329.23. This brings your user fee

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1 account balance as of June 30 to \$411,180.82. You began
2 the year with a CD in the amount of \$2,300,000; you've
3 earned interest of \$31,300.05, bringing your CD balance
4 as of June 30 to \$2,331,300.05.

5 If you turn to page four, we'll continue
6 with the schedule of 2023 available budget as of July
7 20, 2023. Your 2023 budget appropriation totaled
8 \$1,709,850; adding back in accounts payable as of
9 12-31-2022, the amount of \$32,521.75, brings your 2023
10 total appropriation to \$1,742,371.75. You've had cash
11 disbursements through June 2023, in the amount of
12 \$244,031.55. In front of you, you have a claims docket
13 dated July 20, 2023, in the amount of \$44,655.95. This
14 brings your total unused budget for 2023 to
15 \$1,453,684.25.

16 Are there any questions?

17 MR. LOPEZ: Thank you.

18 MR. FEKETE: I have one question.

19 Vanessa, we keep getting our reports just prior to the
20 Board meeting. It doesn't give us a good chance to
21 individually look them over before we come to the Board
22 meeting; is there any way we can improve that?

23 MS. VARGAS: Absolutely. I will work
24 with Fernando to set a new timeline on when we can
25 receive those dockets and a new turnaround deadline for

1 us, as well, so that you have enough time in advance to
2 review the statements.

3 MR. FEKETE: Okay. Because I was just,
4 you know, right around lunchtime, I got another -- I got
5 this in the mail so, among other things, didn't have a
6 chance to really go over it when I was at home, so thank
7 you, I appreciate that.

8 MS. VARGAS: No problem.

9 MR. FEKETE: Any other questions for
10 Vanessa? Hearing none, we'll move on.

11 Approval consideration for the Accounts
12 Payable voucher dated July 20, 2023, entertain a motion
13 to approve?

14 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Motion to approve.

15 MR. FEKETE: Do I have a second?

16 MR. BAKOTA: Second.

17 MR. FEKETE: We have a second. Okay,
18 roll call vote.

19 Jaylan Robinson?

20 MR. ROBINSON: Yes.

21 MR. FEKETE: John Bakota?

22 MR. BAKOTA: Yes.

23 MR. FEKETE: Henry Rodriguez?

24 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yes.

25 MR. FEKETE: Kevin Doyle?

1 (No response.)

2 Ray Lopez?

3 MR. LOPEZ: Yes.

4 MR. FEKETE: John Fekete? I vote yes;
5 the motion is approved.

6 The next item is the approval consideration
7 of the \$250,000 transfer request into the 2023 budget
8 amendment approval.

9 Fernando, do you want to explain that?

10 MR. TREVINO: Yeah, so, at the last
11 Board meeting, the Board approved a \$250,000 budget
12 amendment for the Canal Street Bridge project when we
13 awarded the Thatcher contract. And I usually, when I do
14 a budget amendment, I include the transfer memo with it
15 and the transfer memo wasn't on it. So just to kind of
16 be clean and make sure we approve both, so I'm asking
17 the Board to approve the transfer memo that basically
18 you already approved.

19 MR. FEKETE: Right, yeah. So just as I
20 remembered it, we approved in the last Board meeting, we
21 just didn't have a document to approve, which is what
22 we're doing today.

23 So I'll entertain a motion to approve?

24 MR. LOPEZ: Motion to approve.

25 MR. FEKETE: And a second?

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1 MR. BAKOTA: Second.

2 MR. FEKETE: Okay.

3 Jaylan Robinson?

4 MR. ROBINSON: Yes.

5 MR. FEKETE: John Bakota?

6 MR. BAKOTA: Yes.

7 MR. FEKETE: Henry Rodriguez?

8 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yes.

9 MR. FEKETE: Kevin Doyle?

10 (No response.)

11 Ray Lopez?

12 MR. LOPEZ: Yes.

13 MR. FEKETE: John Fekete? I vote yes;
14 that motion is approved.

15 The next order of business is the Settlement
16 Agreement deadline extension. I think that we talked
17 about this last month and that it was going to be
18 forthcoming. Do you just want to refresh our memory for
19 the record, Fernando?

20 MR. TREVINO: Yes. So in the Settlement
21 Agreement that the Board, the City, and approximate
22 Atlantic Richfield in March had a deadline, I believe,
23 of July 7, that we were going to get all of the
24 necessary due diligence for the transfer. And as July
25 came, it was apparent that we weren't going to be able

1 to finish all the action items in time, so all three
2 parties agreed to extend the deadline to September 7, I
3 believe. And so rather than schedule a special Board
4 meeting just for the approval of this document that
5 really wasn't -- it was more of an administrative
6 change, there were no really pros or cons to anyone in
7 the agreement, I pulled the Board to make sure everybody
8 was okay with the extension and then we would ratify it
9 at today's Board meeting. So that gave our Board
10 President, John Fekete, the okay to sign it, and so
11 today we're just asking the Board to ratify it for the
12 record.

13 MR. FEKETE: Okay. I'll entertain a
14 voice vote, entertain a motion to approve?

15 MR. BAKOTA: Motion to approve.

16 MR. FEKETE: And a second?

17 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Second.

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

20 (All signify aye.)

21 Any abstentions, any nays? Hearing none,
22 the motion is approved.

23 And the final order of business under
24 approval consideration, we have a letter addressed to me
25 from a Board member Kevin Doyle, expressing his desire

1 to resign from activity with the Board. I'd like to, at
2 least for the record, thank Kevin for all of the
3 valuable work and input that he put in during his tenure
4 with this organization.

5 MR. BAKOTA: I'd like to have my name
6 included with the other Board members, and send him a
7 letter thanking him for his service with the Board.

8 MR. FEKETE: You took the words right
9 out of my mouth. Thank you.

10 MR. TREVINO: Good idea. I'll follow up
11 on that.

12 MR. FEKETE: Very good.

13 Okay, BMO trust report; Bob Santore?

14 MR. SANTORE: Yes, good evening,
15 everybody.

16 Page one is the money market and CD holding;
17 the page shows the combined balance of the money market
18 account and your certificate of deposit with BMO.
19 Current value on June 30 was \$4,051,591.89. There was
20 an increase of \$531.08 from interest earned from the
21 last period. Page two is the historical data showing
22 the values of the trust account from 1997 with current
23 distributions in 2023 of \$149,191.38. And yeah, I guess
24 that's it. If there's any questions, I'd be happy to
25 answer those.

1 MR. FEKETE: Okay, any questions for Mr.
2 Santore?

3 Thank you, Bob, appreciate your report.

4 MR. SANTORE: Sure, you're welcome.

5 MR. TREVINO: Mr. President, I don't
6 think we voted and approved Kevin's resignation letter.
7 I think we talked about sending him a thank you.

8 MR. FEKETE: I think that just
9 acknowledging his resignation is enough. We don't have
10 to vote him off. He resigned.

11 MR. TREVINO: All right.

12 MR. FEKETE: Looking over the BMO
13 report, I always marvel at the fact that we started in
14 1997 with \$15,564,000; we have \$149,191, but in the
15 meantime, we have distributed \$21,654,000, which means
16 that somewhere along the line, we took full advantage of
17 the high interest rates the federal government was
18 offering on the bills that we took, on the documents
19 that we invested in.

20 MR. TREVINO: Yeah, good observation.

21 MR. FEKETE: So I think it's really kind
22 of a compliment to the work that's been done by this
23 Board in the past, as well as the present, to manage our
24 finances in a frugal way.

25 MR. TREVINO: Yeah, being good stewards

1 of the money.

2 MR. FEKETE: So congratulations to all.

3 Okay. Great Lakes Legacy Act, Grand Cal
4 River junction reaches remedial project update, I
5 believe that's Mr. Wescott.

6 MR. WESCOTT: Good evening, everyone.
7 As Fernando mentioned, we're still making a little bit
8 of progress. It's really just contingent on the
9 landfill City dump resolution. There seems to be some
10 progress with that between the City and Buckeye
11 partners. So hopefully in the next couple months, that
12 breaks free and we can kind of finalize the design and
13 get the project approved and done by then. I think
14 Fernando has an end-of-the-year target for that.

15 MR. TREVINO: Yeah, Jim, do you want to
16 mention the possibility of additional scope of work that
17 EPA may ask us to take on?

18 MR. WESCOTT: Yeah, I can talk about
19 that. I mean, there's a couple things. The Corps of
20 Engineers is the EPA's technical consultant. They've
21 had some comments -- you know, we started this process
22 with a design that we completed in 2015. Then, at the
23 time, EPA and the District were partners on it. And in
24 the interim, you know, when they kind of brought it back
25 up, the Corps of Engineers became involved in EPA's

1 technical consultant, they had some questions, mainly on
2 the geotechnical which, you know, back in 2014, EPA
3 didn't request it or we didn't do it, but the Corps, as
4 the technical consultant for EPA, is sort of pushing EPA
5 to get some geotechnical samples and do some analysis of
6 the river and the banks, and so there is -- I know that
7 EPA is working with the Corps to kind of finalize what
8 they really are looking for. But once they send that
9 request to Fernando, Tetra Tech will write a scope of
10 work and kind of prepare something for EPA to implement.
11 There's a few other technical comments from the Corps
12 that were kind of new also, so there's a little bit of
13 additional scope that's probably -- well, there's a
14 little bit of additional scope that will be required
15 between now and the end of the year, and then I'm not
16 really sure what it is yet because I haven't seen the
17 EPA's request in its finality. But if they send it to
18 Fernando next week as they kind of mentioned, I should
19 be able to have kind of a cost for both of them
20 scheduled to finish everything else that EPA wants by
21 the next Board meeting for your review.

22 Are there any questions?

23 MR. FEKETE: Any questions for
24 Mr. Wescott? Thank you, Jim.

25 Okay. Canal Street Bridge Dolphin project.

1 MR. TREVINO: Yeah, so I kind of -- I
2 don't know, did Jim Adams join?

3 MS. GREGORY: He did not.

4 MR. TREVINO: So I kind of gave a
5 snapshot of the latest progress, so since the Board
6 approved the contract with Thatcher, we had a project
7 kick-off meeting, we've had a couple conference calls
8 between AECOM and AECOM and Thatcher and myself to
9 discuss material specs that Thatcher is submitting.
10 AECOM is reviewing those specifications. Some of the
11 challenges with some of the materials is procurement
12 time. So they're looking at alternate-type of piles
13 that they might be able to use and to see if AECOM is
14 okay with them and they'll be able to do it this year
15 versus doing it next year. That's kind of the challenge
16 right now is trying to find material or, you know, specs
17 that are acceptable to AECOM if they're not going to be
18 the exact ones, something that's acceptable.

19 MR. FEKETE: Well, if it's a change in
20 material, do you need acquiescence from the Coast Guard
21 or Army Corps?

22 MR. TREVINO: I don't think so, no, but
23 I'll double-check that.

24 MR. FEKETE: I think it would be a good
25 idea. If you're changing materials, then somebody might

1 have a question, so discover ourselves.

2 MR. TREVINO: Yeah, that's a good point
3 to make.

4 MR. FEKETE: Okay, very good.

5 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Board report;
6 Mr. Nguyen?

7 MR. NGUYEN: Yes, this is Mike Nguyen;
8 can everyone hear me?

9 MR. FEKETE: Yes.

10 MR. NGUYEN: So this will be a quick
11 brief.

12 So for the CDF Construction facility
13 operations, we're still -- once they award the contract,
14 the new contractor will resume treatment. For the Phase
15 II Dike Raise, the construction is ongoing. For the PCA
16 closeout, we sent a letter to request to withdraw
17 \$12.473 million dollars from the tipping fee escrow
18 account from People's Bank. We're still waiting for
19 that response to come in. And the ECWMD's letter dated
20 the 26th of June, I think what we're trying to do is
21 wait for People's Bank to respond to our sort of
22 clarification on how to close out the escrow account
23 before we will formally respond to your letter. And
24 then the Parkway, we're still inspecting and cleaning
25 monthly, as needed.

1 And that's all I have; any questions?

2 MR. FEKETE: Any questions for
3 Mr. Nguyen?

4 Thank you, Michael.

5 Attorney Ellen Gregory report?

6 MS. GREGORY: Yes, Ellen Gregory with
7 Ellen Gregory Law. Fernando had mentioned the term
8 sheet extension; Jim Wieser, a real estate attorney
9 working with us, has input on the term sheet extension
10 which was approved. And Jim Wieser and other real
11 estate attorneys and professionals will be working in
12 the next couple of months to finalize all of the
13 documents so that the closing can occur by September 7,
14 which is the new deadline as Fernando had mentioned.

15 Pipeline relocation work has been ongoing in
16 connection with the installation of the sheet pile wall.
17 And Jim Wieser and I have also been involved in the
18 easement modifications that were mentioned earlier in
19 the meeting. Both Mike Nguyen and Mr. Trevino have
20 discussed the closeout for the PCA. We expect to have a
21 meeting next week with the Army Corps of Engineers to
22 move forward coordinating with People's Bank about
23 closing out the escrow account. And then I've also been
24 working with Mr. Trevino on finalizing the 2023 user fee
25 assessments, and as he mentioned, those went out last

1 week. And I have nothing else.

2 MR. FEKETE: Any questions?

3 Thank you.

4 Any other business to come before the Board?

5 (No response.)

6 Any public comments?

7 Hearing none, I'll entertain a motion to
8 adjourn this meeting.

9 MR. BAKOTA: Motion to adjourn.

10 MR. FEKETE: Do I have a second?

11 MR. ROBINSON: Second.

12 MR. FEKETE: All in favor, signify by
13 saying aye.

14 (All signify aye.)

15 Any objections or abstentions; hearing none,
16 this meeting is concluded. Thank you very
17 much.

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19 ***** MEETING ADJOURNED*****

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Jennifer R. Wheeler, Certified Shorthand Reporter (CSR), and Notary Public within and for the County of Porter, State of Indiana, do hereby certify that I appeared on the aforementioned date, time, and location, for the East Chicago Waterway Management District Board of Directors' Regular Public Board Meeting.

I further certify that I then and there reported in machine shorthand the proceedings of said Public Board Meeting, and that the proceedings were then reduced to typewriting from my original shorthand notes, and the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of said proceedings.

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 attorneys or agents, nor am I interested in any way, financially or otherwise, in the outcome of said proceedings.

Dated this 17th day of August, 2023.

Jennifer R. Wheeler, CSR

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