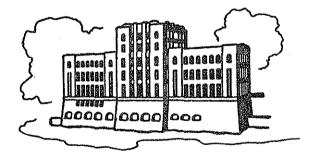
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#### ABSTRACT

The objective of this study was to determine the practicality and effectiveness of using submerged vanes ("Iowa Vanes") to control bank erosion in a bend of East Nishnabotna River, Iowa. The vane system was constructed during the summer of 1985. It functions by eliminating, or reducing, the centrifugally induced helical motion of the flow in the bend, which is the root cause of bank undermining. The system was monitored over a 2-year period, from September 1985 to October 1987. Two surveys were conducted in the spring of 1986 in which data were taken of depths and velocities throughout the bend and of water-surface slope. The movement of the bank was determined from aerial photos and from repeated measurements of the vane-to-bank distance. The system was found to perform satisfactorily. The bankfull scour depths and velocities along the bank have been reduced significantly; and the movement of the bank has been stopped or considerably reduced. The improvements were obtained without changing the energy slope of the channel. Areas of design improvements were identified.

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## CONSTRUCTION AND EVALUATION OF SUBMERGED VANES FOR STREAM CONTROL

#### I. INTRODUCTION

Most streams have a natural tendency to meander and migrate. By eroding the outer banks of their channels, the streams gradually change their alignment. This process often interferes adversely with human activities such as those related to the infrastructure of the society.

Different techniques are available to control this process. The techniques involve either armoring of the concave banks by one means or another, ranging from protecting them with stone or concrete to enhanced vegetative cover; or reduction of the near-bank velocity by dikes or other structures that increase the local channel roughness or shelter the banks. A review of various bank-protection measures has been presented by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (1981) and by Jansen et al. (1979). The Corps' report shows that one of the principal obstacles to amelioration of the bank-erosion problem is the cost of these techniques.

A less costly, and environmentally more acceptable, technique has been developed recently at IIHR. The technique consists of installing small submerged vanes ("Iowa Vanes") on the streambed to modify the flow pattern in the vicinity of the banks, in particular in curved reaches of the river where most of the bank failures generally occur. Without vanes, the flow in a river curve has a spiral motion. The high-velocity surface current is driven, by centrifugal acceleration, outward (and low-velocity near-bed current inward) toward the outer bank, where it produces larger depths and velocities near the The channel deepening there diminishes the toe support of the bank, banks. and the larger velocities attack it, setting the stage for bank erosion. The vanes counter the spiral motion. They are small-aspect ratio "foils" emplaced along the outer bank, at angles of 10 to 15 degrees with the mean flow, to direct the near-bed current (and bed load) outward toward the bank. By eliminating the spiral motion, the vanes make the flow and sediment go through the channel curve as if the channel were straight, in which case there should be no more bank erosion than in an equivalent straight channel. The height of the vanes is 10 to 30 percent of the high-flow water depth. The technique has been tested in laboratory experiments.

The objective of this project was to determine the practicality and effectiveness of using Iowa Vanes to control bank erosion on Iowa streams. A bend of East Nishnabotna River was selected for testing. The location of the bend is immediately upstream from the U.S. Highway 34 crossing of the East Nishnabotna River at Red Oak, Iowa. This location was selected because it was a site where the Iowa Department of Transportation was expecting to provide rock protection for the highway within the next few years.

#### II. DESIGN

The vane system was designed on the basis of a procedure developed in laboratory research at IIHR under contract HR-255. The procedure was detailed in a report to the Iowa Department of Transportation (Odgaard and Lee, 1984), in which also a conceptual design was presented. The theoretical background is summarized in journal papers by Odgaard and Kennedy (1982) and Odgaard and Mosconi (1987).

Figure 1 shows the layout of the vane system and details of the final vane design. Additional details may be seen in the specifications in the attached material. Each vane consisted of three creosoted planks, 7.6 cm by 30.5 cm by 3.66 m, held together in a vertical position by two HP 8 x 36 steel bearing piles driven into the streambed (about 1.5 m into a shale layer underlying a 2 to 4 m layer of sand). The planks were fastened to the piles by straps (135 by 15 by 1 cm bent plates) and were prevented from floating by anchor plates on the flanges of the H piles.

#### III. PRE-CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

The construction was preceded by: (1) Requests for determination of permit needs submitted December 28, 1984, by the Iowa Department of Transportation, to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Iowa Department of Water, Air and Waste Management; and Iowa Conservation Commission; (2) A public information meeting at Red Oak, March 19, 1985; (3) A pre-bid conference at Ames, May 30, 1985; and (4) A pre-construction conference at Red Oak, July 8, 1985. Reference material is attached.

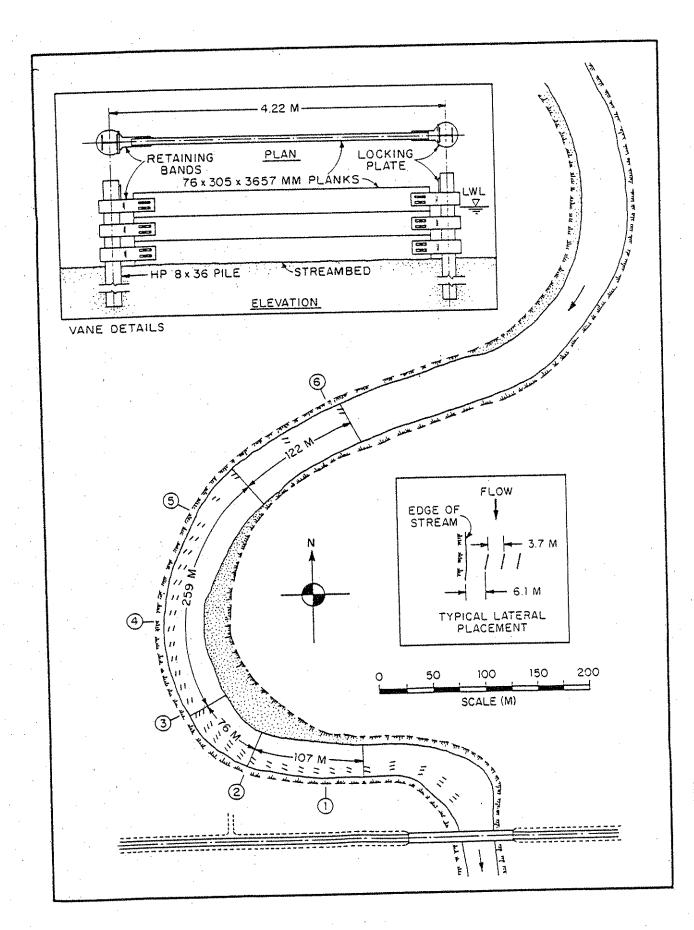


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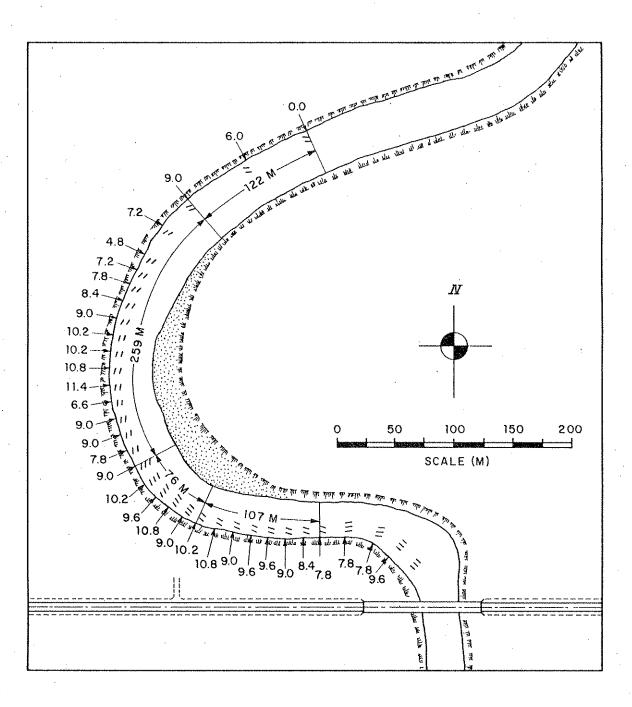


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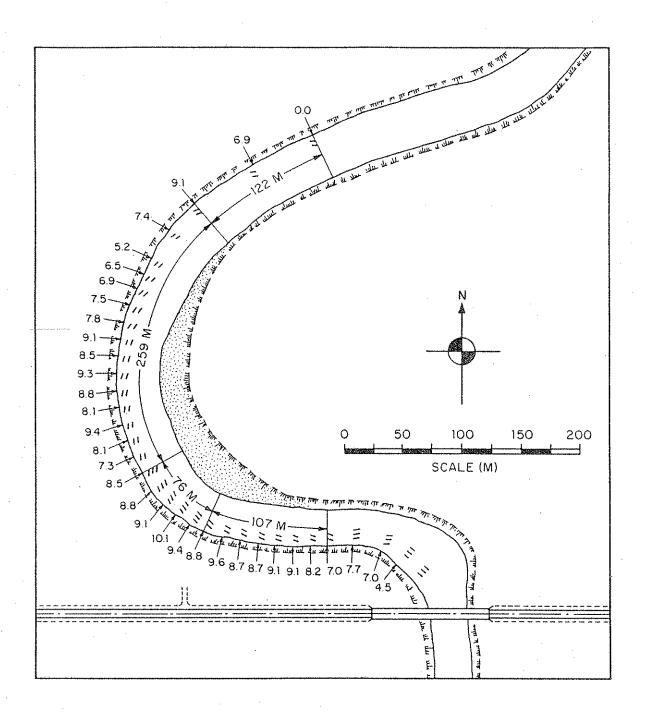


Figure 8. Vane-to-Bank Distances Measured by Iowa Department of Transportation Red Oak District Personnel on August 29, 1986. Discharge = 10.6 m<sup>3</sup>/s.

was slowed due to a group of mature trees along this part of the bank. The protrusion caused an acceleration of the near-bank flow at Section 3 resulting in an undesirable increase of near-bank depth and velocity at Section 3, as seen in Figure 5. There is some concern that this may eventually lead to the forming of a channel between the bank there and the vane system. At other sections, the slope of the bank is decreasing in a favorable manner as shown schematically in Figure 7.

On August 29, 1986, personnel from the Iowa Department of Transportation Red Oak District measured the distance from the outermost upstream pile in each vane array to the edge of the water at the bank. The distance is shown in Figure 8. The average distance was about 7.9 m, or about 1.8 m larger than the design-low flow distance. The difference between the 1986 distances and the design-low flow distance is due mainly to difference in stage. On August 29, 1986, the stage was about 0.5 m higher than the stage during the installation in August of 1985. A good reference is obtained from the data along the highway, where a rock protection is maintaining a stable bankline. The August 86 average of the seven vane-to-bank distances there is 8.4 m or 0.5 m larger than the overall average August 1986 vane-to-bank distance. This suggests that overall, the low-flow vane-to-bank distance did not increase during the one year period from August 1985 to August 1986.

Vane-to-bank distances were measured again on a December 5, 1987 aerial photo. The distances are shown in Figure 9. Discharge was 7.5 m<sup>3</sup>/s. The average of the seven vane-to-bank distances along the rock protection is 8.7 m, while the overall average is 8.6 m, suggesting that overall the low-flow vane-to-bank distance is still about the same as in 1985 after construction. However, along a 60 m reach around the middle of the bend, a 1-2 m increase is noted.

As expected, the bend immediately upstream from the vaned reach continues to move downstream. From September 1985 to October 1987 the outer bank in the southern corner of this bend retreated 20-30 m, as predicted based on past records. This may eventually have an adverse effect on the performance of the vane system because it is causing (1) a change in the approach angle to the uppermost vanes in the system and (2) a reduction of the radius of curvature of the bend and thus a change in the design basis. In order for the vane

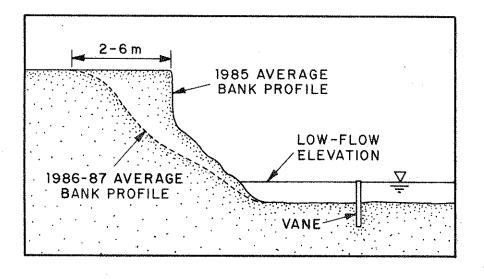


Figure 7. Schematic Comparison of Bank Profiles Before and After Installation of Vanes.

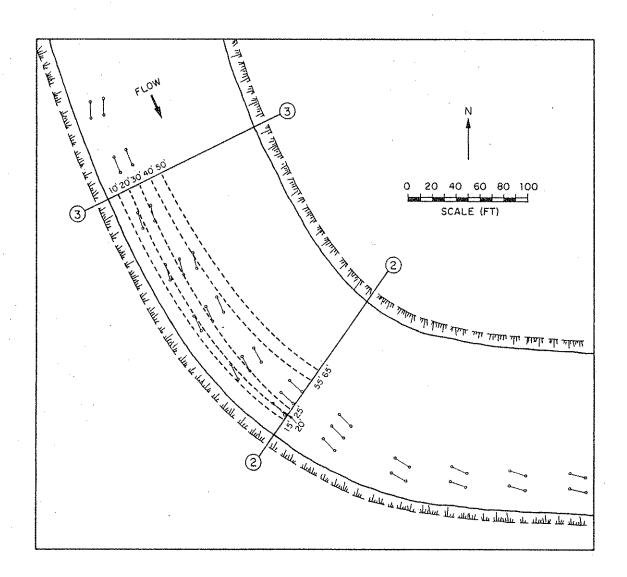


Figure 6. Average Paths of Surface Floats Measured in the May 12-13, 1986 Survey.

the transverse bed slope. The maximum velocity, which in the pre-vane cross sections generally occurred within a distance of 6 m from the bank, was moved at least 18 m away from the bank at most sections. Section 3 is an exception; the data from this section give rise to concern as explained below.

In order to directly test the vanes efficiency in eliminating the secondary-flow component, float studies were performed. Plastic balls were released at certain distances from the outer bank in Sections 3 and 4 and were followed photographically as they moved downstream through the bend. Their lateral position was recorded as they passed a downstream section. It was found that the floats generally moved away from the bank. Figure 6 shows results from the May 12-13 survey in which 500 floats were tracked between Sections 3 and 2. On the average, the floats followed the paths shown dotted in Figure 6, which indicates that the average deflection angle (toward the bank) was less than zero. In other words, there was no secondary-flow component. Without vanes, the deflection angle would have been greater than 10 degrees toward the bank.

There was no indication that the vane system changed the energy slope. The longitudinal slope of the water surface in the straight reach downstream from the bend was measured to be 0.00050, which is about the same as was measured before vanes were installed. The slope through the bend was measured to be within the range 0.00065-0.00075, which is also about the same as measured in the pre-vane situation (0.00065 - 0.00070).

No bank erosion occurred between the time of project completion and the time of the first survey. During the May 1986 high flow, the top edge of the bank receded on the average about one meter between Sections 2 and 4. Most of the erosion loss was at Section 3, where, prior to the vane installation, the bank protruded about 6 m into the channel over a length of about 30 m. These erosion losses were expected, as the pre-vane bank was too steep to be stable under undrained conditions. Because of the low percentage of sand and gravel in the bank material it may take several high flows and more erosion before the bank is cut back to a stable slope and a stable, natural toe protection is formed. The 6 m protrusion of the bank into the channel developed just prior to the vane installation when high flows caused the bank to recede about 6 m on either side of the protrusion. The erosion of the protruding bank section

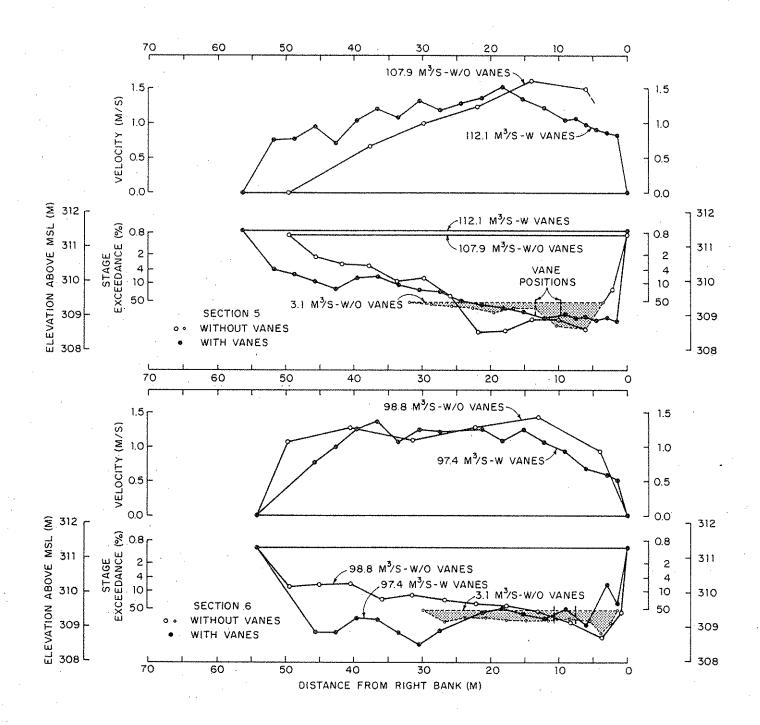


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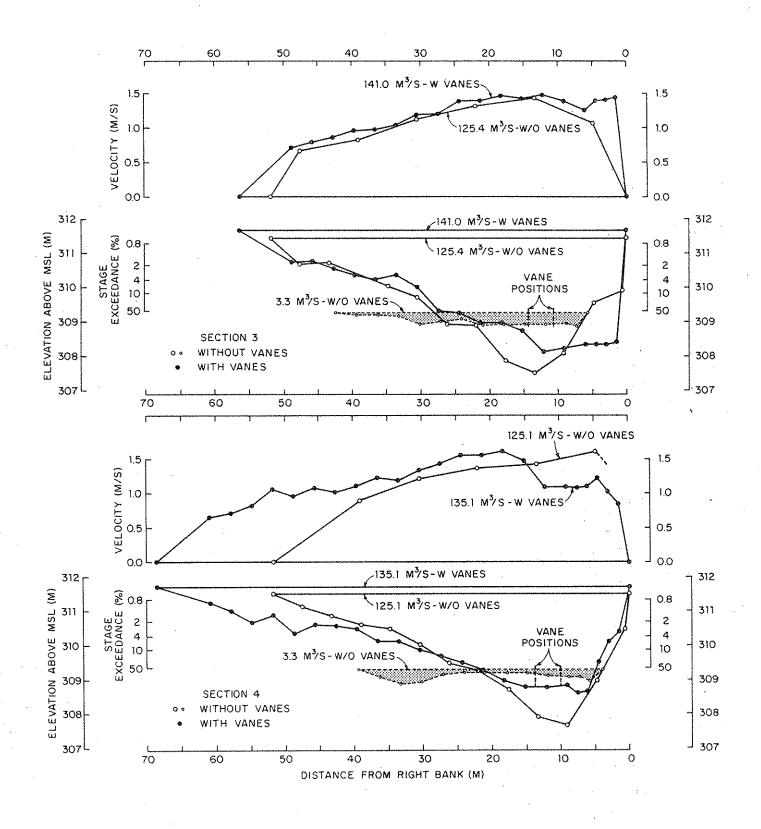


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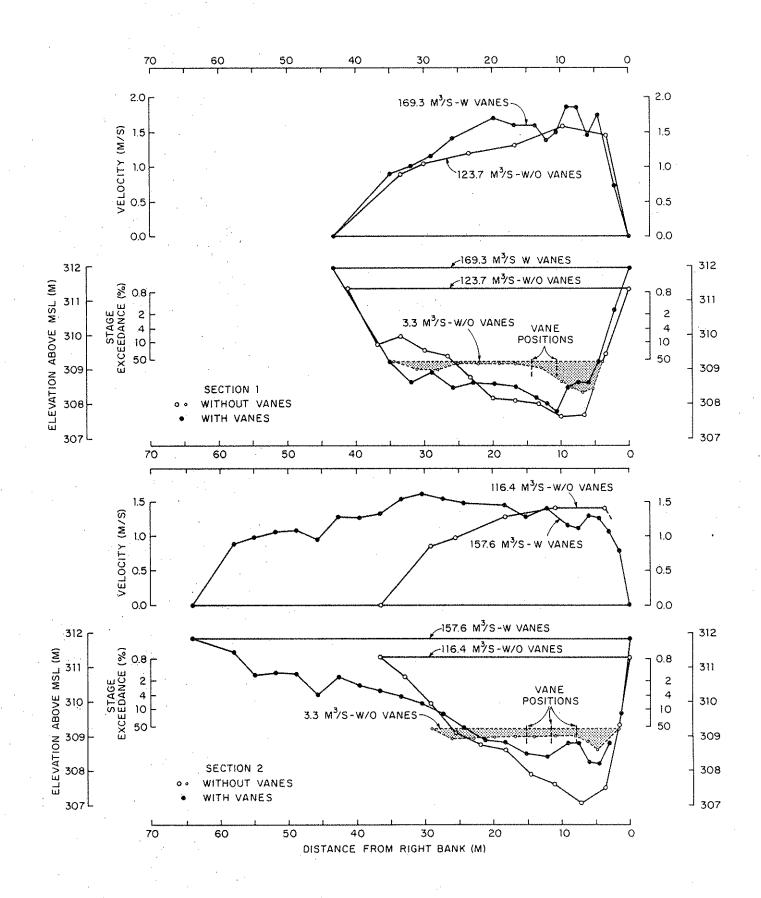


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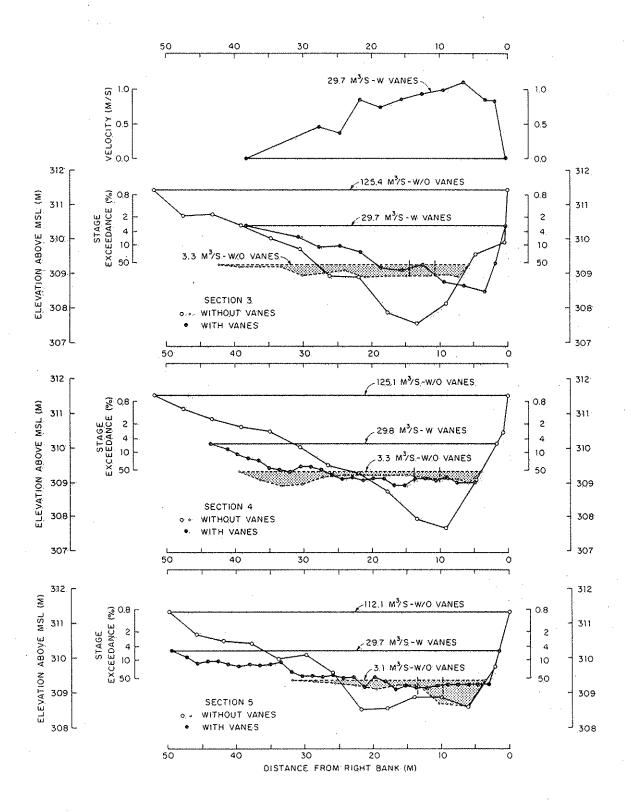


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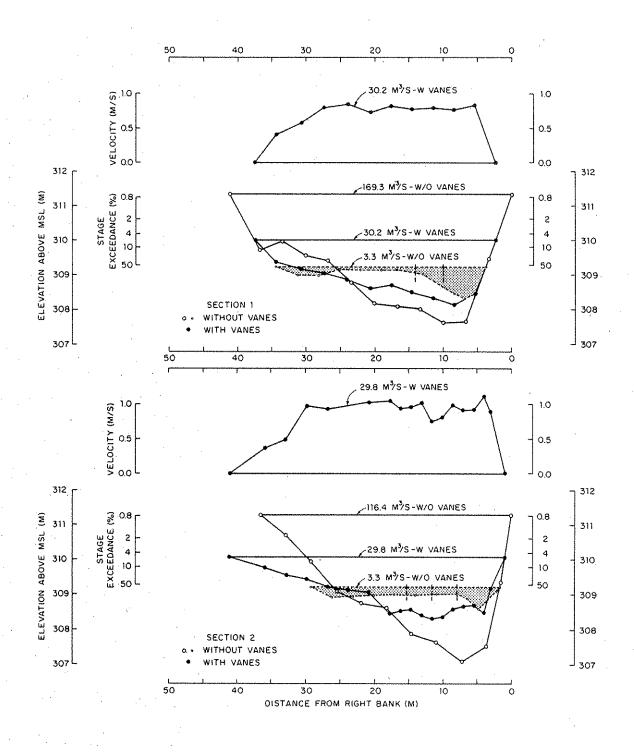


Figure 5. Sections Measured before and after Installation of Vanes.

Section No.		0-1	1				· · · ·		Elevation (m)	
	Distance from bridge (m)	Date of measure- ment	Discharge (m <sup>3</sup> /s)	Average velocity (m/s)	Average depth (m)	Top width (m)	Vanes	Transverse bed slope	Top of vanes *)	Water surface
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)
1	168	10/6/83 5/1/84 5/17/86 3/20/86	3.3 123.3 169.3 30.2	0.44 1.29 1.45 0.73	0.25 2.33 2.70 1.16	30 41 43 35	No No Yes Yes	0.029 0.100 0.031 0.043	309.42 309.42	309.17 311.37 311.92 309.95
2	244	10/6/83 5/1/84 5/17/86 3/20/86	3.3 116.4 157.6 29.8	0.46 1.26 1.27 0.75	0.27 2.51 1.93 0.99	27 37 64 40	No No Yes Yes	0.009 0.140 0.062 0.044	 309.47 309.47	309.20 311.31 311.80 310.03
3	320	10/6/83 5/2/84 5/17/86 3/21/86	3.3 125.1 141.0 29.7	0.39 1.19 1.24 0.84	0.23 2.03 2.01 0.89	28 52 56 38	No No Yes Yes	0.004 0.110 0.063 0.052	309.52 309.52	309.23 311.46 311.67 310.06
4	411	10/6/83 5/2/84 5/17/86 3/21/86	3.3 125.1 135.1 29.7	0.49 1.31 1.09 0.91	0.19 1.85 1.82 0.78	22 52 69 42	No No Yes Yes	0.000 0.100 0.049 0.008	 309.58 309.58	309.30 311.51 311.67 310.12
5	518	10/7/83 5/2/84 5/18/86 3/21/86	3.1 107.9 112.1 29.7	0.43 1.27 1.10 0.92	0.27 1.71 1.80 0.67	25 49 56 48	No No Yes Yes	0.036 0.080 0.030 0.008	309.65 309.65	309.36 311.37 311.46 310.21
6	700	10/7/83 5/2/84 5/18/86	3.1 98.8 97.4	0.39 1.18 1.03	0.28 1.54 1.99	26. 54 54	No No Yes	0.004 0.013 -0.011	309.77	309.45 311.37 311.37

Table 1. Summary of Section Data

\*) Vanes nearest section Note: 1m = 3.281 ft

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were only 5 days in which the daily-average discharge exceeded 60  $m^3/s$ . From July to October of 1987, on the other hand, there were 11 days in which the daily-average discharge exceeded 60  $m^3/s$ , which is very unusual for a summer.

So far there has been no damage to the system. The river was ice covered from mid December of 1985 to mid February of 1986 during which period the top of the vanes were exposed. All buoys, however, disappeared during snow melt in February and March of 1986, and had to be replaced. Loss of buoys turned out to be a continuing problem. The vanes were submerged practically all of the time from mid February, 1986, to November, 1987.

Cross sections were surveyed March 20-21 and May 12-13, 1986, when the discharge was 18 percent and 58-100 percent of bankfull discharge, respectively. Measurements were taken of stage, flow depth and velocity, surfaceflow paths, bank retreat and water-surface slope. Table 1 is a summary of the primary data; for comparison the table also lists data from the pre-vane surveys (From Odgaard and Lee's 1984 report). The discharge was obtained by integration of the measured velocity distribution, and the elevation of the water surface from continuous stage readings at a bench mark by the bridge and from measurements of the longitudinal slope of the water surface.

Figure 5 shows the measured cross sections. The pre-vane cross sections are superimposed for comparison (the pre-vane low-flow cross section is shown dotted).

The vanes are seen to have produced a substantial reduction of the transverse slope of the bed. For example, at Section 2 the transverse slope of the bed with vanes was 0.062 at a near-bankfull discharge of 157.6  $m^3/s$ , whereas the pre-vane transverse bed slope was more than twice as big (0.14) at a 26 percent lower discharge. Along the outer bank the vanes were generally able to maintain the bed at its low-flow elevation and prevent the near-bank scour typical of the pre-vane cross section. Instead of scouring along the outer bank, the flow at most sections widened its channel by removing sand from the inside point bar. For the same discharge there is seen to have been little difference in the average depth in the channel with and without vanes.

As seen in Figure 5, there was also a notable improvement in most of velocity distributions, which, of course, corresponds with the reduction of

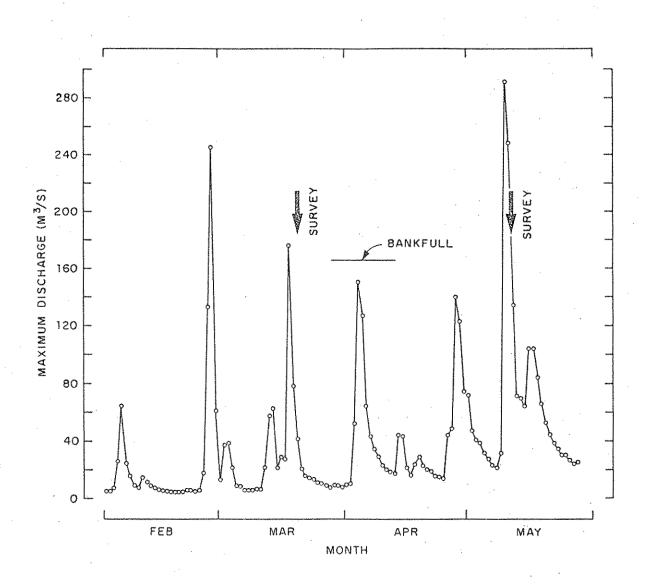


Figure 4. Spring 1986 Discharge Record for East Nishnabotna River at Red Oak.

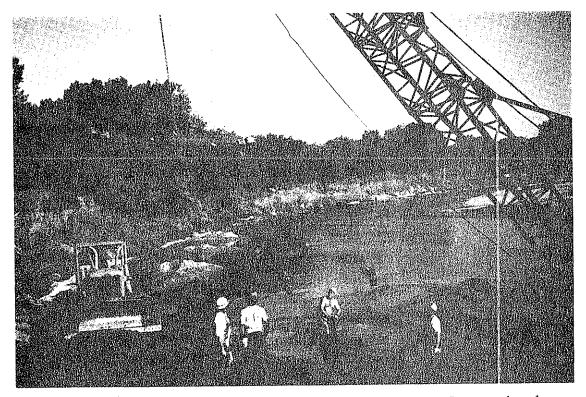


Figure 2. View from the Installation of the Vane System in the East Nishnabotna River Bend.

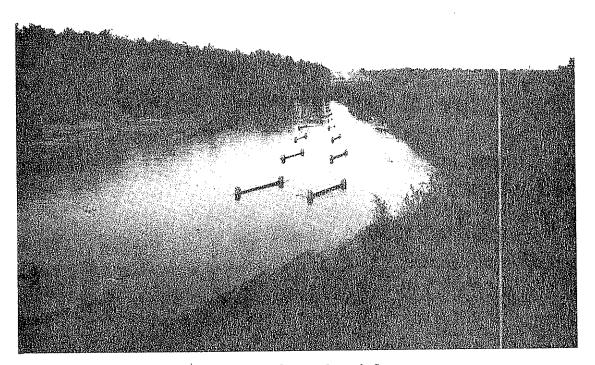


Figure 3. Downstream View of Completed System.

#### IV. CONSTRUCTION

The vane system was installed between July 25 and September 4, 1985. [Iowa Department of Transportation Project No. FN-34-2(27)-21-69]. The dayto-day accomplishments are summarized in the attached material. Except for two days, the water depth was less than 0.5 m throughout during this period. The construction equipment (A bulldozer, a D-15 diesel hammer, and a 25 ton American 399 crane) operated from the streambed; a 6-8 m wide berm was formed along the bank, using sand from the streambed, to facilitate the maneuvering of the equipment. The piles were driven starting at the upstream end of the In each array, the upstream piles were driven at the given distances bend. from the bank line. The downstream piles in each array were driven 4.22 m from the upstream piles and 0.9 m closer to the bank, yielding an angle with the mean-flow direction of 12.2 degrees. The direction of the mean flow was determined by floating material. In each array, the pile nearest the bank was driven about 6.1 m, or twice the bankfull flow depth, from the low-flow edge of the water. After completion of the pile driving, August 21, the planks were provided with straps and lowered in place between the piles (Figure 2). The system was provided with five can buoys (float collar cans with internal balast) and marked with the "restricted area" symbol.

The vanes between Section 1 and the bridge (Figure 1) were installed to generate a widening of the channel-cross section under the bridge and to reduce the velocity at the left abutment. These vanes were positioned to direct the bottom current away from the right bank.

Figure 3 is a downstream view of the completed system at low flow  $(3-4 m^3/s)$ .

#### **V. EVALUATION**

The vane system was subjected to its first test in the spring of 1986, which was among the wettest on record. From February to June, there were 22 days in which the daily-average discharge exceeded 60  $m^3/s$  (a record exceeded only twice since 1973). The maximum-discharge record is shown in Figure 4. The spring of 1987 was wetter than the spring of 1986 in terms of water volume. However, there were fewer extreme events. From February to June there

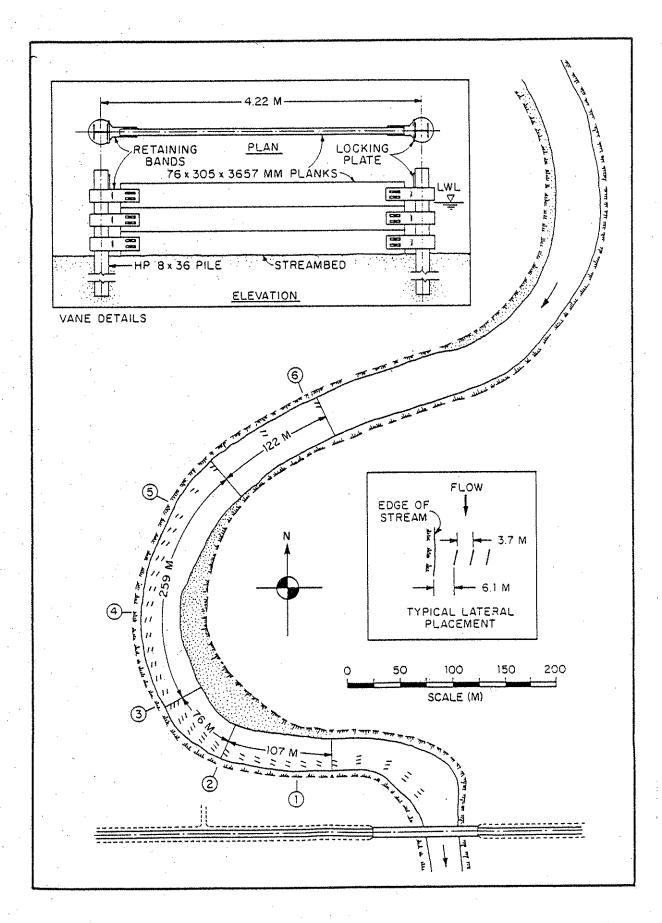


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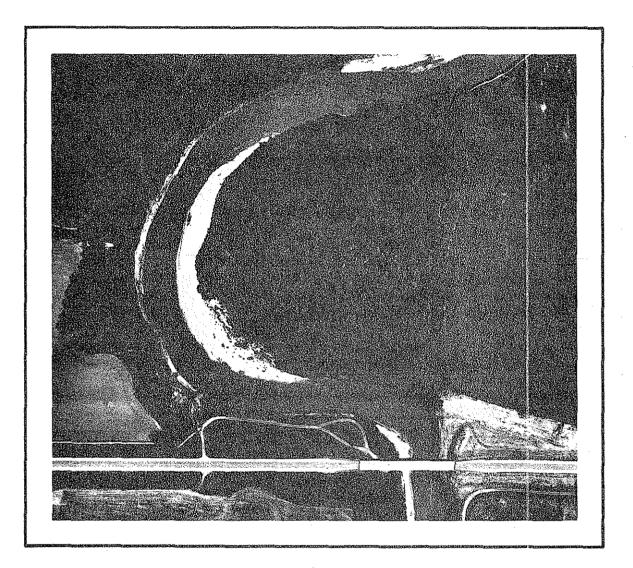


Figure 10. Aerial Photo of Bend on June 20, 1985 (Immediately before Construction) Discharge = 5.5m<sup>3</sup>/s.

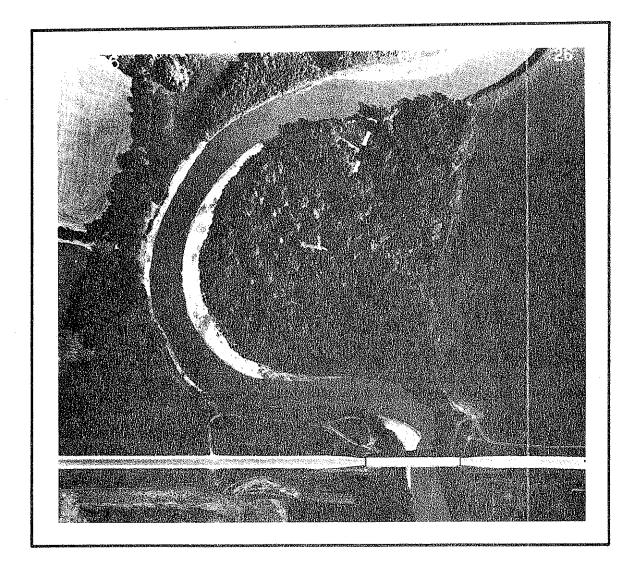


Figure 11. Aerial Photo of Bend on September 8, 1986. Discharge =  $10.2m^3/s$ .

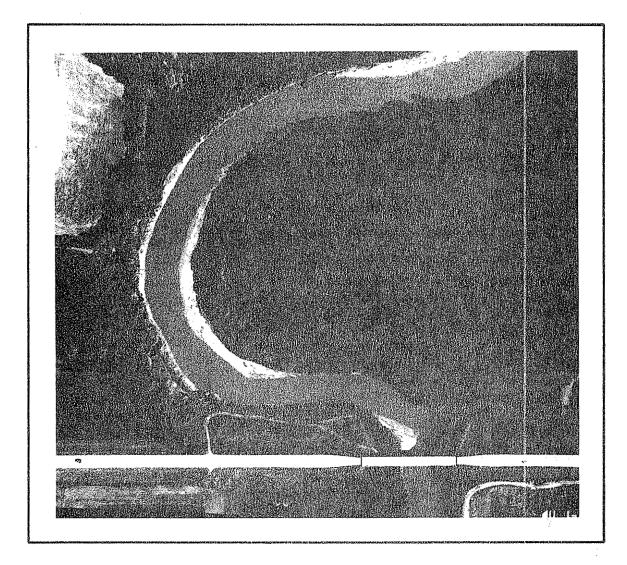


Figure 12. Aerial Photo of Bend on August 11, 1987. Discharge = 13.6 m<sup>3</sup>/s.

It is further recommended that a new vane design be adopted for the aforementioned additional vanes, as well as for future installations. In recent laboratory studies at IIHR a design has been developed which is significantly more efficient than the design used (Figure 1). The new vane is a streamlined, three-dimensional structure with a double-curved surface mounted on a pile in such a way that the part of the pile which is above the streambed is surrounded and covered by the surface of the vane. The new structure has no sharp edges or corners and presents a lesser hazard to recreational activities on the river than does the design used. The new vane may be placed closer to the bank and possibly with a lower top elevation than the present vanes in the river.

#### VII. CONCLUSIONS

So far, the data indicate that the vane concept is an effective flow control device and a realistic alternative to presently used techniques for streambank protection. The design in the East Nishnabotna River bend produced a reduction of the high-flow transverse bed slope of at least 50 percent and a reduction of the near-bank velocity of, generally, 10 to 20 percent moving the velocity maximum toward the center of the channel. During the period from September 1985 to October 1987, the channel alignment did not change measurably, despite several record floods through the channel. Overall, the top edge of the bank retreated on the average about 2 m, with a maximum of about 6 m near apex of the bend. The toe of the bank showed no substantial movement along most of the bank. Over a 60-m long reach around apex, a 1-2 m retreat of the toe was noted. Based on past records, the floods of this period would have produced a bank retreat of at least 20 m if vanes had not been installed. (The outer bank of the bend immediately upstream from the vaned bend retreated 20-30 m during the same period). The system did not cause any measurable change in the longitudinal slope of the water surface, nor in the average depth for a given discharge. Most alternative bank protection techniques produce significant changes of both slope and average depth.

However, the study has identified features with the technique which need to be modified. The design for the East Nishnabotna bend was based on only partial elimination of the secondary-flow component. The data show that the

system should have been designed to provide for a complete elimination of that component to provide more favorable conditions for the forming of a natural toe protection along the bank and to make the system less sensitive to any unevenness in the pre-vane bank line. A complete account of the new design procedure is presented in the journal paper by Odgaard and Mosconi (1987).

Because of the sensitivity of vane performance to the approach-flow angle, more vanes should have been installed at the crossover between this and the upstream bend to maintain the correct approach angle to the uppermost vanes in the system, or, better yet, the upstream bend should have been stabilized. The latter would have been a realistic solution because the upstream bend is preceded by a long, nearly straight reach.

The greatest drawback of the technique at this site is that the vanes are exposed a large portion of the year. About 50 percent of the time the flow in the river is equal to or less than 4  $m^3/s$ . Their exposure, or near exposure, makes them a hazard to users of the river, primarily snowmobiles, ice boats and watercraft.

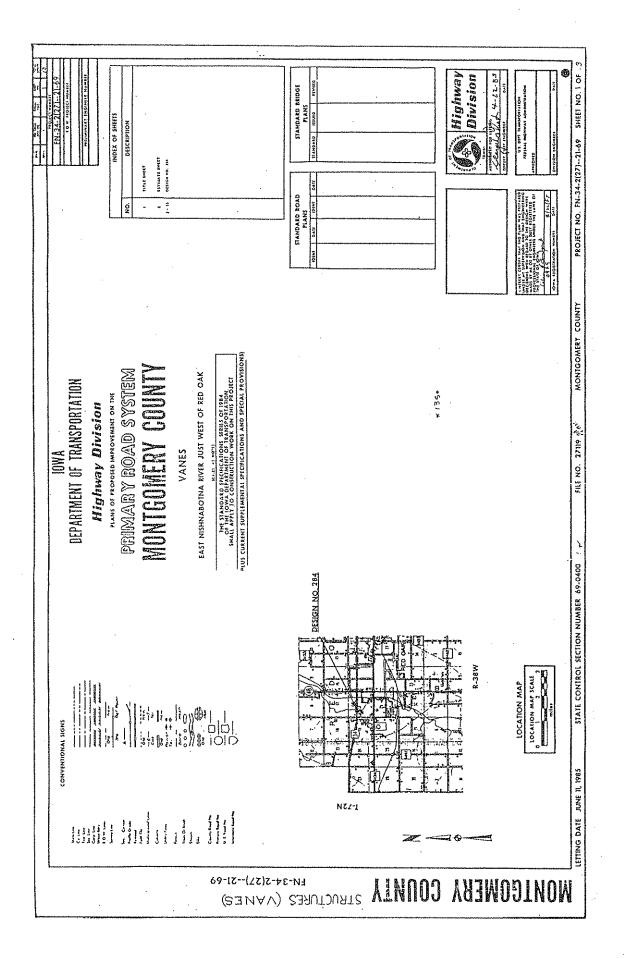
The cost (1984) of the East Nishnabotna installation was \$174 per meter of bank (\$53 per foot). For comparison, the 1984-cost of a rock riprap structure along a comparable reach of the nearby Racoon River by Highway 90 [Iowa Department of Transportation Project No. FN-90-1(6)-21-25] was \$341 per meter of bank (\$104 per foot), or about twice that of the East Nishnabotna installation.

The vane/rock-riprap cost ratio of future bank protection projects is likely to be considerably less than that of the East Nishnabotna project if the aforementioned new vane design is adopted. By the new design, the same degree of protection can be achieved by less than half the number of vanes required with the Fig. 1 design. Moreover, the new design utilizes only one pile per vane, and its top elevation is lower than that of the present design.

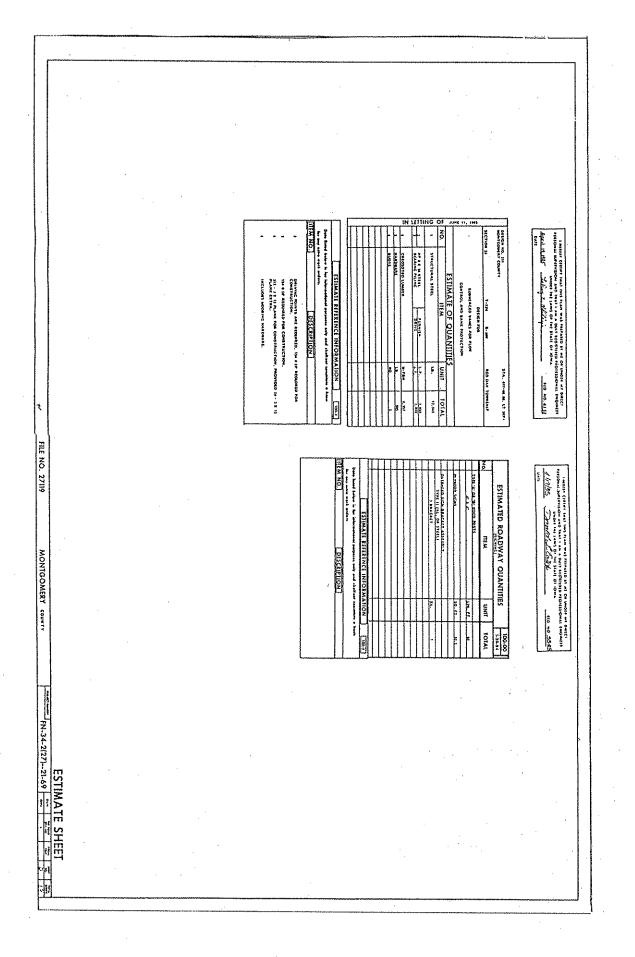
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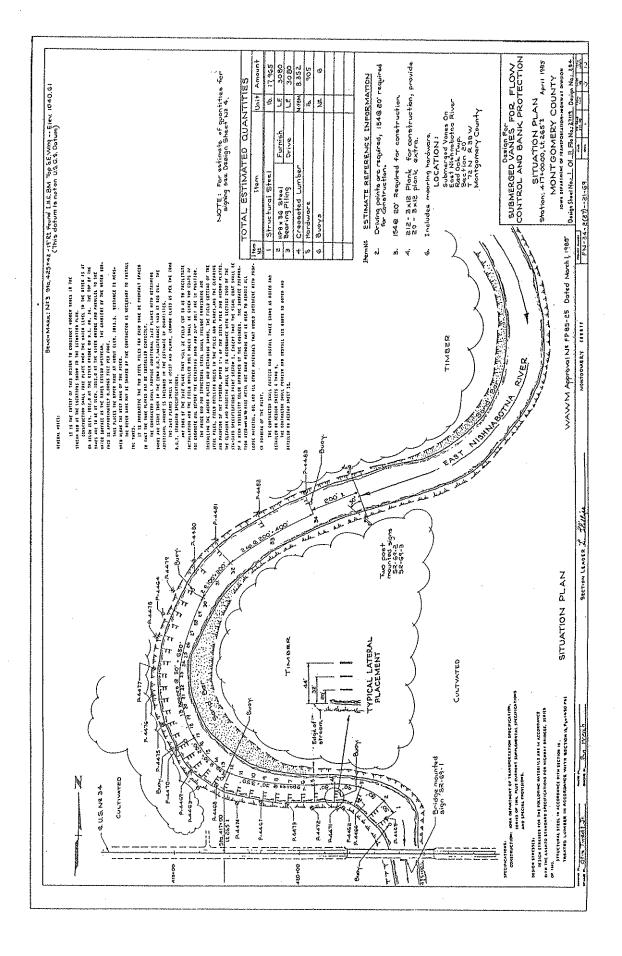
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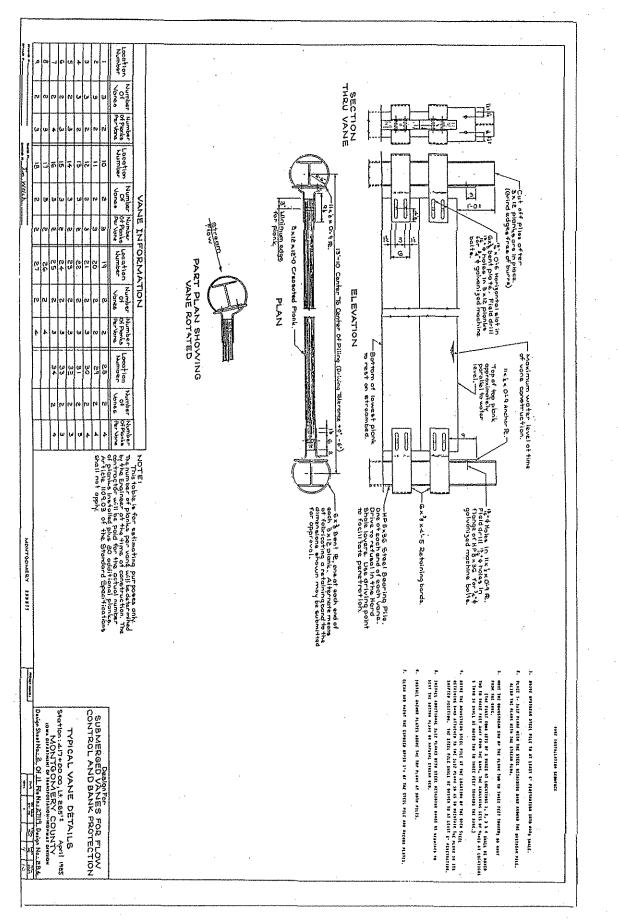
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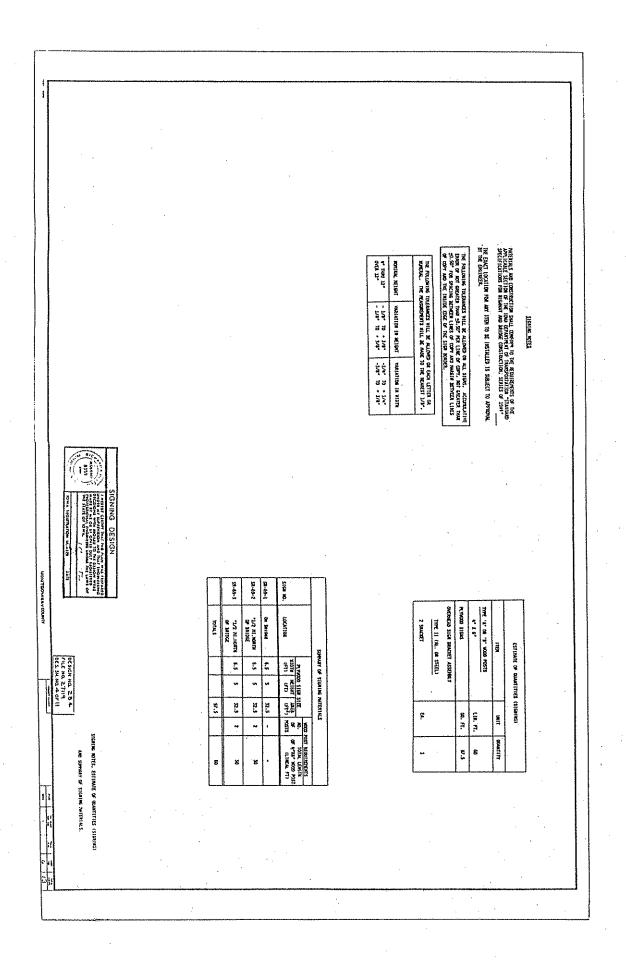
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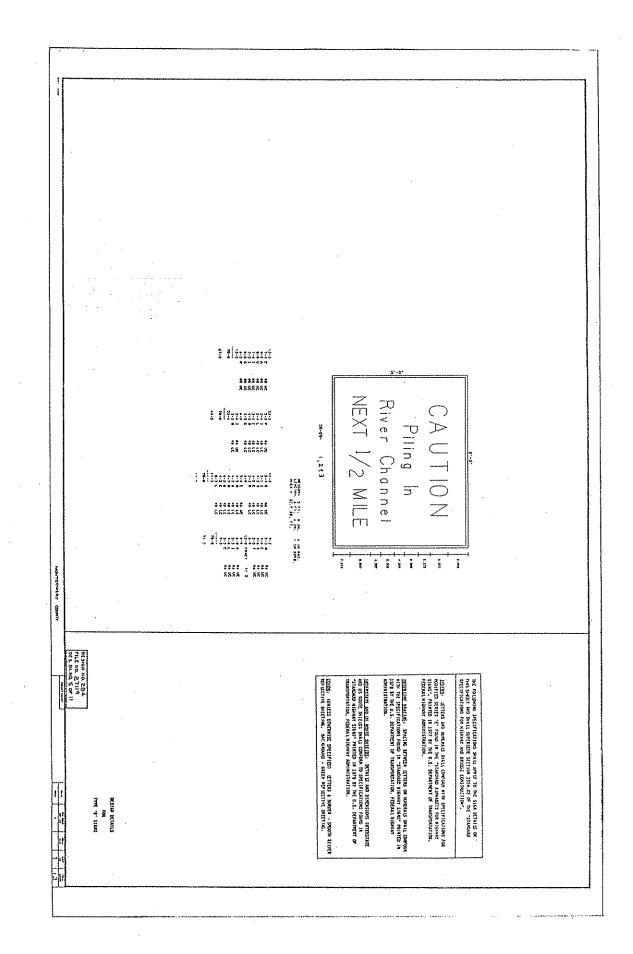


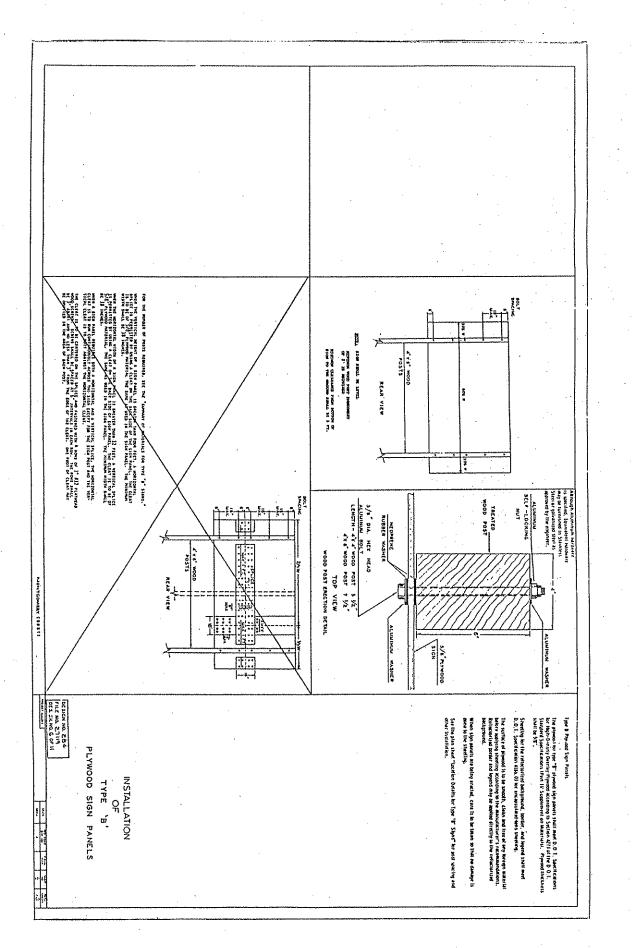


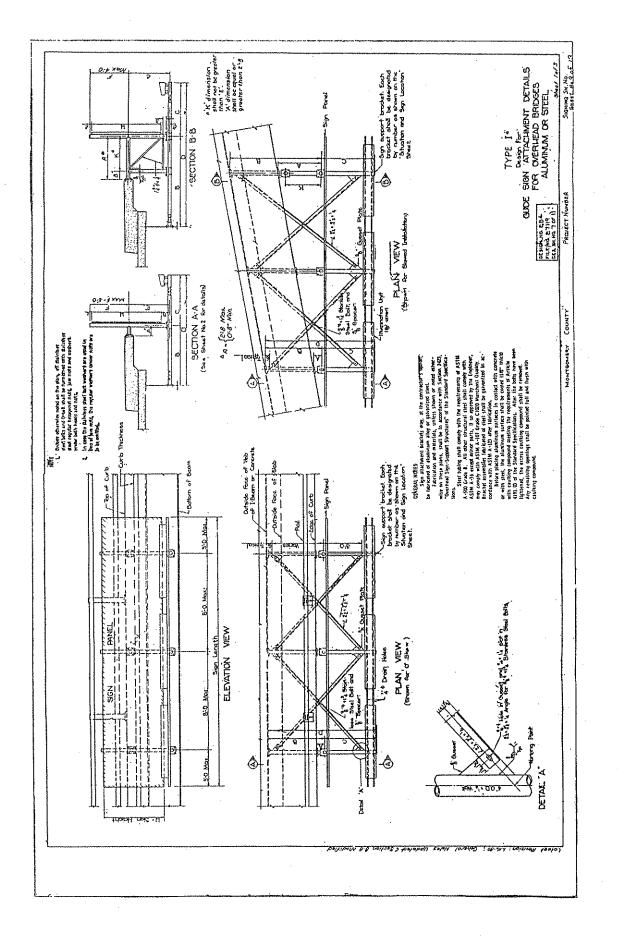


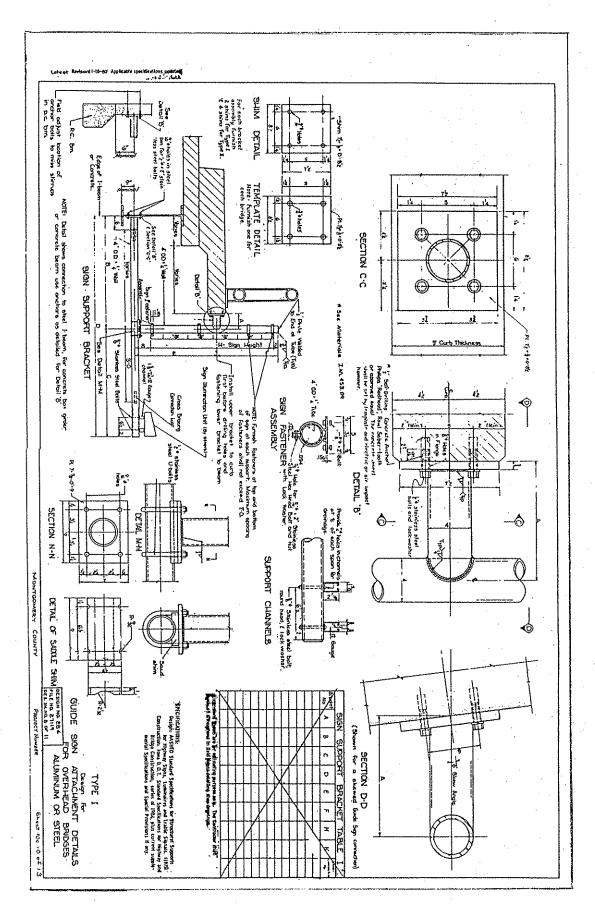
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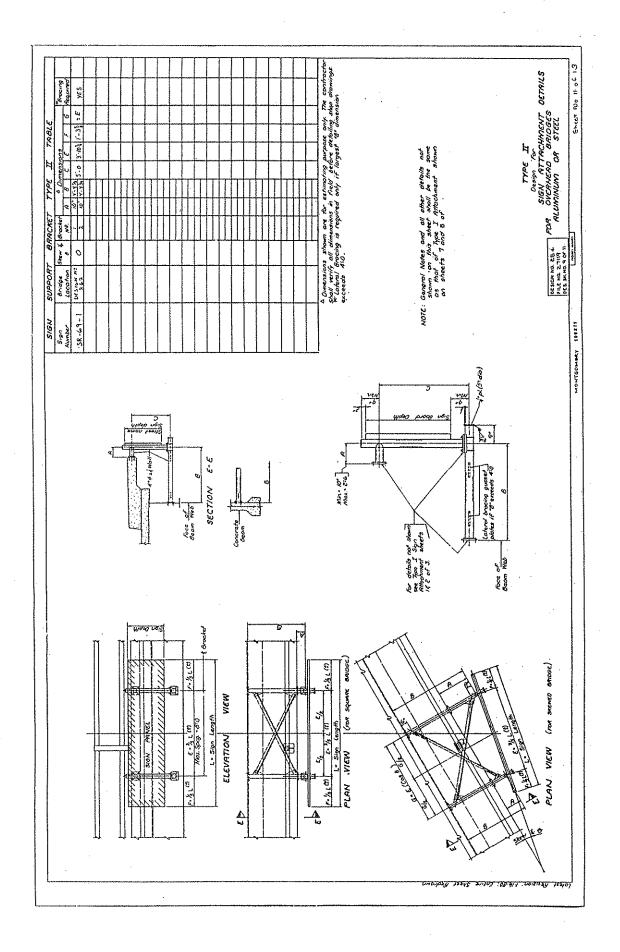


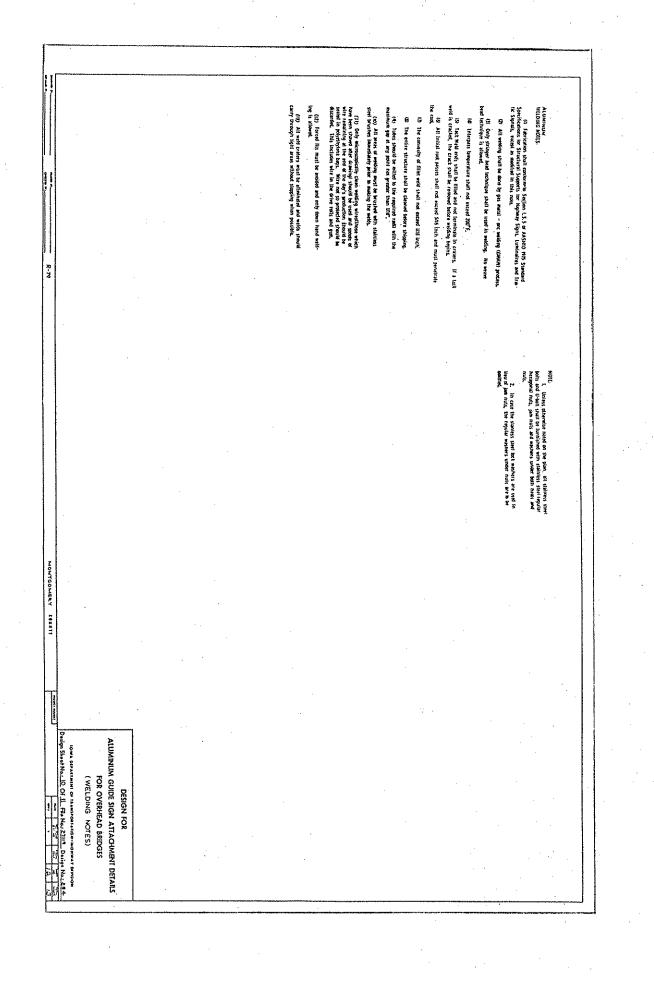


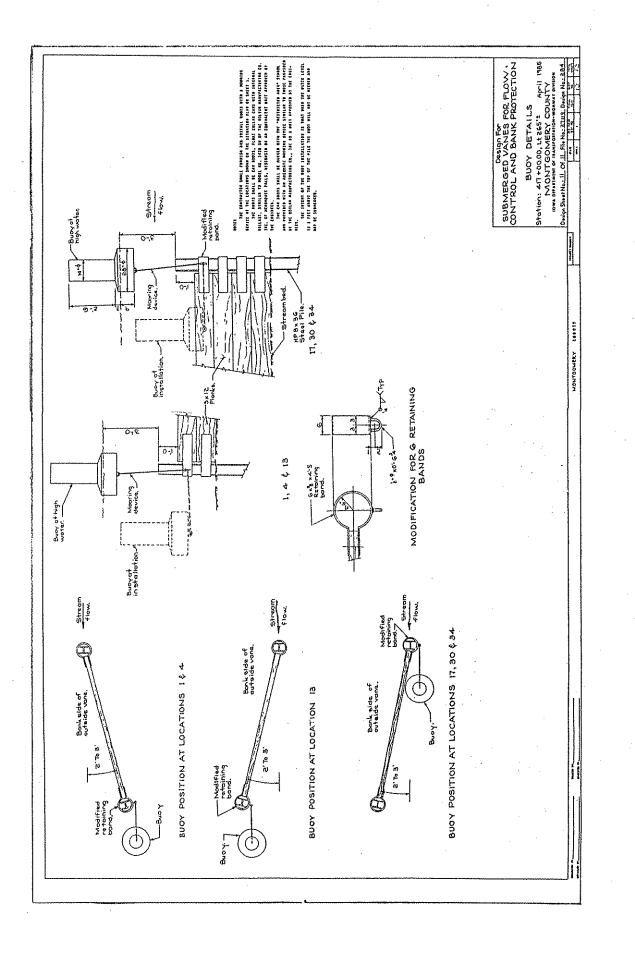












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December 28, 1984

# Ref. No.

Montgomery County FN-34-2(27)--21-69

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Rock Island District Clock Tower Building P O Box 2004 Rock Island, Illinois 61204-2004

Attn: Mr. Henry Pfiester, P.E. Chief, Operations Division

Dear Mr. Pfiester:

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Enclosed is a copy of a recently completed laboratory research project on the use of Vanes for control of river bank erosion.

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Would you please let us know if a permit for this construction is required from your agency.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss the enclosures please contact Mark Looschen of this office (515)239-1423.

Sincerely,

Donald K. Schulze Acting Bridge Engineer Bridge Design

DKS:MFL/dlt enclosure cc: Iowa Conservation Comm Iowa Dept. of Water, Air & Waste Mgt.

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# Ref. No. Montgomery County FN-34-2(27)--21-69

Iowa Department of Water, Air & Waste Mgt. Wallace Building E. 9th and Grand Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Attn: Mr. Jack Riessen Flood Plain Permits

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# Ref. No. Montgomery County FN-34-2(27)--21-69

Iowa Conservation Commission Wallace Building E. 9th and Grand Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Attn: Mr. Roy Downing

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March 5, 1985

Ref. No.: Montgomery County FN-34-2(27)--21-69

Dr. Jacob Odgaard Iowa Institute of Hydraulic Research University of Iowa Iowa City, Iowa 52242

Dear Dr. Odgaard:

You are invited to attend a public information meeting on Tuesday, March 19, 1985, between 1:00 and 2:00 p.m., in the Iowa Department of Transportation's Construction Residency Office, 1903 Broadway, Red Oak. Iowa DOT staff will be available to discuss a highway research project involving the installation of submerged vanes to prevent river bank erosion, and the Department's proposal to install similar vanes in the East Nishnabotna River near Red Oak. This is the first time this method of bank erosion control has been attempted and if successful it will come into more common use.

Information relative to the proposed meeting is available from Mr. Van Snyder, District Engineer, Iowa Department of Transportation, U.S. 71 and 6, Post Office Box 406, Atlantic, Iowa 50022, telephone 712-243-3355, or Mr. Mark Looschen, Office of Bridge Design, Iowa Department of Transportation, 800 Lincoln Way, Ames, Iowa 50010, telephone 515-239-1423.

Sincerrely,

Gary L. Hood, Hearing Supervisor Office of Project Planning Planning and Research Division

GLH/acb cc: Van Snyder Mark Looschen

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May 8, 1985

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Ref. No. Montgomery Co. FN-34-2(27)--21-69

Dr. A. J. Odgaard Institute of Hydraulic Research State University of Iowa Iowa City, Iowa 52242

Dear Dr. Odgaard:

This letter is to inform you that a pre-bid conference has been scheduled for the submerged vane project on the Nishnabotna River at Red Oak.

The conference will be at 10:00 AM on May 30, 1985, in the Training Room in the Ames Office of the Iowa Department of Transportation.

In order to better respond to questions that might be asked by prospective bidders we are requesting your presence at the pre-bid conference.

A set of final plans is enclosed for your information.

Please call me at (515)239-1423 if you need any additional information.

Sincerely.

Mark Looschen Bridge Design

MFL:dlt enclosure cc: G. Calvert W. Lundquist Box 98, Red Oak, IA 51566

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June 28, 1985

Ref. No. FN-34-2(27)--21-69 Montgomery County Structure Contract No. 24457

Capital Construction Company P.O. Box 168 Logan, IA 51546

Gentlemen:

This letter is to confirm July 8, 1985 as the pre-construction conference date on the above referenced project.

The conference will begin at 10:30 A.M. and will be held in the Resident Construction Engineer's Office located at 1903 Broadway in Red Oak.

It is our understanding that work will probably begin on the project sometime during the week of July 8th.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

William G. Burgan Resident Construction Engineer

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cc: Dr. Jacob Odgaard, Institute of Hydraulic Research, Iowa City, IA Ken McLaughlin, Construction Engineer, IA DOT, Ames George Norris, Information & News, IA DOT, Ames James Klein, District Construction Engineer, IA DOT, Atlantic William A. Lundquist, Bridge Design, IA DOT, Ames Vern Marks, Materials Inspection, IA DOT, Ames Ken Pesch, District Materials Engineer, IA DOT, Atlantic George Heaberlin, Resident Maint. Engineer, IA DOT, Shenandoah Lieutenant Schlebler, Iowa Highway Safety Patrol, Atlantic RC File PRE-CONSTRUCTION CONFERENCE HELD AT: Red Oak R.C.E. Office DATE: July 08, 1985 TIME: 10:30 A.M.

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The conference opened with the introductions of the following persons who were in attendance.

The formal presentation was given by Robert Foster and will become a part of these minutes.

The project location was given as follows: on US 34 just West of Red Oak at the East Nishnabotna River.

Robert Foster will be the project inspector for the Iowa D.O.T.

The project supervisor for Capital Construction Company will either be Mr. Bosworth or Mr. Loeffplholz. Either person is authorized to sign pay vouchers.

Mr. Philip Duvall is the company E.E.O. Officer.

There will be no sub-contractors on this project.

Anticipated Work Starting Dates:

Mr. Duvall said they will start work this week if the required material is delivered to the project.

Mr. Duvall estimated it will take 20 working days to complete the project. The normal working day will be 9 hours and Saturday work is not anticipated.

# Specified Working Period:

The contract has 25 working days with September 13, 1985 as a specified completion date.

# Staging Schedule Or Sequence Of Operations:

Contractor plans to start at the up stream end and work down stream. He plans on completing at least two sets of vanes per day. Mr. Duvall said they are going to attempt to run his crane in the stream bed and will not have to build ramps into the river unless the stream bottom will not support the crane.

## Construction Staking Requirements:

Mr. Burgan said the D.O.T. will stake each inside vane and adjust alignment accordingly.

Dr. Odgaard suggested the distance to the inside vane should be measured from the low water edge. The spacing between the vanes will be as shown on the plans. Dr. Odgaard also recommended the down stream ends of the vanes in the river bend be offset two feet and the down stream ends of the vanes upstream be offset three feet.

Dr. Odgaard also stated it would be permissible to install the inside vanes up to 23 feet from the low water elevation. The lateral distance of 12 feet between the vanes should be maintained.

The plans do not indicate a distance from the river bridge to vane location No. 1. Dr. Odgaard said scaling the distance as shown on the plans from the river bridge to location No. 1 will be sufficient.

#### Source Of Materials:

Mr. Duvall said he will submit his material sources in the near future.

Mr. Duvall asked Mr. Pesch if he would supply him with a list of approved sign manufacturers. Mr. Pesch said he would.

#### Equipment To Be Used:

A 25 ton American 399 crane and a D-12 or D-15 diesel hammer will be used.

## Signing And Barricades:

Mr. Duvall said they would not be working on US 34 except when they are installing the overhead sign assembly on the South side of the bridge. Mr. Duvall stated they would utilize the proper signing layout whenever they are working on US 34. It was determined by Mr. Burgan and Mr. Klein that the "Caution Piling In River Channel Next 1/2 Mile" warning signs must be installed before beginning the submerged vane construction.

Buoy locations were discussed. Mr. Burgan noted that the buoy position at location 13 as shown on plan sheet 13 of 13 seems to be in error. Mr. Burgan said it looks as if the buoy should be positioned at the up stream end of the vane rather than the down stream end as is shown. The up stream end protrudes 2' to 3' further out into the river than the downstream end. This buoy position change was confirmed by the Central Construction Office after the pre-construction conference concluded.

### General Construction Items:

Mr. Duvall asked what type of buoy moving device would be preferred. It was agreed that a 1/2 inch chain would be used.

The piling penetration requirement was discussed. Mr. Duvall said he is going to use a crib to keep the piling aligned properly.

Mr. Burgan stated the buoys should be on for boat traffic protection while work is in progress. Panel barricades with low intensity lights may also be used.

Mr. Duvall asked if it is necessary to maintain the piling web and flange alignment as is shown on the plans.

Dr. Odgaard said the alignment should be as shown.

A certified welder will be used for the required project welding.

It was noted that the final coat in the paint system under the general notes on plan sheet 3 of 13 may be a commercial grade of bright canary yellow semi-gloss enamel.

Mr. Dickinson said he would like to video tape the different sequences of the vane construction. Mr. Duvall said he expects to complete at least two vane locations per day so any day they are placing the vanes the full sequence could be taped.

The water elevation at the bridge was 1012.27 the morning of the preconstruction conference.

Mr. Duvall explained the type of pile points he is going to use on the piling.

It was mentioned that the contractor is to furnish 20 - 3"x12" planks with retaining bands and store them in the lowa D.O.T. Maintenance Yard at Red Oak.

It was noted that any planks that have to be field cut to facilitate installation and the field drilled bolt holes shall be given two coats of hot creosote oil before the retaining band and 3/4" bolt are in position.

It was noted that the lighting for the overhead sign on the bridge is to be done by others. Mr. Klein said he will check on who and when this lighting will be done.

Frequency Of Estimate Vouchers:

Mr. Duvall requested a pay voucher at two week intervals.

Mr. Duvall submitted his company's written safety policy and E.E.O. Statement of Compliance.

The required postings were given to Mr. Duvall.

There being no further discussion the conference was adjourned at 12:00.

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cc: James Klein, District Construction Engineer, IA DOT, Atlantic Jerry Dickinson, News & Information, IA DOT, Ames Dr. A.J. Odgaard, Assoc, Prof. University of Iowa, Iowa City Vern Marks, Materials Inspection, IA DOT, Ames Ken McLaughlin, Construction Engineer, IA DOT, Ames Ken Pesch, District Materials Engineer, IA DOT, Atlantic Capital Construction Company, Logan, IA U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island, IL George Heaberlin, Resident Maint. Engr., IA DOT, Shenandoah Lieutenant Schiebler, Iowa Highway Safety Patrol, Atlantic Robert Foster, IA DOT, Red Oak RC File

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# CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

Date	Task
7/22/85	Cleared bank to provide access to river. Welded pile points.
7/24/85	Completed access road to location 34.
7/25/85	Started pile driving at upstream end.
7/26/85	No work due to high water.
7/29/85	Drove four piles in locations 28 and 29, and two in location 30. (Delivery of hardware delayed).
7/30/85	No work in the morning due to rain; pile driving continued in the afternoon.
7/31/85	Drove piles in seven locations; piles in location 33 had to be extended to achieve five foot penetration in the shale layer.
8/1/85	Completed pile driving in locations 26 through 34.
8/2/85	Drove piles in locations 24 and 25. (Project was visited by Warren J. Mellema, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Missouri River Division).
8/5/85	Completed access ramp at location 13 and sand road from loca- tion 13 to 15. One pile was driven at locations 14 and 15, and three at location 13.
8/6/85	Completed pile driving at locations 13 and 14. Two piles were driven at location 15.
8/7/85	Completed pile driving in location 15 (penetration in shale: 4.46 ft, 3.46 ft, 5.36 ft, 3.66 ft, 3.96 ft, and 4.46 ft). Five piles were driven in location 16 (penetration: 3.33 ft, 9.23 ft, 4.03 ft, 9.63 ft, and 8.53 ft).
8/8/85	Completed pile driving in locations 16 and 17. Three piles were driven in location 18.
8/9/85	Completed pile driving in locations 18, 19 and 20.
8/12/85	Completed pile driving in locations $23-25$ , and in locations $13-20$ .
8/13/85	Completed pile driving in location 12.
8/14/85	Completed pile driving in locations 10 and 11.

8/15/85	Completed pile driving in locations 9 and 8.
8/16/85	Completed pile driving in locations 7, 6, and 5.
8/19/85	Completed pile driving in location 4.
8/20/85	Completed pile driving in location 3.
8/21/85	Completed pile driving in locations 2 and 1. Placed holes in piles for anchor plate bolts.
8/22/85	Placed holes in piles for anchor plates, and bands on the planks.
8/23/85	Placed holes in piles for anchor plates, and put bands on planks. Applied primer coat to the top one foot of the piles in locations 1 through 16.
8/26/85	Placed planks in locations 15 through 23.
8/28/85	Placed planks in locations 1 through 14.
8/30/85	Placed planks in locations 24 through 34.
8/31/85	No work
9/3/85	Completed painting of primer coat, started painting of interme- diate and final coat.
9/4/85	Completed all painting work. Cleaned up project site. (Signs were installed at a later date).
10/3/85	Project was declared completed.

# CONSTRUCTION SUMMARY

Pile driving		18	days
Placing of planks		3	days
Holes for anchor plates and bands	·	2	days
Painting	· · · ·	2	days
Clearing for access and cleanup		3	days

October 04, 1985

Ref. No. FN-34-2(27)--21-69 Montgomery County Structure Submerged Vanes Contract No9. 24457 Subject: NCROD-S-070-0X6-1-13176N

Department of the Army Rock Island District Corps of Engineers Clock Tower Building-P.O. Box 2004 Rock Island, Illinois 61204-2004

Attention: Henry G. Pfiester

Dear Mr. Pfiester:

Please be advised the above referenced project was completed October 03, 1985.

If you need further information, please contact this office.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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William G. Burgan Resident Construction Engineer

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cc: Van R. Snyder, District Engineer, IA DOT, Atlantic William A. Lundquist, IA DOT, Ames George Calvert, IA DOT, Ames Robert J. Koke, P.E., U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Larry J. Wilson, Director, Iowa Conservation Commission Dr. Jacob Odgaard, Institute of Hydraulic Research RC File

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27 July 1987

Mr. Vernon Marks Research Engineer Materials Research Iowa Department of Transportation 800 Lincoln Way Ames, Iowa 50010

Subject: Construction and Evaluation of Submerged Vanes for Stream Control; HR-274

Dear Vernon:

With reference to the recommendations in my progress report on the Nishnabotna installation, and to your letter of Febraury 16, 1987, I hereby submit a proposed layout of additional vanes for further stabilization of the bank. As I mentioned in my progress report, our data indicate that the efficiency of the present system has been reduced due to the significant movement of the bend upstream from the system. The flow is now approaching the uppermost vanes in the system at an angle of attack of less than zero (more than 15 degrees less than the design angle), which is about to cause a flanking of the system and the creation of a channel between the vanes and the bank. In the design, of the present system, not enough attention was paid to stabilizing the approach conditions to the system. Consequently, I recommend that you install an additional 8 vanes at the crossover to generate a change in the approach condition back to that of the 1985 channel. To ameliorate the problems which an increased distance between the vanes and the bank may hvae caused, I also urge you to install 8 additional vanes in the middle part of the curve as indicated on the attached sketch. My proposed layout is based on the use of a new vane shape which we have found to be more than twice as effective as the present vane. Mr. Lars Hill of Iowa Hydraulics Consultants (IHC) ((319) 354-0064) can give you details about cost and installation of these vanes, which are being marketed through IHC.

Please feel free to call me about this proposal. I shall be happy to assist you in rectifying the problems.

Sincerely,

A. Jacob Odgaard Associate Professor

AJO:kn cc: Lars Hill J.F. Kennedy

