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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 May 16, 2024

10 5:00 p.m.  
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14 Transcript of the East Chicago Waterway Management  
15 District Board of Directors' Meeting had in the  
16 above-entitled matter on the 16th day of May,  
17 2024, commencing at 5:00 p.m., taken at City of  
18 East Chicago, Engineering/Annex Building, 4444  
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20 Zoom Video/Telephone conference, before Dawn M.  
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22 the County of Porter, State of Indiana.  
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A P P E A R A N C E S

1 JOHN FEKETE, President

2 JAYLAN ROBINSON, Vice-President - appearing via  
3 Zoom

4 HENRY RODRIGUEZ, Secretary

5 RAY LOPEZ - Treasurer

6 FERNANDO TREVINO, FMT Consulting

7 ELLEN GREGORY, Ellen Gregory Law

8 VANESSA VARGAS, CliftonLarsonAllen - appearing via  
9 Zoom

10 JIM WESCOTT of Tetra Tech - appearing via Zoom

11 MIKE NGUYEN, Army Corps of Engineers - appearing  
12 in person, with Vaughn Coolman

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1           MR. FEKETE: Okay. I'd like to call to order  
2 the East Chicago Waterway Management District  
3 Board of Director's regular public board meeting.  
4 Today's date is May 16, 2024, and the time is  
5 5:03.

6           The first order of business is a roll  
7 call. Jaylan Robinson?

8           MR. ROBINSON: Here.

9           MR. FEKETE: John Bakota?

10                           (No response.)

11           MR. FEKETE: Henry Rodriguez?

12           MR. RODRIGUEZ: Here.

13           MR. FEKETE: Ray Lopez?

14           MR. LOPEZ: Here.

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

17           The executive director's report is the  
18 next item. Mr. Trevino?

19           MR. TREVINO: Yes. Fernando Trevino, with  
20 FMT Consulting. I'd like to start off by going  
21 over the contents of your board packet. You have  
22 a 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 April 18, 2024,  
25 board meeting. You have today's claim docket

1       dated May 16, 2024, along with copies of purchase  
2       orders and the check register. You have a copy of  
3       the CliftonLarsenAllen financial report dated  
4       April 30, 2024, for the month of April. That was  
5       emailed earlier today and hard copies provided at  
6       today's board meeting.

7                You have a copy of First Merchant Bank  
8       statements for the month of April, 2024, for  
9       accounts ending in 608 and 616. Also included  
10      are two CD reports for accounts ending in 063  
11      and 321 with run dates of May 13th, 2024.

12              You have a copy of the BMO trust report  
13      dated April 30, 2024. You have a letter dated  
14      May 2, 2024, from the Army Corps of Engineers,  
15      Colonel Kenneth Rockwell, related to the  
16      underwater obstruction near the former Canal  
17      Street bridge. You have a copy of Tetra Tech's  
18      monthly progress report and invoice dated  
19      May 10, 2024, for the month of April. And  
20      that's related to the Grand Cal' River remedial  
21      design and remediation project.

22              You have a copy of Jacob's sheet pile wall  
23      construction project monthly progress report  
24      for the month of April, dated April 29, 2024.  
25      You have a copy of the Army Corps report to the

1 board dated May 16, 2024. You have a copy of  
2 Attorney Ellen Gregory's report to the board  
3 with the revision date of May 14, 2024. You  
4 have a copy of the fully executed MOU between  
5 the district and the City of East Chicago  
6 related to the underwater obstruction near the  
7 former Canal Street bridge. You have a copy of  
8 the district's Great Lakes Legacy Act Grand  
9 Cal' River remediation project proposal to EPA  
10 with an amendment date of May 8, 2024. And you  
11 have an email from me to the State Board of  
12 Accounts dated May 14, 2024, inquiring about  
13 their invoice for their audit services. And a  
14 copy of the State Board of Account's invoice  
15 and their invoice transmittal letter is also  
16 attached.

17 A few things to report on. Regarding the  
18 action items on today's meeting agenda, we only  
19 have two items on today's agenda. The  
20 April 18, 2024, board minutes and today's claim  
21 docket.

22 An update on our finances. As the board  
23 is aware, the State Board of Accounts has  
24 concluded their audit for the East Chicago  
25 Waterway Management District for the period of

1 2019 through 2023, and it was concluded without  
2 any reportable instances of noncompliance. We  
3 received an invoice for their services, which  
4 was \$10,486 and some change, which is more than  
5 double than we had originally anticipated. I  
6 sent them an email just to make sure there  
7 weren't any errors and to see if their  
8 invoicing process for the district has changed  
9 from prior years. As I mentioned, a copy of  
10 the invoice on the email inquiry is included in  
11 your packet. We will need a budget amendment  
12 to pay for the invoice, and I expect the  
13 inquiry to be resolved in the next couple  
14 weeks, so we'll have the budget amendment  
15 proposal ready at the June board meeting.

16 Last month the \$2.25 million was  
17 successfully transferred to the City of East  
18 Chicago, and that was consistent with the  
19 district's MOU with the City and the letter of  
20 authorization both approved by the board. The  
21 CDARS the district had with First Merchants  
22 expired this month, and the balance was  
23 transferred to our money market account at  
24 First Merchants. There were a couple  
25 additional deposits that we had in the month of

1 March to our First Merchants money market  
2 account and from Peoples Bank; and that was  
3 affiliated with the closing of the tipping fee  
4 and dredging escrow accounts. Vanessa Vargas  
5 will be providing her financial report later on  
6 the agenda.

7 Regarding user fees, the work on the 2024  
8 user fees is ongoing. Regarding the PCA  
9 amendment, as a reminder we received  
10 \$2.698 million from the Corps related to the  
11 PCA amendment.

12 Regarding the tipping fee agreement  
13 amendment, we did receive a payment from  
14 Cleveland-Cliffs. However, based on our  
15 calculation, it appears they're short  
16 approximately \$316,000 and some change. We've  
17 sent Cleveland-Cliffs a letter and a couple  
18 emails informing them of the shortfall. I  
19 talked to Tom Barnett earlier today from  
20 Cleveland-Cliffs, and he thought they had  
21 responded and he's looking into their response,  
22 so hopefully we'll have a response soon.

23 Regarding the Great Lakes Legacy Act project,  
24 the south tank farm sheet pile wall construction  
25 is basically completed. As I mentioned, Jacob's

1 monthly progress report for the month of April is  
2 in your packet. Although the physical  
3 construction of the wall is completed, groundwater  
4 management system will continue to be fine-tuned  
5 for some time.

6 Regarding the Lake George canal east  
7 section, the Corps is managing the dredging  
8 project on EPA's behalf. The Corps has  
9 received and is reviewing the data from  
10 additional environmental sediment samples that  
11 were collected last year, and they're planning  
12 to collect additional geotechnical samples  
13 sometime this spring.

14 Phase two dredging of the Lake George  
15 canal east and the balance of the  
16 Cleveland-Cliffs' SEP dredging along with the  
17 orphan areas are forecasted to be done in 2025.  
18 The project team has started discussions  
19 regarding the modification of the project  
20 agreement and cost share strategies. Regarding  
21 the Lake George canal middle cap project, the  
22 Army Corps of Engineers is managing this area  
23 on EPA's behalf. The main part of the cap  
24 project is now completed, and eco construction  
25 activities were performed earlier this year.



1           Regarding the Lake George canal west  
2 remedial project, that work is between BP and  
3 EPA and that work is ongoing.

4           Regarding the Grand Cal' River junction  
5 reaches remedial design and remediation  
6 planning, the district officially submitted a  
7 Great Lakes Legacy Act project proposal for the  
8 remediation of the Grand Cal' River junction  
9 reaches, and the proposal is to remediate that  
10 area in one phase versus two phases, which was  
11 how the project was originally proposed a  
12 couple of years ago.

13           The district gave a project presentation to  
14 EPA's technical review committee on May 2nd. The  
15 presentation was given by myself and Jim Wescott,  
16 from Tetra Tech, and our Board President, John  
17 Fekete, was able to attend.

18           I want to thank EPA and their stakeholders  
19 for the opportunity to present our project, and  
20 Tetra Tech's project manager, Jim Wescott, who  
21 did a great job on the presentation.

22           The board might recall at the last board  
23 meeting, the board approved an outline of the  
24 project proposal, which was finalized and  
25 submitted, and a copy of that proposal is in

1 your board packet. The proposal is for  
2 approximately \$48 million in federal dollars  
3 for the remediation of our waterway and  
4 \$26 million in local cost share.

5 We are now waiting for questions from EPA's  
6 technical review committee, and we'll respond as  
7 soon as we get those. And then EPA will go  
8 through their internal review process; so we  
9 should hear back from them within two months or  
10 so. If the project is given a green light, then  
11 we'll start drafting and negotiating a project  
12 agreement.

13 In the meantime, Tetra Tech continues to work  
14 on the remedial design. The project team  
15 continues to have biweekly project team meetings  
16 to discuss various project topics, including  
17 coordination of the additional site investigation  
18 plan, remedial design completion, property access  
19 coordination, permit applications, junction marsh  
20 coordination, coordination with the former city  
21 dump, and community engagement.

22 Regarding the Grand Cal' River junction  
23 reaches, remediation schedule in 2024, we're  
24 forecasting to complete the remedial design, to  
25 complete the project agreement. And in 2025,

1 would be the start of construction.

2           Regarding our cost sharing reporting, I've  
3 submitted our work-in-kind annual report for 2023,  
4 and we are waiting to hear any comments they may  
5 have. A meeting was held with EPA on April 23rd  
6 to assess the district's available cost share.  
7 Jim Wescott of Tetra Tech is present today and can  
8 provide additional updates and answer any  
9 questions. On April 30th, we had the Grand  
10 Calumet stewardship day. And that was held at the  
11 Seidner Dune and Swale Nature Preserve. And that  
12 was held with students from three classes from  
13 East Chicago's Mckinley elementary school. And  
14 the event went quite well and the weather was  
15 really great, so it was a nice event.

16           Regarding the Canal Street bridge project, as  
17 you're aware the dolphin project has been  
18 completed. However, at last month's board meeting  
19 I reported that there was an underwater  
20 obstruction identified near the former bridge.  
21 There have been various meetings with stakeholders  
22 on the matter, including a site visit that was  
23 held on April 18th with representatives from the  
24 Corps and BP. The City asked the District to  
25 manage this situation on their behalf. And

1 because the bridge belongs to the City and the  
2 last MOU was specific to the dolphin project, we  
3 entered into a new MOU related to the underwater  
4 obstruction, and that MOU has been observed by  
5 both parties. And as I mentioned, a fully  
6 executed MOU is in your board packet.

7 Since our last board meeting, the Corps  
8 sent the City a letter dated May 2, 2024 --  
9 that's in your board packet -- asking the city  
10 to remove the obstruction. Attorney Ellen  
11 Gregory and I have been working on a response.  
12 We've asked AECOM to review our draft letter,  
13 and we anticipate finalizing and sending the  
14 Corps our response letter no later than next  
15 week.

16 Regarding the old Cline Avenue bridge, we  
17 are in the early assessment of the prospect of  
18 removing the old Cline Avenue bridge. We've  
19 had a couple meetings and calls on the matter  
20 with various stakeholders, including IDEM,  
21 Lake County, and NIPSCO. Some of the questions  
22 we are pursuing include, "Are there any live  
23 utilities on or near the bridge? And are there  
24 any objections from removing the bridge by any  
25 of the three cities that the bridge is located

1 within," which is East Chicago, Gary, and  
2 Hammond.

3 Regarding the Atlantic Richfield  
4 settlement agreement, the property affiliated  
5 with that agreement was transferred in January  
6 of this year. The \$4.5 million affiliated with  
7 the settlement agreement has been received. As  
8 part of our MOU with the City, we were to send  
9 them \$2.25 million that was affiliated with  
10 that settlement agreement, and that has been  
11 successfully transferred and received by the  
12 City, and the project team continues to work on  
13 completing various ancillary action items that  
14 are affiliated with the settlement agreement.

15 Regarding the Corps' report, that's in  
16 your packet. Project manager, Mike Nguyen, is  
17 in attendance in person and will be providing  
18 an update to the board later on the agenda.

19 We've been trying to schedule a CDF tour  
20 date with the board and the last few dates have  
21 been unsuccessful. I was trying to get the  
22 full board to attend and maybe we can try to  
23 schedule something during today's meeting.

24 Attorney Ellen Gregory will be giving an  
25 update on various legal matters. And then the

1 last update, the City of East Chicago held a  
2 team up/clean up community day on April 19th.  
3 A few of our fellow board members and myself  
4 were able to attend. Our assignment was  
5 painting the various street and sidewalk curbs,  
6 which was a lot of fun and it created some team  
7 building and some special bonding. So I want  
8 to thank the board members that were able to  
9 attend, and Jaylan Robinson for his efforts in  
10 coordinating the community event.

11 That concludes my report.

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

13 (No response.)

14 MR. FEKETE: Thank you for your report. The  
15 next order of business is the approval  
16 consideration of the board meeting notes for last  
17 month's meeting, which was April 18, 2024. I will  
18 entertain a motion to approve.

19 MR. LOPEZ: Motion to approve.

20 MR. FEKETE: Do I have a second?

21 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Second.

22 MR. FEKETE: Roll call vote, because we have  
23 a board member that's with us with Zoom. Jaylan  
24 Robinson?

25 MR. ROBINSON: Yes.

1 MR. FEKETE: Okay. John Bakota?

2 (No response.)

3 MR. FEKETE: Henry Rodriguez?

4 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yes.

5 MR. FEKETE: Ray Lopez?

6 MR. LOPEZ: Yes.

7 MR. FEKETE: John Fekete, I vote yes. Thank  
8 you.

9 The accounting consultant report.  
10 Vanessa?

11 MS. VARGAS: Good afternoon, everyone.  
12 Vanessa Vargas with CLA. In front of you, you  
13 have a copy of the financial statements on a cash  
14 basis dated April 30, 2024. If you turn to  
15 Page 2, we will begin with the statement of cash  
16 receipts and cash disbursements for the four  
17 months ended April 30, 2024. You've received  
18 interest income totaling \$182,307.73. You've  
19 collected user fees in the amount of \$3,760.85.  
20 You had a trust transfer in the amount of  
21 \$251,083.25. And had other income totaling  
22 \$4,913,996.81.

23 MR. TREVINO: Can you repeat?

24 MS. VARGAS: Other income was \$4 million  
25 913,000 --

1 MR. FEKETE: It says "4" on the sheet.

2 MR. RODRIGUEZ: She said "4."

3 MS. VARGAS: Yes. It was \$4,913.996.81, and  
4 that is net of the MOU mentioned by Fernando  
5 earlier.

6 You had total disbursements in the amount  
7 of \$453,865.48. This brings you to an increase  
8 in cash totaling \$4,897,283.16. You began the  
9 year with a cash balance on January 1st in the  
10 amount of \$8,709,684.13. Your cash balance as  
11 of April 30th, 2024, is \$13,606,967.29.

12 If you turn to Page 3, we will continue  
13 with the schedule of cash account activities  
14 for the four-month ended April 30, 2024. Your  
15 operating account began the year with a cash  
16 balance on January 1 in the amount of  
17 \$1,121,983.80.

18 You've earned interest totaling  
19 \$14,891.52. You've had cash disbursements  
20 totaling \$453,848.48. You received a trust  
21 transfer in the amount of \$251,083.25, as well  
22 as a budget transfer in the amount of  
23 \$278,830.16. This brings your operating cash  
24 balance as of April 30th to \$1,212,940.25.

25 Your user fee account began the year with a



1 cash balance on January 1 in the amount of  
2 \$5,224,499.34. You've earned interest totaling  
3 \$116,383.22. You've had cash disbursements and  
4 a budget transfer totaling \$4,028,847.16, as  
5 well as received user fees in the amount of  
6 \$3,760.85, and other income transfer totaling  
7 \$7,163,996.81. This brings your user fee  
8 account balance as of April 30th to  
9 \$8,479,793.06. You began the year with CDs  
10 totaling \$2,363,200.99. You've earned interest  
11 totaling \$51,032.99. You purchased a new CD in  
12 the amount of \$1 million, and purchased CDARS  
13 in the amount of \$500,000. Bringing your CD  
14 balance as of April 30th to \$3,914,233.98.

15 Turn to Page 4. We will continue with the  
16 schedule of 2024 available budget as of May 16,  
17 2024. Your 2024 budget appropriation totaled  
18 \$1,306,000. Adding back in accounts payable  
19 dated 12/31/2022 totaling \$345,897.21, which  
20 brings your 2024 total appropriation to  
21 \$1,651,897.21. You've had cash disbursements  
22 for the four months ended April 2024 totaling  
23 \$453,865.48. And in front of you, you have a  
24 claims docket dated May 16, 2024, totaling  
25 \$39,100.47. This brings your unused budget to

1           \$1,158,931.26.

2           Are there any questions?

3                           (No response.)

4           MR. FEKETE:   Hearing none --

5           MR. LOPEZ:   Thank you.

6           MR. FEKETE:   -- the next order of business is  
7           the approval consideration for the accounts  
8           payable voucher register dated May 16th, 2024.  Do  
9           I hear a motion to approve?

10          MR. RODRIGUEZ:  Motion to approve.

11          MR. FEKETE:   Okay.  Do we have a second?

12          MR. LOPEZ:   Second.

13          MR. FEKETE:   We have a second.  Roll call  
14          vote.  John Bakota?

15                           (No response.)

16          MR. FEKETE:   Jaylan Robinson?

17          MR. ROBINSON:  Yes.

18          MR. FEKETE:   Henry Rodriguez?

19          MR. RODRIGUEZ:  Yes.

20          MR. FEKETE:   Ray Lopez?

21          MR. LOPEZ:   Yes.

22          MR. FEKETE:   John Fekete, I vote yes.  That  
23          motion is approved.  Thank you.

24                           Canal Street bridge project update.

25          MR. TREVINO:  Yes.  Mr. President, I gave the

1 update during my executive director's report, so  
2 nothing new to add.

3 MR. FEKETE: Okay. Hearing no questions, the  
4 next item is the Great Lakes Legacy Act Grand Cal'  
5 River junction reach remedial design project  
6 update.

7 MR. TREVINO: Yeah. Jim?

8 MR. WESCOTT: Fernando covered a lot of it.  
9 The main things are we're working on permit  
10 applications. As we've talked in the past, we  
11 applied for the permits already but because we're  
12 expanding the project to do both phase one, phase  
13 two, we have to reapply. So we're working on  
14 putting the permit applications together. And  
15 we'll submit those once the project proposal has  
16 been accepted, and probably later in this summer.

17 We did participate in the technical  
18 proposal committee meeting with Fernando. I  
19 don't know the feedback that we got, but it  
20 went very well. We'll probably get a few  
21 questions in the next week or so -- probably  
22 after the holiday. And then I'll work with  
23 Fernando to address those.

24 Then it should just be smooth sailing, at  
25 least from a project proposal standpoint.

1 Are there any questions?

2 (No response.)

3 MR. FEKETE: Hearing none, thank you very  
4 much, Jim.

5 MR. WESCOTT: Thank you.

6 MR. FEKETE: Sheet pile wall project update?

7 MR. TREVINO: Yes. That item, too, I  
8 provided an update during my executive director's  
9 report, so nothing new to add on that project.

10 MR. FEKETE: BMO trust report?

11 MR. TREVINO: Yes. Is Bob Santore on the  
12 call?

13 MS. GREGORY: He's not.

14 MR. TREVINO: He's not. Let me get to that  
15 report and I can give a quick summary on it.

16 So as mentioned, BMOs trust report is in  
17 your packet dated April 30th. The certificate  
18 of deposit is currently at 3.34 percent, with a  
19 maturity date of December 18, 2024, and the  
20 amount is \$3.649 million and some change.

21 Regarding the prime money market account  
22 ending in 712, the balance as of April 30th is  
23 \$343,200.84. And the difference between the  
24 trust account balance at the beginning of the  
25 month to the end of the month, the difference

1 is \$393.60. And the total, the grand total of  
2 both accounts is \$3,992,618.78. And that  
3 concludes the BMO trust report.

4 MR. FEKETE: Okay. Any questions.

5 (No response.)

6 MR. FEKETE: Moving along. The next order of  
7 business is the Army Corps of Engineers report.

8 MR. NGUYEN: Hi. Mike Nguyen, with the Army  
9 Corps of Engineers. First of all, I want to  
10 introduce Mr. Vaughn Coolman. He will be taking  
11 over as project manager for the Army Corps of  
12 Engineers.

13 MR. FEKETE: Where are you going?

14 MR. NGUYEN: I will be working on the  
15 electric fish baiter project. So I'll be with you  
16 guys through this month and probably a little next  
17 month while we do the transition. And so welcome  
18 Mr. Coolman on board.

19 MR. FEKETE: And you have his name?

20 COURT REPORTER: Yes.

21 MR. NGUYEN: So for the update for the CDF  
22 for the facility operation, our contracting is  
23 still working to develop the acquisition strategy.  
24 We coordinated with the small business. Hopefully  
25 we can get the contracts advertised and awarded

1 within the next month or two. So once it's  
2 awarded, treatment will start within the next few  
3 months; so we're targeting treatment to start  
4 probably later on in the summer.

5 The dike raise phase two construction is  
6 still ongoing. The construction completion  
7 date is still scheduled for June. We actually  
8 do have a ribbon cutting ceremony scheduled for  
9 17, June. We will be sending that invite to  
10 ECWMD East Chicago, Indiana, One.

11 For the dredging contract, that contract  
12 was awarded to Roen Salvage. They're going to  
13 start construction -- or dredging probably  
14 after the Labor Day. And right now they  
15 proposed a tentative date of June 20th for the  
16 dredging public meeting. That's right after  
17 the next board meeting. So if there's any  
18 issues or anything else, we could reschedule  
19 it. That's always been the schedule for these  
20 dredging public meetings, just right after the  
21 board meeting.

22 MR. TREVINO: Mike, it's been a while since  
23 we had one of those. Will the Corps advertise  
24 that?

25 MR. NGUYEN: We will put a notice out. We've

1 coordinated with our public affairs office and  
2 Roen Salvage. They're trying to prepare a  
3 presentation, so I'll get with our public affairs  
4 office and put some kind of notice out for this  
5 dredging public meeting.

6 MR. TREVINO: Okay.

7 MR. NGUYEN: And then the oil boom, there's  
8 nothing to report. And for the parkway, we're  
9 continuing to maintain the parkway. We're  
10 inspecting it and cleaning it as needed. That's  
11 all I have.

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

13 MR. LOPEZ: Thank you.

14 MR. TREVINO: No questions but I did want to  
15 thank Mike for his years of cooperation and  
16 service and working with our waterway district.  
17 How long have you been the project manager for us  
18 now?

19 MR. NGUYEN: I think it was back in probably  
20 2010, or something -- 2011 or before then.

21 MR. TREVINO: Yeah.

22 MR. NGUYEN: And then I got off a little bit  
23 because they put me on the barrier. I got off the  
24 barrier, went back to Indiana Harbor, and now they  
25 are pulling me back to the barrier.

1 MR. TREVINO: Here is a list of things Mike  
2 has helped us with. We have successfully done the  
3 multi-year dredging and disposal operations of the  
4 federal navigation channel, the CDF dike raising  
5 project. He was the one that took the lead on the  
6 Indy Boulevard Parkway improvement and its ongoing  
7 cleanup efforts, and then the multi-year very  
8 complicated PCA amendment that we finally  
9 concluded, I don't know, a year or two ago, and  
10 then the final accounting. And so, Mike, I want  
11 to thank all your efforts with the Waterway  
12 Management District over the years.

13 MR. NGUYEN: Thank you.

14 MR. TREVINO: We appreciate it.

15 MR. NGUYEN: It was a pleasure working with  
16 everyone. I know that the agreement took longer.  
17 You rotated through several PMs but I was the one  
18 who carried it over the finish line.

19 All right. Thank you.

20 MR. LOPEZ: Good luck.

21 MR. FEKETE: Next up is the Attorney Ellen  
22 Gregory report.

23 MS. GREGORY: Yes. Ellen Gregory with Ellen  
24 Gregory Law. A couple of matters that I continue  
25 to work with Mr. Trevino on in terms of the legal



1 issues related to the Canal Street bridge and the  
2 water obstruction that he described earlier.  
3 We're also pushing forward on the Grand Cal' River  
4 proposal, and, as he mentioned, the Grand Cal'  
5 River proposal and the project agreement. And  
6 then finally continuing to discuss with BP the  
7 GLLA cost share issues and the fifth modification  
8 to the project agreement. Any questions?

9 (No response.)

10 MR. LOPEZ: Real good. We keep you busy.

11 MR. FEKETE: Any other questions for  
12 Miss Gregory?

13 (No response.)

14 MR. FEKETE: Thank you. Any other new  
15 business to come before the board?

16 (No response.)

17 MR. FEKETE: Any other general business?

18 (No response.)

19 MR. FEKETE: Any public comments?

20 (No response.)

21 MR. FEKETE: Hearing none, I'll entertain a  
22 motion to adjourn the meeting.

23 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Motion to adjourn.

24 MR. ROBINSON: Second.

25 MR. FEKETE: All in favor, signify by say

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"aye."

(All signify "aye")

MR. FEKETE: Any objections? Abstentions?

(No response.)

MR. FEKETE: The next board meeting is  
June 20, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. This meeting is  
concluded. Thank you all for your participation.

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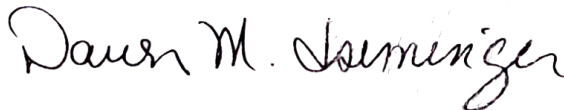
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I, Dawn M. Iseminger, Registered Professional Reporter (RPR), and Notary Public within and for the County of Porter, State of Indiana, do hereby certify that I appeared on the aforementioned date, time, and location, for the East Chicago Waterway Management 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.

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