

*****MINUTES*****

***Kankakee River Basin and Yellow River Basin Development
Commission***

**Friday, November 3, 2023
9:30 a.m. CST/10:30 a.m. EST**

**Marshall County Building, Meeting Room 203
112 West Jefferson Street
Plymouth, IN 46563**

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John McNamara, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. EDT, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Scott Pelath, Executive Director, called the roll.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Members present physically: Craig Cultice, Bill Emerson, John McNamara, Mike Novotney, James Walstra

Members present via videoconference: Bill Crase, Ryan Mueller, John Shure (IL), Andrew Wheeler (IL)

Approved proxies present: Michael Mark for Rob Churchill, Tony Hendricks for Dick Welsh

Staff present: Scott Pelath, Executive Director

Guests Present Physically and via Videoconference

Christine Keil	Chris Havens	John Linn	Paul Vicari
Matt Keiser	Kevin Overmyer	Jack Garner	Linda Schwab
Hodge Patel	Jennifer Thum	Rich Mrozinski	Allan Cameron
Brent Register	Jen Birchfield	Julie Morris	Kevin Breitzke
Korbin Collins	Matt VanDrunen	Jim Sweney	Tim Zorn
Vince Urbano	Stephanie Kuziela	Dave Eichelberger	Siavash Beik

Mr. Pelath reported the presence of a quorum.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JULY 28 MEETING

Ryan Mueller moved that the Commission approve the July 28, 2023, minutes. Bill Crase seconded the motion.

Crise – Y
Cultice – Y
Emerson – Y
Hendricks for Welsh – Y
Mark for Churchill -- Y
McNamara – Y
Mueller – Y
Novotney -- Y
Walstra – Y

MOTION ADOPTED.

FINANCE REPORT AND CLAIMS

Revenue update

Mr. Pelath reported recent revenue and claims to the Commission. A written report was distributed as part of his formal Executive Director's report [ATTACHMENT 1].

Mr. Crase moved to approve the claims in the amount \$1,481,846.14 and approve the finance report. Mr. Hendricks seconded the motion.

Crise – Y
Cultice – Y
Emerson – Y
Hendricks for Welsh – Y
Mark for Churchill -- Y
McNamara – Y
Mueller – Y
Novotney -- Y
Walstra – Y

MOTION ADOPTED.

OLD BUSINESS

Yellow River Bank Reconstruction, Phase II and Phase III

Mr. Pelath reported that Phase II is complete except for some tree planting in 2024.

Ross St. Clair reported on the pending design and permitting for the Phase III sections. He noted that all the required permit applications have been submitted. Mr. St. Clair is working on cost estimates and hopes that at least one phase section may be completed in 2024.

Mike Novotney asked if there were any lessons learned from the first two sections. Mr. St. Clair emphasized that property owner cooperation and buy-in is a major factor in the speed and success of a project.

Mr. Pelath reminded the public that the cost of Phase II was completed for over \$300,000 under budget.

The chair stated that he is deeply impressed with the amount of work getting done and expressed his pride as chair.

Jasper County FEMA project extension

Mr. Pelath reported that Burke Engineering will submit applications following some final field work. David Eichelberger said Burke is doing some additional modeling work to demonstrate the minimal impact on the channel shape. He said they are well on their way to submitting thorough applications to the regulatory agencies.

Formal flood response plan development

Mr. Pelath reported that the Corps of Engineers has completed its report and provided a flood plan template for the Technical Advisory Committee to begin its phase of work.

Kankakee FWA hydraulic study update

Mr. Pelath said he would show some of Burke's modeling during his presentation. He said he was pleased to see the direction of the model.

State Line Bridge update

Mr. Pelath reported that State Line Bridge likely will be decoupled from the mitigation of the old Clay Street Bridge. He believes discussions are further along than they were a year ago.

Abandoned Norfolk Southern bridge at Schneider

Mr. Pelath again reported that he is working with U.S. Sen. Braun's office and Norfolk Southern to remove a section of the dilapidated bridge. Matters have progressed to the point that Norfolk Southern is now requesting a plan detailing the removal and disposal.

Logjam management report

Mr. Pelath said the Commission just removed logs between Davis Church and the Robbins Ditch. The amphibious excavator will work downstream of US 41 and clear the Norfolk

Southern Bridge downstream of I-65. He added that various other bridges are being cleared, and saw teams are cutting up logjams on the Yellow River and the Kankakee River in Porter County.

Sediment traps

Mr. Pelath reported the Kankakee trap near Robbins Ditch is finished. A trap on the Yellow River and one upstream of the Little Kankakee are permitted and awaiting work by the selected contractor.

Aukiki WCA spillway

Mr. Pelath reported that Austgen Equipment completed the project in October for less than the budgeted amount. He stated that he would show drone footage of the new spillway at the Aukiki Wetland Conservation Area in his Executive Director's Report.

Private river gage pilot at Bremen

Mr. Pelath reported that the new privately produced Yellow River gauge for First Road in Marshall County is now operational, and the gage height data is available for viewing at <https://www.hydrometcloud.com/Kankakee>.

Invasive species eradication

Mr. Pelath stated that the contractor has reseeded the sections where bush honeysuckle was eradicated earlier this year.

Access clearing

Mr. Pelath conveyed that K&L excavating is under contract to re-clear the access in Porter County downstream of US 231 and upstream of the Lake County Line.

Property access adjacent to River's Edge Farm

Mr. Pelath said the Attorney General's office is drafting a device that may resolve the access issues for a small parcel adjacent to the Commission's Porter County farm.

NEW BUSINESS

Reconsideration of Newton County bank reconstruction design

John Linn and Matt Keiser from Abonmarche refamiliarized the Commission with a previously planned streambank reconstruction project in Newton County [ATTACHMENT 2]. Mr. Pelath said he would work with Abonmarche to redefine the scope of the project and return to the Commission with a redesign and permitting proposal in 2024. The chair and Mike Novotney expressed agreement with that plan.

Formal complaint review process

Mr. Pelath unveiled a form that he planned to offer to stakeholders to formally offer actionable input [ATTACHMENT 3].

DNR general licenses

Mr. Pelath requested approval to provide public comment in favor of IN-DNR's draft general licensing regulation. The proposal would allow the Commission to do small bank repairs of less than three hundred feet without the need to obtain a permit.

Mr. Hendricks moved to allow Mr. Pelath to enter public comment. Jim Walstra seconded the motion.

Crase – Y
Cultice – Y
Emerson – Y
Hendricks for Welsh – Y
Mark for Churchill -- Y
McNamara – Y
Mueller – Y
Novotney -- Y
Walstra – Y

MOTION ADOPTED.

Regulatory status of emergent islands

Mr. Pelath reported on his research into the history of emergent islands in the Yellow River. He added that the regulatory status of these islands remains uncertain, but that he may ask the Commission to offer a formal opinion on the matter at a future meeting.

Barges

Mr. Pelath requested authorization to shop for barges. As discussed previously, the Commission could own its own barges, and then assign them to qualified contractors for specific projects and applications. The assets would be intended to reduce the costs of individual projects.

Mr. Novotney added that barge rental prices drive the cost of in-channel projects. He articulated his support of the idea.

Mr. Walstra moved that the director move ahead with barge acquisition. Craig Cultice seconded the motion.

Crase – Y
Cultice – Y

Emerson – Y
Hendricks for Welsh – Y
Mark for Churchill -- Y
McNamara – Y
Mueller – Y
Novotney -- Y
Walstra – Y

MOTION ADOPTED.

Other project updates

Mr. Pelath made his formal slide-show presentation to the Commission and audience [ATTACHMENT 4].

OTHER BUSINESS

None

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

See ATTACHMENT 4.

PUBLIC COMMENT

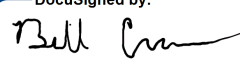
Jennifer Thum of the Indiana Department of Agriculture provided an update on the status of the Kankakee River Basin's Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP).

Chris Havens and Linda Schwab from the LaPorte County SWCD thanked the Commission's ongoing support of the Kankakee River Days educational program. The chair lauded the program and its work.

ADJOURNMENT

The Commission adjourned at 11:57 a.m. EDT.

APPROVED JANUARY 26, 2024

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Bill Crase

Secretary

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

To: KRB-YRBDC Members

From: Scott D. Pelath, Executive Director

Date: November 1, 2023

Finance Report

Balances. As of the date of this memorandum, the assessment account balance is \$1,178,018 after approximately \$1.4 million in capital commitments since July. The cash balance of \$598,056 in our General Fund includes a recent farm rent check. The state's quarterly administrative allocation is forthcoming.

Revenue. We will receive another revenue distribution in December. The exact amount cannot be known, although it should approximate last year's amount of \$801,245. If anything, I expect it to be slightly smaller due to larger distributions and timelier property tax payments in the spring.

However, wanted to point out that our interest earnings have markedly improved in 2023. The assessment fund already has earned over \$13,000 in interest this year; the General Fund has earned over \$4000.

Budget Adjustments. Following the Commission's budget adjustments in July, barring unforeseen conditions I believe I can manage current budget allotments for the remainder of the year.

Recent claims. The list on the following page shows claims for river work and administrative expenses requiring either advance or retroactive approval by the Commission:

DATE PAID	TO	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	Check #	Bank Account
7/13/23	American Express	Adobe	\$ 21.21	ACH	General
7/31/23	Scott D. Pelath	Pay Period: 07/16/2023-07/31/2023	\$ 4,073.89	ACH	General
8/4/23	IRS	Tax Payment for Period: 07/29/2023-08/01/2023	\$ 1,391.01	ACH	General
8/4/23	Mint City Tree Service	River Clearing 6/23, 6/24 & 7/22	\$ 9,360.00	ACH	Special Assessment
8/7/23	Delta Dental	Delta Dental Aug	\$ 103.56	ACH	General
8/10/23	Horizon Bancorp, Inc	Account Service Fee	\$ 29.80	ACH	General
8/13/23	American Express	Adobe, Christos, BP	\$ 351.88	ACH	General
8/15/23	Scott D. Pelath	Pay Period: 08/01/2023-08/15/2023	\$ 4,073.91	ACH	General
8/16/23	Ambetter from MHS	Ambetter August	\$ 1,865.66	ACH	General
8/17/23	INPRS	INPRS 1st Half Aug	\$ 327.50	ACH	General
8/18/23	IN Department of Revenue	Tax Payment for Period: 07/01/2023-07/31/2023	\$ 494.50	ACH	General
8/18/23	IRS	Tax Payment for Period: 08/12/2023-08/15/2023	\$ 1,390.97	ACH	General
8/23/23	Liberty Mutual	RIVER GAGE LIBERTY MUTUAL	\$ 450.00	ACH	Special Assessment
8/28/23	Scott Pelath	Administrative Mileage July 25-Aug 27, 2023 at \$0.49 a mile	\$ 55.23	ACH	General

8/28/23	Scott Pelath	Operational Mileage July 25-Aug 27, 2023 at \$0.49 a mile	\$ 559.72	ACH	Special Assessment
8/28/23	Duneland Accounting, LLC	August 2023 Accounting Service	\$ 875.00	ACH	General
8/28/23	Christopher B Burke Engineering, LLC	Professional Services June 25-July 29, 2023 Jasper County FEMA Phase 1	\$ 185.00	ACH	Special Assessment
8/28/23	Mint City Tree Service	River Clearing 8/26/23	\$ 347.00	ACH	Special Assessment
8/28/23	Mint City Tree Service	River Clearing 8/5/23	\$ 1,501.50	ACH	Special Assessment
8/28/23	Hill Excavating	8/10/23 Logjam Removal	\$ 3,500.00	ACH	Special Assessment
8/28/23	Christopher B Burke Engineering, LLC	FWA Hydraulics Study Services June 25-July 29, 2023 Received 8/16/23	\$ 8,435.25	ACH	Special Assessment
8/28/23	Stantec	Yellow River Phase II Stream Design	\$ 8,833.02	ACH	Special Assessment
8/28/23	Stantec	Yellow River Phase III Design	\$ 24,475.37	ACH	Special Assessment
8/28/23	Derflinger & Son Dredging & Excavating	Silt trap on Kankakee	\$ 36,950.00	ACH	Special Assessment
8/28/23	The Stanger Group, Inc.	Pay App #2 Yellow River Restoration Phase II TSG2301	\$ 103,860.99	ACH	Special Assessment
8/30/23	INPRS	INPRS 2nd Half Aug	\$ 327.50	ACH	General
8/31/23	Scott D. Pelath	Pay Period: 08/16/2023-08/31/2023	\$ 4,073.89	ACH	General
9/6/23	Delta Dental	Delta Dental Sept	\$ 103.56	ACH	General
9/7/23	IRS	Tax Payment for Period: 08/30/2023-09/01/2023	\$ 1,391.01	ACH	General
9/7/23	K and L Excavating, LLC	Removal of 7 trees under 231 bridge & one log	\$ 4,500.00	ACH	Special Assessment
9/7/23	Richard Gumz Farms LLC	Right of Way maintenance & brush treatment	\$ 5,647.50	ACH	Special Assessment
9/7/23	Kevin Misch Excavating	Log jam removal	\$ 7,345.00	ACH	Special Assessment
9/7/23	The Stanger Group, Inc.	Pay App #1 Yellow River Restoration Phase II TSG2302	\$ 368,339.64	ACH	Special Assessment
9/8/23	Horizon Bancorp, Inc	Account Service Fee	\$ 62.80	ACH	General
9/13/23	American Express	Indiana Farm Bureau, docu sign	\$ 662.01	ACH	General
9/14/23	INPRS	INPRS 1st Half Sept	\$ 327.50	ACH	General
9/15/23	Horizon Bancorp, Inc	CHARGEBACK FEE	\$ 15.00	ACH	General
9/15/23	Scott D. Pelath	Pay Period: 09/01/2023-09/15/2023	\$ 4,073.89	ACH	General
9/18/23	Ambetter from MHS	Ambetter Sept	\$ 1,865.66	ACH	General
9/20/23	IN Department of Revenue	Tax Payment for Period: 08/01/2023-08/31/2023	\$ 494.50	ACH	General
9/20/23	IRS	Tax Payment for Period: 09/13/2023-09/15/2023	\$ 1,391.01	ACH	General
9/28/23	INPRS	INPRS 2nd Half Sept	\$ 327.50	ACH	General
9/29/23	Scott Pelath	Operational Mileage Aug 28-Sept 25, 2023 at \$0.49 a mile	\$ 318.01	ACH	Special Assessment
9/29/23	Scott Pelath	Administrative Mileage Aug 28-Sept 25, 2023 at \$0.49 a mile	\$ 246.55	ACH	General
9/29/23	Duneland Accounting, LLC	Sept 2023 Accounting Services	\$ 875.00	ACH	General
9/29/23	Scott D. Pelath	Pay Period: 09/16/2023-09/30/2023	\$ 4,073.91	ACH	General
9/29/23	Dirt Works Excavating	Removal of Trees from Yellow River at Knox Sewer Plant	\$ 1,500.00	ACH	Special Assessment
9/29/23	Christopher B Burke Engineering, LLC	FWA Hydraulics Study Professional Services 7/30/23-8/23/23	\$ 1,633.25	ACH	Special Assessment
9/29/23	Dirt Works Excavating	Inv 1068 repair of tracks on river dike, haul 4 loads of top soil	\$ 2,100.00	ACH	Special Assessment
9/29/23	Hill Excavating	Inv 349 8/21/23 Logjam removal	\$ 2,900.00	ACH	Special Assessment
9/29/23	Christopher B Burke Engineering, LLC	Jasper Cty Professional Services 7/30/23-8/23/23	\$ 5,779.65	ACH	Special Assessment
9/29/23	Hill Excavating	Hydroseeding 8/23-9/12	\$ 95,000.00	ACH	Special Assessment
10/3/23	Hill Excavating	Invoice 348 Logjam removal in the Kankakee River upstream of HWY 421	\$ 2,405.00	ACH	Special Assessment
10/3/23	Hill Excavating	Inv 355 Watering hydroseeded areas	\$ 2,500.00	ACH	Special Assessment

10/5/23	The Stanger Group, Inc.	Yellow River Restoration Phase II Pay App 2 Proj TSG2302	\$ 284,833.75	ACH	Special Assessment
10/6/23	Delta Dental	Delta Dental Oct	\$ 103.56	ACH	General
10/6/23	IRS	Tax Payment for Period: 09/30/2023-09/30/2023	\$ 1,390.97	ACH	General
10/10/23	Horizon Bancorp, Inc	Account Service Fee	\$ 33.40	ACH	General
10/13/23	American Express	Meeting Meals	\$ 116.25	ACH	General
10/13/23	INPRS	INPRS 1st Half Oct	\$ 327.50	ACH	General
10/13/23	Scott D. Pelath	Pay Period: 10/01/2023-10/15/2023	\$ 4,073.89	ACH	General
10/16/23	Ambetter from MHS	Ambetter Oct	\$ 1,865.66	ACH	General
10/18/23	IN Department of Revenue	Tax Payment for Period: 09/01/2023-09/30/2023	\$ 494.50	ACH	General
10/20/23	IRS	Tax Payment for Period: 10/14/2023-10/17/2023	\$ 1,391.01	ACH	General
10/30/23	Scott Pelath	Administrative Mileage 9/26-10/26 and 9/21	\$ 277.30	ACH	General
10/30/23	Scott Pelath	Operational Mileage 9/26-10/26 and 9/21	\$ 503.03	ACH	Special Assessment
10/30/23	Scott Pelath	Reimb for Christos, & IARA prints	\$ 121.33	ACH	General
10/30/23	INPRS	INPRS 2nd Half Oct	\$ 327.50	ACH	General
10/30/23	Duneland Accounting, LLC	Oct 2023 Accounting Services & Tandem Bill payment	\$ 876.25	ACH	General
10/30/23	Scott D. Pelath	Pay Period: 10/01/2023-10/15/2023	\$ 4,073.89	ACH	General
10/30/23	LaPorte County Soil and Water Conservation District	River Days Contribution	\$ 12,500.00	ACH	General
10/30/23	Christopher B Burke Engineering, LLC	Misc Tech Support Aug 27-Sept 30	\$ 72.00	ACH	Special Assessment
10/30/23	Christopher B Burke Engineering, LLC	Jasper County FEMA Project Augmentation - Phase 1 I Services from August 27, 2023 to September 30, 2023	\$ 1,648.56	ACH	Special Assessment
10/30/23	Christopher B Burke Engineering, LLC	Kankakee FWA Hydraulics Study Services from August 27, 2023 to September 30, 2023	\$ 3,431.25	ACH	Special Assessment
10/30/23	U.S. Geological Survey	July-Sept 2023	\$ 32,925.00	ACH	Special Assessment
10/30/23	The Stanger Group, Inc.	Yellow River Restoration Phase II Project TSG2302 Pay App 3	\$ 144,215.49	ACH	Special Assessment
10/31/23	The Stanger Group, Inc.	Yellow River Phase 1 TSG2201 PAY APP 10	\$ 78,337.04	ACH	Special Assessment
11/1/23	Hill Excavating	Inv 371 Mobilization of equip for yellow river	\$ 1,500.00	ACH	Special Assessment
11/1/23	Hill Excavating	Inv 363 10/6 old bridge pylons at Dunns Bridge, boat launch excavated & removed	\$ 3,250.00	ACH	Special Assessment
11/1/23	Mint City Tree Service	Invoice 1941 River Clearing 10/27-10/28	\$ 3,867.50	ACH	Special Assessment
11/1/23	Hill Excavating	Inv 373 10/26 tree removal	\$ 4,000.00	ACH	Special Assessment
11/1/23	Hill Excavating	Inv 352 Clean-up of South bank of Yellow River near 1200 E in Starke County	\$ 4,726.20	ACH	Special Assessment
11/1/23	Hill Excavating	Inv 365 Tree removal 10/17-10/20, 10/23-10/25	\$ 28,000.00	ACH	Special Assessment
11/1/23	Austgen Equipment, Inc.	AUKIKI CONTROLLED BREACH PROJECT Inv 45142	\$ 85,518.75	ACH	Special Assessment
11/1/23	Austgen Equipment, Inc.	Inv 45149 Aukiki Controlled Breach Project Pay App #2	\$ 28,902.25	ACH	Special Assessment
11/3/23	Wiltjer	Tree Removal 10/27/23	\$ 5,300.00	Check	Special Assessment
			\$ 1,472,795.14		

Yellow River Project, Phase II

The Stanger Group just finished reconstructing another 1.5 miles of river distance (or 3 miles of streambank if you count each side separately). Thanks to Ross St. Clair and Colby Stanger's continual commitment to cost efficiency, the projects at 500 East and 1100 East in Starke County finished more than \$300,000 under our original budget. Better yet, the projects finished weeks ahead of schedule due to the season's low water and highly favorable weather conditions.

Yellow River Project, Phase III

In late September, we submitted permit applications for both selected Phase III Yellow River sites in Marshall and Stake Counties.

Jasper County FEMA Project Augmentation

Our consultants at Burke are working on the permitting and project documents for the regulators. To ensure strong applications, they are gathering some additional field data prior to submission. As I reported previously, we had a productive SEA 368 meeting on the project.

Logjam Management

Lee Wiltjer cleaned out the Norfolk Southern bridge immediate downstream of I-65 last week. It's arguably the worst bridge over the channel, and it needs maintenance every six months whether the railroad helps or not.

Hill Excavating pulled logs from the LaPorte County side of the river between Davis Church and the Robbins Ditch. The river was high during an initial pass through that section, and recently exposed woody debris is now substantially removed.

Mint City currently is cutting and removing partial jams in areas with limited access between Porter and Jasper Counties. I would like to target this stretch with another barge project in the future, but until then, we need to improve some streamflow heading into winter.

Delta III is contracted for the vicinity of US 421 and will get started once some large equipment is repaired. Wiltjer Excavating is contracted to remove logjams downstream of US 41, but we're going to delay temporarily to avoid the start of duck hunting season at the LaSalle FWA. Wiltjer has some work to perform on the Little Calumet River in the meantime and will return to us afterward.

Mint City remains contracted to remove logjams downstream of Plymouth on the Yellow River in Marshall County. Hill excavating will handle a stretch on the Yellow River in Starke County.

Kankakee FWA Hydrological Study

We have a model that fits with what our eyes see. It was worth the wait. The engineers are now testing possible structural changes and their expected impacts.

Yellow River Islands

An open regulatory question remains regarding whether Yellow River islands are obstructions or natural habitat.

I plotted GPS locations on two current Yellow River islands, and Christine Keil laid them over 1939 aerial photos of the Kankakee FWA. The visual evidence supports the assertion that the islands are relatively recent and have grown substantially since World War II.

New River Gauge in Bremen

Yellow River gauge height data at First Road in Marshall County can now be viewed at <https://www.hydrometcloud.com/Kankakee>.

Sediment Traps

The Kankakee sediment trap downstream of the Robbins Ditch is complete and already revegetated. Derflinger and Son is contracted to work on the permitted Yellow River trap.

The necessary permits also are issued for the trap upstream of the Little Kankakee. Once the Yellow River trap is done, the Little Kankakee is next up.

Aukiki Wetland Conservation Area

We have a new spillway. Austgen Equipment did an outstanding job.

This project was nearly three years in the making, and it's been gratifying to see it take shape. At moderate flood stage, flood water above that level will now enter a levee-contained area of nearly 200 acres at the Aukiki WCA.

Invasive Species Control and Reseeding

Kankakee River areas that we sprayed for bush honeysuckle in June were reseeded with native grasses in late August and early September.

Formal Flood Response Plan

Last week, I received a draft report and a plan template from the Corps. The work is extensive, and I am still reviewing the work product for final suggestions. However, the Corps has given us a clear plan template that can be adapted and updated regularly. Our Technical Advisory Committee has agreed to lead the ongoing effort from here on.

Property Access at River's Edge Farm

The subcommittee appointed to consider Jim Deardorff's request for recorded access across our River's Edge Farm met and considered the request. Our Deputy AG is drafting language for consideration that may describe and ensure the interests of both the Commission and the Deardorff family.

Access Clearing Downstream of US 231 in Porter County

K&L Excavating in Kouts is contracted to maintain access in Porter County from the end of Hap Haberin's path to the Lake County Line. Mike Klemp plans to begin mobilizing as soon as he is done harvesting.

Barges

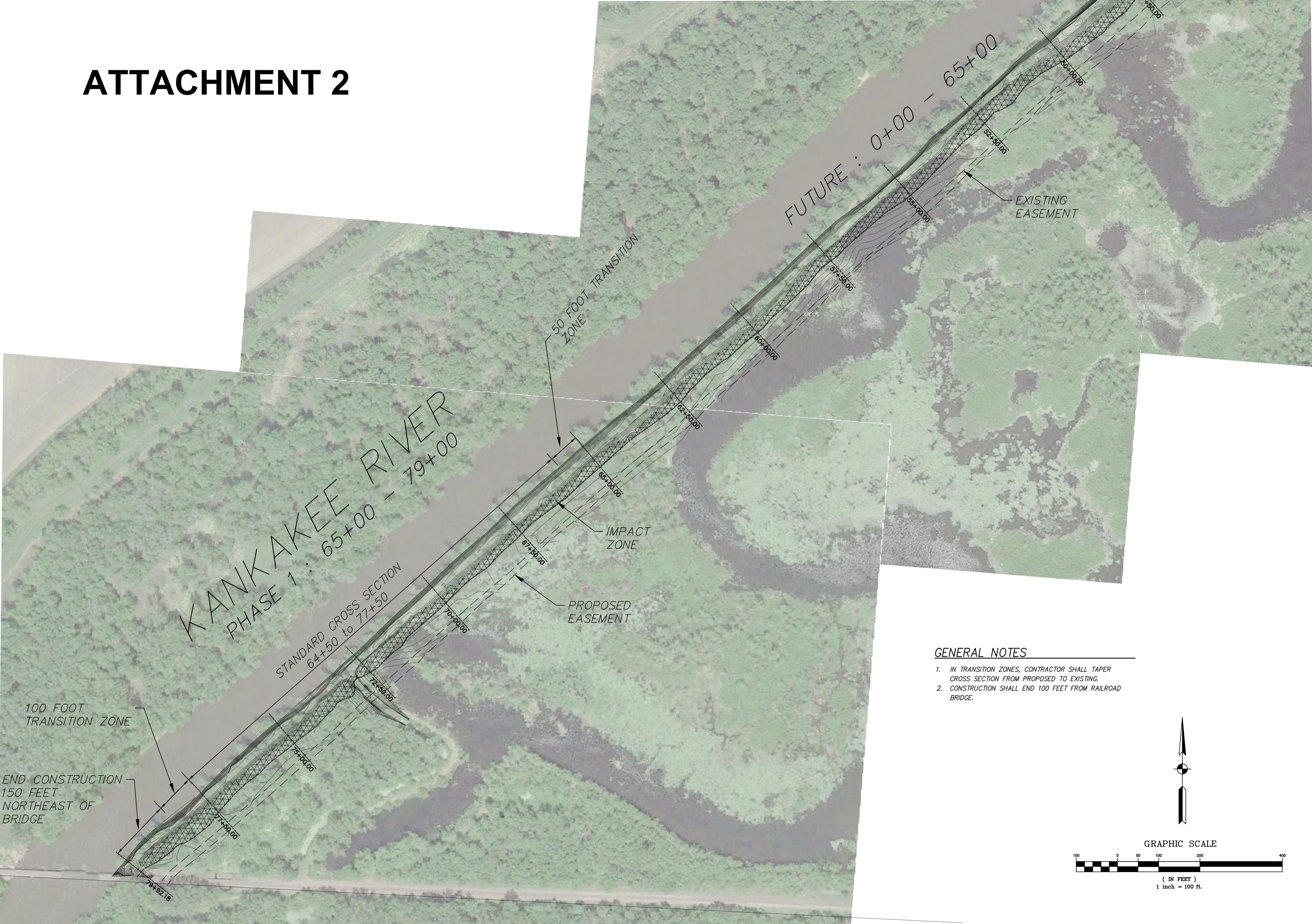
I intend to seek general approval from the Commission to begin shopping for barges this winter. I have already been evaluating price points and barge dimensions. My hope is to budget for purchase in 2024 and have the assets available for projects next year. I have one simple project in mind for their potential first use.

Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP)

The Indiana Department of Agriculture and the Natural Resources Conservation Services finally have a signed agreement to invest RCPP programming dollars in the Kankakee River Basin.

As always, should you have any questions or suggestions, please email me at sdpelath@gmail.com or (219) 861-7999. To maintain focus and brevity during our meeting in Marshall County, I welcome any issues I can resolve in advance.

ATTACHMENT 2



ATTACHMENT 3



Observation Form

Your Name: _____ Date: _____

Title: _____ Primary Phone Number: _____

Status: _____ Property Owner _____ Boater/Kayaker
_____ Hunter/Fisher _____ Other Stakeholder (Specify)

Email: _____

Address: _____

Observation Information

Date of Observation: _____ Time of Observation: _____

Location of Observation: _____

Please describe the observation in detail:

If there are others who have witnessed the observation, please provide their names, phone numbers, and emails below:

Is this the first time you have raised this matter?

____ Yes ____ No

Please explain any recommended action or change in response to the observation.

Is there any other relevant information you would like to share?

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____ Date: _____

Users of this form may email an electronic copy of this form to sdpelath@gmail.com or mail a paper copy to the Kankakee River Basin and Yellow River and Yellow River Basin Development Commission at 460 Lincolnway, Unit 322, Valparaiso, IN 46384.

The Commission staff intends to respond to the reported observation in writing within fifteen (15) business days of its receipt. If the user of this form is dissatisfied with the staff response or no response is received within the allotted period, the user may submit a written request for consideration by the full Commission.

COMMISSION UPDATE

KANKAKEE RIVER BASIN AND
YELLOW RIVER BASIN
DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
Scott D. Pelath, Executive Director

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and Yellow River Basin
Development Commission
advances Northwest Indiana's
safety, economic prosperity,
and quality of its natural
resources.*

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YELLOW RIVER BANK RECONSTRUCTION

PHASE III – SCHEDULED FOR 2024

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JASPER COUNTY FEMA PROJECT
EXTENSION

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JASPER COUNTY BANK, FEBRUARY 22



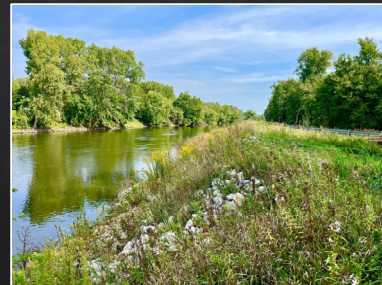
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JASPER COUNTY BANK STABILIZATION, 2021



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JASPER COUNTY BANK STABILIZATION, SEPT. 2023



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RAILROAD BRIDGE BY U.S. 41

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OUT-OF-SERVICE NORFOLK SOUTHERN BRIDGE

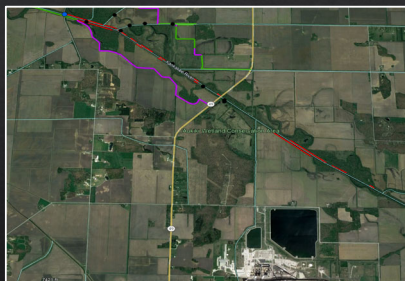


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MANAGED FLOODWATER STORAGE

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AUKIKI WETLAND CONSERVATION AREA



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AUKIKI WETLAND CONSERVATION AREA



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SPILLWAY CONSTRUCTION



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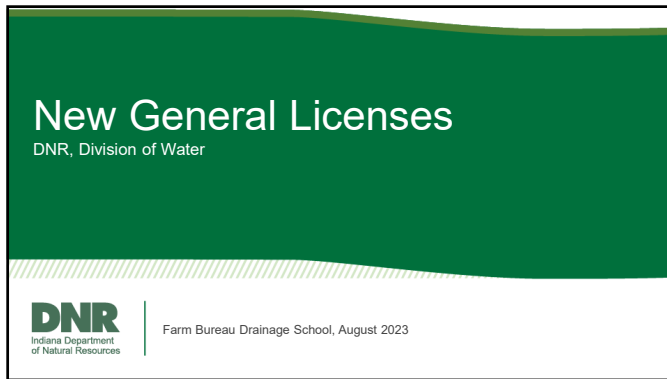
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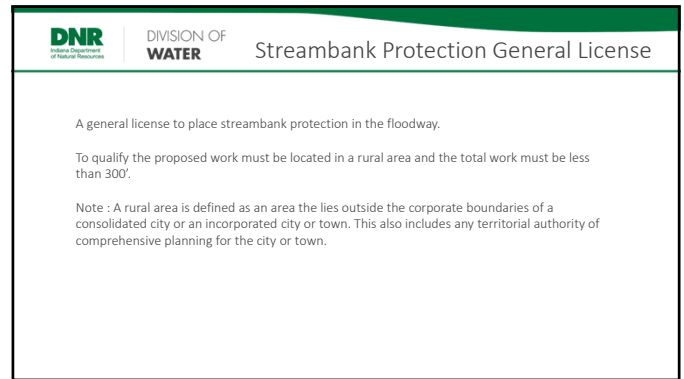
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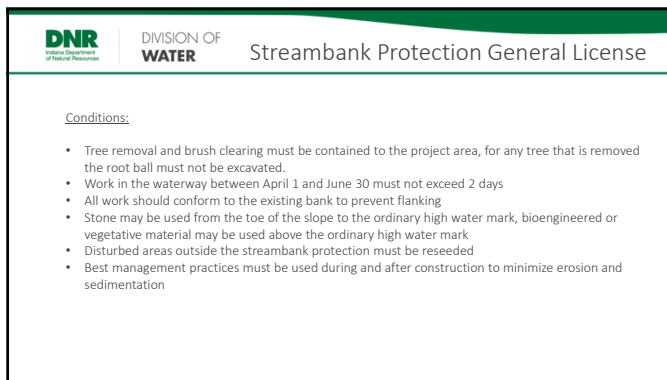
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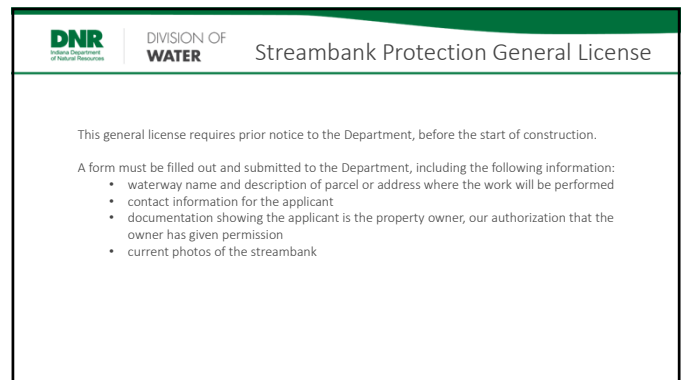
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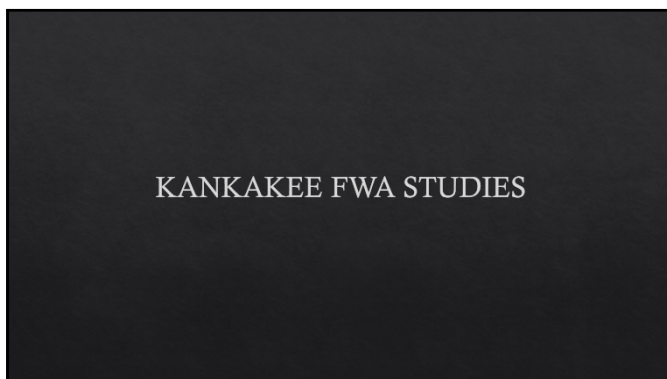
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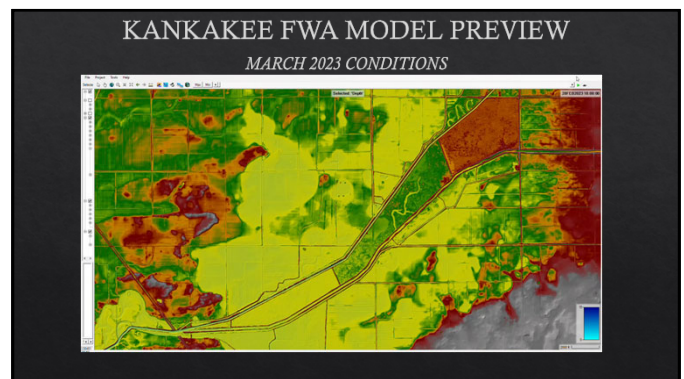
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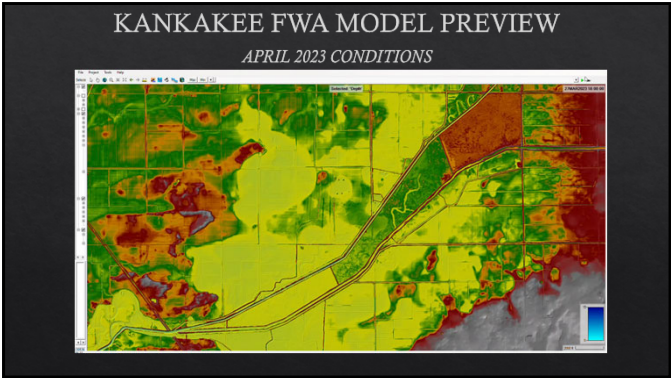
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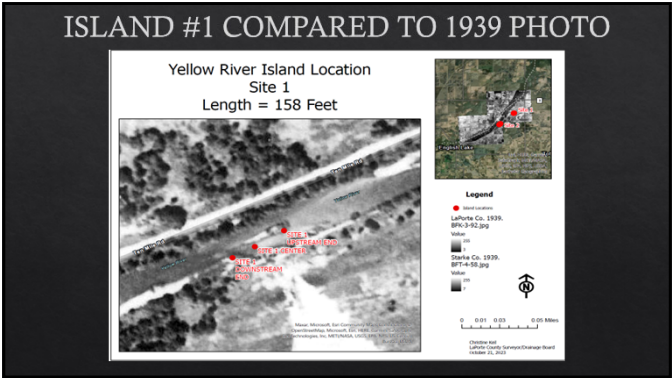
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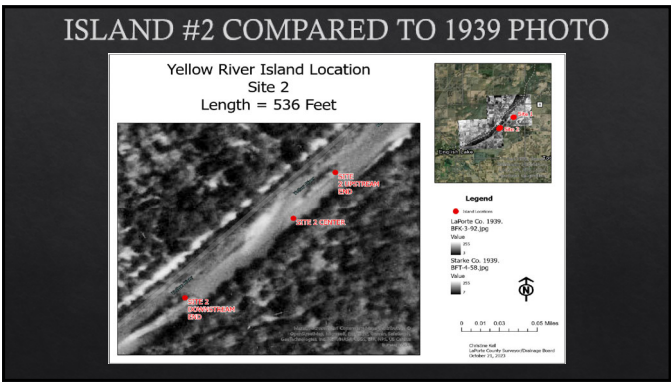
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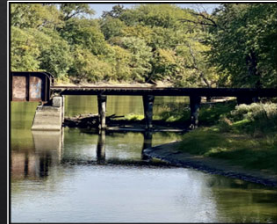
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