

In the Matter Of:
East Chicago Waterway Management

DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

October 19, 2023



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**EAST CHICAGO WATERWAY MANAGEMENT
DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**

**City of East Chicago, Engineering/Annex Building
4444 Railroad Avenue
East Chicago, Indiana**

October 19, 2023

5:00 p.m.

Transcript of the East Chicago Waterway Management District Board of Directors' Meeting had in the above-entitled matter on the 19th day of October, 2023, commencing at 5:00 p.m., taken at City of East Chicago, Engineering/Annex Building, 4444 Railroad Avenue, East Chicago, Indiana, and via Zoom Video/Telephone conference, before Dawn M. Iseminger, RPR, and Notary Public, within and for the County of Porter, State of Indiana.

1 A P P E A R A N C E S

2 JOHN FEKETE, President

3 JAYLAN ROBINSON, Vice-President

4 HENRY RODRIGUEZ, Secretary

5 JOHN BAKOTA, Board Member

6 RAY LOPEZ - Treasurer

7 KEVIN DOYLE - Board member (not present)

8 FERNANDO TREVINO, FMT Consulting

9 ELLEN GREGORY, Ellen Gregory Law - via Zoom

10 Also Present:

11 VANESSA VARGAS, CliftonLarsonAllen - appearing via
12 Zoom

13 JIM WESCOTT of Tetra Tech - appearing via Zoom

14 MIKE NGUYEN, Army Corps of Engineers - appearing
15 via Zoom

16 JIM ADAMS, AECOM - appearing via Zoom

17 BOB SANTORE, BMO Harris Bank - appearing via Zoom

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1 MR. FEKETE: I'd like to call to order the
2 East Chicago Waterway Management District board of
3 director's regular board meeting. Today's date is
4 October 19, 2023, and the time is 5:15.

5 The first order of business is the roll
6 call.

7 John Bakota?

8 MR. BAKOTA: Here.

9 MR. FEKETE: Henry Rodriguez?

10 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Here.

11 MR. FEKETE: Jaylan Robinson?

12 MR. ROBINSON: Here.

13 MR. FEKETE: Ray Lopez?

14 MR. LOPEZ: Here.

15 MR. FEKETE: John Fekete, here. We have a
16 quorum.

17 And the next major item is the executive
18 director's report, Mr. Trevino.

19 MR. TREVINO: Fernando Trevino with FMT
20 Consulting. I'd like to start off by going over
21 the contents of your board packet. You have a
22 copy of today's meeting agenda. You have a copy
23 of the public meeting posting for today's meeting.
24 You have the board minutes for August 17, and also
25 for the September 21st board meeting. You have

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1 the CliftonLarsenAllen financial report dated
2 September 30, 2023, for the month of September.
3 That was emailed earlier today and hard copies
4 provided at today's board meeting. You have
5 today's claim docket dated October 19, 2023, along
6 with copies of purchase orders and the check
7 register. You have the 2023 budget amendment
8 spreadsheet dated October 19, 2023, for board
9 approval consideration. You have an email dated
10 October 16th from Beth Admire of IDEM approving
11 the budget amendment. It required IDEM approval
12 since it was being funded by the trust dollars.

13 You have a letter of authorization dated
14 October 19th, 2023, to transfer \$21,000 from
15 the trust to the 2023 operating budget. And
16 that's affiliated with today's budget amendment
17 request.

18 You have a copy of First Merchants' Bank
19 statements for the month of September 2023 for
20 accounts ending in 608 and 616, along with
21 copies of user fee deposits recorded in
22 September and copies of checks that cleared
23 last month. Also, you have a copy of First
24 Merchants' CD report with a run date of
25 October 16, 2023.

1 You have the 2023 user fee payment
2 summary. The table that was sent in the email
3 packet had a typo, so I provided hard copies of
4 the corrected spreadsheet at today's meeting.
5 You have copies of the 2023 user fees past due
6 notices dated September 29th. And there were
7 16 of them.

8 You have a reimbursement letter agreement
9 amendment dated October 19, 2023, between The
10 District and Atlantic Richfield. That letter
11 agreement has already been approved and signed
12 by Atlantic Richfield. You have board
13 resolution 2023-2 regarding the board granting
14 Board President Fekete delegation of authority
15 to sign all necessary documents to execute the
16 settlement agreement, including those related
17 to the property transfers.

18 You have a copy of the 1991 agreement
19 amendment that's already been approved and
20 signed by IDEM, Atlantic Richfield, and the
21 City of East Chicago. You have an email from
22 Thatcher dated October 17, 2023, regarding
23 their project schedule. You have a copy of the
24 BMO trust report dated September 30, 2023. You
25 have a copy of the Army Corps' report to the

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1 board dated October 19th, 2023. You have
2 Attorney Ellen Gregory's report to the board
3 with the revision date of October 16th. You
4 have Tetra Tech's monthly progress report for
5 September, dated October 13th, 2023, along with
6 their invoice. You have a copy of Jacob's
7 sheet pile wall construction project monthly
8 project report for the month of September,
9 dated October 10th. You have a copy of
10 People's Bank account statements for the third
11 quarter of 2023 for the tipping fee and
12 dredging fee escrow accounts. You have a copy
13 of the ECI trust tax return for calendar year
14 2022. And I also provided a hard copy of the
15 Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce 18th Annual
16 Business Expo flyer; and that's scheduled to be
17 held November 2nd, 2023.

18 To go over a couple of updates. Regarding
19 the action items on today's agenda, we have
20 several. We have the August 17 and
21 September 21st board minutes. You have the
22 monthly claim docket. The 2023 budget
23 amendment along with the accompanying
24 authorization letter. You have the settlement
25 agreement cost reimbursement letter between The

1 District and Atlantic Richfield. You have
2 board resolution 2023-2 delegating Board
3 President Fekete the authority to sign
4 documents to complete the settlement agreement,
5 including the transfer of properties. You have
6 the 1991 agreement amendment between IDEM, the
7 City of East Chicago, and Atlantic Richfield,
8 as well as The District.

9 Regarding finances, the CliftonLarsenAllen
10 financial report was emailed earlier today and
11 hard copies provided at today's meeting.

12 Regarding the 2023 budget, I mentioned at the
13 last board meeting that we may have an
14 additional budget amendment request related to
15 the settlement agreement effort. On today's
16 agenda we have a budget amendment that includes
17 a \$21,000 budget amendment. This budget line
18 item is funded by trust funds so it required
19 IDEM approval, which they have approved it.
20 There's a copy of the email approval from Beth
21 Admire in your packet. The effort related to
22 finalizing the settlement agreement and
23 transfer of parcels has been more than
24 originally forecasted. We had to extend the
25 deadline twice.

1 As a reminder, Atlantic Richfield will
2 reimburse The District for this effort, which
3 is what's included in the letter agreement
4 amendment that's also on today's agenda for
5 approval consideration. I plan to have the
6 2024 operating budget ready to be presented for
7 the board review and approval consideration at
8 next month's November board meeting.

9 Regarding user fees, the 2023 user fee
10 collections is ongoing. We have deposited
11 approximately \$285,000 as of yesterday. We did
12 send out past due notices, and I've been in
13 contact with most of the companies. I'll have
14 an update on the deposits at the November board
15 meeting. I plan to implement the same practice
16 as we've done in prior years, which is not to
17 initiate the collection process as long as the
18 companies are staying in communication with us
19 and demonstrating an intent to make their
20 payments.

21 Regarding the PCA, we continue to
22 communicate with the Corps regarding their
23 final accounting, project closeout, and
24 transfer of funds.

25 Regarding the Great Lakes Legacy Act

1 project, the south tank farm sheet pile wall
2 project, construction is ongoing. As I
3 mentioned, a copy of Jacob's monthly project
4 report is in your board packet.

5 You might recall that both NIPSCO and
6 Buckeye Pipeline reroutes were necessary for
7 sheet pile wall project and those reroutes have
8 been completed.

9 The board approved the easement amendments
10 a couple of meetings ago. And as of yesterday,
11 we now have all of the original documents that
12 are necessary for Attorney Wieser to record the
13 easement modification with Lake County.

14 The sheet file wall project is forecasted
15 to be completed by early 2024.

16 Regarding the Lake George canal east
17 section, phase two dredging is scheduled to
18 recommence after the sheet pile wall project is
19 completed. The Corps is managing this project
20 on EPA's behalf. The Corps has recently
21 completed the collection of additional sediment
22 samples and is now reviewing the data.

23 Regarding the Lake George canal middle cap
24 project, the cap portion of the project is
25 complete. The contractor has demobilized and

1 the remaining work includes ECO construction
2 activities which are scheduled to be done in
3 the fall of this year and in the spring of
4 2024.

5 Regarding the Lake George canal west
6 remediation project, that work is ongoing, and
7 that project is between BP and EPA.

8 Regarding the Grand Cal' River junction
9 reaches project, Tetra Tech continues to work
10 on the remedial design. The project team
11 continues to have weekly project meetings to
12 review design completion, property access
13 coordination, permit applications, coordination
14 of the junction marsh, coordination with the
15 former city dump site, community engagement;
16 and also an additional field investigation work
17 plan, which Tetra Tech has provided a draft to
18 the project team for review. That field
19 investigation work is scheduled to be done in
20 early 2024. The project team continues to work
21 on resolving the source control concerns. The
22 expectation is that EPA will submit a source
23 control memo basically stating that all
24 potential known contamination sources have been
25 resolved. The drafting of that memo is an EPA

1 action item. Once that memo is finalized,
2 we'll continue to work on drafting of the
3 project agreement.

4 And I mentioned in the past that the
5 project team is exploring doing the Grand Cal'
6 River project in one phase rather than two
7 remediation phases. And the one phase concept
8 has started to get good support from project
9 stakeholders.

10 Our current schedule is that the project
11 agreement will be completed in 2024 and
12 remediation construction to begin in 2025.
13 Regarding the Canal Street bridge project, a
14 copy of the latest project schedule is in your
15 packet. Construction of the dolphins is
16 currently forecasted to start around the first
17 week of November. And AECOM'S project
18 representative, Jim Adams, is in attendance to
19 provide additional updates and answer any
20 questions the board might have.

21 We have a couple action items on today's
22 agenda related to the settlement agreement:
23 The 2023 budget amendment, along with the
24 authorization letter; the settlement agreement
25 cost reimbursement letter between The District

1 and Atlantic Richfield; the board resolution
2 2023-2; and the 1991 agreement amendment are
3 all part of the settlement agreement.

4 The Corps' report, as I mentioned, is in
5 your board packet. Project manager, Mike
6 Nguyen, will be providing an update to the
7 board.

8 Attorney Ellen Gregory will also give an
9 update on legal matters. And I mentioned the
10 Lakeshore Chambers' 18th Annual Business Expo
11 is scheduled for November 2nd at the Dynasty
12 Hall from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

13 And that concludes my report.

14 MR. FEKETE: Any questions for Mr. Trevino?

15 (No response.)

16 MR. FEKETE: Thank you very much.

17 The next order of business is the approval
18 consideration of board meeting notes. We
19 actually have the meeting notes for the
20 August 17th meeting as well as the
21 September 21st meeting. I would entertain a
22 motion to approve both sets of board meetings.

23 MR. BAKOTA: Motion to approve.

24 MR. LOPEZ: Second.

25 MR. FEKETE: Motion, and we have a second.

1 All in favor signify by saying "aye."

2 (all signify "aye.")

3 MR. FEKETE: Any oppositions? Abstentions?

4 (No response.)

5 MR. FEKETE: The motion is approved.

6 The accounting consultant report,
7 Miss Vargas.

8 MS. VARGAS: Good afternoon, everyone.

9 Vanessa Vargas with CLA. In front of you, you
10 have a copy of the financial statements on a cash
11 basis dated September 30, 2023. If you turn to
12 Page 2, we will begin with the statement of cash
13 receipts and cash disbursements for the nine
14 months ended September 30, 2023.

15 You have earned interest income of
16 \$53,193.83. You've collected user fees
17 totaling \$390,457.15. You had a trust transfer
18 in the amount of \$149,191.38. Bringing your
19 total receipts as of September 30th to
20 \$592,842.36. You've had total disbursements
21 from the line items above totaling \$563,932.64.
22 This brings you to an increase in cash of
23 \$28,909.72. You began the year with a cash
24 balance on January 1st in the amount of
25 \$4,300,335.44. You have a cash balance on

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1 September 30th in the amount of \$4,329,245.16.

2 If you turn to Page 3, we will continue
3 with the schedule of cash account activity for
4 the nine months ended September 30, 2023. Your
5 operating account began the year with a cash
6 balance of \$1,439,851.14. You've earned
7 interest of \$271.06. You've had cash
8 disbursements totaling \$563,932.64. You
9 received a trust transfer in the amount of
10 \$149,191.38, as well as a budget transfer in
11 the amount of \$403,329.23. This brings your
12 operating cash balance for September 30th to
13 \$1,428,710.17. The user fee account began with
14 a cash balance on January 1st of \$560,484.30.
15 You've earned interest totaling \$5,813.31.
16 You've collected user fees totaling
17 \$390,457.15. And had a budget transfer in the
18 amount of \$403,329.23. This brings your user
19 fee account balance as of September 30 to
20 \$553,425.53. Your CD began the year with a
21 balance of \$2,300,000. You've earned interest
22 in the amount of \$47,109.46, which brings your
23 CD balance as of September 30 to \$2,347,109.46.

24 If you turn to Page 4, we will continue
25 with the schedule of 2023 available budget as

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1 of October 19, 2023. Your 2023 budget
2 appropriation totaled \$1,709,850. Adding back
3 in accounts payable dated 12-31-22 in the
4 amount of \$32,521.75, as well as a budget
5 amendment in the amount of \$250,000, brings
6 your 2023 total appropriation to \$1,992,371.75.

7 Cash disbursements for the nine months
8 ended September 20, 2023, totaled \$563,932.64.
9 In front of you, you have a claims docket dated
10 October 19, 2023, in the amount of \$255,731.49,
11 which brings your unused budget to
12 \$1,172,707.62.

13 Are there any questions?

14 MR. FEKETE: Any questions.

15 (No response.)

16 MR. LOPEZ: Thank you.

17 MR. FEKETE: Yes, thank you. The next order
18 of business is the approval consideration for the
19 accounts payable voucher register dated
20 September 21, 2023. I'll entertain a motion to
21 approve.

22 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Motion to approve.

23 MR. FEKETE: Do we have a second?

24 MR. ROBINSON: Second.

25 MR. FEKETE: Okay. Roll call vote.

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1 John Bakota?

2 MR. BAKOTA: Yes.

3 MR. FEKETE: Henry Rodriguez?

4 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yes.

5 MR. FEKETE: Jaylan Robinson?

6 MR. ROBINSON: Yes.

7 MR. FEKETE: Ray Lopez?

8 MR. LOPEZ: Yes.

9 MR. FEKETE: John Fekete, I vote yes. That
10 motion is approved.

11 The next approval consideration is the
12 2023 budget amendment and a transfer memo. Do
13 I hear a motion to approve?

14 MR. LOPEZ: Motion to approve.

15 MR. FEKETE: We have a motion. And a second?

16 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Second.

17 MR. FEKETE: And a second. Okay. Roll call
18 vote.

19 John Bakota?

20 MR. BAKOTA: Yes.

21 MR. FEKETE: Henry Rodriguez?

22 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yes.

23 MR. FEKETE: Jaylan Robinson?

24 MR. ROBINSON: Yes.

25 MR. FEKETE: Ray Lopez?

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1 MR. LOPEZ: Yes.

2 MR. FEKETE: John Fekete, I vote yes.

3 The approval consideration for the AR
4 settlement agreement reimbursement letter
5 agreement amendment, as we had discussed
6 earlier. Do we have any questions?

7 (No response.)

8 MR. FEKETE: Hearing none, I'll entertain a
9 motion to approve.

10 MR. BAKOTA: Motion to approve.

11 MR. FEKETE: Do we have a second?

12 MR. ROBINSON: Second.

13 MR. FEKETE: I have a second. We'll have a
14 roll call vote.
15 John Bakota?

16 MR. BAKOTA: Yes.

17 MR. FEKETE: Henry Rodriguez?

18 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yes.

19 MR. FEKETE: Jaylan Robinson?

20 MR. ROBINSON: Yes.

21 MR. FEKETE: Ray Lopez?

22 MR. LOPEZ: Yes.

23 MR. FEKETE: John Fekete, I vote yes.

24 The approval consideration of the board
25 resolution 2023-2, allowing Board President

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1 John Fekete the delegation of authority to sign
2 documents in the interim between board
3 meetings. I'll entertain a motion to approve.

4 MR. LOPEZ: Motion to approve.

5 MR. FEKETE: Do we have a second?

6 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Second.

7 MR. FEKETE: Okay.

8 John Bakota?

9 MR. BAKOTA: Yes.

10 MR. FEKETE: Henry Rodriguez?

11 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yes.

12 MR. FEKETE: Jaylan Robinson?

13 MR. ROBINSON: Yes.

14 MR. FEKETE: Ray Lopez?

15 MR. LOPEZ: Yes.

16 MR. FEKETE: John Fekete, I abstain. That
17 motion is approved.

18 Approval consideration of the 1991
19 agreement amendment. I'll entertain a motion
20 to approve.

21 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Motion to approve.

22 MR. FEKETE: Do I have a second?

23 MR. ROBINSON: Second.

24 MR. FEKETE: And a second.

25 Any questions?

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1 (No response.)

2 MR. FEKETE: Roll call.

3 John Bakota?

4 MR. BAKOTA: Yes.

5 MR. FEKETE: Henry Rodriguez?

6 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yes.

7 MR. FEKETE: Jaylan Robinson?

8 MR. ROBINSON: Yes.

9 MR. FEKETE: Ray Lopez?

10 MR. LOPEZ: Yes.

11 MR. FEKETE: John Fekete, I vote yes. That
12 motion is approved.

13 The Canal Street bridge project update.

14 MR. TREVINO: Yes. Mr. Adams?

15 MR. ADAMS: Good evening. Just like Fernando
16 said, the project is on track. It looks like
17 Thatcher is doing preparatory work right now. The
18 contractor is doing preparatory work with their
19 barge and equipment and getting everything ready
20 to install the piles. I think they're looking at
21 being out there the week of November 6 to install
22 the dolphins.

23 And my company, AECOM, we will have a
24 full-time construction engineer out there, you
25 know, for oversight, to over see the

1 construction. And then with any luck,
2 everything should be finished by Thanksgiving.
3 That's all I have.

4 MR. FEKETE: We look forward to seeing that.
5 We had discussed earlier if there would be
6 possibilities to have some photographs taken while
7 they're doing the work of actually installing the
8 elements of the dolphins.

9 MR. ADAMS: Yeah, that's a great idea. The
10 engineer will be out there full time, and I'll ask
11 him to take a lot of pictures.

12 MR. FEKETE: I think that would be nice to
13 keep in your documents of what went on, because
14 it's been a long time since we've done this and
15 it's a project that was well discussed.

16 MR. ADAMS: We'll figure out how to get all
17 those photographs to you.

18 MR. TREVINO: You might want to have that
19 conversation with Thatcher, because a lot of times
20 a contractor does thorough documents, either
21 photographs or video, for their own advertisement
22 purposes. So that's another thing we could check
23 on, too.

24 MR. FEKETE: It's nice a lot of times when we
25 are invited to a public session of some kind to

1 have some photographs and some things that we've
2 been involved with and explain what it is, because
3 a lot of times people just, particularly in a
4 situation like this, there's not a whole lot of
5 people walking up and down that railroad track.

6 MR. ADAMS: True.

7 MR. FEKETE: Thank you very much. I
8 appreciate the update.

9 MR. ADAMS: No problem. Thank you.

10 MR. FEKETE: BMO trust report.

11 MR. TREVINO: Mr. Santore?

12 MR. SANTORE: Bob Santore. Good evening,
13 everybody.

14 So the two attachments we provided, the
15 money market and CD holdings, showing a
16 combined balance of your money market account
17 and your certificate of deposit with BMO. The
18 current value at the end of the month of
19 September was \$4,083,366.06. There was an
20 increase of \$555.08 from interest earned from
21 the previous meeting in the money market
22 account. The CD's next quarterly interest
23 earnings date is November 18, 2023.

24 I believe that covers everything. If
25 there's any questions, I am happy to answer

1 those for you.

2 MR. FEKETE: Any questions for Mr. Santore?

3 (No response.)

4 MR. FEKETE: Very good. Hearing none, thank
5 you very much, Bob.

6 MR. SANTORE: You're welcome. Thank you.

7 MR. FEKETE: The next order of business is
8 the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' report.

9 MR. NGUYEN: This is Mike Nguyen. Can
10 everyone hear me?

11 (All signify "yes.")

12 MR. NGUYEN: So for the CDF construction
13 facility operation, we're still working on
14 awarding the wastewater treatment plant. We've
15 directed Clean Harbors to move their treatment
16 plant off the site, and we're in the process of
17 soliciting a new contract. And we should be
18 awarding one by the end of this calendar year.

19 For the phase two dike raise, construction
20 is ongoing. Right now there's a modification
21 for extension of the construction complete
22 schedule. So until probably like the early
23 summertime of 2024.

24 For the dredging, we completed the plans
25 and specs for dredging, and we actually sent it

1 out for solicitation today. Our target is to
2 award a contract by the end of November for
3 dredging to start in the late summer of 2024
4 after the completion of the dike raise.

5 Nothing to report on the oil boom
6 coordination.

7 The PCA closeout, I'm still working with
8 our accounting to transfer tipping fee escrow
9 funds over so that we can balance the books and
10 then send the surplus funds to ECWMD. I was
11 hoping to get the transfer done this month and
12 then send you a check by the end of this month;
13 but it looks like it's going to be some time in
14 November.

15 And then for the Parkway, we're still
16 inspecting and cleaning as needed monthly. And
17 that's all I have.

18 MR. FEKETE: Any questions for Mr. Nguyen?

19 (No response.)

20 MR. FEKETE: Hearing none, thank you.

21 MR. NGUYEN: Okay.

22 MR. FEKETE: The Attorney Ellen Gregory
23 report.

24 MS. GREGORY: Yes. Ellen Gregory with Ellen
25 Gregory Law.

1 As Mr. Trevino mentioned, a lot of the
2 legal work is related to the property transfer
3 work. Jim Wieser is taking the lead on most of
4 the legal work related to that. Some of the
5 documents that we've been working on this month
6 and that you've just approved include the
7 reimbursement letter for AR to reimburse for
8 the costs related to the property transfer
9 work. The 1991 agreement amendment was, just
10 to kind of remind everybody what that relates
11 to, it basically says upon closing of the
12 transfer of the parcels, the parcels that are
13 being transferred to AR, the cities and ECWMD's
14 obligations with respect to those parcels will
15 terminate upon the closing of the transaction.
16 AR is not responsible for anything related to
17 the CDF parcels, and AR will work to try and
18 get an investigation done on the SSTF, which is
19 the small parcel kind of south of the south
20 tank farm, and complete an investigation of
21 that parcel. And then based on that, we'll
22 determine whether or not that parcel will also
23 be transferred to AR.

24 And then the resolution that you approved
25 regarding giving Board President Fekete the

1 authorization to sign documents that are
2 required for the closing.

3 And then, finally, I'll be working on
4 preparing the legal budget for 2024 for review
5 and approval at the November board meeting.
6 And that's all I have.

7 MR. FEKETE: Any questions for Miss Gregory?
8 (No response.)

9 MR. FEKETE: Hearing none, we want to thank
10 you very much.

11 The next item is other or new business.
12 I'd just like to bring forward the fact that we
13 have received notification that the Lakeshore
14 Chamber of Commerce is having their 18th annual
15 business exposition. It's on Thursday,
16 November 2nd of 2023, at the Dynasty Banquet
17 Center. And as we have in the past, any board
18 member desiring to attend will have the cost of
19 the lunch --

20 MR. TREVINO: Or executive director.

21 MR. FEKETE: Any member of the board willing
22 to attend, we'll pick up the tab for the \$40
23 luncheon cost.

24 MR. TREVINO: Do we need a motion on that?

25 MS. GREGORY: No. I don't think so.

1 MR. FEKETE: Any other business to come
2 before the board?

3 (No response.)

4 MR. FEKETE: Any public comments?

5 (No response.)

6 MR. FEKETE: Hearing none, I'll entertain a
7 motion to adjourn.

8 MR. BAKOTA: Motion to adjourn.

9 MR. FEKETE: Very good.

10 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Second.

11 MR. FEKETE: All in favor signify by saying
12 "aye."

13 (All signify "aye.")

14 MR. FEKETE: Any abstentions?

15 (No response.)

16 MR. FEKETE: Any oppositions?

17 (No response.)

18 MR. FEKETE: Hearing none, this meeting is
19 adjourned.

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Dawn M. Iseminger, Registered Professional Reporter (RPR), 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' Meeting.

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

Dated this 15th day of November, 2023.

Dawn M. Iseminger

Dawn M. Iseminger, RPR
My Commission expires: 9/22/2025



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