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1	EAST CHICAGO WATERWAY MANAGEMENT
2	DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
3	CITY OF EAST CHICAGO, ENGINEERING/ANNEX BUILDING
4	4444 RAILROAD AVENUE
5	EAST CHICAGO, INDIANA
6	September 26, 2024
7	THURSDAY 5:00 P.M.
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9	TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS had in the
10	above-entitled matter on the 15th day of August, 2024
11	at 5:00 p.m. held at the City of East Chicago
12	Engineering/Annex Building, 444 Railroad Avenue, East
13	Chicago, Indiana.
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1	PROCEEDINGS
2	MR. FEKETE: Ready? You're Ready? You're
3	the boss.
4	COURT REPORTER: I'm ready.
5	MR. FEKETE: Okay. I'd like to call to order
6	the East Chicago Waterway Management District Board of
7	Directors Regular Public Board Meeting. Today's date
8	is September 26, 2024 and the time is 5:05. First
9	order of business is the roll call.
10	MR. FEKETE: Jalan Robinson?
11	MR. ROBINSON: Here.
12	MR. FEKETE: John Bakota?
13	MR. BAKOTA: Here.
14	MR. FEKETE: Henry Rodriguez?
15	MR. RODRIGUEZ: Here.
16	MR. FEKETE: Ray Lopez?
17	MR. LOPEZ: Here.
18	MR. FEKETE: John Fekete? Here. We have a
19	forum. Next up is the Executive Director's Report,
20	Mr. Trevino.
21	MR. TREVINO: Yes, Fernando Trevino with FMT
22	Consulting. I'd like to start off by going over the
23	contents of your Board packet. You have a copy of
24	today's agenda. You have a copy of the public meeting
25	posting for today's rescheduled Board meeting. You

have copy of the Board minutes for August 15, 2024.

You have the CliftonLarsonAllen Financial Report dated

August 31, 2024 for the month of August. You have the

Claim Docket for today's Board meeting. Claim Docket

dated September 19, 2024, along with copies of the

purchase orders and check register.

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You have a District or East Chicago Waterway Management District Approval Memo for FMT Consulting, Inc., additional hours for 2024. And that memo is dated September 26, 2024.

You have a letter dated September 26, 2024 from the Waterway Management District Executive Director, Fernando Trevino, to the Army Corps responding to the Corps' September 6, 2024 memo regarding the underwater obstruction near the Canal Street Bridge.

You have a copy of TetraTech's Monthly
Progress Report and invoice for the month of August.
The report is dated September 9, 2024.

You have First Merchants Bank statements for the month of August 2024 for account ending in 608 with copies of checks that were cashed in August.

You have copies of account ending in 616 and copies of the three User Fee deposit memos and receipts that were deposited in August. And those deposits were

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1 August 21st, August 22nd and August 30th.

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Also included are copies of two First

Merchants CD Reports, both with the run date of

September 17, 2024, and the two CD account numbers are
ending in 063 and 321.

You have a copy of BMO's Trust Report dated August 31, 2024. You have a copy of the Army Corps Report to the Board dated September 26, 2024. And last but not least, you have a copy of Attorney Ellen Gregory's Report to the Board dated September 24th of 2024.

Go over a couple items. Regarding the action items on today's agenda, we have several. We have the Board Minutes for August 15, 2024 for approval consideration. We have the Claim Docket dated September 19, 2024. We have approval of FMT Consulting, Inc. additional hours for calendar year 2024.

You have approval of the District's response letter to the Corps September 6th letter regarding the Canal Street Bridge underwater obstruction.

You have approval to extend the District's 2024 User Fee deadline from September 19th to November 1, 2024.

You have approval to assign the duplication

of FMT Consulting, Inc's Great Lakes Legacy Act cost share to ARBP, since ARBP is reimbursing the District for those costs.

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Regarding finances, the \$300,000 payment that was due from the City of East Chicago related to the Canal Street Bridge MOU between the District and the City has been received and deposited into the District's account ending in 616. The Board approved using Todd Relue from Krieg Devault on the Great Lakes Legacy Act Cost Share and Project Agreement Negotiations. So I plan to build that work related to that effort to the legal budget line item affiliated with the Project Agreement and Cost Share Agreement.

Also, we asked AECOM to provide engineering and technical support on the underwater obstruction near the Canal Street Bridge. So we'll be building their efforts to that Canal Street Bridge Project Budget.

Regarding User Fees, collection of the 2024 User Fees is ongoing. As of today, we've received and deposited approximately \$240,000, which is a little above -- right around 57% of the total '24 balance.

On today's agenda is an approval consideration to extend the deadline to November 1st and extending the User Fee payment deadline has been

consistent with prior year's practice. That gives us an opportunity to reach out to the companies who are past due and have them catch up on their balance due.

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Regarding the PCA Amendment and Tipping Fee Agreement Amendments, as you may recall, in the past we have received payments from U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Cleveland Cliffs related to the PCA and Tipping Fee Agreement Amendments. However, based on our calculations, we had concluded that the payments were short approximately \$316,463.30 from Cleveland Cliffs. Cleveland Cliffs ultimately agreed with our calculations and subsequently Cleveland Cliffs agreed to pay that balance through the Army Corps of Engineers from an overpayment that Cleveland Cliffs had made to the Corps. So the Corps has confirmed that that payment is being processed and we should receive payment shortly.

Regarding the Great Lakes Legacy Act Project, the South Tank Farm Sheet Pile Wall construction is completed. The Groundwater Management System affiliated with the barrier wall system will continue to be fine-tuned for some time, and the design is currently at around 60% completion.

Regarding the Lake George Canal East Section, the Corps is managing the dredging project on EPA's

behalf. The Corps is currently reviewing environmental sediment sampling data collected last year as well as reviewing additional geotechnical sampling data that was collected this year.

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Phase II dredging of the Lake George Canal East and Cleveland Cliffs sep dredging is forecasted to be done in 2025. The project team continues to have meetings to discuss amending the Lake George Canal Project Agreement fourth modification. So we'll be working on the fifth modification. We've had a few meetings between the District, EPA and ARBP to discuss the scope of work, forecasted project costs and cost share options, and the modification of the Project Agreement and Cost Share Agreement.

We continue to look forward to working with ARBP on opportunities to compromise and amend the existing Cost Share Agreements that's hopefully in benefit to all parties.

Regarding the Lake George Canal Middle Cap project, the Army Corps of Engineers is managing this project as well. The main part of the CAP project is now completed. The corps is evaluating options for addressing an oil sheen that's been observed within the captain project area. Also, eco construction activities are periodically ongoing regarding the Lake

George Canal west remediation project. That work is between BP and EPA and that work is ongoing.

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Regarding the Grand Cal River Junction
Reaches Project. TetraTech continues to work on the remedial design. The project team continues to have biweekly project team meetings to discuss remedial design completion, coordination of additional site investigation plan, property access coordination, permit applications, junction marsh coordination and coordination with the City Dump and community engagement.

Regarding general schedule for the Grand Cal River Junction Reaches Remediation in 2024, we're forecasting to complete the additional site investigation work, completing the remedial design, finalizing the Project Agreement. And in 2025 the project team is tentatively planning to have an outreach presentation after the Board's January 16th Board meeting. The start of remediation construction would be in 2025 and we forecast will go through 2026.

Regarding our Cost Share Reporting, I've submitted our work in kind Annual Report for 2023 as well as our Cost Share Report for the first half of 2024. The Project team continues to discuss options and strategies providing -- for providing the necessary

Cost Share Funding required by the non-federal partner.

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Recently, EPA notified both the District and ARBP that in 2022 and 2023 both the District and ARBP submitted and requested cost share credit for the same work which was done by FMT Consulting, Inc. So because ARBP reimburses the District for those costs, we are recommending that ARBP be allowed to get credit for those cost shares. So there's an approval consideration on today's agenda to allow ARBP to get credit for it and then we would have to deduct that from our reports.

Jim Wescott of TetraTech is present today and can provide additional updates and answer any questions. Regarding the Canal Street Bridge Project, as you're aware, the dolphins have been installed and that part of the project has been completed. However, there's been an underwater obstruction identified near the former bridge. You may recall that the District and the City entered into an MOU on this matter where the District will take the lead on managing this project. So consistent with the MOU, we've had various meetings and discussions with stakeholders on the matter. We recently received a letter from the Corps dated September 6th. We reviewed the Corps' letter and we've drafted a response. From the District, the

response letter, which is dated today, September 26th, is on today's agenda for approval consideration. If approved, I'll forward it to the Corps by tomorrow.

We've also asked the Corps for a copy of their underwater video recordings of the obstruction that they took a few weeks ago. The Corps has made a determination based on these recordings that it looks like a piece of concrete. So we've asked for copies of the video and I think Vaughn has sent that. I haven't had a chance to access it and take a look at it, but I've seen an email transmitting that.

The Corps is scheduled to remove the obstruction in early October and the Corps has agreed to allow us to inspect the obstruction, which we plan to do along with representatives from AECOM and AECOM will accompany our inspection of the obstructed material.

Regarding the Old Cline Avenue Bridge, there are ongoing meetings and discussions with various stakeholders, including Lake County, IDEM, EPA, NIPSCO and the District to assess whether the bridge removal was feasible, including researching the bridge's ownership, utility conflicts and reroutes, and right-of-way and easement issues. A follow up meeting is scheduled for next week, Wednesday, October 2nd.

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Regarding the Atlantic Ritchfield Settlement Agreement, the property transfer was completed in January of this year. The \$4.5 million affiliated with the Settlement Agreement has been received and deposited into the District's account. Half of those funds or \$2.25 million were transferred to the City consistent with our MOU with the City. The Project team continues to work on completing various ancillary items affiliated with the Settlement Agreement.

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Regarding the Corps dredging project and CDF, their report is in your Board packet. Project Manager, Vaughn Coolman, is present to provide an update to the report to the Board. And Attorney Ellen Gregory will be giving an update on various legal matters. And that concludes my report.

MR. FEKETE: Are there any questions for Mr. Trevino? I have one. Item Number 5, the approval consideration upon payable voucher register, is that June 20th?

MR. TREVINO: No, that's. That's a typo. So the approval consideration accounts payable voucher should be September 19th, the date of the Claim Docket. That's a good catch. I was just testing you.

MR. FEKETE: That was a test?

MR. TREVINO: Yeah.

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1	MR. FEKETE: Okay. Well, we fully passed.
2	If there's no questions, we thank you, Mr. Trevino, for
3	your report.
4	Next item is the approval consideration of
5	the Board meeting notes for August 15th.
6	MR. BAKOTA: Second.
7	MR. FEKETE: Okay. We have a motion and a
8	second. All in favor signify by saying "aye"
9	(A CHORUS OF AYES)
10	MR. FEKETE: Any objections? Abstentions?
11	Hearing none, the motion is approved.
12	The next item is the approval consideration
13	for the FMT Consulting additional hours for 2024. Are
14	there any questions for Mr. Trevino?
15	MR. LOPEZ: Motion to approve.
16	MR. FEKETE: Okay. Hearing none, I'll
17	entertain a motion to approve.
18	MR. TREVINO: Yeah, Ray made a motion.
19	MR. FEKETE: And a second.
20	MR. RODRIGUEZ: Second.
21	MR. FEKETE: And a second. Okay. Roll call
22	vote.
23	MR. FEKETE: Jalan Robinson?
24	MR. ROBINSON: Yes.
25	MR. FEKETE: John Bakota.

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1	MR. BAKOTA: Yes.
2	MR. FEKETE: Henry Rodriguez?
3	MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yes.
4	MR. FEKETE: Ray Lopez?
5	MR. LOPEZ: Yes.
6	MR. FEKETE: John Fekete. I vote yes. And
7	approval consideration for the accounts payable
8	voucher.
9	MR. TREVINO: John? Usually we we jumped
10	it.
11	MR. FEKETE: I jumped one, yeah.
12	MR. TREVINO: Yeah, but, So Monica or
13	Who's on, Monica or Vanessa?
14	MS. JOHNSON: It's Monica.
15	MR. FEKETE: Hey.
16	MR. TREVINO: Okay.
17	MR. FEKETE: Oh, the Accountant Consultant
18	Report.
19	MR. TREVINO: Yes.
20	MR. FEKETE: Okay.
21	MR. TREVINO: Hi, Monica.
22	MS. JOHNSON: Okay. Perfect.
23	MR. FEKETE: Hi.
24	MS. JOHNSON: Okay, sorry. I'm going to jump
25	in everybody.

On Page 2, you'll find the Statement of Cash Receipts and Cash Disbursements for the eight months -- Interest income, \$346,724.56. User Fees, \$160,805.64. Trust transfer of \$280,283.25. PCA and Tipping Fee Agreement net of City MOU, \$4,913,996.81. This brings your total cash receipts to \$5,701,810.26.

Your disbursements include legal trust for \$15,575. Legal non-trust for \$20,035. Legal trust real estate VP for \$16,550.19. Legal, Plews Shadley Racher & Braun and Krieg Devault for \$5,894.

Engineering for \$140,519.60. Accounting services for \$21,010.34. Insurance for \$3,894. Office help for \$4,767.30. Office lease for \$8,400. Other office for \$4,860.67.

user Fee Appeals Officer legal pursue nonpayments for \$87.50. Transcripts \$3,204. SBOA audit for \$10,486.67. Broadband Service for \$2,400.80. Canal Street Bridge Project for \$328,495.15. Great Lakes Legacy Act Project, non-trust for \$31,667.22. Old Cline Avenue Bridge assessment and removal for \$1,181.25. This brings your total cash disbursements to \$620,973.69. This results in a total increase in cash of \$5,080,836.57. Adding this to your cash balance on January 1, 2024 of \$8,709,684.13. Brings your total cash balance on August 31 2024 to

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\$13,790,520.70.

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Within your Operating account, you have a balance of \$1,092,801.61. Your User Fee account includes \$9,260,512.72. Your Certificates of Deposit balance is \$3,437,206.37 for a total of \$13,790,520.70.

Moving on to Page 3, you'll find the Schedule of Cash Account Activity for the eight months ended August 31, 2024. Within your Operating Account, the cash balance on January 1, 2024 included \$1,121,983.80. You've had interest earned in 2024 for \$30,316.09. You've also had a trust transfer for \$280,283.25. You had a budget transfer for \$281,130.16 resulting in total debits of \$591,729.50.

Cash disbursements for the January through
August period total \$620,911.69 resulting in a decrease
in the cash balance of \$29,182.19. This brings your
Operating Cash balance on August 31, 2024 to
\$1,092,801.61.

Your User Fee account includes a cash balance on January 1, 2024 of \$5,224,499.34. You've had interest earned in 2024, \$236,194.76. You've redeemed CDARS 4494 for \$506,208.33. You've had User Fees of \$160,805.64 in a PCA and Tipping Fee Agreement for \$7,163,996.81, increasing your account balance -- resulting in a debit balance of \$8,067,205.54. Cash

disbursements and a budget transfer result total was \$4,031,192.16. The overall impact is an increase in this account from \$4,036,013.38. This brings your User Fee account balance on August 31, 2024 to \$9,260,512.72.

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Within your Certificate of Deposits, the balance on January 1, 2024 for account 0898 is \$2,363,200.99. Your interest earned in 2024 was \$80,213.71. You purchased Certificates of Deposits for \$1 million, purchased CDARS for \$500,000. And redeemed CDARS for \$506,208.33. Your balance on August 31, 2024 for your Certificate of Deposit is \$3,437,206.37.

Moving on to Page 4, you'll find the Schedule of 2024 available budget as of September 26, 2024. Within here you'll find the 2024 budget appropriation total of \$1,306,000. Includes adding accounts payable on 12/31/2023 for \$345,897.21 as well as 2024 budget amendments for \$31,500, results in a total in 2024 total appropriation of \$1,683,397.21.

Cash disbursements for the eight months ended August 2024 totaled \$620,973.69. On your Claims Docket for September 19, 2024, we have a total of \$47,379.65 bringing your unused budget for \$2024 to \$1,015,043.87.

MR. FEKETE: Thank you. Well, that was great. Okay. Approval of the Accounting Consultant

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1	Report. Do I	have a motion?
2	MR.	RODRIGUEZ: Make a motion.
3	MR.	FEKETE: A second.
4	MR.	ROBINSON: Second.
5	MR.	FEKETE: All in favor signify by saying
6	"aye".	
7		(A CHORUS OF AYES)
8	MR.	FEKETE: Any oppositions or abstentions?
9	Hearing none,	the motion is approved. I guess we're
10	back to the ap	pproval consideration for the accounts
11	payable vouche	er.
12	MR.	TREVINO: The claims docket.
13	MR.	FEKETE: I'll entertain a Motion to
14	Approve.	
15	MR.	BAKOTA: Motion to approve.
16	MR.	FEKETE: Do I have a second?
17	MR.	RODRIGUEZ: Second.
18	MR.	FEKETE: Let's have a roll call vote.
19	Jalan Robinson	1?
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: Ray Lopez?

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1	MR. LOPEZ: Yes.
2	MR. FEKETE: John Fekete? Yes. That motion
3	is approved.
4	Did I jump ahead to your Consulting Report
5	already?
6	MR. TREVINO: The additional hours, yeah.
7	We've approved that.
8	MR. FEKETE: Okay.
9	MR. TREVINO: We're on the ECW response
10	letter.
11	MR. FEKETE: ECW response letter. Okay.
12	Approval for the Chicago Waterway Management District
13	response to the U.S. Army Corps, referring to the Canal
14	Street Bridge underwater obstruction. Entertain a
15	motion to approve. Motion to approve of. Have a
16	second, 2nd. All in favor, signify by saying "aye".
17	(A CHORUS OF AYES)
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19	MR. FEKETE: Any Opposition or abstentions?
20	Hearing none. The motion is approved. Next item is
21	the 2024 User Fee deadline extension to November 1,
22	2024. Entertain a Motion to Approve.
23	MR. LOPEZ: Motion to Approve.
24	MR. FEKETE: Do I have a second?
25	MR. ROBINSON: Second.

MR. FEKETE: Hearing none. We'll have a roll call, or we'll have a voice vote on that. All those in favor signify by saying "aye".

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(A CHORUS OF AYES)

MR. FEKETE: Any oppositions, abstentions? Hearing none. The motion is approved.

Okay, approval consideration assigned duplication of the FMT Consulting Great Lakes Legacy Cost Share to ARBP. I think Fernando explained in his presentation, so I'll just basically accept a voice vote on this. I need a motion.

MR. ROBINSON: Motion to approve.

MR. FEKETE: Have a second?

MR. RODRIGUEZ: Second.

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

(A CHORUS OF AYES)

MR. FEKETE: Any abstentions or objections?

Hearing none, the motion is approved. Okay. The Canal

Street Bridge Project Update.

MR. TREVINO: Yes, I think I provided an update during my Executive Director's Report, but basically we've been working with the Corps and AECOM to try to identify the source of this underwater obstruction. So we're kind of waiting on early October

- when the Corps is planning on to remove the

 obstruction, get it up on land. So the Corps and

 Waterway Management District and our engineering firm

 AECOM could inspect it. If there aren't any questions,

 that's -- and Mr. Vaughn Coolman, Project Manager from

 the Corps, if he wants to provide any additional

 updates during his report, he can.
 - MR. FEKETE: Okay. Vaughn?
- 9 MR. TREVINO: Well, we keep.

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- MR. FEKETE: Okay, we're not there yet. I'm just kind of leafing through all this stuff here.

 Okay. Okay.
- The Great Lakes Legacy Grand Cal Junction
 Reaches Remedial Design Project update.
- MR. TREVINO: Jim, you on?
- 16 | MR. WESCOTT: So, Jim Wescott, TetraTech.
- 17 Fernando discussed -- kind of summarized his
- 18 discussion. We're still doing a little bit of work,
- 19 waiting for some field work both for EPA. We're doing
- 20 some geotechnical sampling along the river. And the
- 21 City is trying to finish some of their work next to the
- 22 | landfill, which we've discussed in the past. Both of
- 23 those are still ongoing. And the expectation still, as
- I discussed before, is to have the design with both
- 25 | phases for the Junction Reach completed in the next

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couple months so that EPA can fit it out. And that scene is still on track.

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- MR. FEKETE: Are there any questions? Thank you, Jim. Appreciate your report. Next order is the BMO Trust Report.
- MR. SANTORI: Yes. Hello, everybody. They should have two pages available to you. The first one is the Money Market CD Holdings Report. This page shows the combined balances of your Money Market account and your CD, Certificate of Deposit. Current value combined with those two accounts is \$4,026,076.82. There were two interest credits. One for the CD of \$31,020.45 and the Money Market, \$373.94 for a total in interest credits for the month of August of \$31,394.39.
 - The second page is the Trust Historical Withdrawal Data. And for the year 2024, current distributions are \$280,283.25.
 - If you have any questions, otherwise that should cover the two reports.
- MR. FEKETE: Any questions? Thank you very much, Bob.
- MR. SANTORI: You're welcome. And good evening, everybody.
- MR. TREVINO: You too, Bob.

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MR. FEKETE: U.S. Army Corps Board Report.

Vaugh?

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MR. COOLMAN: Does anyone need a copy? For the Wastewater Treatment Plant, the treatment will resume again. Oh, well, we're getting into the fall now, so I don't know if this summer actually is correct. But the contract is almost awarded. It's in its final stages and the Phase II Dyke Raise, we just have a little bit of ongoing work addressing some punch list items to button up that project. But the construction is pretty much complete.

For the dredging, Roen Salvage has had 24 hours dredging. I think they're taking a break starting right about now actually over the weekend. They'll be back to it, I think, either Monday morning or Monday afternoon. And they've dredged about 7200 cubic yards. That was as of the 25th of September when we got an update from Roen. And we've had dam safety and other safety briefings have been held. And there's ongoing safety meetings and checks that they're doing. And we're still waiting on the final analysis results from the sediment sampling and moorings that were conducted in August. And as soon as we have those, you'll have those.

And then for the CDF, we have the oil boom

coordination. ARBP employees did a little instruction with Roen Salvage personnel that would be working on opening and closing that oil boom so that we won't have any other incidents of it being left open and any oil sheen or anything escaping that area. And that effort is ongoing to make sure that that doesn't happen again.

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MR. LOPEZ: Could you explain that? What happens?

MR. COOLMAN: Yeah, I think we had that one incident a couple months ago where I think it was either a Corps employee or contractor that had failed to close the boom and then some oil sheen particles leaked out into a different reach. And BP had to clean it up, from my understanding. So a little extra time and effort on their part that was unnecessary. We should have been able to keep that closed, keep it secure. And parkway as usual, ongoing maintenance, and we expect it once a month and clean and remove debris as needed.

The tipping fee dispute, we do have a final resolution. All the signatures up to the top are completed. And the Finance Center, the Corps Finance Center, if they haven't done it already, they'll be issuing a check and it'll get here by mail as soon as they're done with whatever they need to do. But I've

seen all the stuff on our end and that is going through for that 316 and 343 and -- I think Fernando probably has that number memorized by now.

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MR. TREVINO: Yeah, I think it was part of my report.

MR. COOLMAN: Yeah. We've got that exact amount headed your way. And then for the obstruction removal, there was the Notice of Abandonment and possible permit violations in the September 6th letter mailed to the City of East Chicago and ECWMD, care of. We also copied the EPA, Coast Guard, and Indiana Department of Environmental Management.

I just wanted to assure everybody that although that letter may have had, I believe, Fernando mentioned, kind of a -- seemed like a harsh tone, but I think that was just a result of different things procedurally that had to go in there and maybe not enough care was taken by the author of the letter to make sure that it was -- it was no reflection on you guys as non-federal sponsors and partners that we've worked with for a long time. It's just, you know how sometimes things need to go. You need to go to ABC before you can go to D. And now we'll go to D.

I did provide the video. We had to do -- we couldn't send it over email. The files were too big.

So there's a -- kind of like a host site that Fernando and others can access. If you need access for anyone else, just send me the email address and I can add to the list. I believe there's twelve videos. Some of them are like seven minutes long. Some of them are a minute long. So there's a variety there. And we did -- where it says the Request for Proposal will be sent this week, it was sent today. We sent that off earlier today. And we'll wait for their response to see if they agree to the price and everything.

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I believe that's it. And like it says here, we will be notifying ECWMD and the City of East Chicago so that relevant personnel can be there to observe the removal. And that's it for me.

MR. TREVINO: Does anyone have any questions?

MR. FEKETE: Okay. Thank you very much. And the next order is the Attorney, Ellen Gregory's Report.

MS. GREGORY: Yes, Ellen Gregory with Ellen Gregory Law. In terms of the legal matters that have been working on in the past month, the Great Lakes Legacy Act modification of the project review, and ongoing Cost Share discussions with BP. As Fernando mentioned, we have a call next week with BP and then the following week a tentative in person meeting on the PA in Northwest Indiana.

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Also been working with Mr. Trevino on the response to the September 6th Army Corps of Engineers' letter regarding the underwater obstruction that Mr. Coolman just mentioned. The draft response letter is in the Board packet. And Mr. Trevino has discussed that earlier in the meeting.

And finally, a fairly recent User Fee appeal was submitted. I'll be working with Mr. Trevino to follow the User Fee appeal procedures that were updated last year and will be meeting with the company that's filed that User Fee appeal. And that's all I have.

MR. FEKETE: Any questions for Miss Gregory?
Thank you very much. Any other business to come before the Board? Any other comments from the Public? Okay, hearing none. Our next Board meeting is October 17th.

MR. TREVINO: It's on the backside.

MR. WESCOTT: It's on the back side.

MR. FEKETE: Oh, October 17, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. at this building. At this point in time, I'll entertain a motion for adjournment.

MR. LOPEZ: Motion to adjourn.

MR. FEKETE: Hear a second?

MR. ROBINSON: Second.

MR. FEKETE: All in favor, signify by saying

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1	(A CHORUS OF AYES)
2	MR. FEKETE: This meeting is concluded.
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7	adjourned at 5:45 p.m.)
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5	CERTIFICATE
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7	The within and foregoing meeting was taken
8	before GWENDOLYN BEDFORD, Certified Shorthand Reporter
9	in the City of Gary, County of Lake and State of
10	Indiana.
11	The undersigned is not interested in the
12	within meeting, nor of kin or counsel to any of the
13	members.
14	IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my
15	hand this 9th day of October, 2024.
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	GWENDOLYN BEDFORD, C.S.R.
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